

# **ITS Technical Notes**

## **Windows Enterprise Announcement**

### **Oct 26, 2005 – WINS Servers Upgraded**

The WINS servers have been upgraded to Windows Server 2003 on new hardware.

WINS-1 was upgraded Tuesday, Oct 25. WINS-2 was upgraded Wednesday, Oct 26. Both upgrades happened approximately 5:30-6:00 AM.

IT Services maintains the campus WINS service on two Windows servers (wins-1.iastate.edu and wins-2.iastate.edu). The WINS service is a database of all the computer names used by Microsoft NETBios for resource sharing. Windows computers are registered in the WINS database and look up peer computers using WINS.

Windows clients refresh their registrations with WINS servers automatically. The upgrade should require no action on the part of system administrators. If you suspect any Windows system has a problem with its WINS registration a re-boot should fix the issue.