

Re: How do I connect to active directory?

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UPN = userPrincipalName. It is one of the key identifying attributes in AD used for security. It is typically in the form of an email address like user@xxxxxxxxxx UPN is unique across the entire AD forest, not just in a specific domain. UPN can also be used for binding, both with an LDAP simple bind and a secure SASL bind, so it is very useful in that regard. Users often log into Windows with their UPN (although some use the plain username, sAMAccountName, combined with their domain name).

You might want to get a query tool for AD like LDP or ADFind (just LDAP clients) so that you can search AD to see if there is an object with userPrincipalName=xxxx. If you plan to do any AD programming at all in any language/platform, having a query tool you can trust will save you a lot of time. Note that you do usually have to bind to search AD, so you might get caught in a chicken/egg thing there. One solution is to run the tool from a Windows box logged in to the AD domain so that you can take advantage of the Windows/LDAP feature that allows you to bind to the directory as the currently logged in Windows user. You can basically "bootstrap" from that.

Otherwise, getting some help from your AD admins might be useful.

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Joe Kaplan wrote:

The 525 in the extended error code corresponds to the error "the specified user does not exist". Are you sure your username is a valid UPN in AD?

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I am not so sure, how can I verify?

The MyUsername/MyPassword I used is what I would use to log on to the Windows server hosting this Active Directory.

What is a UPN?