

X-400 FUNCTIONALITY WITHIN ICONDESK

It is possible in ICONDESK to both create and modify an X-400 address. You can also exchange e-mail with those who are on the Internet.

In addition, there is a function which allows you to create an alias with an address appearing in an incoming e-mail message. This is particularly useful for creating an Alias for a client or colleague on the Internet.

To Exchange E-mail with the Internet

SIGNET's link to the Government Message Handling System (which, in turn, is indirectly connected to the Internet), gives us the capability of corresponding with other people connected to the Internet.

However, there are some shortcomings which you should be aware of:

1. **No Privacy:**

You should have no expectation of privacy and, therefore, should NOT conduct business that is in any way sensitive. In other words, send only unclassified information to the Internet.

Also keep in mind that your correspondence can be further circulated by one of the intermediaries (or the recipient) in its original OR an altered form - there is no way of knowing if someone changed your message along the way.

2. **No Guarantees:**

There is no guarantee when and if your message will get through, although there is usually a notice of non-delivery if there has been a problem.

You cannot be certain that a message comes from the stated originator.

3. **No Forwarding/No Attachments:**

What you see in the message is what you get-simple ASCII text. (French and international characters are not supported.) Unless you have special software for the purpose, neither you nor the people you correspond with should use message forwarding or attachment.

4. **No Directory:**

There is no simple, centralised listing of Internet Addresses.

5. **No Control:**

Once your address is out there, there is no easy way to limit the volume of e-mail you receive.