Windows Enterprise Announcement

May 29, 2014 – Bang-accounts Being Phased Out

ITS is beginning a year-long phase-out of bang-accounts (OU manager directly-created accounts with the format "!<username>"). Bang-accounts are being replaced by sponsored Net-IDs for accountability/auditing reasons.

ASW (http://asw.iastate.edu) can be used to create new sponsored Net-IDs (using the "Manage Sponsored Net-IDs" selection). OU managers should do this instead of directly creating a bang-account.

ASW can also be used to convert existing bang-accounts to sponsored Net-IDs (Campus IT Staff Administrative Functions -> Manage Users -> Convert an AD-only bang-user to a Net-ID). This action must be performed by an OU manger with rights to the bang-account. A conversion done in this way is a "rename" to a centrally provisioned Net-ID so the account retains its unique identity used for group memberships, access control, etc.

The current timeline for the bang-account phase-out is:

1. July 1, 2014 – An email warning will begin to be issued every time an IT admin creates a new bang-account or enables a previously created/disabled bang account.

2. January 1, 2015 – Bang-accounts will no longer be allowed to be created.

3. June 1, 2015 – All bang-accounts should be gone.

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