ITS Technical Notes

Windows Enterprise Announcement

March 23, 2006 – Please Upgrade Windows OpenAFS Clients

Problems with older Windows OpenAFS clients are causing AFS (network file system) service outages. These outages affect other critical services (such as WebMail).

ITS is asking that you examine the version of "OpenAFS for Windows" on your systems. If you are not running the current version (1.4.0008) we ask that you upgrade as soon as you can. OpenAFS for Windows version 1.4.0008 is available via Scout (in the "Current" ScoutKit list). It is also available from OpenAFS itself at http://www.openafs.org/release/openafs-1.4.0.html

Contact the Solution Center (294-4000) if you have any questions or need any assistance with this upgrade.

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We understand that in many labs, upgrading during the semester is very difficult, if not impossible. If you are running 1.3.8000 or later versions of OpenAFS for Windows, that is the point in time that the fixes necessary for uniquely identifying the client went into the source tree.

There are a large number of client side fixes since the 1.3.8000 release, and there will be some benefit to upgrading the client from the user point of view if you can, but if you must wait until classes are out of session for this upgrade, it is likely that 1.4.1 will be released and tested in plenty of time for summer deployment.