

Agenda/Minutes 8/27/10

Friday, August 27, 2010
8:42 PM

Attending: Dan Green, Josh Gira, Billy Beaudion, Alan Gerber, Wes Thibodeux, Dan Evans, Tom Farwig
Guests: Jamie Gardner

1. Brief Update from Technical Comm [Billy B]

Default Domain Policy -- gone live; IE issues -- need to look at turning some of those back off. Or perhaps we need to by default add some Portal / NCSU websites as trusted. Josh has additional IE settings that he'd like to have discussed. "Do we break everyone and expect the individual OU admins to fix?" What are the settings that we think the majority of OU Admins will need?

- Go fix the NCSU-XP/7/Vista policies to include Portal (probably *.acs.ncsu.edu and others -- Josh has suggested list). Do by end of week of the Aug 30th. Before implementing, email proposed changes to AD list and see if others have suggestions to add.

Still need to do 2008 / 2008 R2 policies.

Account Provisioning Code -- now using Unity code; currently slightly broken. Debbie et al working on it.
Paswd Change page -- still needs to be updated to use multiple DCs (failover)

AD Policy Central Store implemented. (ADMX)

2. Membership Changes [Dan G.]

What are the rules for changing members? Over time? Due to not contributing? Etc.
We need rules on "proxy" / substitutions? How many can you miss?

Should CALS have a rep? Why them, not others? Do we need another college rep? They all have the option to come to the meetings.

- Bring to AITD to discuss the options (also ask them for what they think about voting off as its their reps)

Other issues:

Communications? Give updates to AITD (get on the 5min "here's what's happening" schedule for each)

More email reminders re: meeting dates?

If for no other reason than to make sure the folks with funding are aware of the needs.

3. Home Directory [Dan E.]

Plan has been shared. No one has provided additional apps to test (Billy suggests that his "blind test" users will handle these).

Timeline? Month or two of testing.

Space is there. Need to create directories. We'll then need to set the flag on their userids.

- Committee says "Start the test" -- just tell us when our testers are live and make sure we have access to that space for support purposes.
- Send out list of final testers list to both -policy and -domadmin lists so we're all aware of the guinea pigs and can assist if needed.

Still ongoing discussion as to who would have access to filespace (think ITers that might need access to their endusers space).

Recent FileSpace meetings -- still 1GB quotas standard; hope to go live w/ students in January.

Linux admins starting to ask about using this space and having the EOS trust w/ WolfTech AD re-setup. We're not sure of what the current status of testing is. We're waiting on John Klein / Everette Allen to return with "here's the fixes" checklist before we can go live with the trust again (broke Macs last time we tried).

4. SCCM

Managed Desktop TF recommended licensing and adoption of SCCM (on WolfTech AD).

Governance will fall under existing AD Tech/Policy committees.

Default SCCM policies will need to be discussed and vetted.

Replacing WDS / WSUS infrastructures (or at least supplementing).

Hoit received recommendation.

Licensing still in progress.

1st meeting -- July 30th -- Billy has had initial implementation meeting to discuss broad overview.

2nd meeting -- Sept 1st -- answer OITs additional questions regarding technical needs of the product.

3rd meeting -- Sept 16th -- Hoit presenting recommendations to Campus IT Directors.

Discussion of how to fund it (ongoing funding; initial funding has been set aside) still ongoing. Primary recommendation is to graft a few bucks onto every Combined Purchasing Program computer purchase.

5. Draft of New website [Dan G.]

(Dan previewed new navigation for new website to the committee -- URL withheld until live)

■ Committee request to add:

- Advanced Diagnostics
- Advanced Domain Design / Discussions

6. Force "unlinked GPO report" to OU Admins [Dan G.]

Allow someone to identify the exceptions.

Quarterly report of these exceptions.

We want to force it to be sent once a week. Wednesday AM.

■ APPROVED. Announce and include info about problem below + the fact that we moved the timing of the report.

■ Worried that reports haven't been seen since Postini... need to check that the forced DNS script has been sending out.

7. SLA / Software Task Force updates [Josh/Tom]

■ Committee approves change of -v to -r for packages that require "revisions" of the package. Better term than "version" which can and has been confused with the version of the application packaged.

SLA -- draft ready. Billy wants clarification on "Tier3" -- not the same for all types of problems.

■ Josh asked to send to the Policy committee to review.

8. DLL Vulnerability [Billy B]

Well known issue now. Exploits are live for SMB vector / expected for WebDav vector "soon".

Two major vectors: SMB shares -- which campus port block for SMB sharing helps protect against (we believe).

2nd vector: WebDAV -- uses port 80; XP and up has webdav client by default. Goes right through our firewalls.

MS has released tool that you can download and install (then need to set reg keys) that affects how loading of DLLs from webdav paths works.

Cannot push via WSUS.

Security SubComm has discussed (8/26/10). Have started looking into it in detail and testing.

Billy requests "should SecComm's research into webdav "fix" not raise any redflags, I'd like approval to have the Tech Comm push out the patch across the domain." Would need to be pushed via Group Policy. Specifically to block loading of DLLs from webdav paths only.

It will take YEARS (if at all) for the individual application vendors to fix each application we use, plus us then updating those apps.

However, it should be noted that should a major threat to the domain arise, the DOMAIN ADMINS have the authority and responsibility to protect the domain.

■ Committee asked Billy to email out to the list information about the issue, ramifications, possible fix/patch, and how the DOMADMINS will react to the threat if it becomes a problem.

9. LDAP -- Polycom CMA, CCURE, Voicemail, LOM, ...

PUNTED to next meeting.