

Windows Enterprise Announcement

December 12, 2012 – Where did that “z#####” user come from in my OU?

You may have noticed the appearance of Net-IDs of the form z##### (where “#####” is a 7-digit number) in your OUs.

These are the renamed Net-IDs of former employees. As with all centrally provisioned Net-IDs we ask that you not delete them, unsuspend them, or change them in any way. We are working on a project which will move them out of your OUs so they will be “out of sight, out of mind”.

Background

This change is part of the new policy for handling users who have left Iowa State University. See the full announcement at <http://www.tech.its.iastate.edu/windows/admin/Announce.2012.11.28.pdf>

The reason ITS renames them is:

1. Suspension is designed to be non-destructive and automatically reversible if need be, so we don't want to delete the user object (yet), but
2. We need to use the original name of the Net-ID for an Exchange Contact which redirects the mail to the “Your mail was not delivered because <Net-ID> is no longer at ISU” bouncer.