

# **ITS Technical Notes**

## **Windows Enterprise Announcement**

### **May 15, 2008 – LDAP “Simple Bind” Change Delayed**

The disabling of “simple binds” on the Enterprise Domain Controllers (WINDC1-4) that was scheduled for May 13 has been delayed. Late testing found that Macs running Max OS X 10.4 and bound to the Enterprise domain would cease to authenticate should the “LDAP server signing policy” be enforced. We do not now know at this time whether an alternative exists.

The issue relates to “data signing” incompatibilities, not “simple binds”. As a result, the Macintosh systems do not show up as having a “simple bind” issue (even though they would cease to work when the policy switch was made). Because the policy change would have blocked access to a number of user systems, it seemed best to delay until further research can be done.

ITS appreciates the efforts of those who have worked to remove the use of simple bind. We hope to close this security exposure as soon as possible. Of course, those who have succeeded in eliminating its use no longer have the exposure.