

## **Windows Administrators Meeting**

July 9, 2004

Notes (taken by Steve Kunz)

### **Meeting Started (9:05)**

#### **Announcements**

- On Tuesday, July 13 AIT will be upgrading the VPN service to use digital certificates. VPN client software will not have to be reinstalled on Windows systems. However, a new configuration will have to be done (to use certificates) and each user will have to download and install a digital certificate on each system that uses VPN. The Scout "Advanced Scout-kit" installer for the VPN client will be configured to automatically perform update the configuration file (leaving the existing software installation) but the user will still have to download and install the certificate based on instructions provided.
- Beginning Tuesday, July 13th, the campus mail servers will implement "grey-listing" to any email directed to "@iastate.edu" from off-campus. This solution will not affect emails sent from within campus. on the inbound email servers. This technique has been found successful in diminishing the amount of spam that makes it into an organization. This was discussed in a recent CCSG meeting and email was sent July 2 to all the major OS support mailing lists (subject "Greylisting Email Going to @iastate.edu").

#### **Status Reports**

- The Windows Domain Controller upgrade is on track to being completed by mid-July. WINDC2, WINDC3, and WINDC4 have been upgraded. WINDC1 will be done within the next week or two.
- The "Fall Computer Inspection" project is moving toward completion. The "Inspector.exe" package is in "Release Candidate 1" status in internal testing, and final work is being done on web-pages used by the product for reporting problems and offering remediation solutions. The project will be done by the end of the month. It is hope wider testing (to CCSG and WinAdmin members) can start soon.

#### **VirusScan Enterprise 8.0i**

As mentioned at last month's meeting, NAI is public-beta-testing the next version of their antivirus product, VirusScan Enterprise Edition 8.0i. Departmental IT admins are encouraged to download the beta from NAI (<http://www.nai.com/us/downloads/beta/mcafeebetahome.htm>) and try it. This version has a considerable number of new features and options. It will be much more

complicated for users to configure. AIT would like your input on how this package should be configured once it becomes our production version in the near future (August?). A list of all configuration options and a chance to provide input into the default configuration is available by sending email to [antivirus@iastate.edu](mailto:antivirus@iastate.edu) . AIT is willing to host a group discussion on this product in the future if there is interest.

## **Open Discussion**

Jim Wellman (AE EM) asked about “Acropolis List Synchronization” into Active Directory as security groups. Kunz commented that this is still an active project within AIT. Jim commented that he remembered something being said in a CCSG meeting that this project was “not needed”. Kunz indicated he had not heard that, and that the project still has a fairly high priority. Perhaps the CCSG comment related to WHAT lists were pushed down from Acropolis (class/dept/college lists will be pushed down, not private lists).

## **TechEd 2004 Highlights**

Kunz talked about highlights from a recent TechEd conference he attended. Major highlights involved “Windows XP SP2”, Windows security in general, and a few new products (“Security Configuration Wizard”, “Server Performance Advisor”, “Microsoft Identity Integration Server”). Other numerous items were also touched upon.

Rather than rewrite the information prepared for both the last CSSG meeting (on “Windows XP SP2”) and this meeting, the following links are to the notes prepared for the meetings. When a URL is available relating to more information on the product (as promised in the WinAdmin meeting) I have included it in the notes.

Windows XP SP2:

<http://tech.ait.iastate.edu/win2000/admin/WinAdmin.7.9.04.xpsp2.pdf>

TechEd HighLights:

<http://tech.ait.iastate.edu/win2000/admin/WinAdmin.7.9.04.teched.pdf>

## **Meeting Adjourned (about 10:10)**

Next meeting is scheduled Aug 13.