

## Windows Enterprise Announcement

### April 28, 2015 – Bang-account End-of-Life Dates Approaching

In May 2014 ITS announced the start of a year-long phase-out of bang-accounts in Active Directory. See:

<http://www.tech.its.iastate.edu/windows/admin/Announce.2014.05.29.pdf>

Since that time ITS has issued several reminders via email to the major support lists, email targeted directly to the areas using bang-accounts, and announcements in the WinAdmin and CCSG meetings. At the April 28, 2015 CCSG meeting a schedule was announced for the final end-of-life process as follows:

- June 1, 2015 – All existing bang-accounts will be disabled.
- July 1, 2015 – All bang-accounts will be moved to a container outside an OU manager's control and disabled.
- August 3, 2015 – All bang-accounts will be deleted.

Since January 1, 2015 any OU manager creating a bang-account (or enabling an existing disabled bang-account) has been contacted and instructed to convert to using regular (registered) Net-IDs.

ASW can 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

<https://asw.iastate.edu/cgi-bin/acropolis/admin/user/convert>

This action must be performed by an OU manager 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.

This policy is formally stated in the "Enforced Conventions for User and Group Names" (at the top of page 2): <http://www.tech.its.iastate.edu/windows/admin/enforced.conventions.pdf>