

Implementation of Active Directory Services at CBA

Based on the recommendations of the Computer Policy Committee (CPC), the Operating Committee and the Dean have decided to proceed with the implementation of the Active Directory Services (ADS), which would lay the foundation for enhanced security for college-owned computers.

The enhanced security features include the ability to remotely deploy security patches quickly, which would result in the creation of a more secure computing environment. The CPC has laid down the following guidelines that relate to operational and privacy issues pertaining to the implementation of ADS:

- The following accounts will be created:
 - Secured User Account: used to work on the PC in protected mode.
 - Local Administrator Account: used to install software.
- The Local Administrator Account password will be provided to any user who requests it. Faculty will be encouraged to change the passwords of both their Secured User Account and, if applicable, their Local Administrator Account to ones of their own choosing which they do not share with CCS.
- The CCS will provide prompt (within an agreed time) on-demand support to any user who needs to perform software installation or any other change in system configuration that is limited on the Secured User Account if you choose to dispense with the option of controlling your Local Administrator Account.
- As always, CCS will respect your privacy by not accessing your computer in your absence unless expressly permitted by you or, with your consent, the Administrative Assistant of your department.
- Under ADS, CCS will not have the ability to know your passwords.
- The CCS will not remotely access the files on your computer or download them to our servers. We would, however, continue to strongly urge you to use the university-wide ADSM/TSM Network File Backup for Personal Workstations available thru the Academic Computing and Communications Center. Your privacy, data integrity, and network security are sacrosanct. In fact, file and printer sharing is more secure with ADS than without.
- To further assuage faculty concerns, the CCS proposed the constitution of an ADS monitoring and Auditing Committee comprised of IT-oriented faculty, which will be closely involved with the deployment and implementation of ADS college-wide. The Computer Policy Committee has constituted a subcommittee chaired by Prof. Barnum along with Prof. Stokes and Prof. Babad as members.
- The CCS will conduct regular periodical audits of the software installed on all college-owned machines to meet the legal obligations of the college regarding software piracy policy.

We anticipate that ADS will be rolled out over a period of several weeks. We would appreciate it if you would instruct the Administrative Assistant of your unit to allow us access to your computer. Alternatively, please let us know when you will be available for 20-30 minutes so that we can upgrade your computer in your presence. You can Email us at cbahelp@uic.edu or call (312) 996 3775 or reach Ashok Bennett at his cell phone at (312) 636 5789 to schedule an appointment.