MINUTES

WNAG

Wednesday February 20, 2012

Present

Tim Farrell – IST (Acting Chair)
Bernie Rutter –ENV (Minutes)
Nevil Bromley - Arts
Ravindri Kulatunga - IST
Manfred Grisebach - IST
Colin Bell – IST
Allan Fleming - SCI
Steven Nickerson – CSCF

Agenda Items

1) New Server OU
- Manfred – Faculties should start moving servers into the new OU
- Manfred - soon grouping servers by application, sql, etc.
- Manfred - hardening script vs. policies on servers. Script could be available
- Colin – IST looking at an in depth "how do you secure windows" course. Possibly to get Windows admins certified. If interested, let Jason Testart know

2) Sysctrl and CleanC
- Nevil - Scott Patterson was enquiring about Sysctrl and CleanC updates
- Manfred - Mike Cocker will be meeting with ENG staff to discuss updates to these functions

3) Documentation
- Service is now available on WCMS – more to come.

4) Software
- Manfred - IWAG still meeting and discussing this
- Lowell attended last IWAG - he and Pat Lafranier will be working on coordinating this

5) AD Consolidation
- Colin – decommissioning some older Nexus/Apex Domain Controllers
- New DCs will be using IST image and ENG tools
- Will slowly change round robin DNS while finding hard coded hosts

- IST-NS resolved some load balancer issues
- IST preparing a test DC to prove process
- Moving syslog service to IST
- Full plan will be released to WNAG soon
- Colin presented at CTSC - focus on addressing Deloitte audit requirements
- Proposed change procedure has approval from Nexus steering committee. Will be posted on new WNAG doc site in the next couple weeks
- Tim raised a question regarding logging from DC's?
- Colin - QRadar - collects log sources and intelligently analyses them
- Currently using it to find popped accounts - alerts abuse desk
- Cost is based on events per second
- Tim – uses logs to find why users are locked out
- Manfred - SCOM does that too
- Colin – can use SCOM and ENG tool - userapp
- Userapp is used on some student lab computers
- Next move in Nexus migration is to native mode as W2K3 DC's are retired
- Colin - all Nexus DC hardware will be in IST controlled physical space

6) Faculty/IST updates

- Allan – SCI
    - Science computing has hired two new people
    - Science computing getting into more research support
    - Buying a 48TB storage device
    - Scratch system was not working in January
- Stephen - CS
    - Was dealing with beginning of term login issues
- Bernie - ENV
    - Don Duff-McCracken in ENV working on OS X Mountain Lion authentication on Nexus
    - Grad and Undergrad student data (n:\ drive only) move overnight 25th to 26th
- Nevil - Arts
    - Moving artsfaculty into Nexus
    - Renison should be done as of 02/19
    - Only one student data complaint
    - Changing arts profile location in April
    - Looking for a campus standard for student profiles
    - Manfred - Lorne looking for a solution for script that fixes permissions on data folders
    - Bernie - need to have a standard campus model for profile storage
- Tim
    - Dedicating a lot of time to data moves
    - Tim – Resolving issues with Windows 8 connecting to netapp filers
- Colin IST
    - We should soon expect to see students showing up with no Microsoft Windows experience as many gaming platforms move to linux