M212: Imaging Deployment in the Corporate World

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Our Environment

@~1500 Macs

Multiple cities: New York, Nashville, Miami, Santa Monica, Burbank

NetRestore used for initial imaging

FileWave used for software pushes and pulls

Timbuktu and ARA used for user management/troubleshooting

Image Details

 Contents: Mac OS 10.4.3 w/all updates, Acrobat Reader, Citrix, Cyberduck, DefaultApp, FileWave client, iLife minus GarageBand, Microsoft Office SP 2.1, NetNewsWire Lite, Print Window, Real Player, Stuffit Expander, Timbuktu, Video Lan Client, Windows Media Player

Size: 7GB, Post-NetRestore size: ~3GB

Image Details

Two accounts in the base image: One Admin account for the support team and one test non-Admin account

Additional accounts are created from the user template located in /System/Library/ User\ Template/English.lproj/ which is created from the initial test user account with the dock, browser, etc settings as we want them

Helpful Hint



Problem: You have your browser settings as you like them. You copy the user folder to the English.lproj directory. The download folder remains tied to the previous user.

Solution

Pref Setter (free) http://homepage.mac.com/darkshadow02/

After the user folder copy, open /English.lproj/Library/Preferences/ com.apple.internetconfig.plist Locate the DownloadFolder, cut it, and save the file.

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