



# mPowerTools

A Smart Move for Managing Active Directory



Notre Dame Regional Secondary School in Vancouver, British Columbia first opened its doors in 1953. The school prides itself on offering outstanding academic, fine arts, business and athletic programs to its approximately 650 students, grades 8 through 12.

Namescape had the opportunity to talk with Peter Vogel, an information and communications technologies (ICT) and physics teacher, as well as the school's network administrator, to learn how he uses mPowerTools to quickly create hundreds of student user accounts in bulk and also easily flag dormant accounts to delete.

**Namescape:** Thank you for taking the time to talk with us. To begin, how did you learn about Namescape and mPowerTools?

**Peter:** I am an ICT and physics teacher at the school, as well as the network administrator. I pretty much look after everything – you know that if you manage your school network and teach, you need as much help as you can get.

About six years ago, I read about mPowerTools and realized its potential to create and manage user accounts in bulk.

**Namescape:** How did you create new student accounts before using mPowerTools?

**Peter:** I created all accounts manually and I thought there had to be a better way of doing this. My school isn't particularly big, but still the task of creating a few hundred new network user accounts is a daunting one.

I use it at the beginning of the school year in September. Student enrollment usually isn't finalized until the last day of August, not giving me much time to create these numerous new student accounts by the day after Labor Day.



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Network Administrator***

## Minimum System Requirements

- PC running any of the following:
  - Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional, Server or Advance Server
  - Windows Server 2003
  - Windows XP
- Connection to a Windows 2000/2003 network
- 128 MB of RAM
- 75 MB of disk space

mPowerTools provides such a big relief. I just request the enrollment data from the school office when it's ready, and can even wait until the morning of the first day of class to easily create the accounts in bulk – minutes before my students show up.

It creates the account in whatever form you want, sets the passwords, creates user folders, sets paths and scripts, sets permissions, assigns the proper Active Directory OUs – I appreciate the versatility.

**Namescape:** How else has this tool provided support or saved you time?

**Peter:** Our students get to keep their accounts throughout the duration of their time here, grades 8 through 12, so I also use mPowerTools several times throughout the year to flag dormant or inactive accounts and delete them when necessary.

**Namescape:** That's great to hear. It sounds like you're making the most of the product's functionality.

**Peter:** The product is rock solid and reliable. I particularly like the "test run" feature where I can go through the account creation in a simulation mode, allowing me to spot any settings that are incorrect or that I may have forgotten. It applies to everything that I run, including reports. It is essential that everything goes through as intended when changes are made.

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