UCLA LOGON ID ADDRESS SPACE PROPOSAL

BACKGROUND

When the Common Logon ID process was first started, we wanted the ID to be usable by any campus computing system, and thus the ID was limited to a maximum length of eight characters (the mainframe was explicitly excluded from participation). When the persistent e-mail address concept was introduced, work began to develop a model inclusive of both a common account identifier and a permanent e-mail address. To address concerns that desirable identifiers were increasingly difficult to obtain within a limited eight character namespace, a longer namespace was proposed to support the persistent e-mail address, with a shorter namespace being used to support the common logon ID. In the process of vetting this model with campus constituencies, it became clear that the model lead to too much confusion and was not viable.

Therefore, we have reviewed the initial design constraints and decided that the eight character limitation should be discarded. This limitation serves to support older versions of commonly deployed operating systems, although current versions of these operating systems are no longer constrained to eight characters. Units wishing to utilize the common ID within their systems will now be required to upgrade to current versions.

Discarding the constraint of an eight character limit on logon IDs allows us to simplify the model considerably. Where before there were two IDs (the short common ID and the longer persistent e-mail address), there will now be a single identifier which will be both the logon ID and the persistent e-mail address. The Bruin OnLine ID will be expanded in maximum length to 15 characters and become the UCLA Logon ID. All existing Bruin OnLine IDs will automatically become UCLA Logon IDs.

Because the Bruin OnLine ID will gain a permanence that it did not have before, current account holders will be given a one-time opportunity to select a new UCLA Logon ID and return their existing Bruin OnLine ID.

CURRENT PRACTICE

Students, faculty, and staff select a Bruin OnLine ID to be used as their e-mail address and as a common logon ID for various campus services (Bruin OnLine, URSA, myUCLA, ISIS, campus VPN server, computing lab network ports, etc.).

When an individual leaves UCLA, their Bruin OnLine ID is phased out and ceases to function. IDs that have been phased out are then made available for reselection by another individual after a suitable waiting period.

There is no provision for an e-mail address that will continue to function after a student graduates from UCLA.
PROPOSED PRACTICE

Students, faculty, and staff would continue to select a logon ID for use of campus services. This ID will be called the UCLA Logon ID. This identifier, and the associated password, will be used as a common logon ID for various campus services (Bruin OnLine, URSA, myUCLA, ISIS, campus VPN server, computing lab network ports, etc.).

This identifier will also be used as their official and persistent e-mail address. This identifier will remain as a valid e-mail address with forwarding services after leaving UCLA. The persistent e-mail address, once assigned, would never be reassigned.

To provide additional naming flexibility, users would also be able to create an alternate e-mail alias which would route equivalently to their UCLA Logon ID. This alias would also be persistent. To avoid naming conflicts with UCLA Logon IDs, the alias would be required to contain a period (e.g. Josephine.Bruin@ucla.edu as an alias for jbruin@ucla.edu).

The use and publication of aliases would be encouraged to limit the needless exposure of campus logon IDs.