The Active Directory (AD) Migration and Microsoft Exchange project is an effort to replace all Novell networking with Active Directory (Windows) networking on campus while simultaneously replacing all existing email clients/services on the campus with Microsoft Exchange and Microsoft Outlook 2003. The Novell servers (FAST, NWSTUD, COE) will all be shutdown as users are migrated off of them. All printing will be migrated to LPR print queues and away from Novell Print Management. All email services for the campus will ultimately be migrated to Microsoft Exchange/Outlook 2003. The project duration is expected to run from summer 2005-Spring 2006.

**AD/Exchange Migration Goals**

- All folders and documents on Novell servers will be migrated to Windows Active Directory file services.
- All faculty/staff/computing sites will join the deltastate.edu domain or be given access to file services.
- All Novell servers will be shutdown by the end of spring semester, 2006.
- All printing will be done through LPR queues and/or the Pharos Pay for Print system.
- All faculty/staff email accounts will be moved to Microsoft Exchange/Outlook.
- Netscape, PINE, Outlook Express will be phased out and not supported by OIT. The official email program managed and supported by OIT will be Microsoft Outlook.

**Advantages**

- Novell contexts are not used in AD. You will no longer have to know your context in order to login to a computer on campus.
- When the campus conversion is complete, you will be able to log in to a computer anywhere on campus and access your information without having to go back to your office.
- No more out of sync passwords for Windows users!
- Printer management will be less complex.
- Remote management of Windows computers will be possible providing greater support capabilities by OIT staff and resulting in quicker problem resolution time for you and your computing issues.
- Exchange/Outlook offers calendars, task management, email management, shared calendars, as well as access to your email via the web. You will not be required to be on campus to access any of these features.

**Disadvantages**

The only real disadvantage is that an OIT team member must join your computer to the DSU domain (Windows NT/2000/XP) or install software to give you access to file services. The process of joining a computer to the domain requires that a new computer profile be created for you under Active Directory. Your profile stores any personal settings used by the computer. The data from your old Novell profile will be migrated to the new Active Directory one but some data may fail to copy. This is rare but could cause problems with certain applications and will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

**Netscape Navigator Conversion Issues**

Although the campus migrated as a whole to Microsoft Outlook approximately 2 years ago, some users chose to continue to use Netscape Navigator to access their email. OIT will attempt to migrate your email from Netscape to Outlook; however, if you have upgraded to Netscape 7.0 or higher, OIT will be unable to convert that email into Microsoft Outlook. Neither Netscape nor Microsoft has any tools that will allow a migration between the two. For this situation, we recommend that you either save or print out any vital information that may be in Netscape for your records.

**Migration Process**
Since migration of your computer is a disruptive process, OIT is working with each department/division/school to schedule a time to convert the entire group at once. This method will allow all users within a group to go through training and conversion together. We have set an aggressive schedule for the completion of this project so it is critical that all members of a department be present when the conversion is scheduled. This will ensure a smooth transition and make sure that all users are comfortable logging in to their new system and can access their email resources.

It is imperative that all computers and users be migrated over as quickly as possible. This schedule has been coordinated with the Deans and Department heads for each group on campus.

**After the Migration**

Be aware of the following changes to your computer:

- If you were using Netscape or PINE to access your email, you will no longer have access to either. Netscape is no longer supported (by the vendor and OIT) and is being discontinued from the desktop computers on the DSU campus. This conversion began over two years ago with the introduction of Microsoft Outlook in coordination with the University Replacement Cycle. Your email address has not changed; with few exceptions, your address should be in the format of firstinitiallastname@deltastate.edu, for example jdoe@deltastate.edu.

- You will now have access to your email via the web. The address is [http://webmail.deltastate.edu](http://webmail.deltastate.edu). Please note that there is no www in front of the address. This is an internal site not located on the external world wide web (www). Login using the same userid and password that you use at the university. Webmail will appear slightly different, but you will have access to both send/receive mail, as well as use your calendar from the web.


- You now have access to all of the functions of Microsoft Outlook that were previously available, including calendar, tasks, mailbox management, etc, but you also have the opportunity to share your calendar and other information that you choose with other users on the Exchange server. Please note that faculty/staff that have not yet migrated to Microsoft Exchange will not be able to access or share calendars or other features in Outlook.

- Additional training sessions on Microsoft Outlook will be offered shortly after your migration. Additionally, OIT will begin the conversion to Microsoft Office & Outlook 2003 later this year. Look for more information soon. Or, if you prefer, check out the current Outlook 2003 Microsoft training site for information, training, and previews at: [http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/assistance/CH790018071033.aspx](http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/assistance/CH790018071033.aspx)

**Changes for Windows users:**

- When logging onto your computer, use your DSU userid and password. The domain is deltastate.edu. This will be slightly different than your Novell login. (i.e. jdoe@deltastate.edu)

- Any folders and documents located in your previous Novell home folder and department folders have been copied to your Active Directory (AD) home folder. The structure of this folder is based on the needs of your department. Your home folder can only be seen by you, while a departmental folder is shared within the department. OIT staff will follow up during the conversion process.

**Additional Information**

Look for additional information on Microsoft Exchange to follow. OIT will be upgrading the entire campus to Microsoft Outlook 2003 and Office 2003 during the late summer and Fall of 2005. Additional features and benefits will be available through both services.

**Questions?**

If you have questions regarding this conversion, contact the OIT Help Desk at 4444 or visit the OIT website at [http://oit.deltastate.edu](http://oit.deltastate.edu).