

Windows Administrators Meeting

March 14, 2003

Minutes (taken by Vince Oliver and Steve Kunz)

Meeting Started (9:05)

Announcements

- Several new Windows ScoutKits have released since the last meeting. These kits were available on the “Advanced” ScoutKit list for several weeks and have moved into the “Current” list. Eudora Pro 5.2 and Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.1 are the most recent. Netscape Communicator 7.01 has NOT been released (since version 7.02 is now the latest version and the kit needs updating again).
- VirusScan 7.0 Enterprise Edition is available for testing (at [ftp.sitelicensed/vse700](ftp:sitelicensed/vse700)). Refer to the email sent out by Jeff Balvanz to the WinAdmin mailing list with the subject “Full Virus Scay Enterprise 7 files available ...” for more details. This single product will replace the old VirusScan and NetShield (the current server product). A ScoutKit will be released for the client systems, and server admins will have to pick up the “raw installer” from [ftp.sitelicensed.iastate.edu](ftp:sitelicensed.iastate.edu) and manually configure. ePolicy Orchestrator is an option with this product (along with better auto-upgrade/auto-update options). ADP has had good experience with preliminary testing of this product.

Active Directory Attributes (Kunz)

Kunz is working on a new document for the web pages that outlines where someone should go to change the “master data” for Active Directory information (proper name, and college/dept data). In general this involves the “Human Resources” and “Payroll” offices (for faculty/staff) or the Registrar Office (for students). Rather than go into details in these minutes, it is most appropriate to wait for the completed document to be finished. An email announcement will be posted to the WinAdmin mailing list with a link to the document at that time.

Lab Profiles (Kunz)

Kunz talked about a new “GINA” (Window login process replacement) he is working on that was developed at Boston University. This GINA was developed to provide a way to Windows 2000/XP systems to force a mandatory profile for lab systems at login time. A registry setting on the local system can be used to force a profile based on a string. Examples would be:

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ADProfile=\\server\share\mandatory.man
ADProfile=\\server\share\%USERNAME%
ADProfile= c:\localprofile
ADProfile="" (meaning “normal location”)
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Additional registry values can be added to hide the domain choice (and force “IASTATE”) and lock out the “Shutdown” button from the initial login screen. Kunz would be happy to distribute a test version of the product to anybody willing to test it in for their lab environment. Send email to skunz@iastate.edu if you want to work on this.

Open Discussion

Russ Hoffman (STAT) was having problems with a Netware to Windows 2000 conversion. After uninstalling Netware he was having a “GINA” error that caused the machine to fail to boot. Russ asked for any assistance at the meeting. [Russ later solved his problem and sent email with the following: “For those who were at the [WinAdmin] meeting this morning, thanks for your suggestions on what to do about the Ghost GINA problem I was dealing with. As it turns out, I apparently had made the original image from a machine that had Ghost installed on it. Therefore, all I needed to do was to remove Ghost, reboot, and was then able to remove the NetWare client without any problems.” -- SLK]

Dave Orman (CNDE) asked when he could bring up a new departmental Exchange 2000 server. ADP announced they felt the Exchange 2000 organization was stable enough now to do that. Dave will work with Kevin DeRoos (ADP).

Meeting Adjourned (about 10:00)

Next meeting is April 11.