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Windows Enterprise Announcement

October 24, 2006 – IE 7.0 and Enterprise WSUS Server – Request for Feedback

Microsoft has chosen to release Internet Explorer 7.0 in a manner that prevents it from being blocked after approval for installation on our Enterprise WSUS server. This is unfortunate, because it means that a date suitable for all the over 7,000 systems pointing to the Enterprise WSUS server (sus.iastate.edu) must now be agreed upon.

I raised this issue at the CCSG meeting October 24 and asked if anyone had any critical applications that would NOT work with IE 7.0. None were brought up in the meeting - but it is understandable that not all testing has been completed yet. We also understand the need for documentation and help-desk/course-work training adjustments.

ITS is soliciting feedback on an agreeable date to approve IE 7.0 on the Enterprise WSUS server. The IE 7.0 software will appear (we are currently told) as an "Update Rollup". This means IE 7.0 will be approved for all WSUS groups (including the "SC" group which includes "Update Rollups"). You will not be able to block an installation of IE 7.0 on a system pointed to the Enterprise WSUS server after it is approved.

This product will probably not appear on our WSUS server until after November 1 - but that date is quickly approaching. Since this product will be installed on many other systems on campus not using our WSUS server (most notably student systems) our control is limited. Delaying the release for too many weeks is ill advised (Fall semester ends Dec 15, which would be a delay of up to 6.5 weeks).

Departmental IT admins are encouraged to test critical software with IE 7.0 as soon as possible and provide their input. The question for you is:

"What is the earliest date you would like to see Enterprise WSUS approval on?"

Send feedback email to "skunz@iastate.edu". Providing a justification will aid our decision process. We will NOT approve the IE 7.0 software on our WSUS server without a date being decided upon and announced in advance.

Useful links

General information (and a download link) from Microsoft on IE 7.0 is available at:
<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/ie/default.mspx>

[All of the following links available off the previous one]

General notes about automatic update release:
<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/ie/ie7/automaticupdates/default.mspx>

Automatic Updates Delivery Process (including Nov 1 deadline recommendations):

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<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/updatesmanagement/windowsupdate/ie7announcement.msp>

Toolkit to Disable Automatic Delivery of Internet Explorer 7.0:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=4516A6F7-5D44-482B-9DBD-869B4A90159C&displaylang=en>