

MacEnterprise Day 2005 OS X Deployment at Walt Disney Feature Animation



Environment

- 1200-1500 workstations deployed
 - 50% Linux
 - 10% Windows
 - 40% Mac OS X
- NFS servers (automounted)
 - Network home directories on NetApps
 - Other NFS storage (Panasas, Sun T3s, etc)
- OS X Servers
 - AFP, SMB
- LDAP authentication
 - OpenLDAP on Linux



Environment - OS X



Hardware

- G3s to G5s, Laptops and Desktops
- Small purchases throughout the year
- Need to deploy new hardware ASAP
- Used for admin tasks (declining) and production tasks (growing)



Software

- MS Office, Adobe Creative Suite, etc
- Custom in-house apps





Deployment tools



- NetBoot/NetInstall/NetRestore
 - new machines boot from network, use NetRestore to get initial image



- Radmind
 - Used to customize machine for user, keep upto-date



- Feature Animation
 Setup Assistant
 - Custom app to configure initial user settings
 (Dock, Mail.app, Entourage, etc)





Deployment issues

- Pre-existing UNIX home directories
- Enforcing settings for all users of a machine
- Local vs Network home dirs
- Local vs Network users
- NFS automounts

