PSU Blast Image Config 2.0
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What is it?

- Tool for quickly and completely setting up new Macs.

- GUI for the ASR command line tool included with 10.2.2

- made by Justin Elliott of Penn State U.

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Features

- "Wizard"-like interface.

- Lets you set:

  - Open Firmware Password

  - Date & Time

  - Network settings

  - Computer name

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Features

- ASR GUI lets you:

  - select source ASR image and target volume

  - specify other local or network ASR images

  - specify HTTP addresses to ASR images

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Features

- Creates a NetInstall-Restore image to NetBoot and perform automated mass-restores over the network.

- Customizable menu lets you add your own tools (i.e. DiskWarrior).

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Features

- Configure BIC to autorun by editing a text file:

  - configure OFPW, network settings, comp. name

  - skip certain steps

  - always use a certain ASR image

  - specify pre- and post-action scripts

  - etc.

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Time Comparison

Restoring a 1.47 GB compressed ASR image:

Blast Image Config: NetRestore:

FW source to ATA target: 6 mins   FW source to ATA target: 9 mins

FW source to FW target: 10 mins   FW source to FW target: 14 mins

Restoring a 10.1 GB compressed ASR image:

Blast Image Config: NetRestore:

FW source to ATA target: 32 mins   FW source to ATA target: 50 mins

FW source to FW target: 49 mins   FW source to FW target: 72 mins

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Issues

- No "Back" and "Forward" buttons

  - no way to skip or go back steps

- Weird status window

- Needs a GUI for the autorun prefs

- No file-by-file restore

Conclusion

- Very good and useful app

- Good documentation

- Much faster than NetRestore

- Just needs some refinement

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System Requirements

- Mac OS X 10.2.2 or greater

- OFPW-compliant Mac, if desired

- 100 Mb network recommended for network restores.

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Demo...

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