

CASE STUDY

AUTO & GENERAL



Providing SAS® platform security confidence and business assurance with Metacoda Security Plug-ins

Auto & General has specialized in the sale, management and underwriting of insurance products in Australia since 2000. Their insurance products include car, home and contents, and travel, with brands including Budget Direct, 1st for Women, Ozicare, Australia Post, Virgin Money, and Aussie. The company is part of the international Budget Insurance group of companies headquartered in the British Isles, which has been providing cover and service for more than 35 years. Internationally the group administers more than 6.8 million policies and writes in excess of A\$2 billion in premiums each year.

Auto & General uses Active Directory (AD) to govern its SAS metadata security. The IT department manages AD and the Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) team maintain the SAS groups.

Copied profiles meant that users were sometimes added to SAS groups incorrectly, so the EDW needed a way to manually compare AD with SAS metadata prior to synchronization.

Using the Metacoda Identity Sync Plug-in in batch, Auto & General now gets a daily report of all changes between AD and SAS metadata. Using this report, the EDW team can easily determine if new users, or changes to existing users, have been approved and correctly configured. Once verified, they go ahead with the synchronization using Metacoda Plug-ins.

Auto & General has benefited greatly by being able to easily perform security reviews, look at security from multiple perspectives, immediately pinpoint problems, and see exactly who has access to objects and the type of access they have.

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Business Issues

- Managing SAS EBI/AD users is complex.
- Manually examining hierarchies is difficult and time-consuming.
- Permissions can be conflicting and unpredictable.
- AD synchronization with SAS metadata is time-intensive and complicated.

Solution

Metacoda Security Plug-ins help Auto & General's SAS platform administrators to:

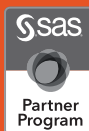
- quickly pinpoint SAS security issues via point-and-click
- easily examine relationships within the metadata-based authorization layer
- produce high quality reports for regular reviews and audit requirements
- enable daily AD synchronization and adhere to business requirements and security standards.

Benefits

- Audits SAS metadata security with confidence.
- Easy-to-use and well laid out visualization gives multiple viewpoints to examine security.
- Saves a lot of time in ongoing management.
- Easily addresses auditing/reporting requirements.

Using Metacoda Security Plug-ins gives us confidence that the enterprise data warehouse is secured to the standards set and expected, and enables us to quickly and easily audit our security at any time. Once you've used Metacoda Plug-ins you will never go back; it's a must-have for every SAS administrator!

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