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Domain Migration (Step 2) Scheduled for February 5th, 2002

On February 5, 2002, NUIT will implement the second step in the migration of the University's Internet domain from *nwu.edu* to *northwestern.edu*. This migration was announced in March 2000. A complete discussion of this process and plan is available at:

http://www.tss.northwestern.edu/reference/northwestern-edu.html

As described in the above Web site, the second step only affects reverse lookup functions used by servers. Currently, the forward-lookup service (name→IP address) exist for all hosts for both nwu.edu and northwestern.edu, however, the reverse-lookup service (IP address→name) returns names in the *nwu.edu* domain. On this date, the reverse-lookups will be changed to return names in the *northwestern.edu* domain.

This change will not affect the vast majority of computers on campus.

Users with software that rely on the domain name system should verify that the software operates using a northwestern.edu domain name.

In another aspect of the second step in the overall plan, NUIT will only be registering new DNS host names in the northwestern.edu domain for both forward and reverse lookups. There will not be a corresponding nwu.edu entry defined for new host addresses after the implementation of the second step.

Existing *nwu.edu* host names will remain in the DNS system until 2005. The Web site explains in detail how the *nwu.edu* domain will be removed from service in stages between 2004 and 2005. Policy or technical questions should be sent to *consultant@northwestern.edu*. NUIT will have an appropriate resource person respond.