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NUIT limits Ph entry modification to Web-only form in preparation for new directory

As of May 14, NU Information Technology will change the Ph (electronic directory) database to allow modifications only from the Web-based form at <https://directory.northwestern.edu/edit/>. This is being done to maintain consistent databases during a migration from Ph to another directory structure. Details are available at http://www.it.northwestern.edu/transitions/restrict_phmod.html.

This will not affect Ph directory queries from Eudora, Outlook, or Ph client software. Specifically, only attempts to modify a listing will be blocked unless the user is using the Web form.

The URL <https://directory.northwestern.edu/edit/> is a new name created for the Ph edit page <https://snap.it.northwestern.edu/it/edit-ph/edit.cgi>. Modifications will be accepted from both pages.

The new directory structure, LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol), is an industry standard basis for authentication, authorization, mail routing, and white pages directory services. NUIT will be changing the University white pages service from Ph to LDAP over the next 12 months. More information on this change can be found at <http://www.it.northwestern.edu/reference/ed/ed-info.html>.

NUIT expects that the transition to LDAP will be completed by the end of 2004. At that time, the Ph database will be shut down.

Questions about changes to Ph can be directed to **it-feedback@northwestern.edu**. Technical questions about Ph should be directed to **consultant@northwestern.edu**.

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