ITS Technical Notes

Windows Enterprise Announcement

February 9, 2007 – Are you ready for the 2007 Daylight Saving Time Switch?

The dates that Daylight Saving Time takes effect have changed in 2007. This means changes need to be done on many systems and devices – including Windows servers and client systems.

Microsoft has extensive information on the changes needed. Deb Best (Microsoft) sent out the following email on February 2:
http://tech.ait.iastate.edu/win2000/admin/MS-DST-2007.2.2.pdf

See Microsoft's DST page for the latest information here:
http://www.microsoft.com/windows/timezone/dst2007.mspx

All Windows systems will NOT be automatically patched. If you support 1) systems which do not install updates automatically via WSUS or Windows Update 2) an Exchange server, 3) Windows 2000, 4) Windows NT, 5) Windows XP with no service packs or only SP1 you should definitely be reading Microsoft's latest information on what you should do.

Important Issues for Enterprise WSUS Server Clients

The "DST patch" (KB928388 for Windows XP SP2 and Server 2003) has been approved on the Enterprise WSUS server since December according to our advertised "client-side target groups" rules (see http://tech.ait.iastate.edu/win2000/admin/WSUSTips.pdf). If you have selected the WSUS "client-side targeting" group of "SC" this currently has important implications. Microsoft says:

"While this update is currently being offered as optional, once the Outlook and the Exchange Time Zone Update tools are completed, Microsoft expects to change the classification of 928338 to high priority or critical."

CURRENTLY 928388 is classified as "Updates" (and not "Critical" or "Security"). This means 928388 will not automatically install on systems with client-side targeting set to "SC" (which means only install "Security" and "Critical" updates). However, if/when Microsoft changes the classification as they indicate above, then the "SC" group will install the update. If you point to the Enterprise WSUS server and not elected to use "client-side targeting" (or chosen the "All" group) then 928388 is already installed on those systems.