

The following information was found at:

http://www2.ncsu.edu:80/cc/edu/internet_trng/email_topics.html

Mail aliasing

At NC State we have implemented a mail aliasing system for faculty, staff, and graduate students. A mail alias is basically a "fake" e-mail address that points to a database of e-mail information rather than to a physical machine. Mail aliasing permits us to have an e-mail address in the form:

firstname_lastname@ncsu.edu e.g., joe_smith@ncsu.edu

Notice that no specific node is mentioned. Mail sent to this address is forwarded to your preferred e-mail address. One advantage of aliasing is that if the machine or node of your e-mail account changes, your e-mail address (the alias) stays the same. You simply notify the mail server of your physical e-mail address change. However, to the person sending you mail, there is no change in your address. Generally, your e-mail alias is easier to remember for both you and your colleagues.

If you are interested in having a mail alias, contact the network administrator in your department. They should be familiar with the procedures for setting up aliases. If you have no network administrator to contact or aren't sure who to contact, you can request one by sending mail to mailreg@ncsu.edu. In the message, ask that an alias be set up for you and provide information on

- the alias you would like
- the e-mail address where the alias will point
- your full name

Questions should be directed to a consultant at the Computing Center (515-3035, help@ncsu.edu).
