

Re: Change Naming Attribute (RDN) from CN to UID

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Craig Gilmour wrote:

All,
for various reasons I want to be able to change the naming attribute of a user from the standard CN to another attribute such as UID (or samAccountName for that matter). This is because CN will hold a friendly name (Firstname Lastname) that will not be unique across the organisation, and it is possible the user may be in the same container. I need to do this for both AD and ADAM. Does anyone know if this is possible or not?

Do You want to do it for existing users – sure it is possible with script or tools. Here You will find example how to rename user using VBScript:

<http://techtasks.com/code/viewbookcode/1572>,

You can use pari adfind.exe and admod.exe to do this as well:

www.joeware.net/win/free/tools/admod.htm

www.joeware.net/win/free/tools/adfind.htm

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adfind -b "OU=Employees OU,DC=W2k,DC=PL" -s subtree -f
"(&(objectClass=user)(objectCategory=person))" samaccountname -adcsv | admod -rename
{{samaccountname}}
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(I know – fancy new feature)

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<http://www.w2k.pl/> – (PL)

<http://blogs.dirteam.com/blogs/tomek/> – (EN)

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