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Keeping Your NOS Clean

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What to Take Away

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- Connecting apps to the NOS is not ideal – it creates strain and difficulty upgrading.
- ADLDS provides a simple way to “compartmentalize” a directory for use by a specific application, with nice tie-ins to AD.



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- Authentication (in a nutshell):
 - Verifying that a user really is who he/she claims to be.
- Application authentication
- Single Sign-On
- Reduced Sign-On

- Application Authentication
 - DB / dedicated directory
 - Pros: no reliance on outside infrastructure
 - Cons: security, password-per-app, password resets, password complexity standards

- **Single Sign-On**
 - Trusts that an authentication challenge has already happened (successfully).
 - User passes seamlessly into target application
 - Two flavors:
 - Subordinated to the network.
 - Requires target application and application/web server to play ball.
 - Form fillers
 - Requires desktop client

- **Reduced Sign-On**
 - User must re-enter network password
 - Authenticates directly against the network
 - Requires application support



Authentication in Enterprise Apps

- Subordinating authentication to the network is always a better idea than letting apps handle it.
- Single Sign-On passes user straight through.
- Reduced Sign-On requires re-entry of the network password.
 - *Is Reduced Sign-On ever a better choice than SSO? Yes! When the application contains sensitive data.*

- Authentication
- Profile import
- Profile export and provisioning (with PS Directory Interface or other user provisioning tool)



Challenges of the Status Quo

- Schema imports slow your directory down
- A highly customized / extended directory is hard to upgrade.
- Some applications will not support authentication against different directories / domains / forests



What is ADLDS?

- Active Directory Lightweight Directory Services (formerly ADAM – AD Application Mode)
- From Microsoft:

ADAM provides data storage and retrieval for directory-enabled applications, without the dependencies that are required for the Active Directory® directory service. ADAM provides much of the same functionality as Active Directory, but it does not require the deployment of domains or domain controllers. You can run multiple instances of ADAM concurrently on a single computer, with an independently managed schema for each ADAM instance.



What is ADLDS?

- ADLDS is an LDAP v3-compliant directory service, available free from Microsoft.
- It comes with some good tools to integrate with AD proper:
 - Schema Analyzer
 - AD User Synchronizer
 - User Proxy support
- Many directory instances can be run from a single server.
- It's FREE!



Emerging Architectures Leveraging ADLDS

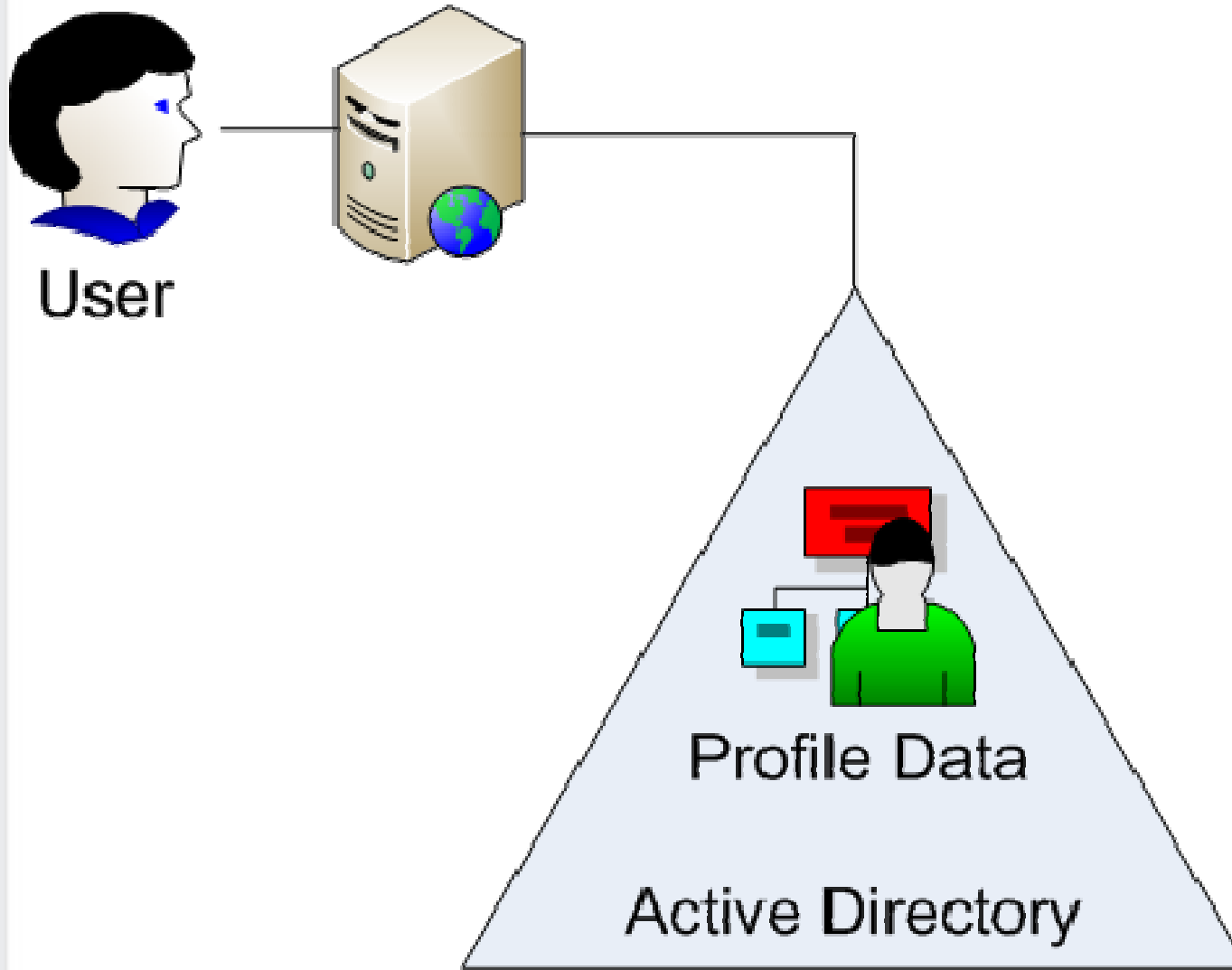
- Don't use the NOS for anything but its main purposes:
 - User authentication
 - Basic user profile storage
 - Catalog of users and computers
 - Enterprise-wide group membership
- Applications should use their own profile/group storage, but authenticate to the network
 - The best of both worlds!



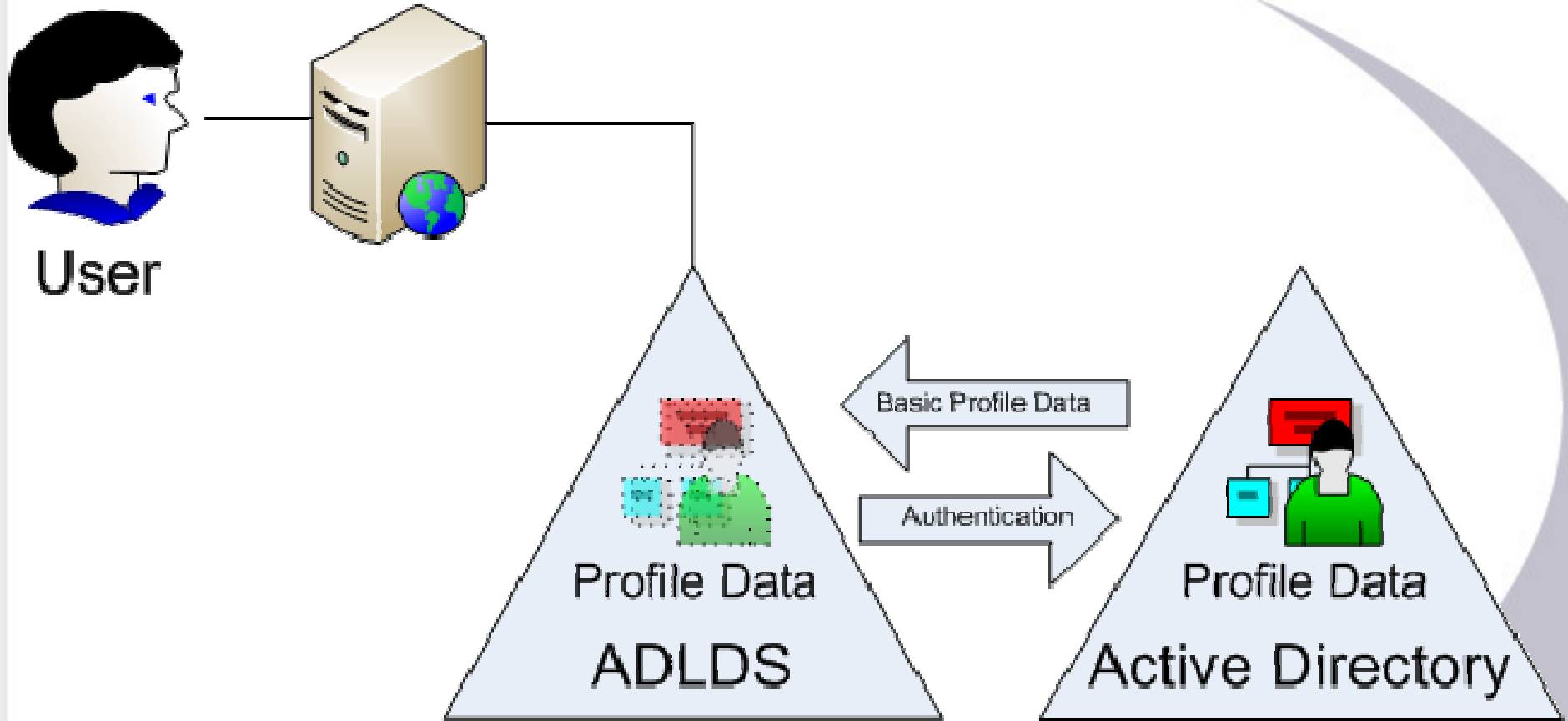
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- User proxy objects can store profile information, and also point to the “real” AD object for all password activities.

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PS and Directories (revisited)

- Authentication
 - Use ADLDS with proxy NOS
- Profile import
 - Use ADLDS synched from NOS
- Profile export and provisioning (with PS Directory Interface)
 - Write directly to NOS



When to Use ADLDS User Proxy

- Schema extensions
- Application-specific groups
- Multiple Active Directories without cross-domain / cross-forest trusts in place...
M&A can tend to bring this on.
- Significant profile lookup activity



When Not to Use ADLDS User Proxy

- No schema extensions
- No custom groups
- Single domain



Demo

- What I've done beforehand:
 - Installed ADLDS: 5 minutes
 - Imported schema: 10 minutes
 - Set up directory in PS: 5 minutes
 - Cached schema into PS: 5 minutes



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General

ID

Roles

Workflow

Audit

Links

User ID Queries

User ID: JLBTEST2

Description: James Test Account

Account Locked Out?

Logon Information

Symbolic ID: sa1

Password: [Redacted]

Password Expired?

Confirm Password: [Redacted]

User ID Alias: [Empty Field]

[Edit Email Addresses](#)

General Attributes

Language Code: English

Enable Expert Entry

Currency Code: US Dollar

Default Mobile Page: [Empty Field]

Permission Lists

Navigator: ALLPAGES [Explain](#)

Primary: ALLPAGES [Explain](#)

Homepage: ALLPAGES [Explain](#)

Row Security: [Empty Field] [Explain](#)

Process Profile: ALLPAGES [Explain](#)

Save Return to Search Previous in List Next in List

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Running Bind Tests

Host:DEV01:30389

DN:CN=PSFTAdmin,CN=Users,CN=PeopleSoftPartition

Result: **SUCCESS**

Running Search Tests

Host:DEV01:30389

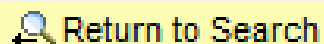
Reading RootDSE: **SUCCESS**

subSchemaSubEntry: CN=Aggregate,CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,CN={C7460C6E-6E56-4699-AF7C-13E3D07191CB}

Reading Schema: **SUCCESS**



Save



Return to Search



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Refresh



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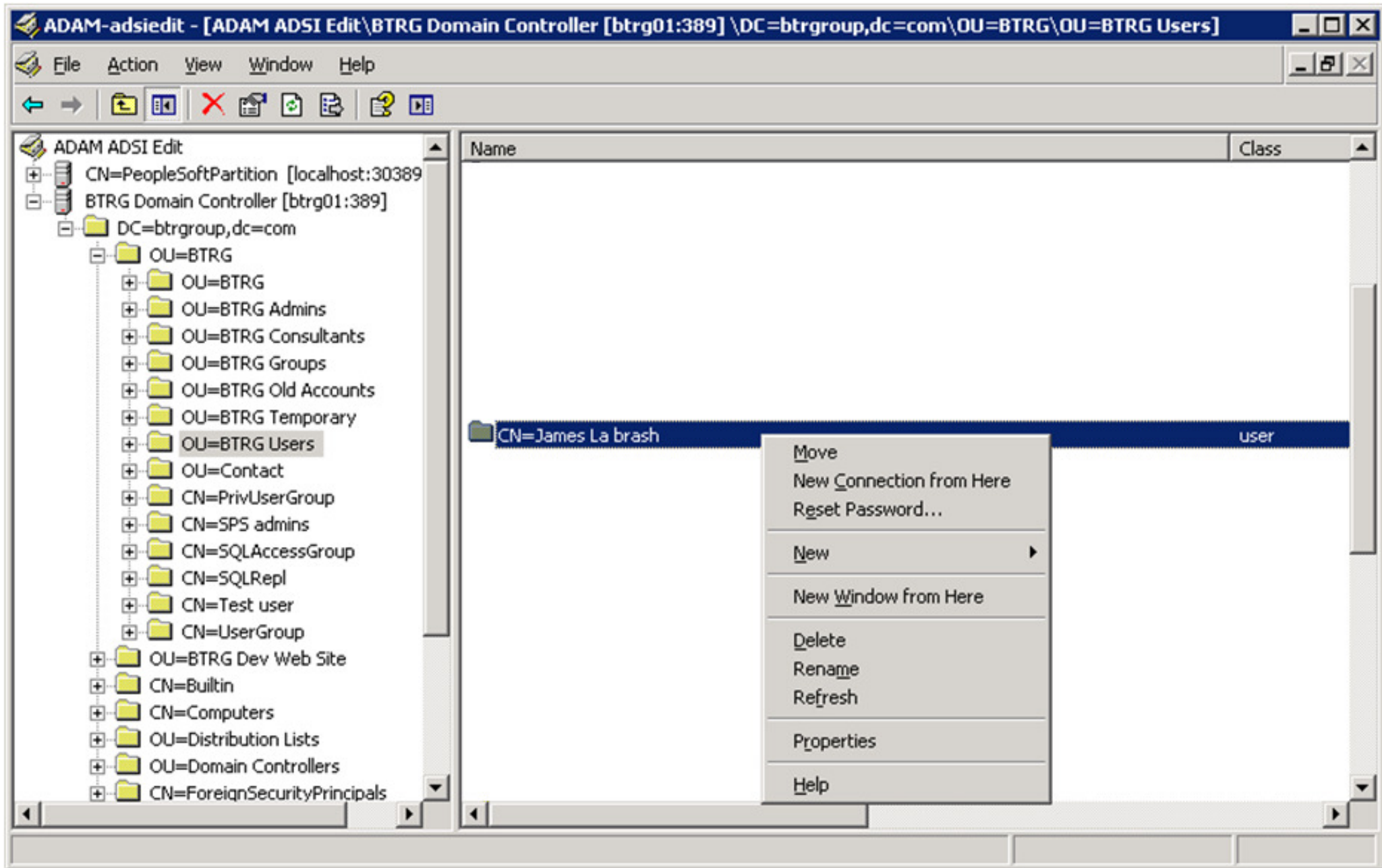


Update/Display



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CN=James La brash Properties

Attribute Editor

Show mandatory attributes
 Show optional attributes
 Show only attributes that have values

Attributes:

Attribute	Syntax	Value
msExchMailboxGuid	Octet String	0x2e 0xc4 0x8a 0x89 0x8
msExchMailboxSecuri...	NT Security D...	
msExchPoliciesInclud...	Unicode String	{B9B43FAB-A8C5-404C-5
msExchUserAccount...	Integer	0
msNPAllowDialin	Boolean	TRUE
name	Unicode String	James La brash
objectCategory	Distinguished ...	CN=Person,CN=Schema,
objectClass	Object Identifier	top;person;organizationalf
objectGUID	Octet String	0xd2 0xb0 0x01 0x72 0x6
objectSid	SID	0x01 0x05 0x00 0x00 0x0
physicalDeliveryOffic...	Unicode String	Mississauga, ON
primaryGroupID	Integer	513
proxvAddresses	Unicode Strino	x400:C=US:A= :P=BTRG

Edit

OK Cancel Apply

Octet String Attribute Editor

Attribute: objectSid

Edit value as: Hexadecimal

Value:

```
01 05 00 00 00 00 05 15 00 00 00 35 07 B6 3A
C0 3E F5 4C 81 08 71 18 F0 0B 00 00
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To use another application as the editor for this value, type the full path to the application and click Edit.

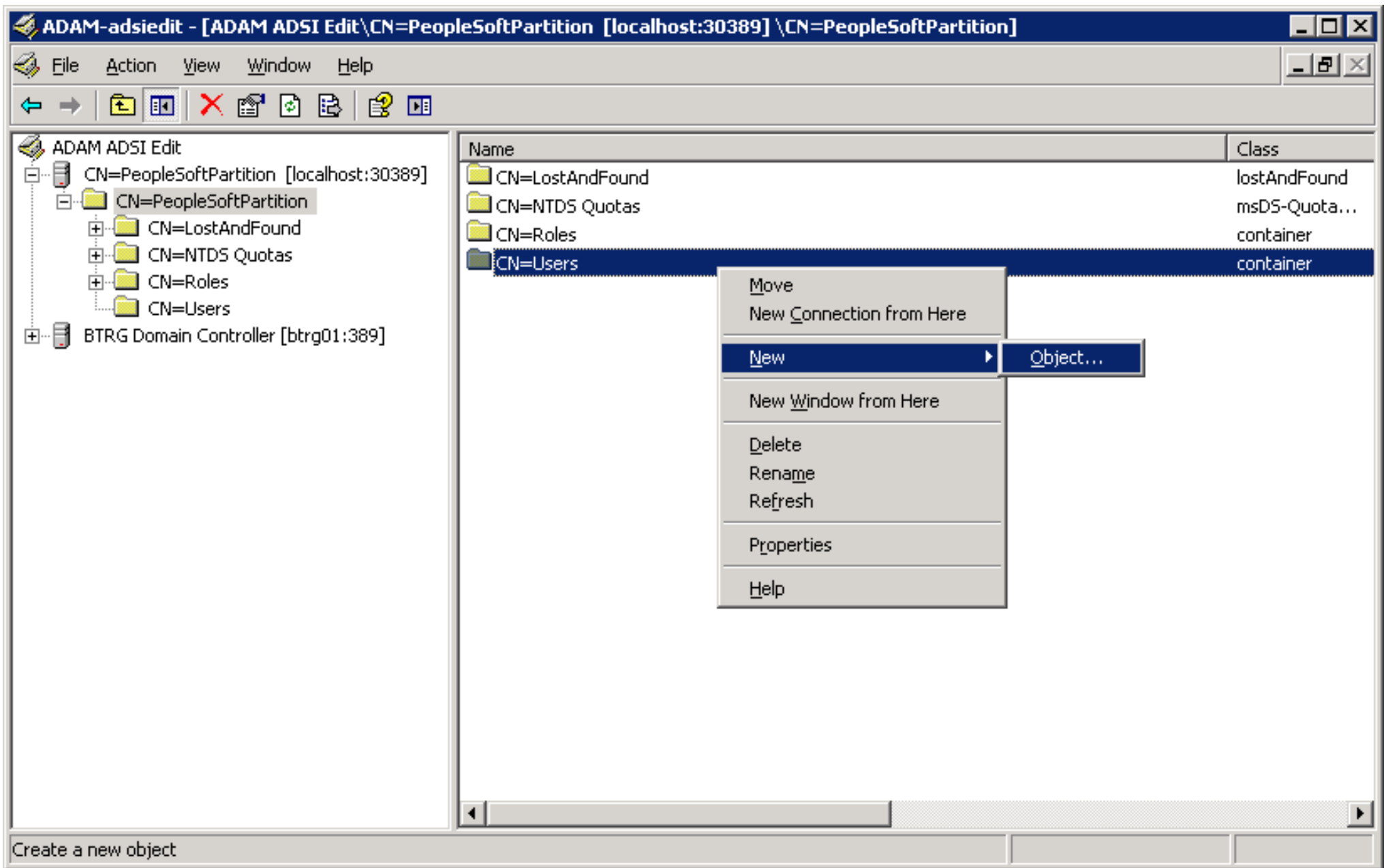
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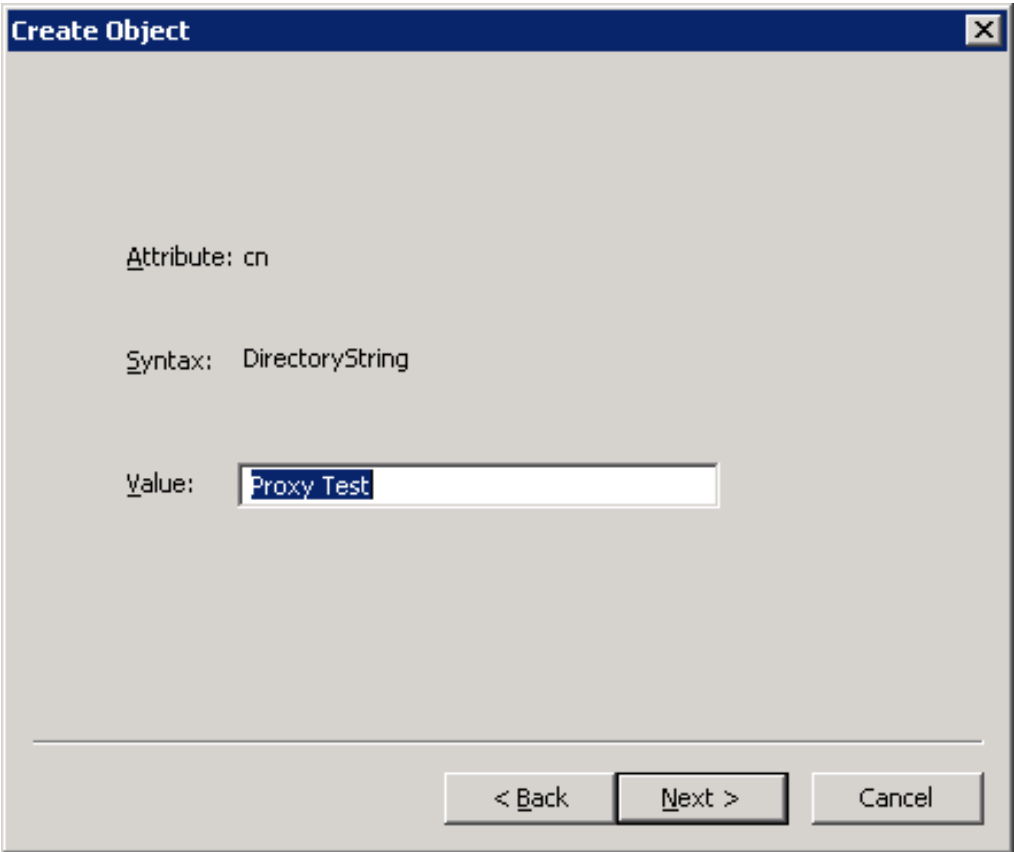
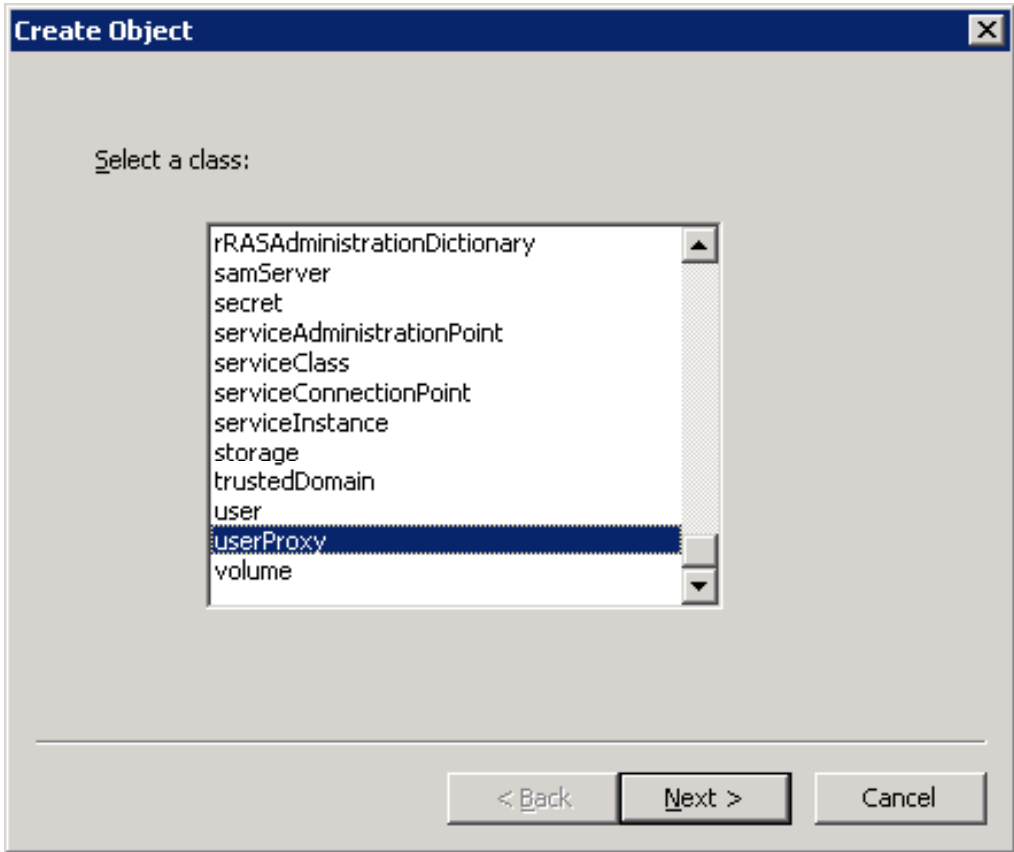
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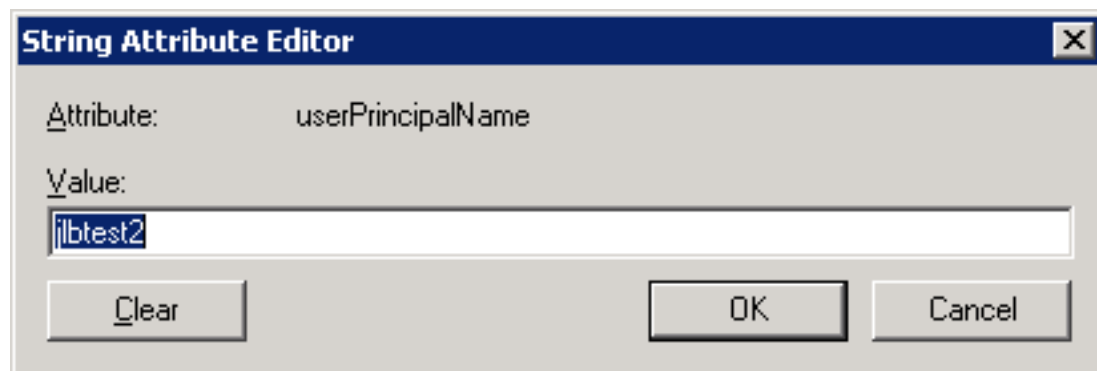
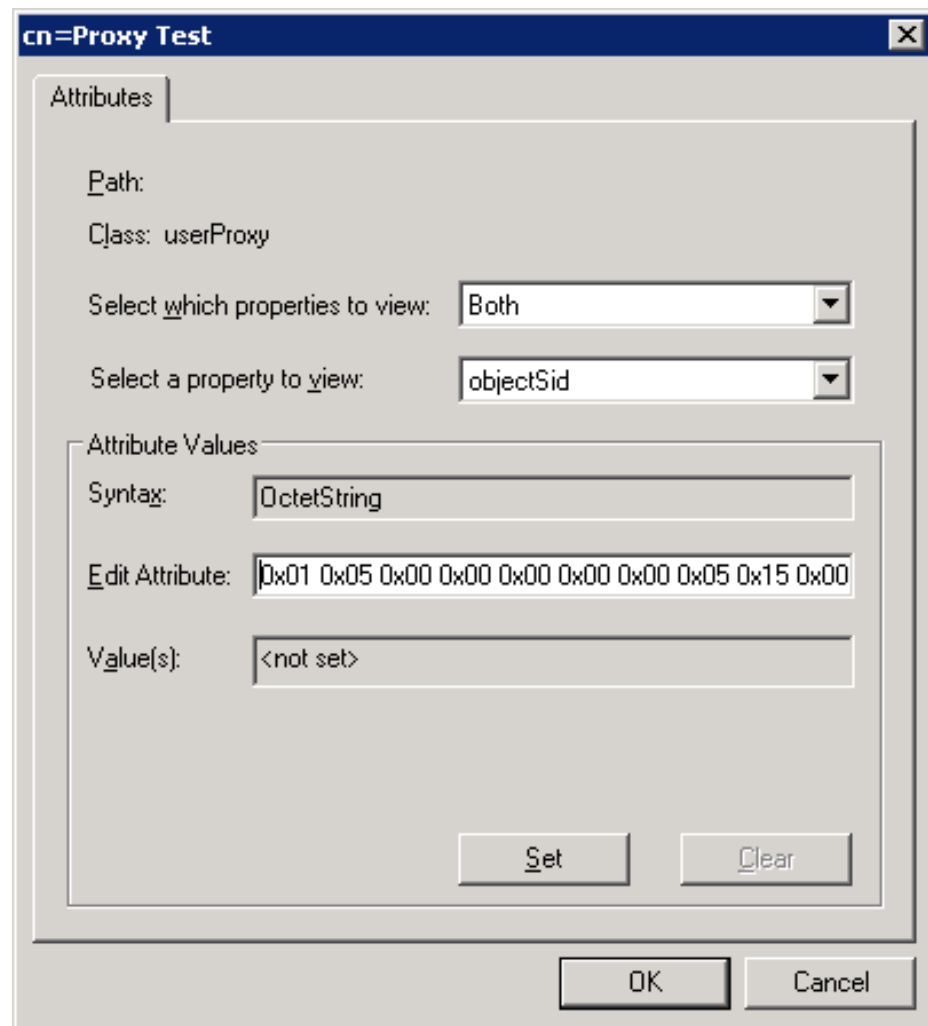
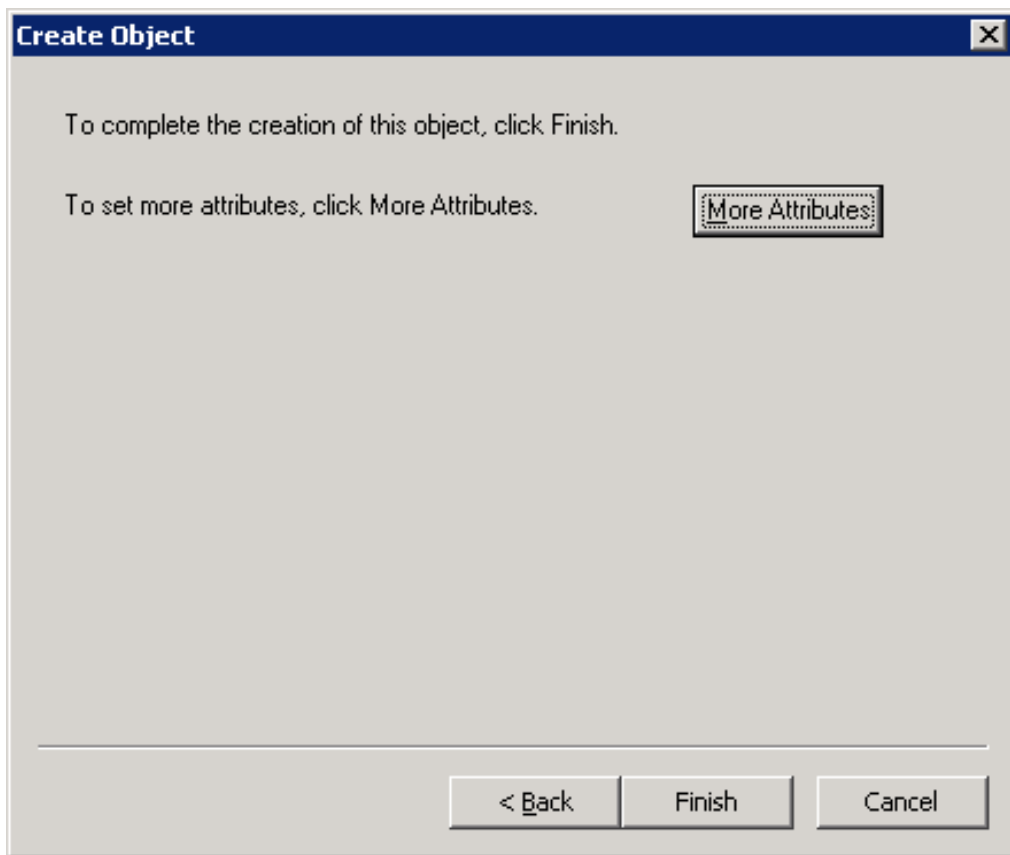


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User ID:

Password:

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Demo

- What would happen if I changed the password on the domain account (but didn't touch PeopleSoft or the User Proxy object in ADLDS)? Would my first domain password still work or would my new, changed password work?
 - The new password would work immediately. Remember, PS is subordinating the password check to the User Proxy object in ADLDS, which in turn is referring back to the domain.
 - The password is always getting verified **by the NOS** against what is in the domain at the time of the check.



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Questions

- Do you have any questions about the presentation or any points you'd like me to explain or elaborate on? Feel free to contact me at: jlabrash@btrgroup.com
- It would help me a lot to find out which concepts made sense to you and which are still hazy. Don't be shy!