Centrify DirectControl Agent: Linking accounts to AD on Mac OS X

This document outlines how to link a local account on the Mac to an account that has been added to Active Directory.

1. Logon with a local Administrator account other than an account you would like to link.

2. Open System Preferences and click on Centrify. Click the lock to enable you to change settings (if prompted, enter your local Mac administrator credentials to proceed) and click on the Account Migration tab.

3. Under Local accounts, select the account you would like to link, and then click the Link button.

   In this example we’re going to link “Bob Localuser” (username = boblocaluser) to an account that has been added to Active Directory (kurt2).

4. In the Search box, enter the name of the target AD account you would like to link the local account to, and click the magnifying glass icon to search for the correct username. Select this username, and then click Add.

5. If the following pop-up box appears, select OK.
6. The following window will appear. Click **Apply**.

7. The local account will be linked to the AD account (note the green highlighted checkmark below). **NOTE:** After clicking **Apply** to link the account, note that the AD User Information for the original AD account is no longer available. You will need to re-add the Administrator privileges of the original AD account to your Mac.

8. If there are multiple users on the Mac, repeat the steps above to link other local accounts to corresponding AD accounts. Click **Apply** once you have finished.

9. **Reboot the Mac.** All linked users will now be able to log on to the Mac using their AD credentials.

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