Windows Administrators Meeting
May 14, 2010
Notes (taken by Steve Kunz)

Meeting Started (9:00)

Announcements

- WebMail shutdown (May 13). Webmail users are now directed to mail migration pages. The ITS POP-3 server infrastructure will be around until September 2010 for staff off-campus long-term for some reason.
- Scout Server Shutdown (June 1). See:
  http://tech.its.iastate.edu/windows/admin/Announce.2009.10.27.pdf
- KMS for Office 2010 (April 29). The Windows KMS registration servers now supports Office 2010 registrations.
- Anti-Virus Review. The McAfee site-license contract is up this summer and ITS is researching whether or not McAfee products are still the best fit and value for ISU. There will be a wider campaign for input but for now if you have comments you should provide feedback to Mike Lohrbach [ITSYS] (mlbach@iastate.edu).

Security Drilldown - OU and System Management Best Practices [Steve Kunz - ITSYS]

Steve Kunz [ITSYS] gave a long presentation on OU and system management "best practices" in the modern world of "mebroot" rootkits, keyloggers, and "torpig" password-gathering infections. The PowerPoint presentation has been edited into an updated version of the security TechNote available here:

http://tech.its.iastate.edu/windows/admin/OUManagerSecurity.pdf

Third Party Software Updates

Shane Palmer [ITCSV] had passed around within ITS information on a Mozilla web site that checks popular web-browser plugins for current versions. The link is:
www.mozilla.com/plugincheck
Current the browsers supported are:
- Apple Safari
- Google Chrome
- Mozilla Firefox
- Opera
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 7+ (limited)

Refer to the first announcement in last month's meeting notes regarding "Secunia", another good product which checks many third-party products.
http://www.tech.its.iastate.edu/windows/admin/WinAdmin.2010.04.09.pdf

Open Discussion

Most of the open discussion time was used during the Security Drilldown presentation. A question was asked about why a group of systems pointed to the ITS WSUS server are not receiving XP SP3. Kunz referred the user to Beata Pruski [ITSYS] for further research on the problem.

Meeting Adjourned (10:00)

Next meeting is scheduled for June 11 (provided a sufficient agenda exists).