

Windows Administrators Meeting

December 8, 2006

Notes (taken by Steve Kunz)

Meeting Started (9:00)

Announcements

- Internet Explorer 7.0 will be approved for installation on the Enterprise WSUS server (sus.iastate.edu) on December 19, 2006. See: <http://tech.ait.iastate.edu/win2000/admin/Announce.11.03.06.pdf>
- Eudora Pro 7.1 was moved to the “Current” Scout-kit list December 6, 2006. It is also available on www.sitelicensed.iastate.edu.
- McAfee VirusScan Enterprise 8.5i has been released. This version is available now on www.sitelicensed.iastate.edu in the “Windows/McAfee VirusScan Enterprise” area. This version will be released as an “Advanced” Scout-Kit very soon.

Windows Vista Deployment (Troy Sharpe – Microsoft)

Our Microsoft representatives were present for a considerable amount of valuable information on Windows Vista deployment at this meeting. Deb Best (Education Account Manager) and Troy Sharpe (Account Technology Specialist) gave presentations and answered questions.

Troy Sharpe supplied the complete Microsoft PowerPoint presentation for us to include as the meeting notes. These are available here:

<http://tech.ait.iastate.edu/win2000/admin/VistaDeploymentOverview.zip>

Useful links (from Troy Sharpe):

Michael Greene's blog:

<http://blogs.technet.com/migreene/>

Windows Automated Installation Kit (AIK):

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=c7d4bc6d-15f3-4284-9123-679830d629f2&DisplayLang=en>

Business Desktop Deployment 2007 (BDD):

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/desktopdeployment/bdd/2007/default.mspx>

Open Discussion

Many questions were asked of Troy Sharpe relating to Windows Vista volume activation.

Question: Can malware affect Vista activations?

Answer: Probably not – it mainly keys off the hard drive ID, the video card ID, and the processor ID.

Question: If you buy a system with an OEM version of Windows on it, can you install a volume-license copy of the OS and use the OEM key?

Answer: No – the OEM and Volume License keys are different and not interchangeable.

Question: What if a KMS-registered system leaves for an extended period of time before converting to MAK licensing? Can the conversion to MAK licensing be done over the phone from a distance?

Answer: Yes

Question: Can you install Vista on a system without a DVD drive?

Answer: Yes – a five-CD install set is available from the Microsoft Volume License Site

Question: Is there an “adminpak” available for Windows Vista (for “Active Directory Users and Computers”, etc).

Answer: No – not until the release of Longhorn

Meeting Adjourned (11:00)

Next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2007