



# The Active Directory Implementation Meeting Notes

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Thursdays 9:30-10:30AM  
AD 136 (backup: AD 105)

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## Summary

### FERPA

Roy reviewed the scripts shared by the University of Florida contact. Unfortunately, the scripts provided would break Exchange.

### LSP Invitation

#### Engineering Non-involvement

It was noted that Alfredo decided not to participate in the AD meeting and calls from both Roderick and Sajjad have been unanswered. Tom Crafton attempted calling Alfredo on five, separate occasions. Alfredo made an effort to return his call on one of those times. Sajjad will talk with Dean Warder. Robert will talk with the Provost.

**CFA: Tommy Towery** *Art, music, theater, journalism, communication*

#### Environment

There is no NT4 structure in place for the CFA and every computer is standalone. He has a total of fifty computers that are candidates for AD conversion. The environment is primarily composed of Windows XP Professional boxes, though there may be 1-2 computers used by student workers that have Windows 98 installed. CFA labs are not being dealt with at this time because as part of TigerLAN, its migration will be dealt with at a later time.

#### ROI

Tommy asked, if the focus is on converting PCs and not Macs, what benefits would be derived by integrating only half of his user group. He also asked if the migration will be worth the time he invests. The group expressed that since he is the only one supporting the CFA, that he would benefit by managing his boxes from a single place for tasks such as updates and system inventory. The group referred to the AD benefits document on the web site. Roy added, saying that the biggest thing Tommy will see is the reduction of time that will be required to maintain his boxes. *(continued on page 2)*

## Action Points

#### Bill

Make the naming conventions standards obvious on the site

#### Harry

Devise use for Dell rep

#### Tom Crafton

Connect with deans Ranta and Warder

#### Roderick

Develop the agenda for the LSP training session along with the date.

#### Sajjad

Talk with Dean Warder concerning Alfredo

#### Robert

Talk with the Provost concerning Alfredo

## Overview

- FERPA
- LSP Invitation
- Exchange Resistance
- LSP Training II

## Involvement

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| <b>Team Leader</b>     | Robert Jackson  |
| <b>Meeting Marshal</b> | Sajjad Mahmood  |
| <b>Note Taker</b>      | Bill Smith  |
| <b>Attendance</b>      | Tom Crafton<br>Jeremy Dennis<br>Roderick Elmore<br>Harry Flowers<br>Robert Jackson<br>Sajjad Mahmood<br>Roy Passman<br>Bill Smith<br>Tommy Towery |

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| <b>Primary Participants</b> | Jeremy Dennis<br>Robert Jackson<br>Harry Flowers<br>Ann Harbor<br>Sajjad Mahmood<br>Roy Passman<br>Bill Smith<br>John Wilkes |
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| <b>As Needed Basis</b> | Steve Canaday<br>MJ Garrett<br>Al Ramirez<br>Hermes Rosa<br>Bill Spencer<br>Tommy Towery<br>Srinivas Sompalli |
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Computer Accounts  
in Active Directory  
(10/4/05)

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Academic Affairs             | 396 |
| Athletics                    | 77  |
| Business & Finance           | 262 |
| College of Arts and Sciences | 327 |
| Criminal Justice             | 33  |
| College of Education         | 76  |
| FCBE                         | 1   |
| FIT                          | 10  |
| ITD                          | 416 |
| Library                      | 215 |
| Physical Plant               | 50  |
| President's Office           | 35  |
| TigerLAN                     | 6   |
| Default                      | 4   |

**Standalone Migration**

Tommy shared that he went to the ITD-sponsored AD training and it seemed to focus on NT4 conversion instead of standalone boxes. As a result, he did not see how AD affected his type of operation and is unsure about conversion. Roderick expressed how it is "super easy" for standalone boxes to be converted. Roy added that the focus of the NT4 migration for the training may have been due to the NT4 conversion's inherent complexity. Tommy was advised to use the conversion steps on the AD site.

Sajjad gave assurance that if Tommy is willing to convert his computers, he is willing to provide assistance, including labor, for the conversion along with ensuring that Tommy will be competent to maintain his OU. Tommy said that he is willing to convert.

With Tommy in the middle a computer rollout, the group shared how converting those boxes to AD would be easy. He stated that problems arise in migrating faculty who are not at their desk. Sajjad proposed to lend assistance for any issues with users who refuse LSPs access to University systems.

Roy asked if there are any plans for file storage space. Tommy shared that users are not worried about it until data is lost. Some users backup to CD and others use ZIP media.

**Timeline**

While viewing the LSP AD timeline from the AD site, the group asked Tommy what kind of timeline he would adapt. Bill suggested that since Tommy is unfamiliar with AD, it may prove prudent for Tommy to have a better feel for the migration process before giving a deadline. Sajjad and Robert explained that they are seeking a start date, rather than a focus on the deadline. Tommy stated that he could set October 17<sup>th</sup> as the start date and the finish date would be 6/1/06.

**Exchange Resistance**

Shortly before Tom Crafton entered the room, Tommy began to explain the mountain of resistance he faces with Mac users who use Apple Mail and are unwilling to migrate to Entourage. He stated that there is not administrative support in place to compel users to change. He also expressed the need for a marketing plan. Tommy would like a top-down approach to bring users to compliance. It is thought that he has the most resistance at the University.

Tommy noted the issue that while Windows upgrades are free because of the Microsoft Campus Agreement, there is no similar agreement with Apple for it is not free to upgrade from OS 9 to OS X. The cost is in the \$80 range per install. OS X is required for the Office 2004 installation.

**LSP Training II**

The group discussed providing a second AD workshop for LSPs. Roderick will acquire the topics from the LSPs during the next LSP meeting. It was suggested for it to be scheduled in early November with topics to be announced. Tom Crafton stated that it would be beneficial to go with the previous speaker since he is familiar with our setup. Tom will take care of connecting with Dell about Chris Alberts. Tom suggested that a half day can be spent with the LSPs and the second half with ITD.