

ITS Technical Notes

Windows Enterprise Announcement

Jan 24, 2006 – Postal Address Fields Will Be Mastered in AD User Objects

Beginning in February 2006 the “postal address” fields for user objects in the Enterprise Active Directory will be mastered from official university data. These fields are the street, city, state and zip attributes for each user object.

For faculty and staff the university address will be used (not the home address). For students, the current “on campus” address will be used (not the permanent home address). In all cases, if the address information is suppressed by the user it will not appear in Active Directory.

This change will happen gradually. The AccountSync service will be changed first, causing updated user objects to begin to have postal information included (for example, after a password change). Next, a mass update will be run to incorporate the information in all user objects.

This change was talked about in the November 11, 2005 “Windows Administrators” meeting. See: <http://tech.ait.iastate.edu/win2000/admin/WinAdmin.11.11.05.pdf>