

Windows Enterprise Announcement

June 17, 2009 – WINDC3 Upgrade/Outage on June 25, 2009

The Windows Enterprise Domain Controller "WINDC3" (windc3.iastate.edu, 129.186.78.28) will be upgraded to new hardware and a new operating system on June 25, 2009 (Thursday). This upgrade will require an outage of only this specific domain controller. 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 full function may not be restored for 4-6 hours. We will send an update to this post when the upgrade is complete. Also, watch the ITS Critical Event Log at:
<http://www.it.iastate.edu/cel/>

Impact on Systems

The only systems this outage will affect will be those systems 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 will 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 and WINDC2 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.