The Ultimate OS X Installation Session P202

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Pre-Flight Instructions:

- Please turn off cell phones and pagers
- Please make sure you have an evaluation form - we have things to give away!
- Please try to save questions for the end
- If you're in an exit row, please be sure you can operate the doors

Who We Are

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What are the advantages of pre-built installation?

- Applications pre-installed
- Updates already applied
- Networking configured
- Workflow requirements in place
- Admin users and software uniform
- Speed!

First steps...

- Don't think different, think generic!
- Clean install on the most modern machine
- Create an Administrative account
- Run all available updates
- Repair permissions

Image The Drive

- © Carbon Copy Cloner for OS X 10.3
- Disk Utility under OS X 10.4
- Apple Software Restore (ASR)
- OS X Server utilities for NetBoot and NetInstall

Test, no grades, just Pass or Fail

- Restore your image to a drive
- Boot and check your results...
- Navigate around, run applications, etc.

Get Complicated!

- Install applications
- Install utilities
- © Customize your configuration: set preferences, aliases, printers, etc.
- Re-image
- @ Re-burn
- Re-test

Applications and Considerations

- Volume and Site Licensing to reduce needed customization like entering serial numbers and lengthy installs
 - Adobe (Graphics Suite)
 - Microsoft (Office VLA)
 - QuarkXPress (The horror!)

Where Applications Go...

- The Applications Folder
- The OTHER Applications Folder Hiding in plain sight
- Giving the user more than they need...
- Licensing questions I'm no lawyer, but...

Hmm... What Else Can We Hide?

- System Preferences
- Applications some users don't get to play with...
- The Admin account user directory
- The "Neutered Admin User" credit to Schoun Regan

Can We Hide An Account?

- Long Name
- Short Name
- **OUID**
- **GUID**
- User Directory

Additional Considerations

- Connecting machines
 - FireWire Target Disk Mode
 - FireWire Drives with two ports
 - NetBoot and NetInstall

More Additional Considerations

- Working without a machine
 - Pulling the drive
 - WeibeTech Drive Dock
 - Disk Duplicators

Thank You!

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