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NUIT Web resource can help reduce ‘spam;’ allows for early opt-out from nwu.edu domain

Although more than a year and a half remains before Northwestern’s nwu.edu domain officially expires for email delivery, Northwestern University Information Technology (NUIT) has announced a new Web-based resource to help the University community update their email addresses and potentially reduce the amount of junk email, or spam received.

The Web page at https://snap.it.northwestern.edu/it/snaps/remove-domains.cgi allows NetID holders to opt out of the nwu.edu domain at any time before the domain expires on June 20, 2004.

“There is no rush, but this tool is available when you are ready to leave the old domain behind,” said Tom Board, director of NUIT Technology Support Services.

Board noted that in many cases, opting out of the nwu.edu domain will reduce the amount of spam email from getting through because many of those mailing lists were built from older sources.

University Relations and NUIT introduced the northwestern.edu domain in March 2000, a change made so the University could standardize its identity on the Internet. This domain superseded nwu.edu, which was in use at Northwestern since the 1980s. Since September 2000, all new NetIDs have been created with email addresses only in the new northwestern.edu domain.

Detailed information about the domain name change is available at http://www.tss.northwestern.edu/reference/northwestern-edu.html.

Information on how to avoid spam may be found at the “Get Control” Web site, http://www.it.northwestern.edu/getctrl/.

Questions can be directed to the NUIT Help Line at 847-491-HELP (1-4357).

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