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ShoreTel 9: Active Directory Integration

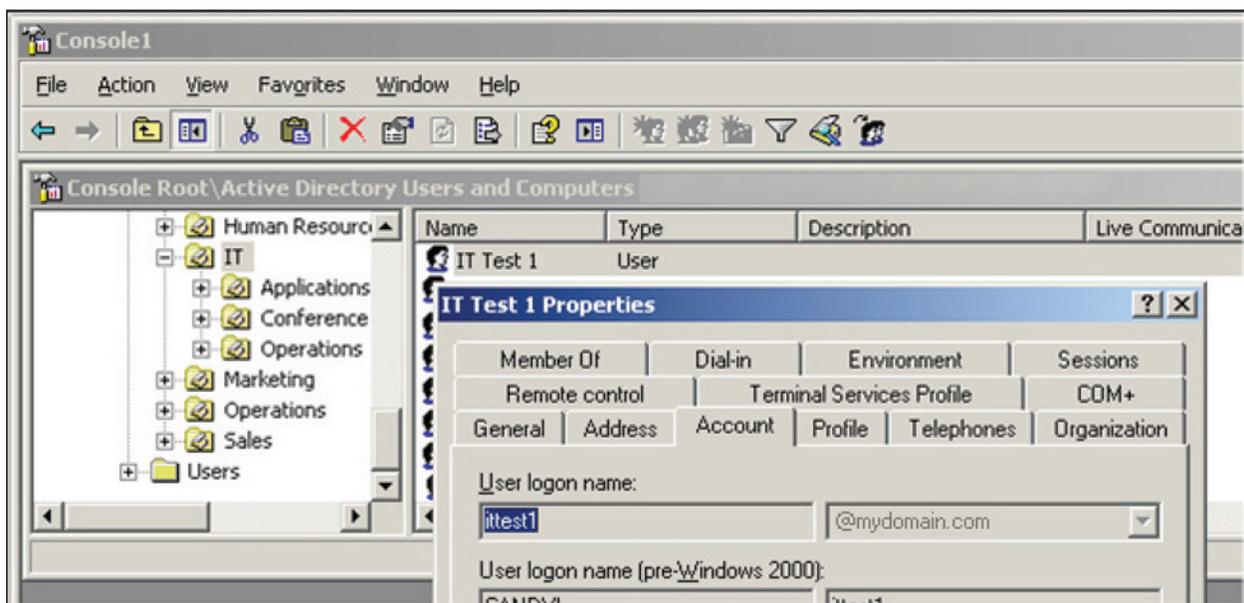
This application note outlines the configuration required to prepare a customer's Microsoft Active Directory environment for use with ShoreTel 9 or later. To effectively understand and implement this application note, the reader must have a working knowledge of both Microsoft Active Directory and ShoreWare® Director.

Integration checklist

When a customer chooses to use the Microsoft Active Directory feature in ShoreTel 9 or later, they must have a fully functional Microsoft Active Directory deployment with a populated user database.

Step 1 : Identify user as ShoreWare System Administrator

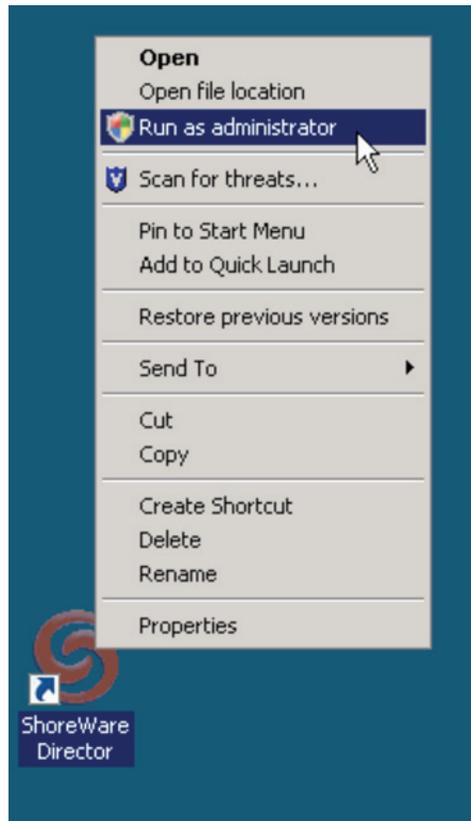
From the Microsoft Active Directory administration console, identify (or create if required) the user in Microsoft Active Directory whose identity is to be associated with the system administrator role in ShoreWare Director. In the following example, a user with the login name of "ittest1" will be a ShoreWare System Administrator.



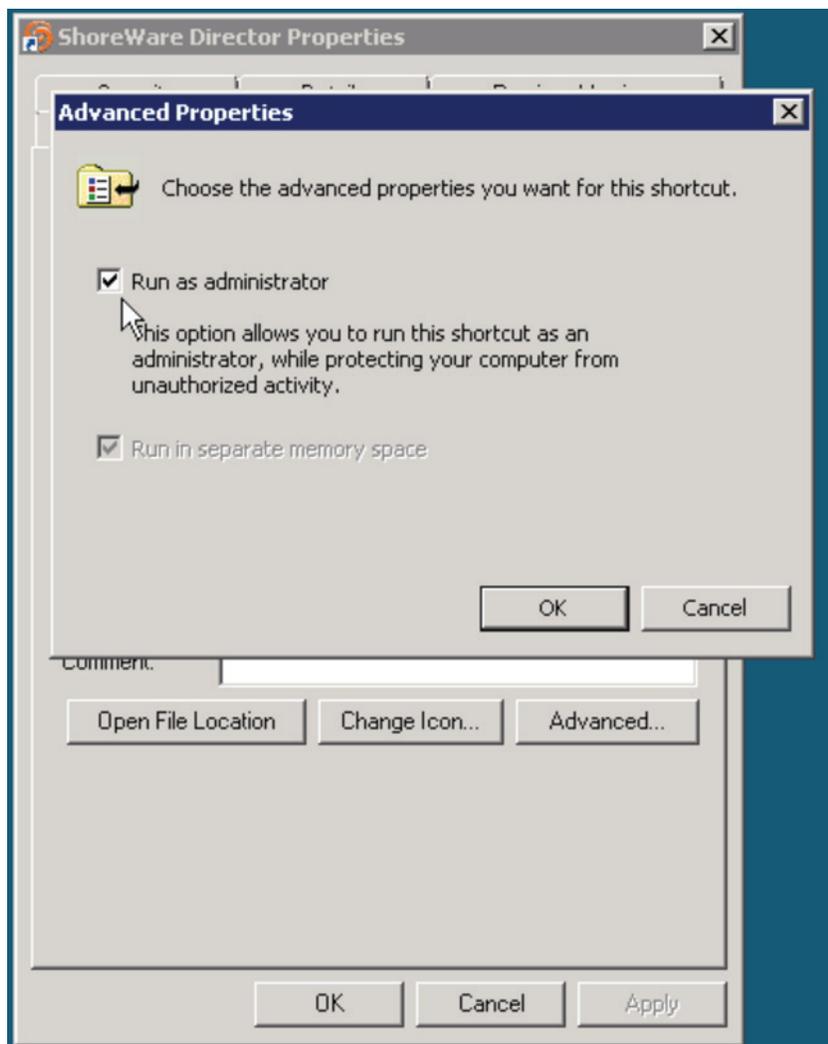
Please note that starting with ShoreTel 9.1, ShoreWare can be installed on the Windows 2008 Server. This version of the operating system introduced a new User Account Control (UAC) security configuration that causes problems with ShoreWare Director access for Microsoft Active Directory users configured as members of the local administrators group on the HQ server. Active Directory domain administrators and the default local administrator account are not affected and they can continue to access ShoreWare Director as they normally would.

Two solutions are available to mitigate this problem:

- a) The ShoreWare Director desktop shortcut now provides the option to "Run As Administrator" for these users, so they will need to do this before launching Director.



- b) Alternatively, the system can be set up to always run the ShoreWare Director shortcut as an administrator by changing the configuration of the shortcut in the Advanced Properties dialog:



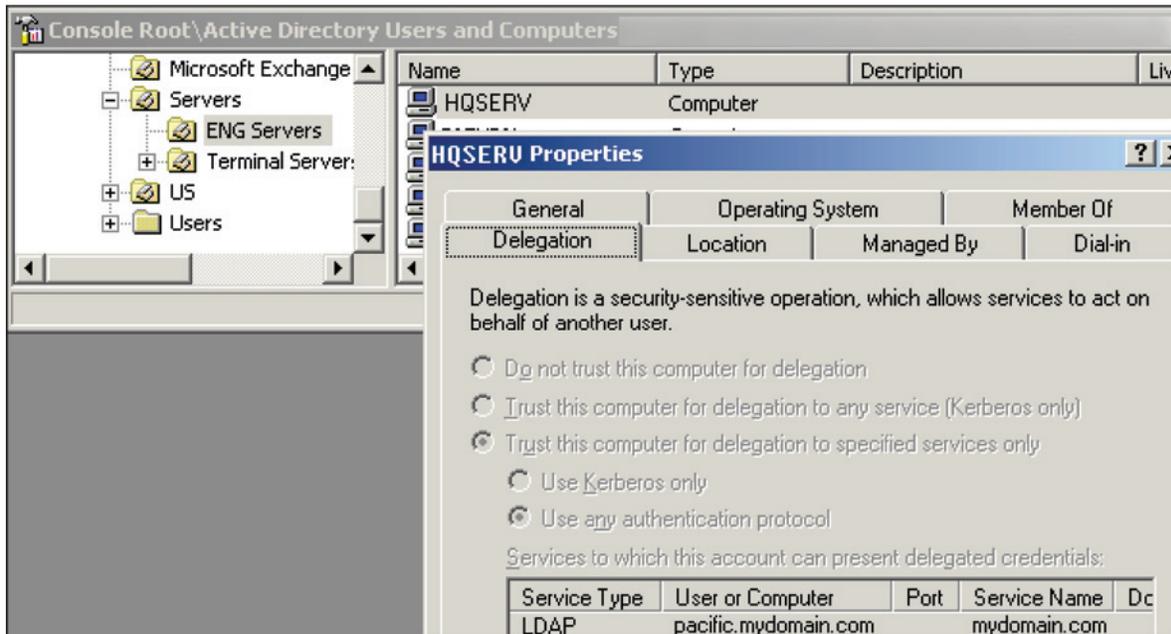
Step 2: Defining Server for ShoreWare

From the Microsoft Active Directory administration console, identify (or create if required), the server in Microsoft Active Directory that will act as the HQ Server for the ShoreTel system.

Define the necessary delegation rights to this computer.

On the HQ server computer, right click to select Properties, click the Delegation tab, make the appropriate radio button selections similar to the diagram below, then "Add..." to bring up the "Add Services" window. Next, click "Users or Computers" to bring up the "Select Users or Computers" window, and fill in the name of the Domain Controller in the box of "Enter the object name to select."

Next, click the "Check Names" button to check the name, then click "OK": now the "Add Services" window is populated with all the services, so select "LDAP" service. In this example, the server "HQSERV" is the ShoreWare HQ Server, defined as a trusted entity for the LDAP service with respect to the Domain Controller "pacific."



Step 3: Define system administrator in ShoreWare Director

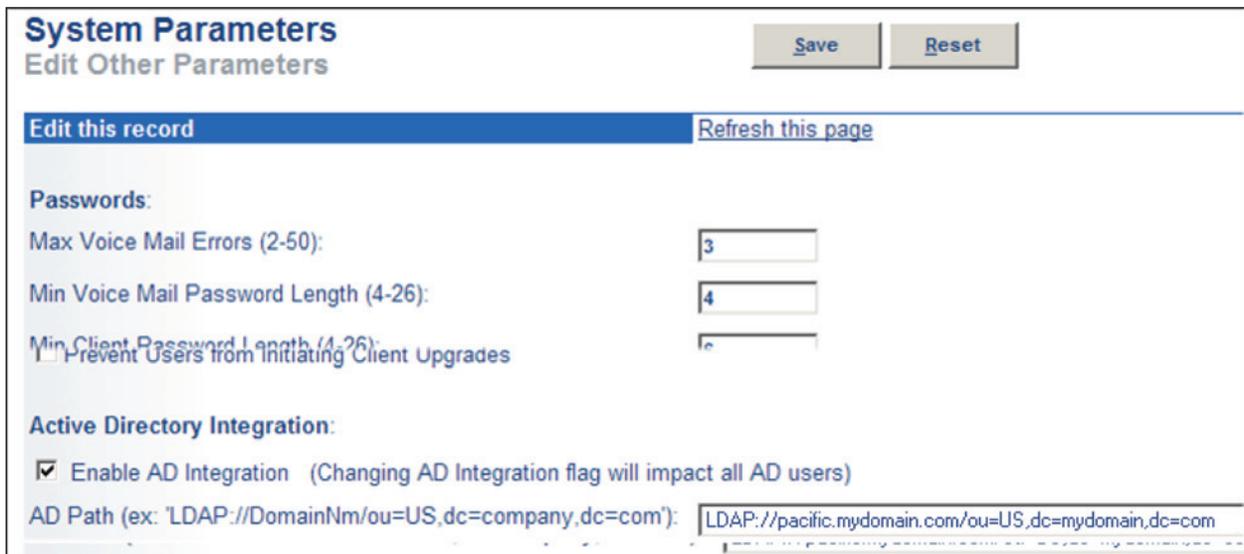
In ShoreWare Director, create the user to be associated with the user identified in Step 1, and assign that user with system administrative privileges. Make sure this user's Client User ID matches the Microsoft Active Directory User Logon Name.

Note: as with previous ShoreWare releases, creating a user with system administrator privileges in ShoreWare Director will remove the default admin/changeme account.



Step 4: Define LDAP path

In ShoreWare Director, [System Parameters/Other], define the path to the Microsoft Active Directory server. This path defines both the domain controller and the scope of data that ShoreWare Director can access for user lookup. The path must be chosen with the customer's Microsoft Active Directory hierarchy in mind.



Please note, the domain controller specified in Step 2 to define, the delegation trust relationship (in this case "pacific"), should be specified in this step as well.

Upon "Save", a warning message is displayed that the LDAP path cannot be verified (which is normal) and the current ShoreWare Director admin login session will be terminated. At this point the ShoreTel system is enabled for Microsoft Active Directory integration, i.e., the ShoreWare Director no longer allows anonymous login. This is shown in Figure 1a.

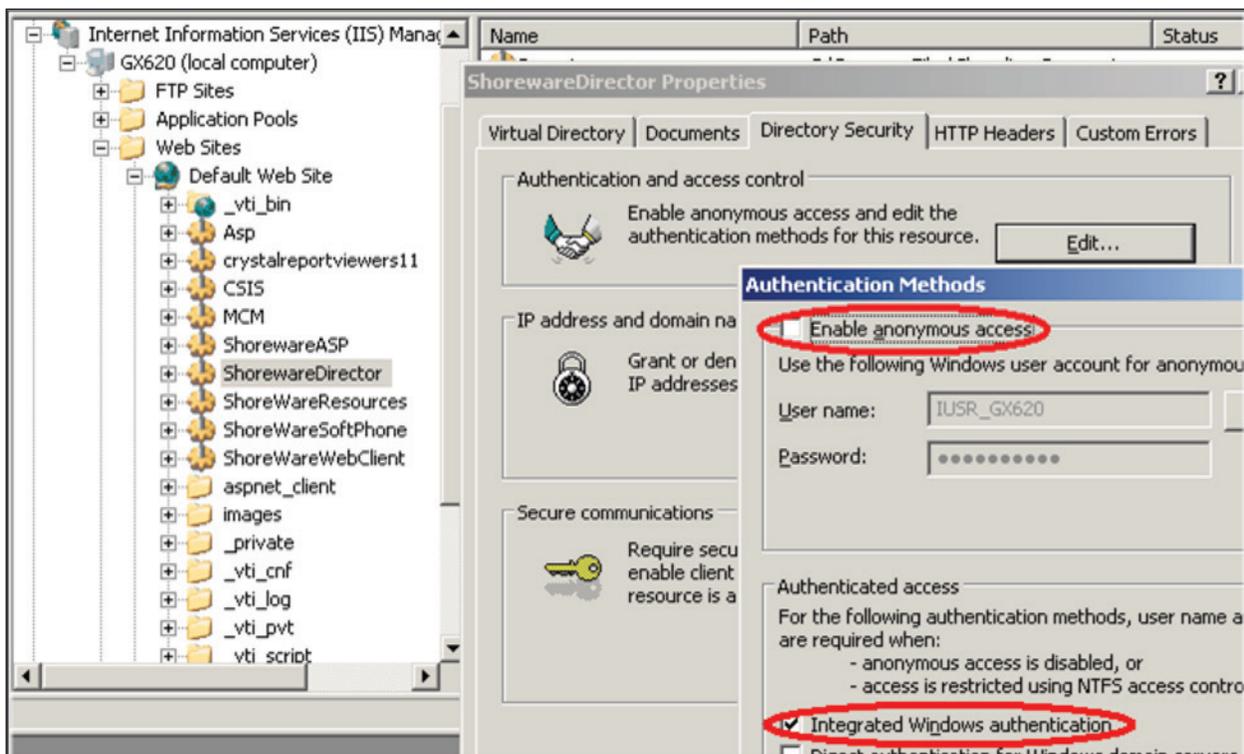


Figure 1a – IIS screen (Windows 2003 Server)

In Windows 2008, the IIS screen appears as shown in Figure 1b and 1c.

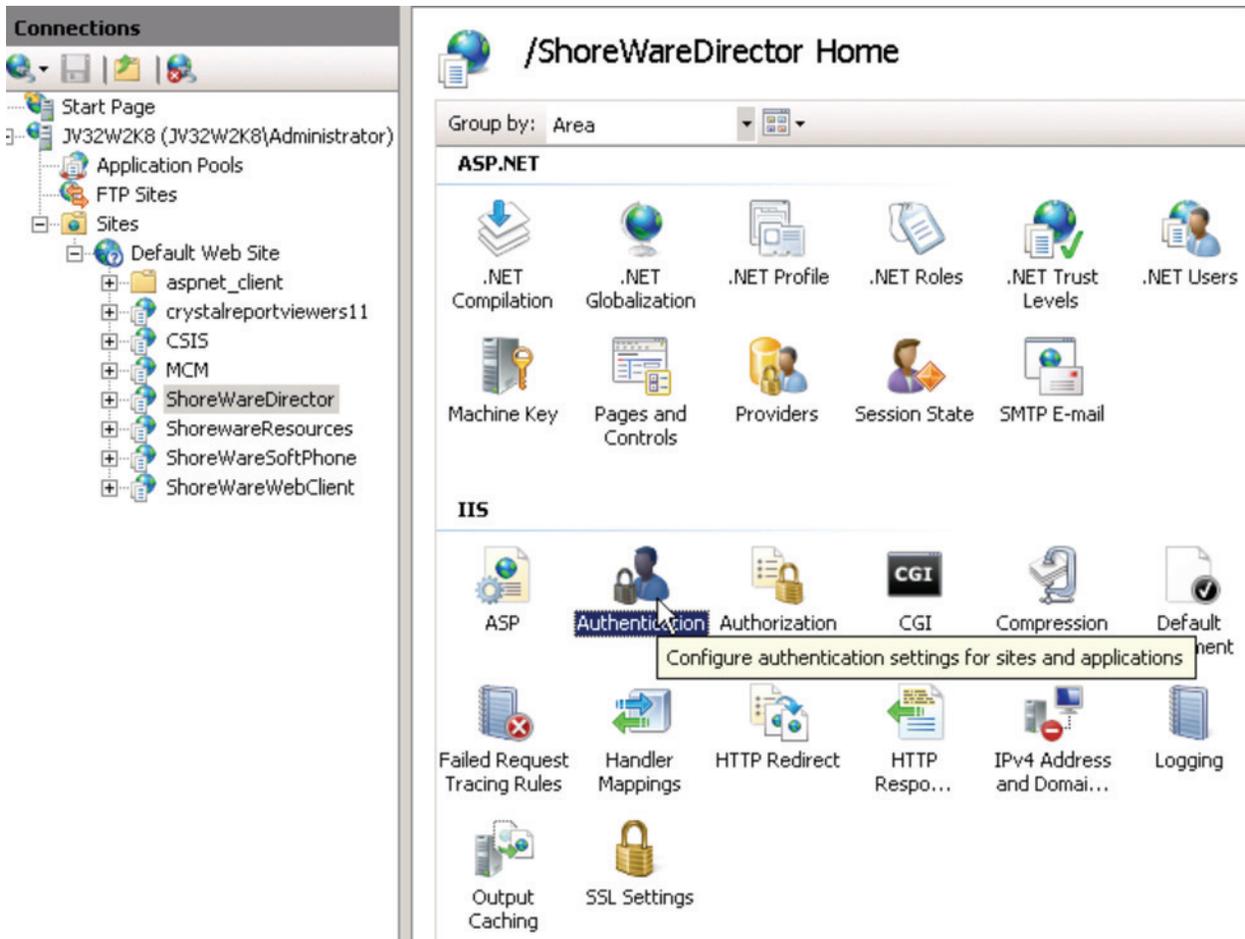


Figure 1b – IIS screen (Windows 2008 Server)

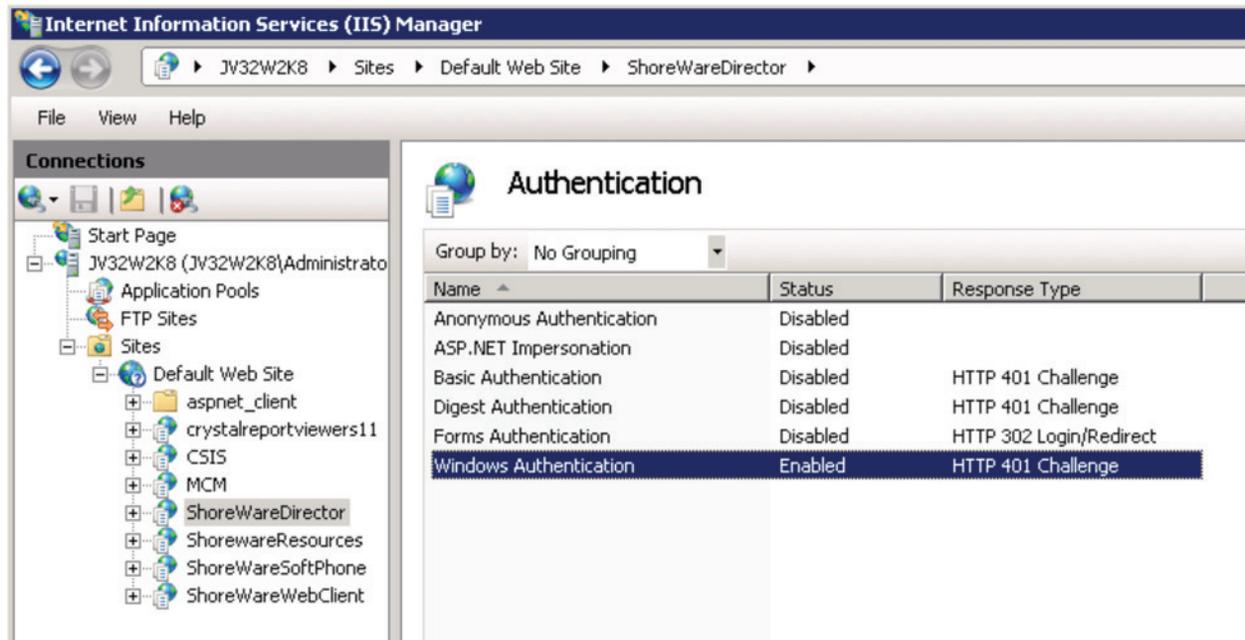


Figure 1c – IIS screen (Windows 2008 Server)

Please note that at this point, the individual user "ittest1" in ShoreWare Director is not yet configured as a Microsoft Active Directory User, i.e., Single Sign On for "ittest1" is not yet available.

Step 5: Login to ShoreWare Director and configure administrative user as Microsoft Active Directory User

Launch a new IE browser window, access ShoreWare Director using the explicit IP address of the HQ server, e.g., <http://192.168.1.1/ShorewareDirector/login.asp>, and the following prompt should appear:



Authenticate with the user "ittest1". The ShoreWare Login page will then display.

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Now "ittest1" is a Microsoft Active Directory user. Log off from ShoreWare Director.

From this point on, Single Sign On is available for "ittest1".

The user "ittest1" will automatically be logged in upon accessing ShoreWare Director using a URL such as:
<http://HQSERV/ShorewareDirector/login.asp>

Please note that different URL formats may require authentication:

<http://HQSERV/ShorewareDirector/login.asp>
<http://HQSERV.mydomain.com/ShorewareDirector/login.asp>
<http://192.168.1.1/ShorewareDirector/login.asp>

In the above example, the first format is considered "Local Intranet", while the second and third format are of the type "Internet".

With the ShoreWare administrator now being a Microsoft Active Directory User, the option to fetch user properties from Microsoft Active Directory is now available. The "Show From AD" button fetches the attributes of user "domain\ittest1".

The screenshot shows the ShoreTel administrator interface with the 'General' tab selected. The 'Active Directory User' checkbox is checked, and the user ID is set to 'domain\ittest1'. The 'Show From AD' button is highlighted. A 'Windows Internet Explorer' window is open, displaying search results for the user 'ittest1' in the LDAP directory. The search results show the following information:

- First name: It
- * AD(giveName): IT
- Last name: test1
- * AD(sn): Test 1
- Home Phone: AD(homePhone): null
- Work Phone: AD(telephoneNumber): null
- Fax Phone: AD(facsimileTelephoneNumber): null

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