

Windows Enterprise Announcement

June 5, 2009 – WINDC4 Upgrade/Outage on June 16, 2009

The Windows Enterprise Domain Controller "WINDC4" (windc4.iastate.edu, 129.186.124.249) will be upgraded to new hardware and a new operating system on **June 16, 2009 (Tuesday)**. This upgrade will require an outage of this specific domain controller (but the Windows Enterprise Domain will continue to be available). The outage will begin about 8:00 AM. An exact duration of the outage is not known but it could certainly be 4-6 hours. We will send an update to this post when the upgrade is complete. Also, watch the Critical Event Log at: <http://www.it.iastate.edu/cel/>

Affected Systems

The only systems this outage will affect will be those system that are "hard configured" to point to this specific domain controller for LDAP lookups, etc. This could be Samba, Moodle, or other 3rd party products that cannot automatically fail-over to a list of LDAP servers. Normal Microsoft domain member servers/clients should not be affected.

Future Outages on Remaining Domain Controllers

The remaining Windows Enterprise domain controllers will be upgraded in a similar fashion over the coming weeks. However, it is anticipated that as the old hardware is replaced on each DC the outage will be shorter for the final upgrades. For a current status of the upgrade rollout and scheduled dates for upgrades/outages of WINDC1, WINDC2, and WINDC3 see:

<http://www.tech.ait.iastate.edu/win2000/admin/rollout.status.2009.pdf>

Questions

Report any problems/concerns to the Windows Enterprise Admins at its-ad-admins@iastate.edu. Discussion of issues is always encouraged in the WinAdmin and CCSG support lists so other IT admins can be made aware of them and possibly assist in solving any problems.