File System Management

Mastering Radmind & RsyncX



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Who are these guys?

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 - RsyncX Developer
 - Steering Member macosxlabs Project

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 - Long time radmind admin
 - Steering Member macosxlabs Project





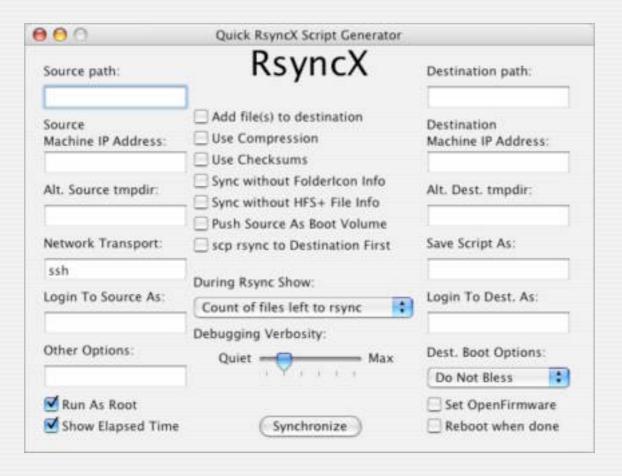


Project

- Document, communicate & collaborate on challenges of deploying Mac OS X in a lab environment.
- Joint effort with Apple, Higher Education, K-12, corporate and anybody interested.
- Webcasts, documentation, discussion forums and much more...

RsyncX

Suite of Tools to Manage Machines



Mastering RsyncX

- RsyncX: Introduction
- Firewire Installations
- Network Installations
- Using the RsyncXCD
- Using the RsyncX Package Tools
- RsyncX: Hot Tips
- Where do I get RsyncX?

RsyncX: Introduction

- RsyncX, rsync, and the RsyncXCD Explained
- Local file rsyncs
- Local Folder rsyncs
- Entire Machine rsyncs
- Examples of each

Firewire Installations

- Create script to send loadset from Firewire drive to volume mounted as /Volumes/ Macintosh HD
- Send your loadset to a Firewire drive as bootable

Firewire Installs cont.

- Disconnect Firewire drive, reconnect to destination machine, boot from FW drive
- Run script you created that's on the Firewire drive to install loadset on destination machine volume named / Volumes/Macintosh HD
- Reboot destination when finished rsyncing you're finished!

Network Installations

- Create loadset
- Push loadset to server
- Go to destination machine
- Boot from non-primary device
- Pull loadset to primary bootable device
- Reboot, and you are done

Using the RsyncXCD

- RsyncXCD can be used as a bootable nonprimary boot device
- Before burning to CD, the RsyncXCD image should contain your scripts for pulling your loadset from the Network Server

Using the Package Tools

- Introduction
- Firewire Installations
- Network Installations
- Using the RsyncXCD
- Using the RsyncX Package Tools

RsyncX: Hot Tips

- Can I push loadsets without storing them on a server? Yes.
- Can I add Apps to the RsyncXCD? Yes.
- Can I control how much bandwidth rsync uses? Yes.
- Can I control in-transit file compression? Yes.

RsyncX: Hot Tips

- Why would I want to use rsync_hfs at www.opendarwin.org?
- Can I use the RsyncX GUI with any version of rsync? Yes.
- Can I use the scripts generated with the RsyncX GUI on another flavor of UNIX? Yes.

Where Do I Get RsyncX?

- macosxlabs.org
- apple.com/downloads
- VersionTracker
- **TUCOWS**
- macupdate.com

Radmind

Mastering Radmind



What I will cover?

- Background
- The Basic Concept
- Why Use It?
- How to deploy it?
- Terms
- Overview of the tools
- Overview of GUI tools

Background

Requirements & Resources



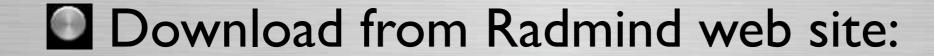
Who's Developing It?

- Developed at University of Michigan
 - Research Systems Unix Group (RSUG)
 - radmind@umich.edu
 - Technical support & feature requests
 - Documentation, sample scripts, etc.
 - Mailing List Archived & Searchable

Thanks for all their work & support



Where to get it?

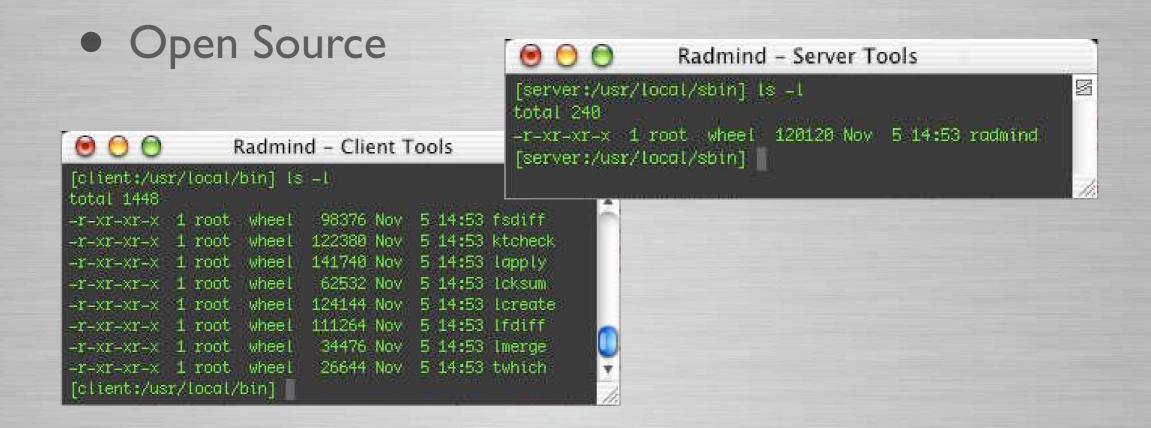


- www.radmind.org
 - Mac OS X Installer
 & Source Code
 - Radmind Assistant (GUI Front-end)
 - iHook
 (A useful tool to use with Radmind)



What is it?

- Radmind is a suite of command line tools
 - Tools for both client & server



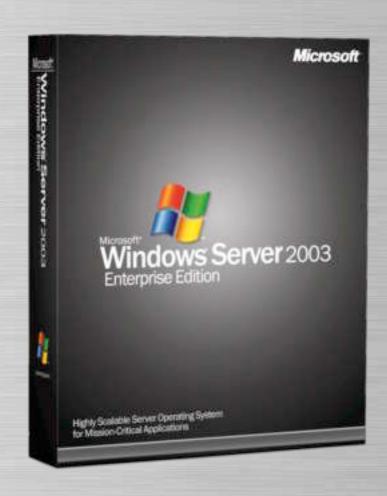
Supported Platforms

- Can be used with any supported Unix
 - Mac OS X
 - FreeBSD
 - Linux
 - OpenBSD
 - Solaris



Other Platforms

- Windows?
 - Currently not supported
 - Ports are in development
 - Server only
 - Unknown timeframe



Mac OS X Requirements

Client

Requires Mac OS X 10.2 or later

Server

- Requires Mac OS X 10.2 or later
 - Mac OS X Server NOT required
 - Server can run on Mac OS X client or any supported platform
 - Older versions can be supported by recompiling source code



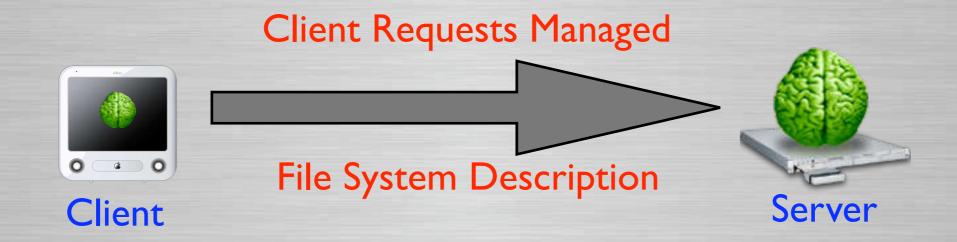
The Basic Concept

The Fundamentals of Radmind



Tripwire

- Radmind can run as a tripwire
 - Detects file system modifications
 - Can reverse modifications
- Radmind can restore to managed state
 - Downloads and/or removes files/folders
 - Sets permissions & attributes











If Yes
What Managed
File System?



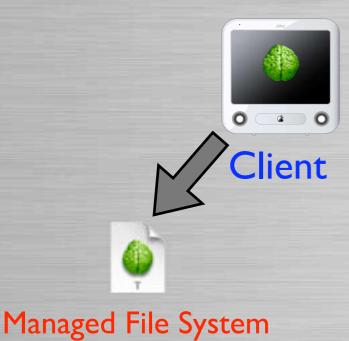


Client stores

Managed

File System

Description



Description





Managed File System

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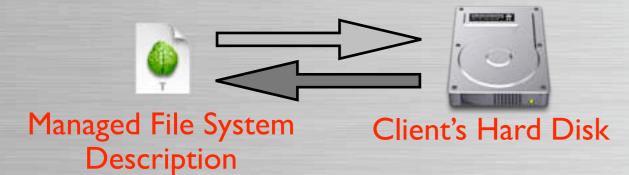


Client's Hard Disk

...compares the Managed File System to Client's hard disk.

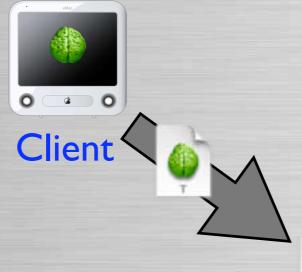


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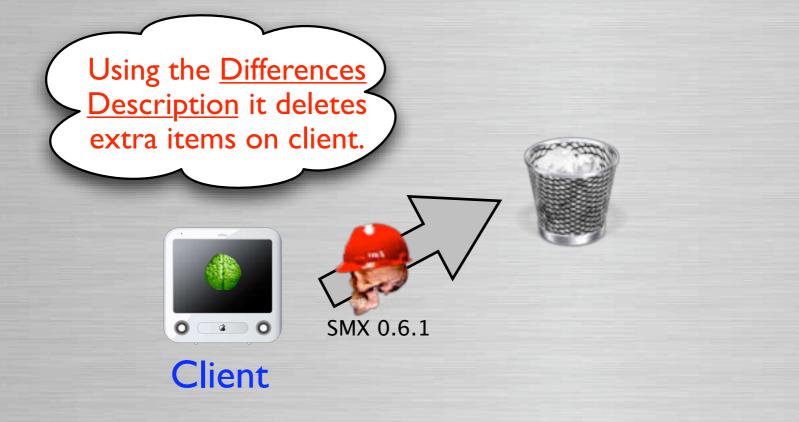


Then, creates a
Differences
Description.





Differences Description







Then, requests missing, updated or modified items.

Client requests missing,



Client



updated or modified items





Process Overview

And adds missing, updated or modified items to client.



Client

Server sends requested



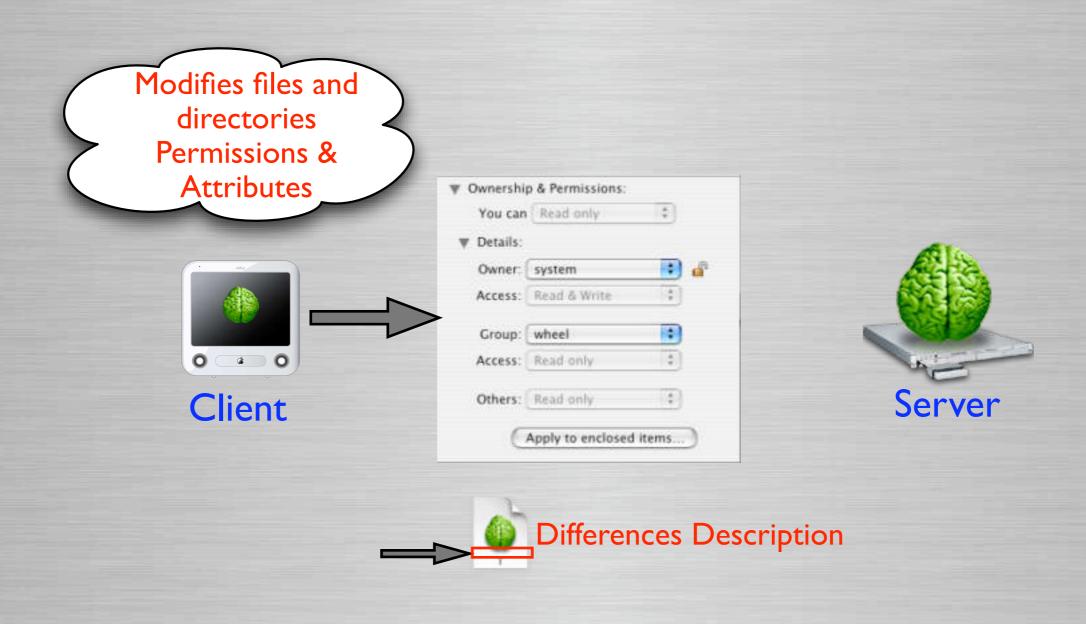
items to client





Differences Description

Process Overview



Process Overview

Done!!!
Client Updated to managed state





Why use it?

The Benefits of Radmind



Network/Server Usage

- Few files are transferred
 - For incremental updates
 - Only needed files are downloaded
- Other Tools
 - Other tools transfer an entire HD image
 - Even if client needs a few updates

Network/Server Usage

Scans files locally

 The client scans the hard disk locally, doesn't talk to server during scan

Other Tools

Other tools do comparison over network

DHCP NOT Required

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- It is flexible, you just need an IP address
- Doesn't matter how it gets assigned

Other Tools

 Some tools require; or are more difficult to setup without DHCP enabled.

Manage by Certificate

- Allows client & server identification & verification via SSL certificate.
- IP is completely irrelevant for client identification.
- Nomadic Machines
 - Laptops used in various locations, like home & work, can be managed.
- IP Dynamic Assignments

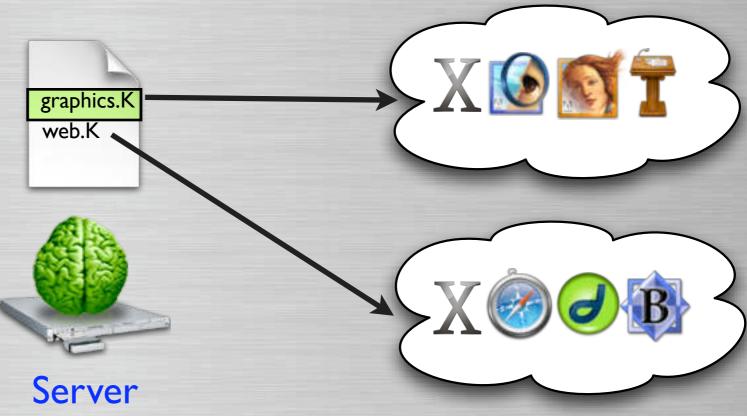
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One file on server to manage file systems of multiple machines.

Easy to switch or modify clients

configurations

Switch one line to distribute graphical apps.



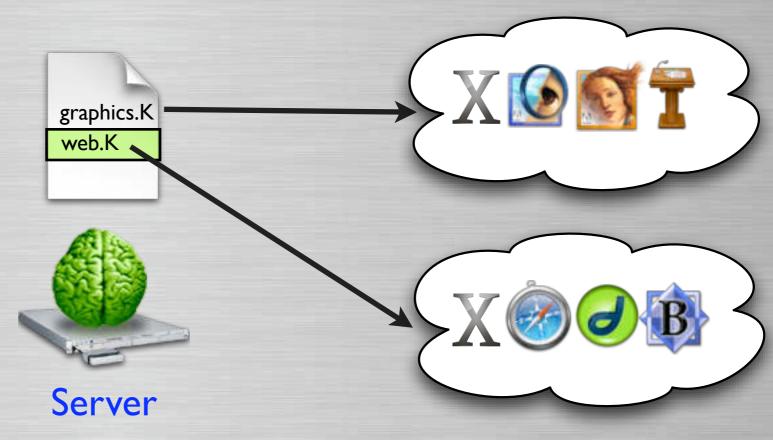
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Software Tracking

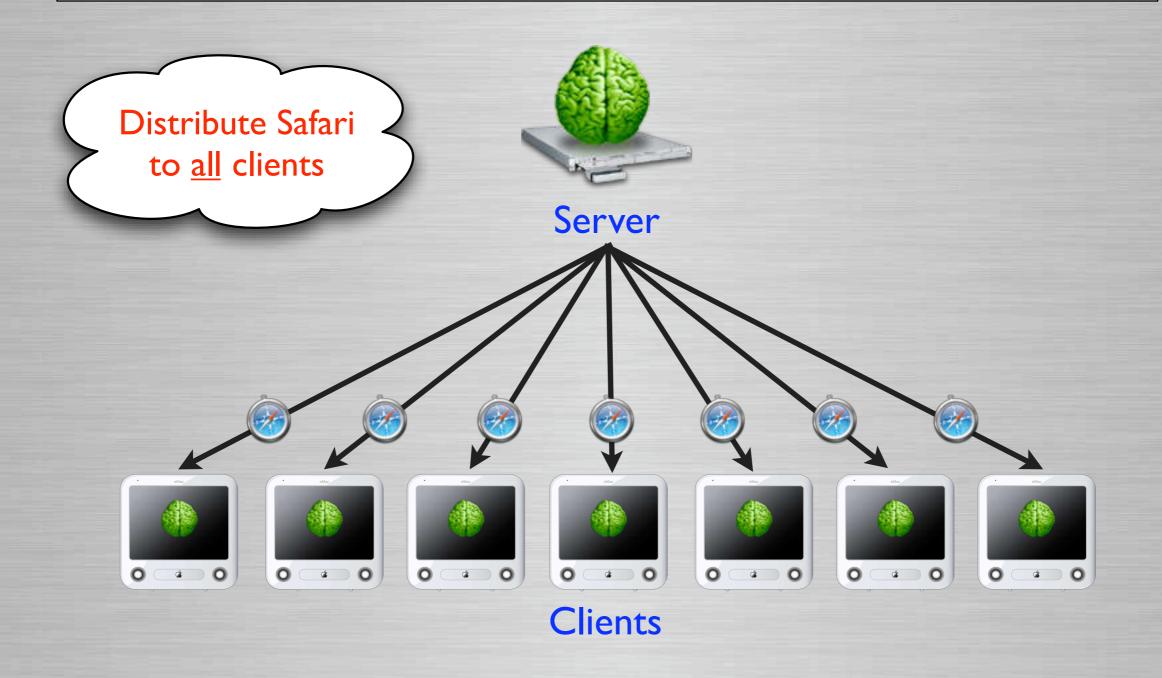
- Tracks software & OS installations
- Unlike other tools, radmind has built-in support for tracking individual software or OS installations.
- And has built-in support for uploading & restoring individual software or OS installations

Software Distribution

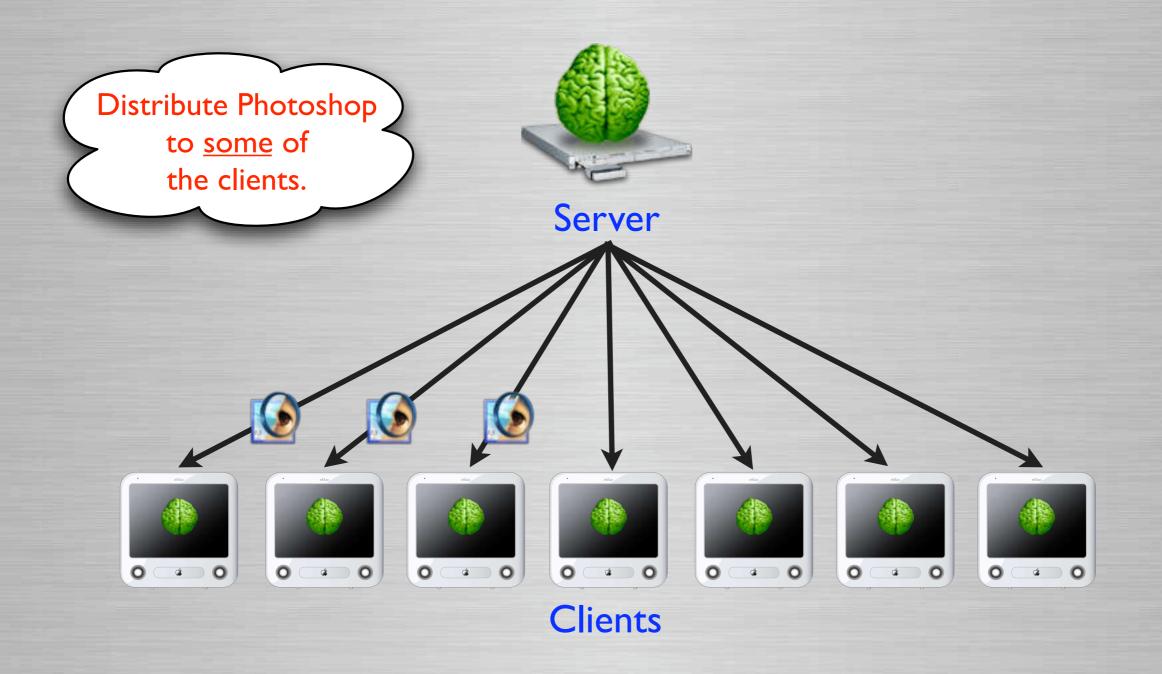
- It allows flexible software/OS distribution
 - Add, remove or upgrade or downgrade
 - OS & Software
 - Individual Clients
 - Sub-set of all Clients
 - Globally



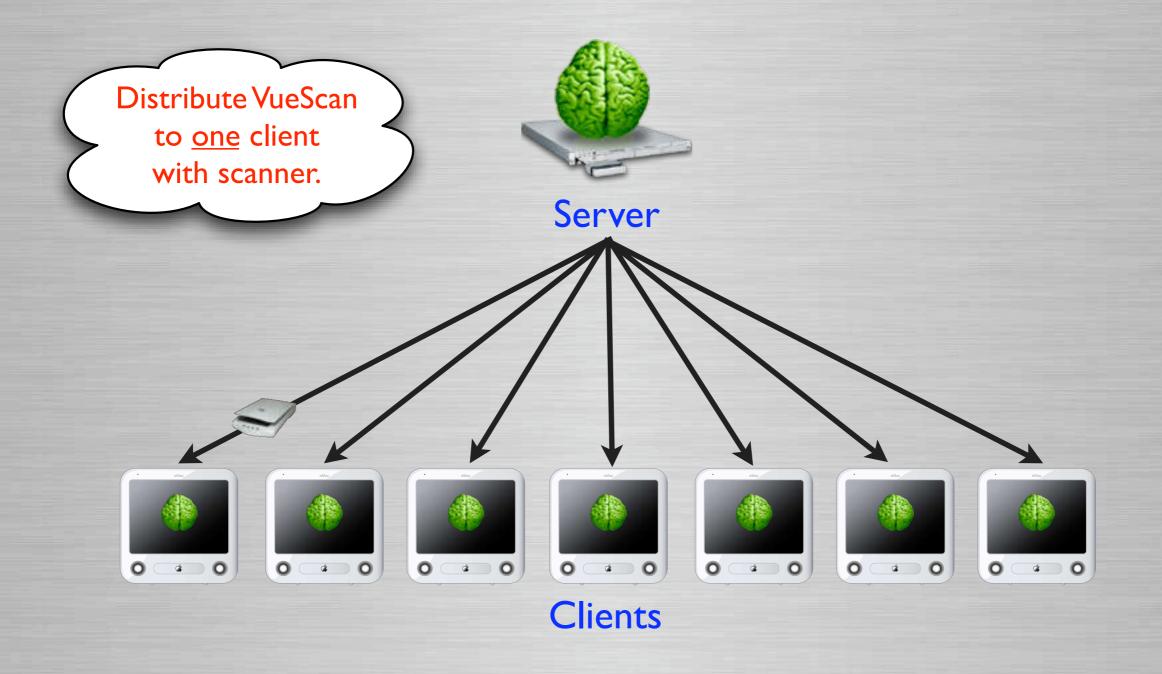
Global Distribution



Sub-Group Distribution



Individual Distribution



Find Crappy Apps

- Find/modify "crappy" apps or installers
 - Install or delete in locations they shouldn't
 - Set permissions incorrectly
 - Requires world rights, etc.
- Examples
 - OmniPage, QuarkXPress, Painter, many others
- See page for details & workarounds
 - www.macos.utah.edu/CrappyApps.html

How to deploy it?

Planning & Preparation



Management Basics

- File System Management Fundamentals
 - Every file & folder can not be managed
 - Some files & folders should not be managed
 - Some files & folders might not be managed based on administration decisions or user impact.

What Parts to Manage?

- What parts of the file system to manage?
 - Depends on the OS and version of OS



Depends on the type of environment



Depends on how you want manage it





OS Defined Management

- Some Areas of OS Shouldn't Be Managed
 - Files/Directories Managed by OS
 - /dev
 - /mach.sym
 - Perpetually modified areas
 - /Library/Caches
 - /System/Library/Extensions.kextcache
 - Logs
 - /private/var/log



Type of environment?

Student Lab



- Try to manage as most of the file system
 - This allows restoring file system due user modifications, hacks, OS and hardware bugs.

Staff & Faculty

- Allow local admin manage?
 - Users Home Folders (i.e. /Users)
 - Users Web Folders (i.e./private/etc/httpd/users)
 - Local Admin needs to be trusted and technical

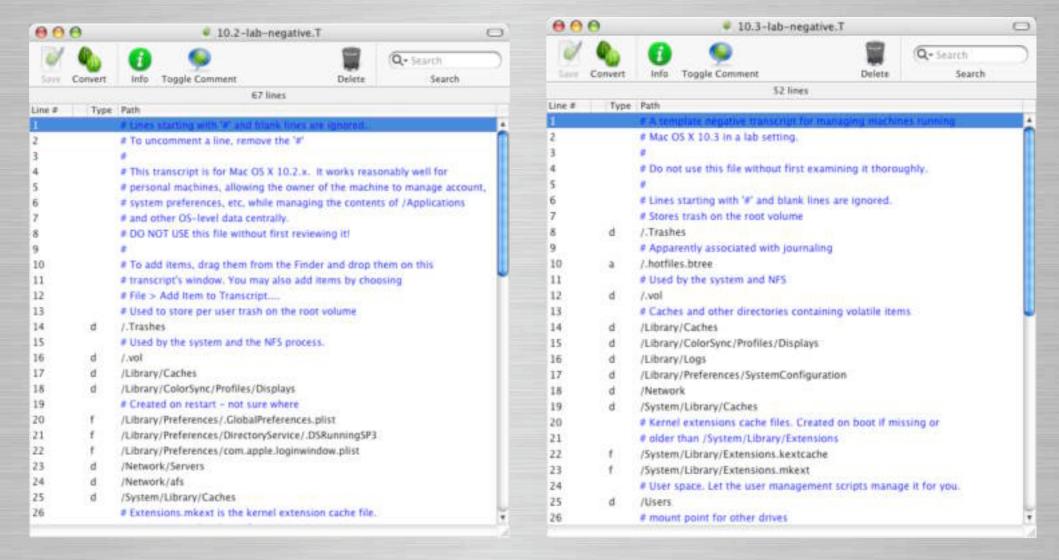
Type of environment?

Example

- My department manages both labs & staff
- We manage both environments in same way
 - Except...
 - We offer more customization on management for Staff
 - Staff usually has an additional volume we don't manage
- Staff we manage aren't technical enough to allow them to locally administrate

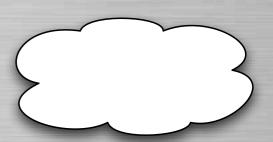
Management Templates

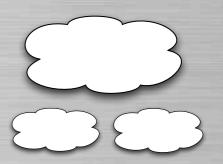
- Radmind comes with templates
 - Mac OS X 10.2 & Mac OS X 10.3



How to setup managed FS?

- Full File System
 - Everything is in base deployment
- Partial File System
 - OS & Global Apps in base deployment
 - Adds more granularity
- Small File System
 - Small base deployment (OS)
 - Individual descriptions for Admin, OS, Software
 - Flexible & powerful, but more complex



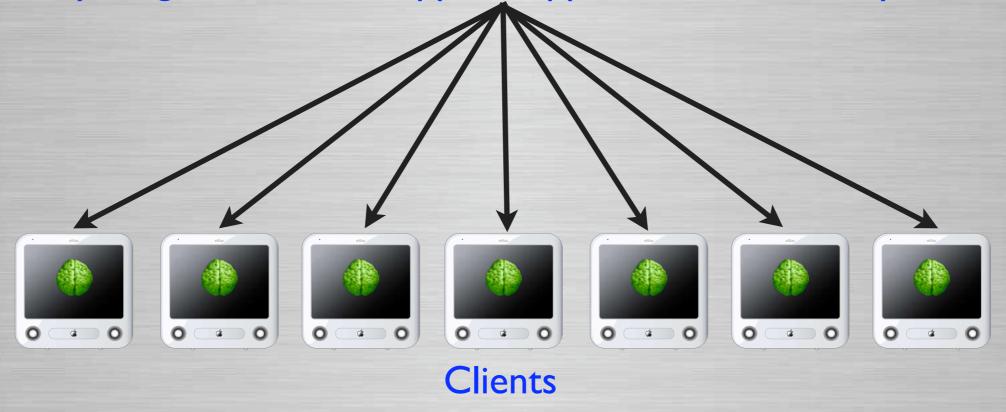


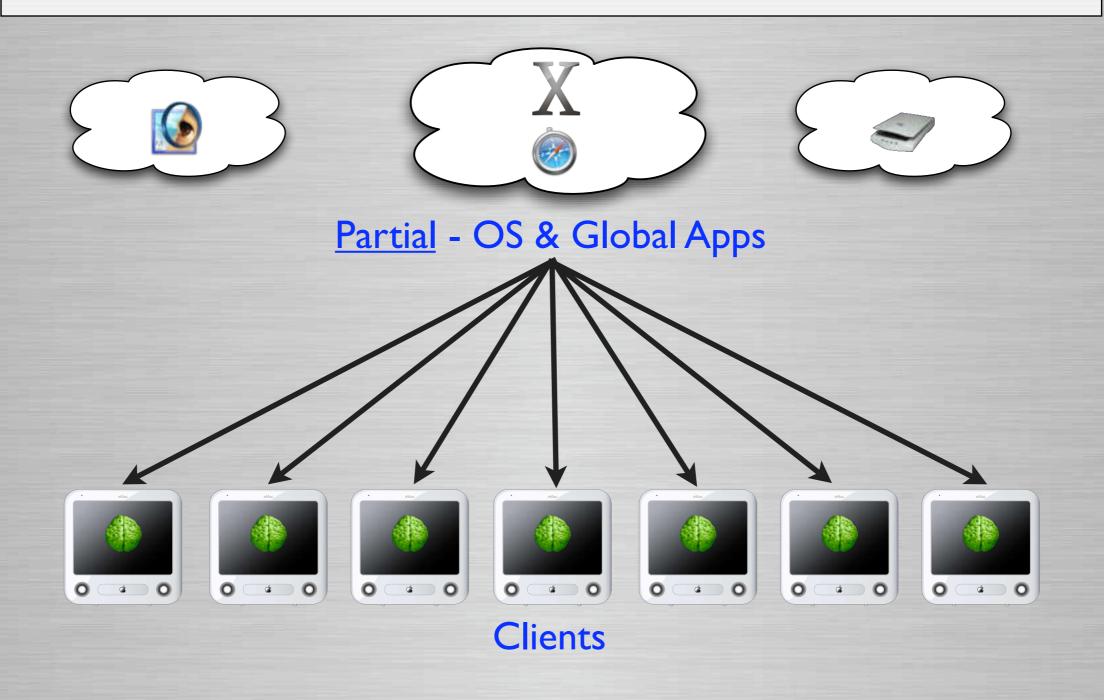


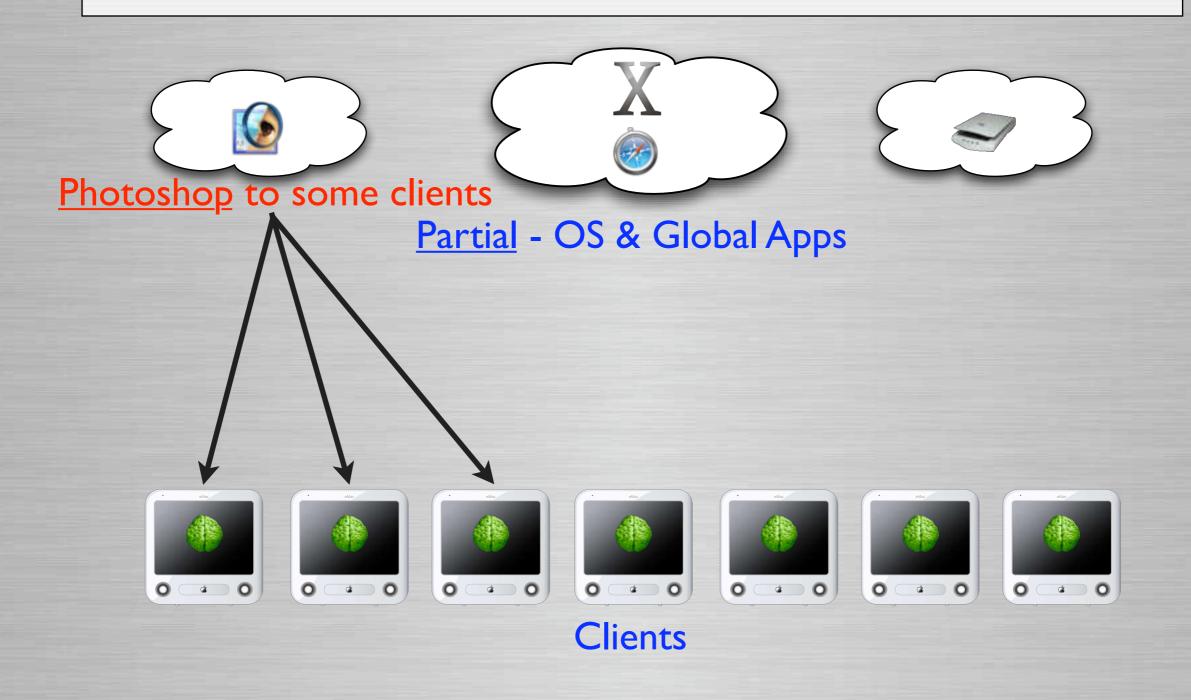
Full File System

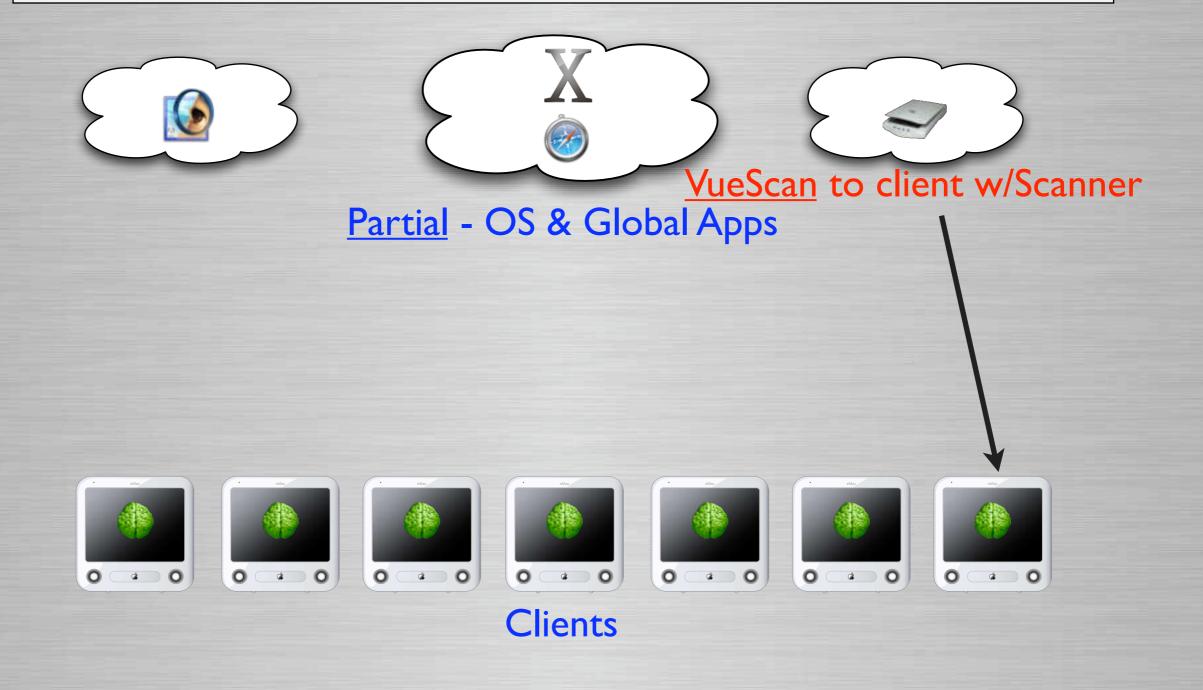


Everything - OS, Global Apps, & Apps not needed everywhere

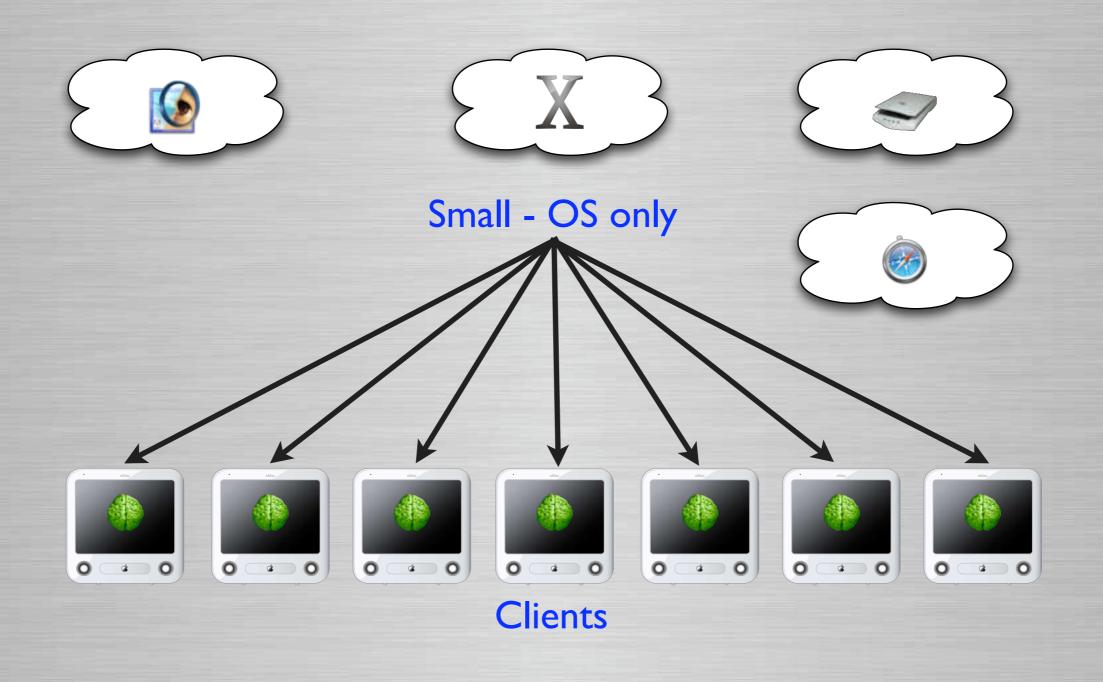




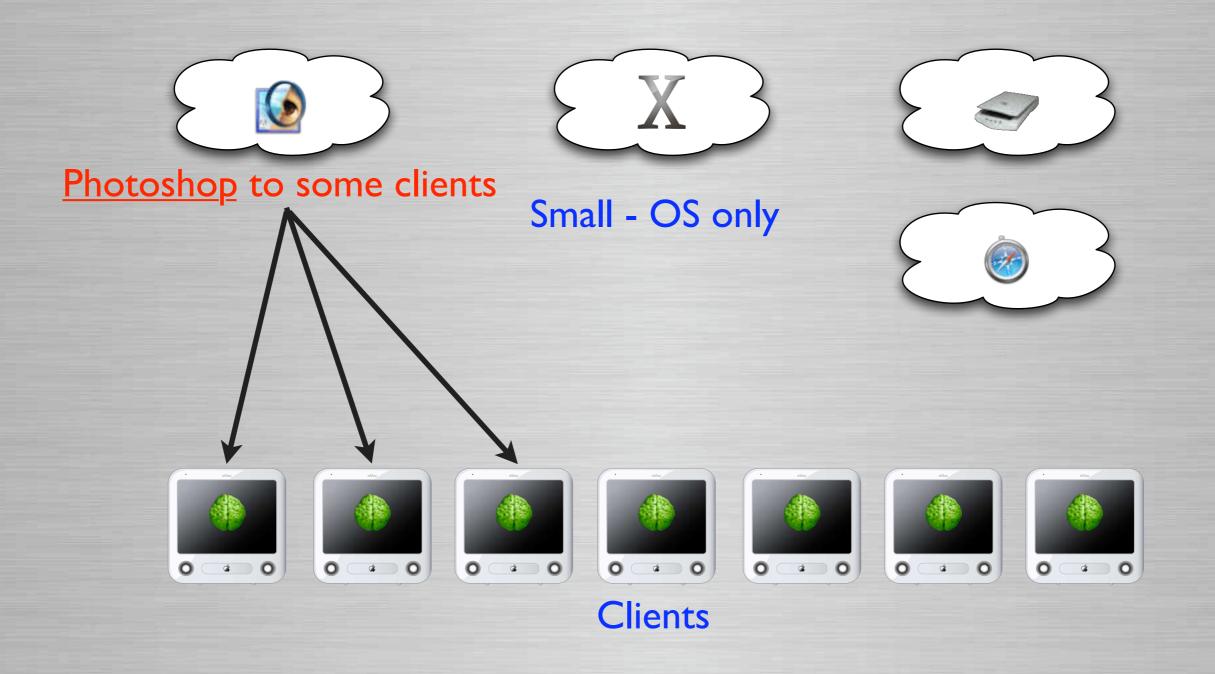


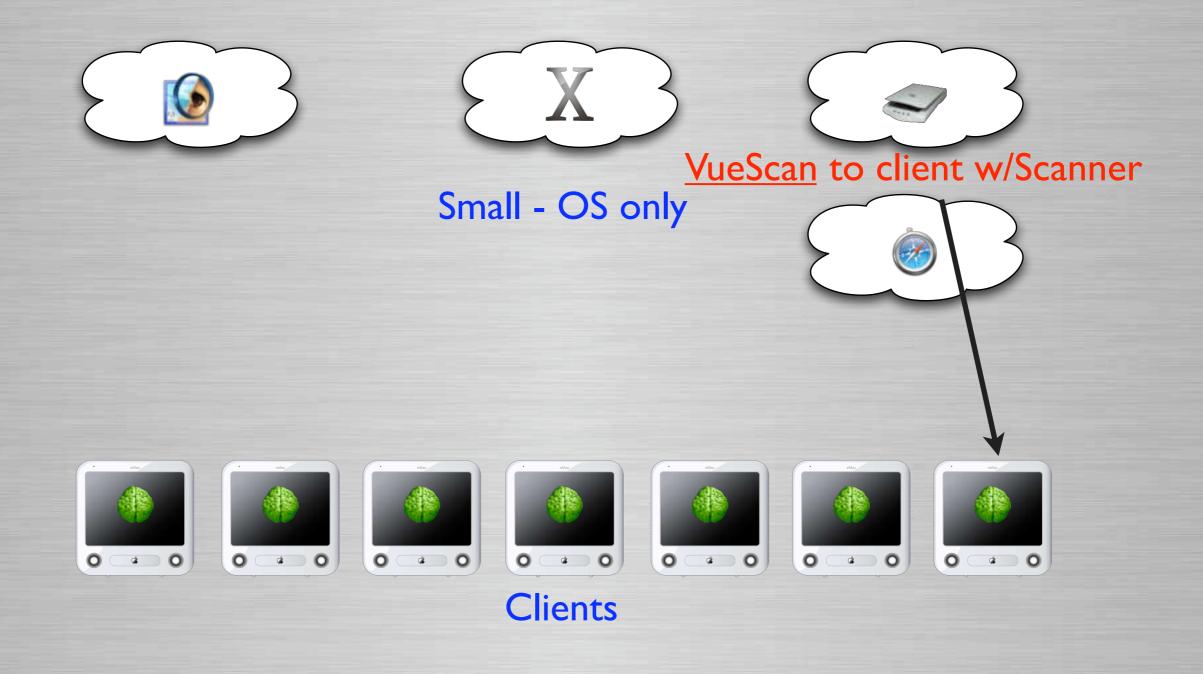


Small File System

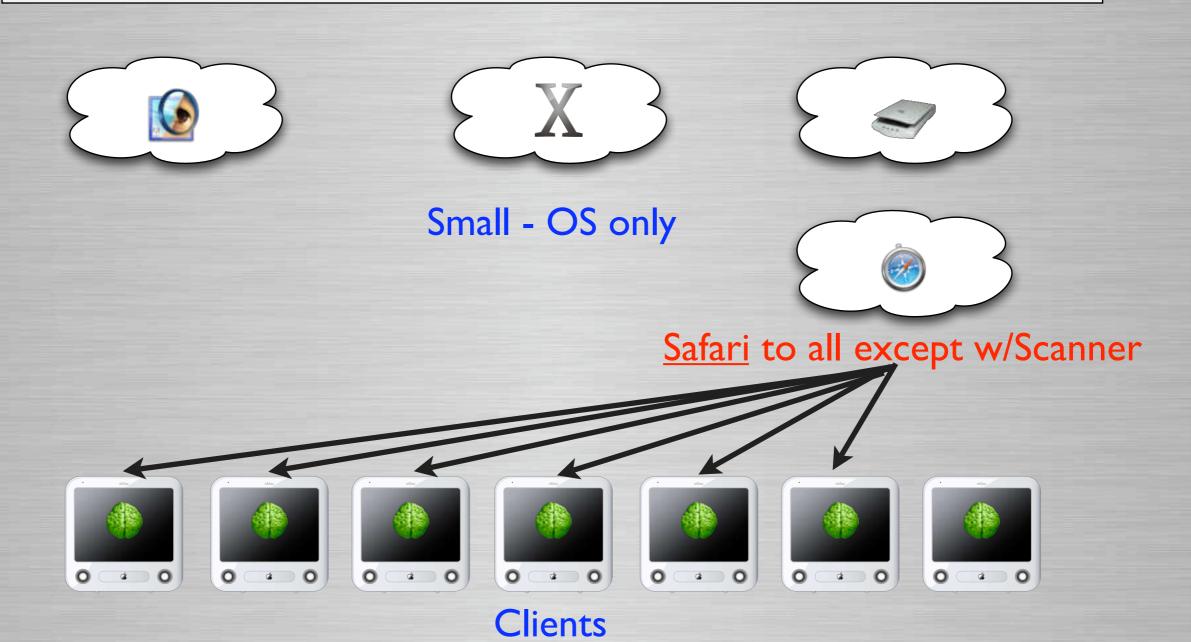


Small File System





Small File System



How to update client?

Updating is extremely flexible

- The radmind tools are unix tools and can be scripted like any other command-line tool
- You are only limited on customizing its use based on your knowledge and imagination.
- Radmind Assistant (Recent release has some options)
- Or use many samples on:
 - www.radmind.org
 - www.macosxlabs.org Tools & Scripts Button
 - www.macos.utah.edu ULabMin

Radmind Assistant Options

Radmind Assistant

- Recent release offers some options:
 - Scheduled using daily, weekly & monthly cron
 - On login, if user logs in as "Radmind"
 - On <u>logout</u> if updates are available
 - Continue running if interrupted



Example - U of U

- Example At my dept. we run radmind:
 - When a specific user logs in
 - Scheduled with cron
 - Load balanced client & servers
 - Manually
 - Single User mode
 - Remotely

Note - These have been implemented since 2002

Example - Login

- Running Radmind Login
 - Create a radmind user
 - LoginHook checks for specific user
 - Runs radmind if that user logs in





Example - Scheduled

Running Radmind - Scheduled

- Cron executes script
 - If user logged in
 - Open AppleScript
 - Warning user
 - Restart
 - Run radmind at startup



Example - Manually

- Running Radmind Manually
 - Launch "maintenance" app
 - Displays dialog warning user
 - Logs out
 - Runs radmind



Example - Single User Mode

- Running Radmind Single User
 - Tell radmind to run *after* network loads
 - Useful if machine doesn't fully boot

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StorageBlaBla/Maxtor 98648D2Media/IOApplePartitionScheme/MacOS@5
BSD root: disk@s5, major 14, minor 5
devfs on /dev
Nov 11 16:17:3 mach_init[2]: Started with uid=@
Singleuser boot -- fsck not done
Root device is mounted read-only
If you want to make modifications to files,
run '/sbin/fsck -y' first and then '/sbin/mount -uw/'

Welcome!
sh-2.@4a# runRadmind
This mac will reboot and run radmind. Are you sure? Yes
Saving status...
Rebooting...
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Example - Continue Updating

Catch Force Restart

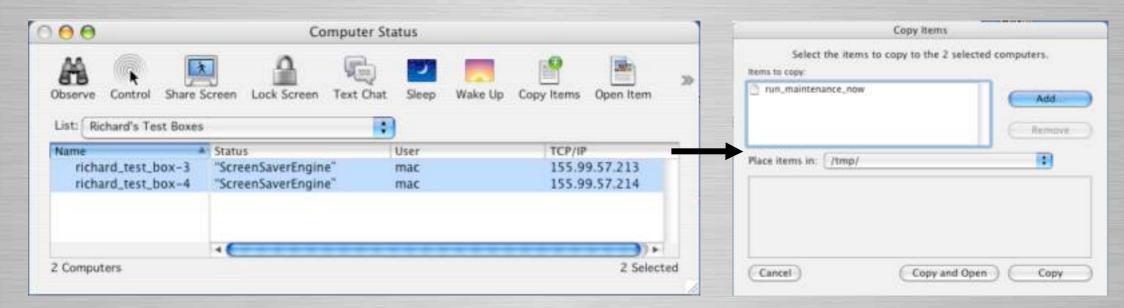
- Will continue running at startup until done.
 - One script checks for trigger file.
 - Another script starts & deletes file, radmind_done
 - Same script creates radmind_done when completed
- Prevent user from bypassing radmind execution
- Power failures during execution, etc.



Example - Remote

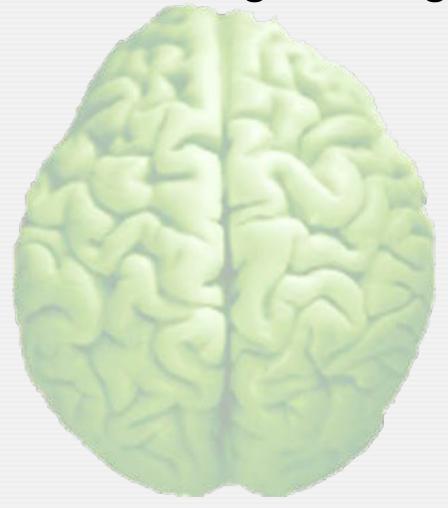
Running Radmind - Remotely

- SSH & Timbuktu Pro
 - Only on administrative test boxes
 - Enable as few services as possible in our environment
- Apple Remote Desktop (ARD)
 - Select clients and copy trigger file
 - Idle script detects trigger file and runs radmind



Glossary

Radmind Lingo & Slang



Transcript

- A description of the file system
 - The entire hard disk
 - Or a specific section(s) like a OS update or software install.
 - A list of files, directories, links, etc.
 - Includes attributes like size, permissions, modification dates, checksums, etc.

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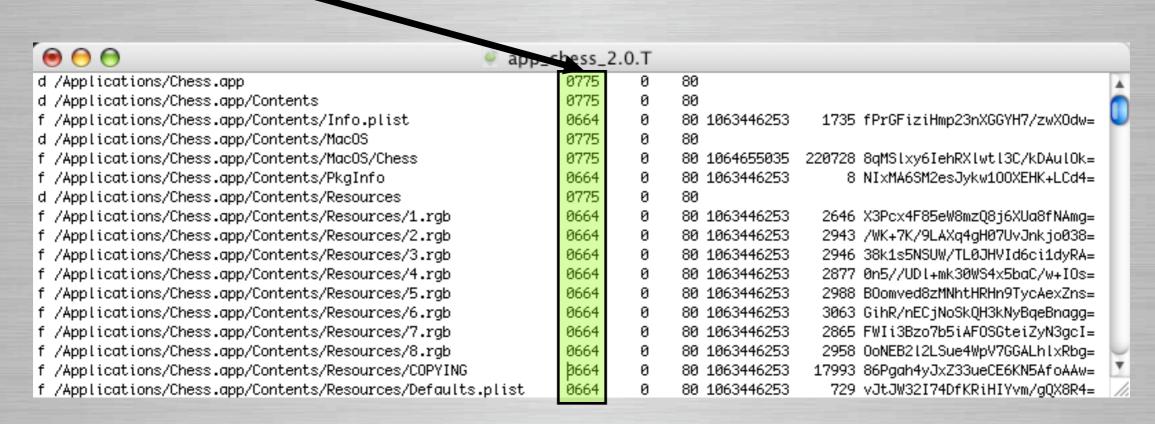
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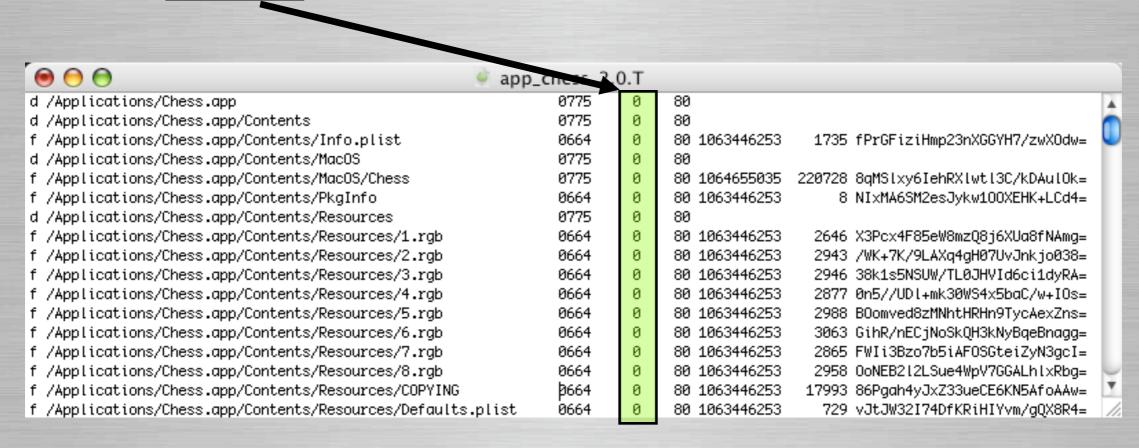
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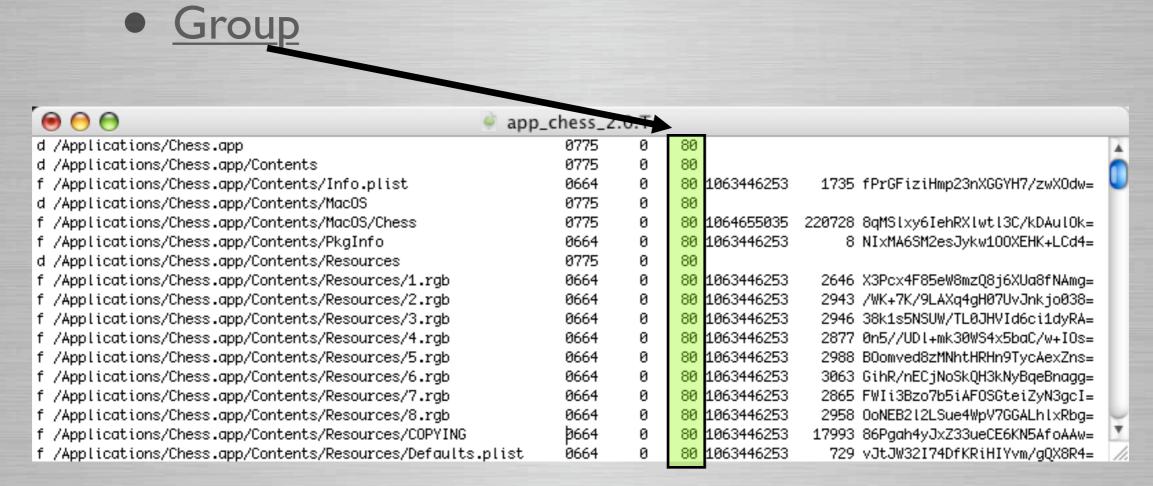
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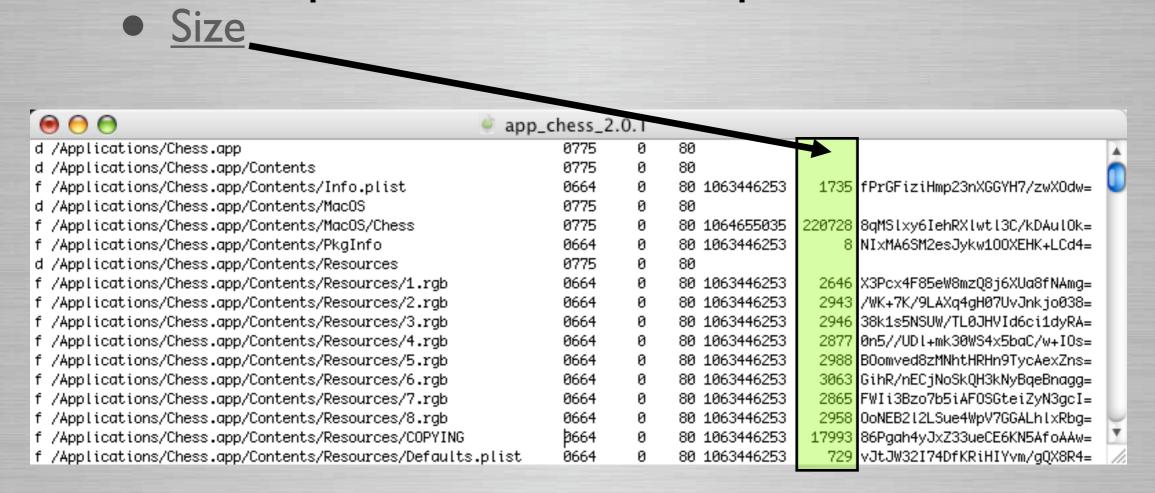
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Positive Transcript

- Lists file system objects that must exist
- All objects must exist & attributes match
 - Note Directory contents are read

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Negative Transcript

- Lists file system objects that aren't managed
 - But they must exist on client
- Only some attributes checked
 - For directories only UID & GID set
 - Directory contents are not read

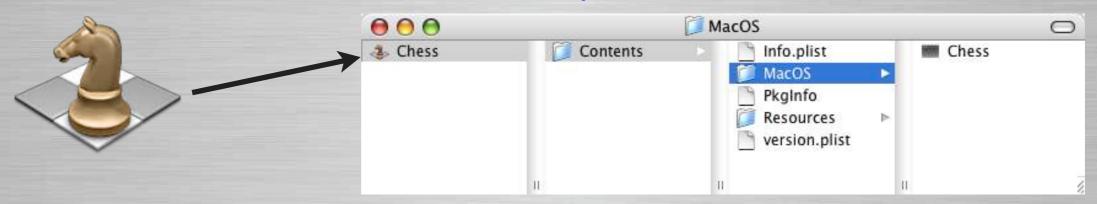
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A transcript & its associated files

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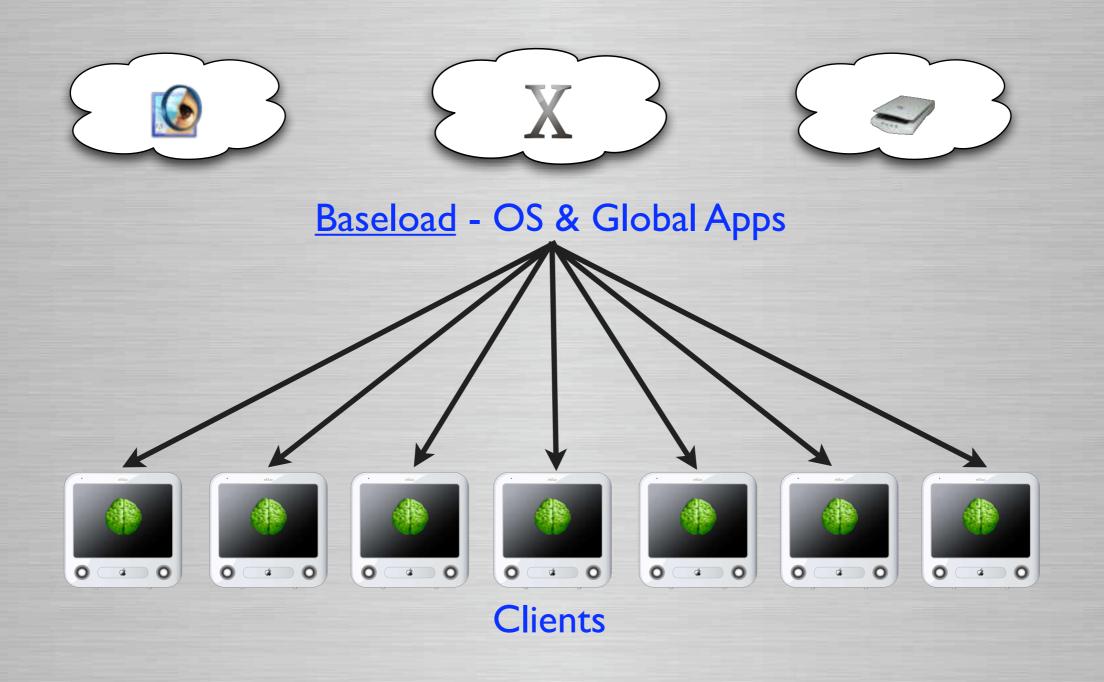


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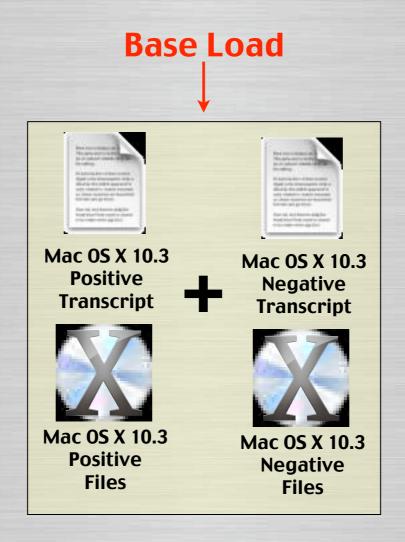
Baseload

- The primary file system loadset
- Usually a large transcript & associated files.
 - A base load could be:
 - Mac OS X (Small)
 - Mac OS X and global applications (Medium)
 - Or the entire client file system deployment (Full)
 - Including Mac OS X
 - Applications
 - Admin Modifications
 (users & groups, directory setup, scripts, etc.)

Baseload - Example



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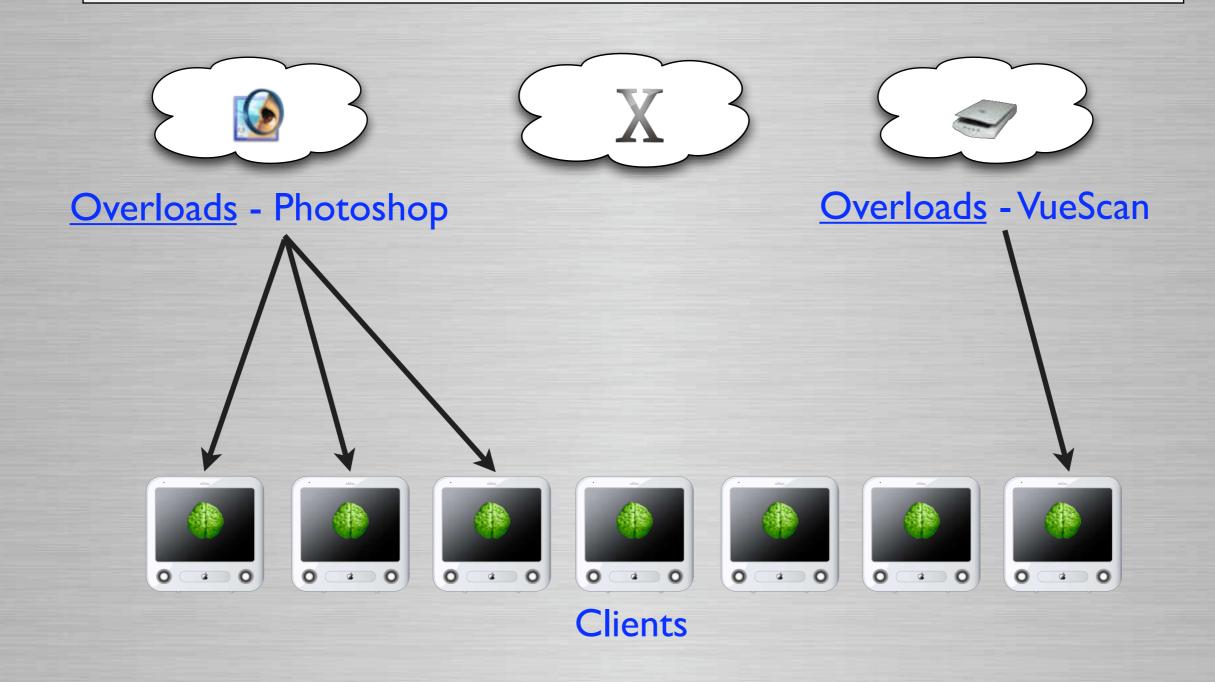


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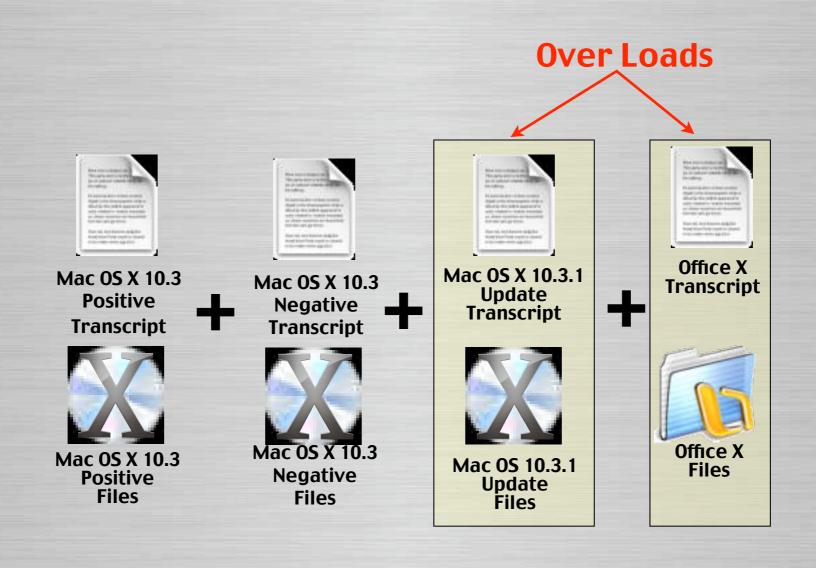
Overload

- A smaller additional loadset
- Used with the baseload for the machine deployed file system.
- Examples
 - Software Updates like "Mac OS X 10.3.1"
 - Applications like "Office X 10.1.4"
 - Printer Configuration
 - Etc.

Overload - Example



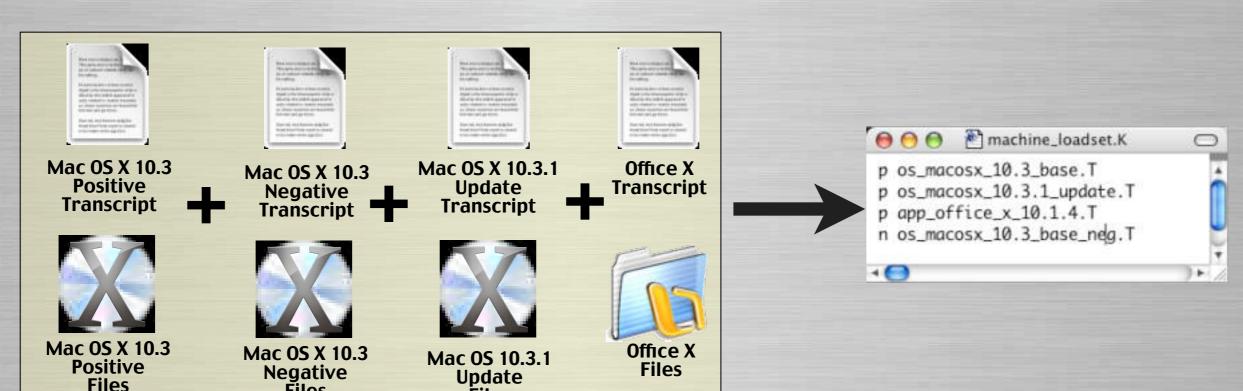
Overload - Example



Overload - Mac OS X 10.3.1 & Office X

Command File

- Defines the machine's managed file system
- A list containing the names of the base load and additional overloads.



Files

Apply-able Transcript

Differences on Client

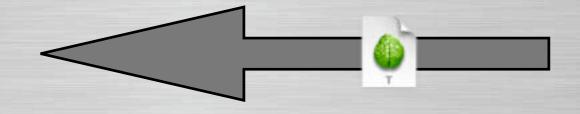
• Is a transcript containing the differences between the managed & local client file system.

Update Client

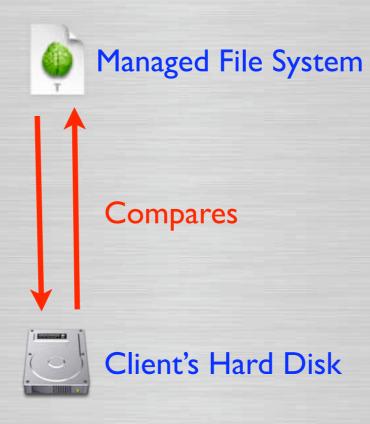
- These are the modifications that must be applied to the client for it to match the deployed file system.
- Used to restore client to managed state



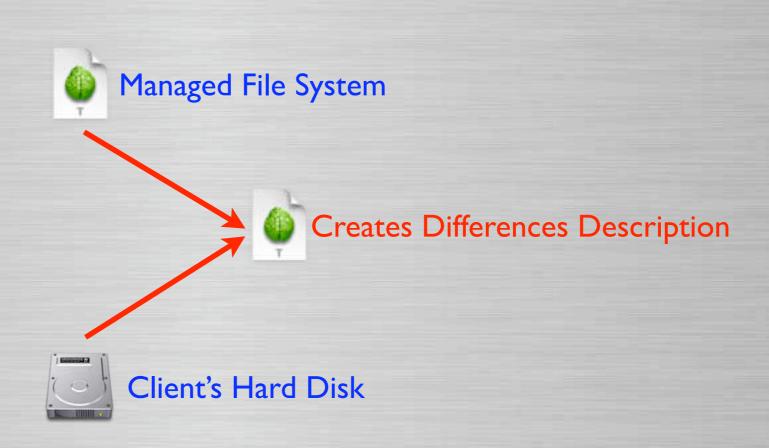
Downloads Managed File System















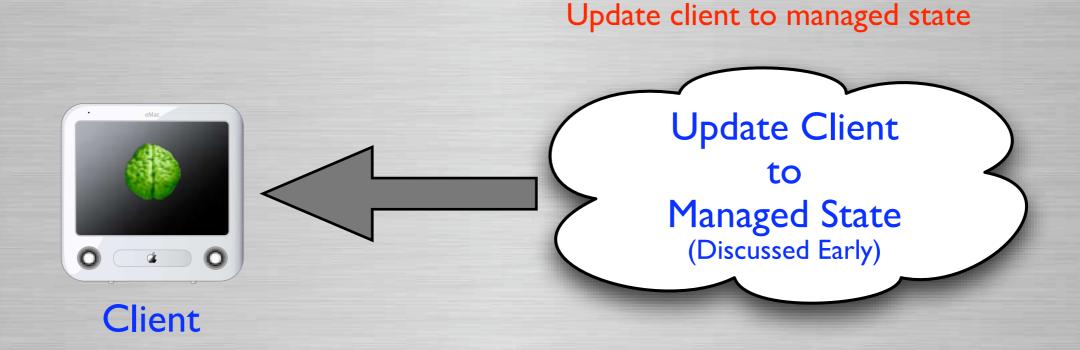
Create-able Transcript

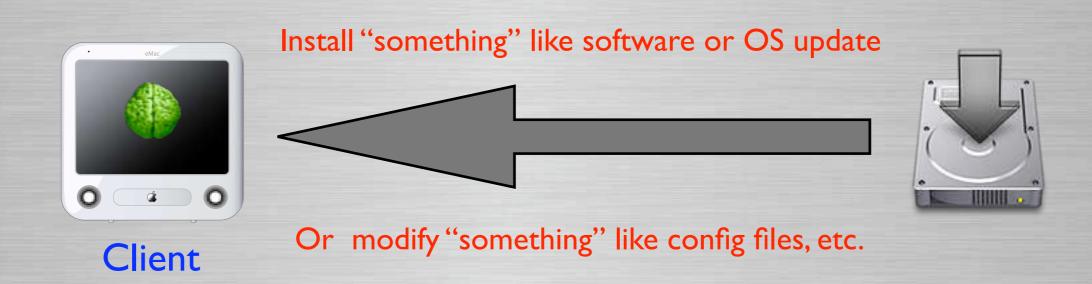
Additions on Client

- Is a transcript containing the additions on the local client but not on the managed file system.
- These are the additions that <u>must be created</u> on the deployed file system to match the client.

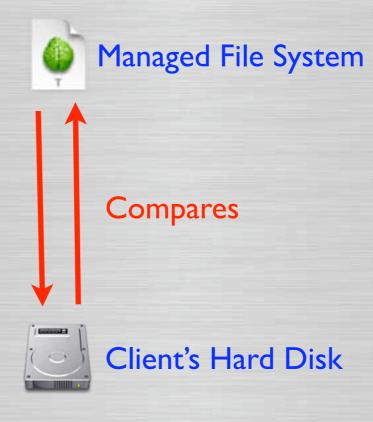
Used to create loadsets

 Like OS Updates, software installs, printer configurations, etc.

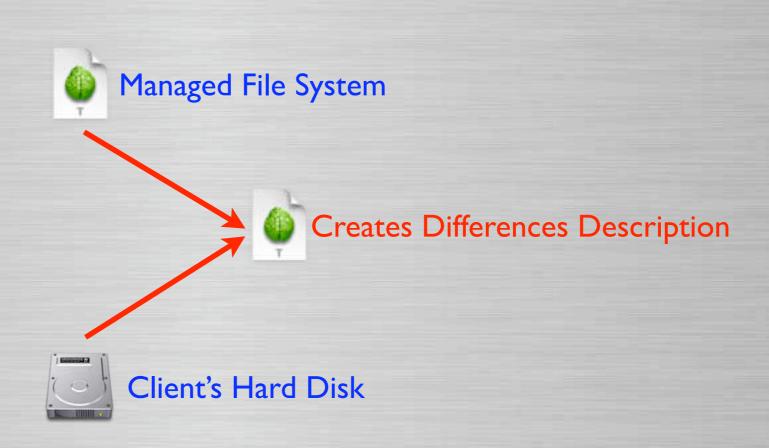






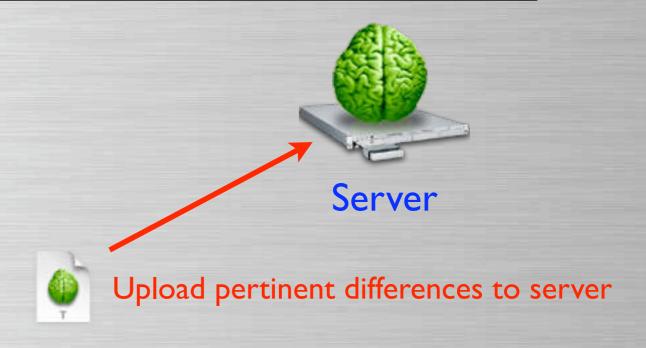






Create-able Transcript - Example





Radmind Tools

Description of the Tools



fsdiff

File System Differences

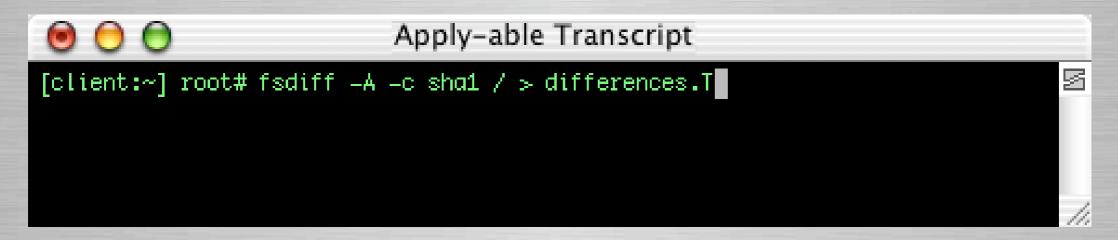
- The primary radmind tool
 - Compares the file system to a set of transcripts described by a command file
 - Produces the <u>differences</u> in the form of a transcript
 - Never talks on the network
 - Detects file system modifications (Tripwire)

fsdiff - Example

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Create-able Transcript

[client:~] root# fsdiff -C -c sha1 -o /var/radmind/client/loadset.T /
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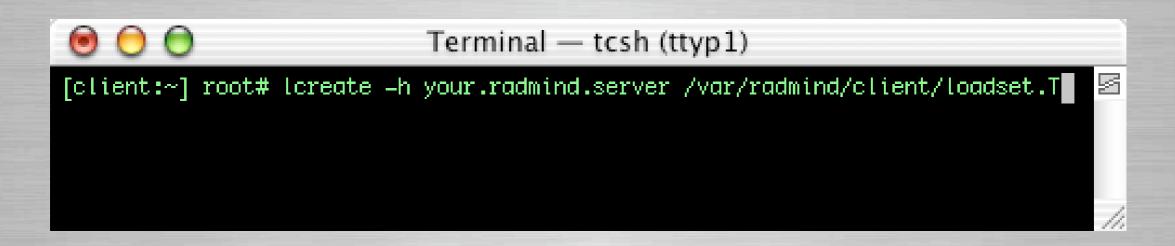
Create-able transcript named loadset.T



Apply-able transcript named differences.T

Icreate

- loadset create
 - Uploads a transcript and associated files to the server

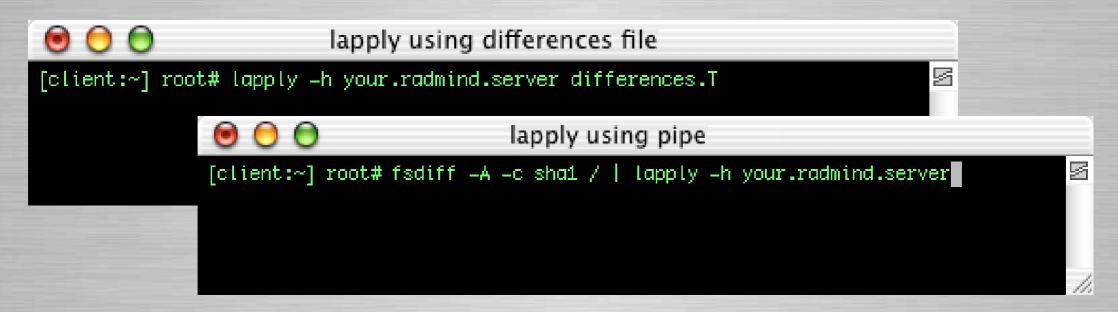


Uploads transcript loadset.T with associated files

lapply

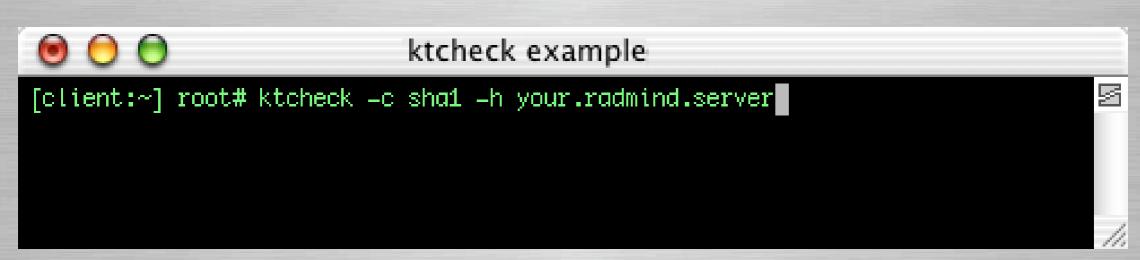
Loadset Apply

- Modifies local file system as described by an apply-able transcript
- Retrieves updated files as required from the server.



ktcheck

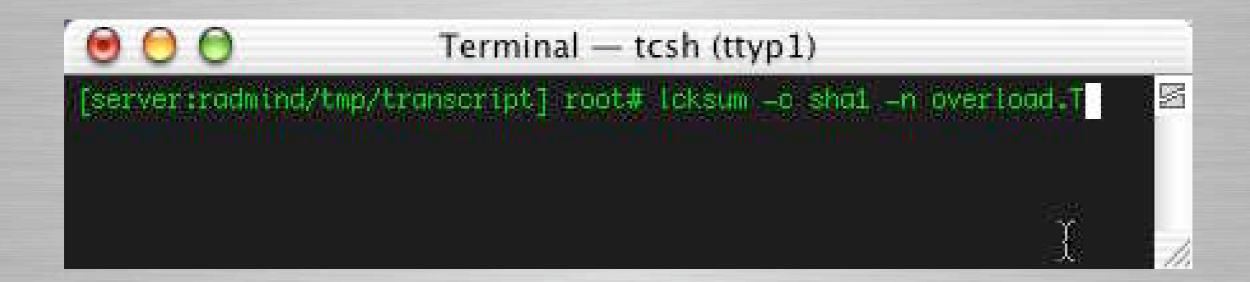
- Command & transcript check
 - Compares local command file and associated transcripts with those stored on the server
 - Retrieves updated command files and transcripts from the server



lcksum



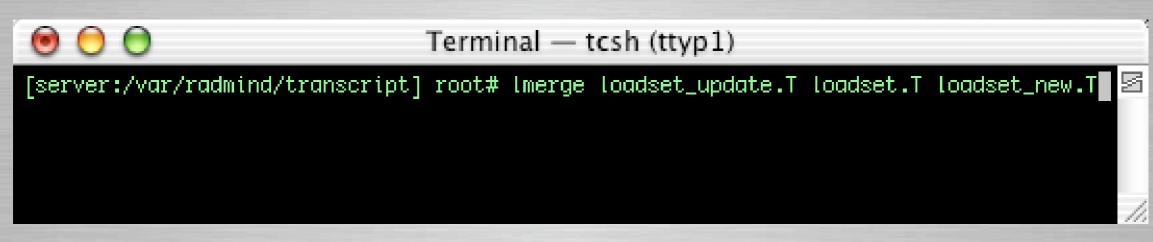
 Verifies the checksum & size of files associated with a transcript on the server.



Imerge

Loadset Merge

 Combines two or more transcripts and corresponding files into one loadset





Radmind Tools

Overview of GUI



GUI Frontends

GUI Frontends available for Mac OS X



Radmind Assistant



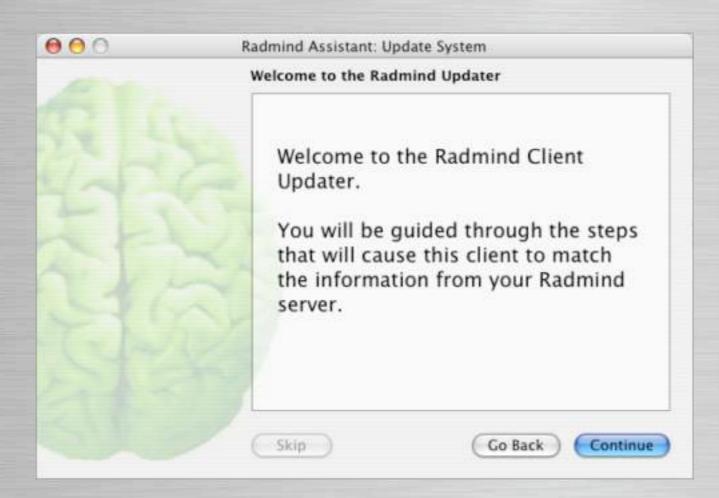
Radmind Transcript Editor



Radmind Server Manager

- Supports most options of CLI tools
 - Updates Client
 - Creates File System Descriptions
 - Uses authentication & encryption
 - Enables some automation options (update client)
 - User Management

- Updates Client
- Creates loadsets (baseload & overloads)



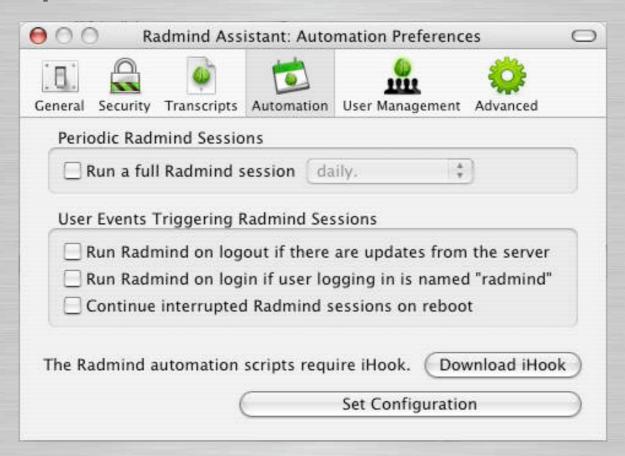


- Setup authorization & encryption
 - Verify Server
 - Verify Client and Server

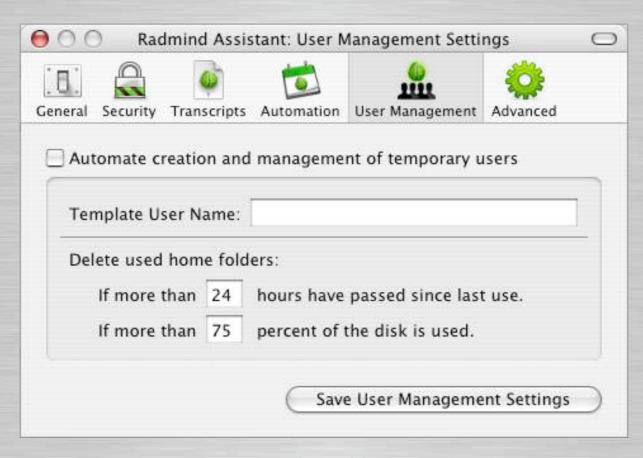


✓ None Verify Server Verify Client and Server

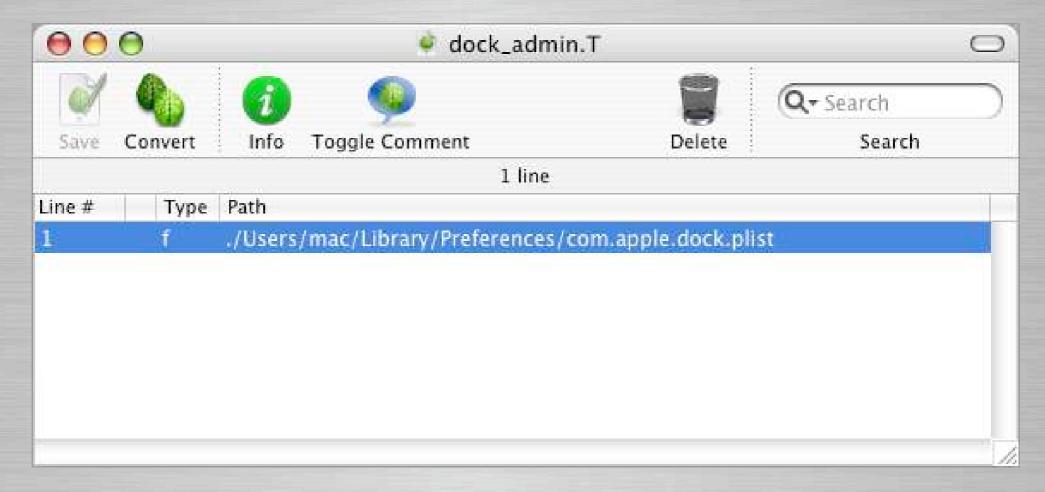
- Setup some automation options
 - Scheduled Periodic Radmind Sessions
 - <u>User Events</u> Login, Logout or continue interrupted



- User Management
 - Creation of Home Folders
 - Removal based on date & disk space used



- Used to edit file system descriptions
 - Modify, Remove & Add Items

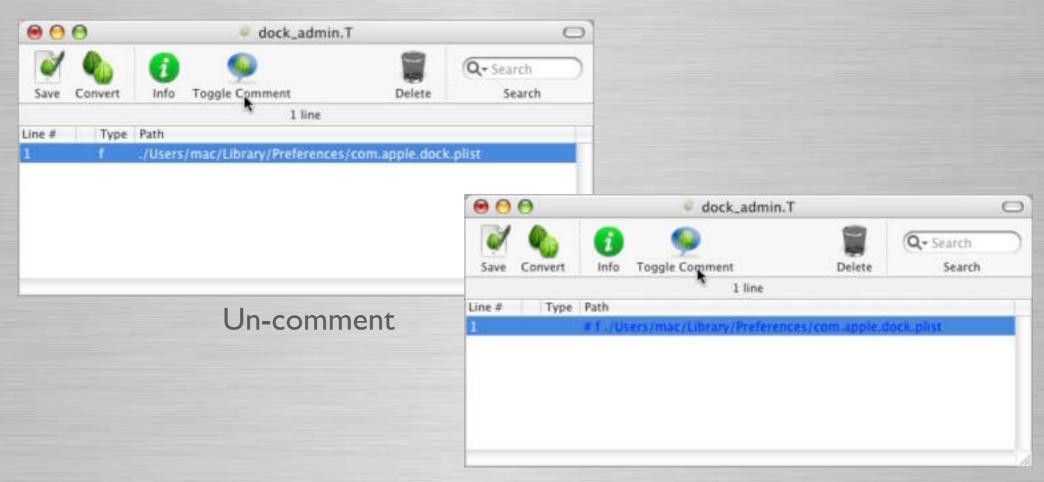


- Used to edit file system descriptions
 - Edit owner & Group and Permissions
 - Comment & Uncomment Items
 - Display/hide file system item details



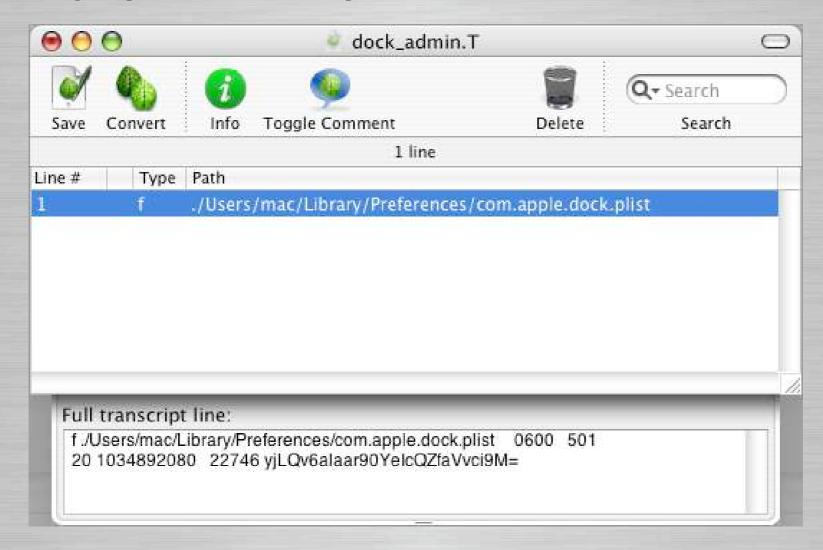


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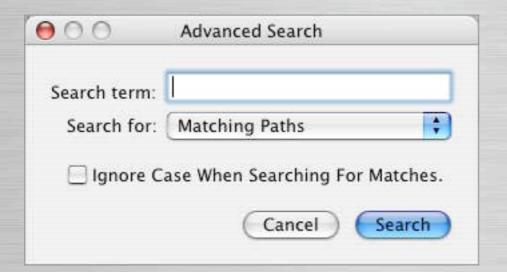


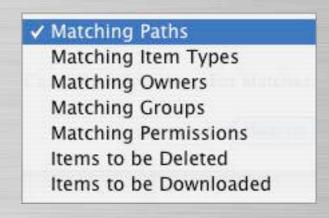
Comment

- Used to edit file system descriptions
 - Display/hide file system item details



- Used to edit file system descriptions
 - Searching based on multiple criteria
 - Paths, Item Types, Owner & Group & Permissions
 - Items to be deleted or downloaded





- Create individual file or dir. descriptions
 - Either directory or directory & contents



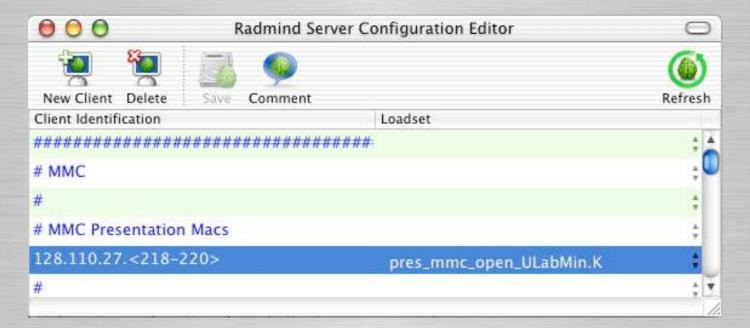
Radmind Server Manager

- Radmind Server Manager
 - Comprised of three tools
 - Configuration Editor
 - Command File Editor
 - Loadsets & Transcript Manager

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Command File Editor			Δ₩К
Loadset and Transcript Manager			Δ₩T

Configuration Editor

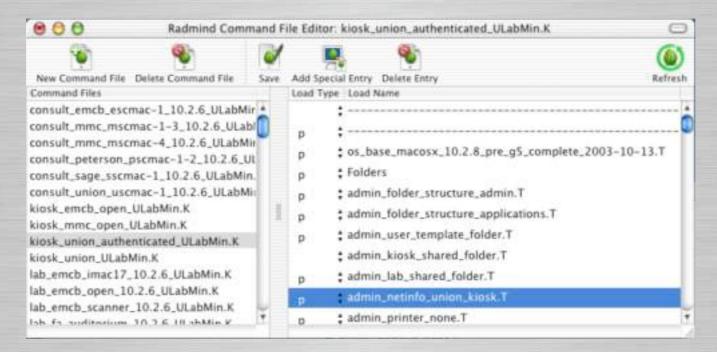
- Configuration Editor
 - Add, remove client file system configurations
 - Edit how to define client
 - IP, wildcard, range, and SSL certificate
 - Comment & Un-comment



Command File Editor

Command File Editor

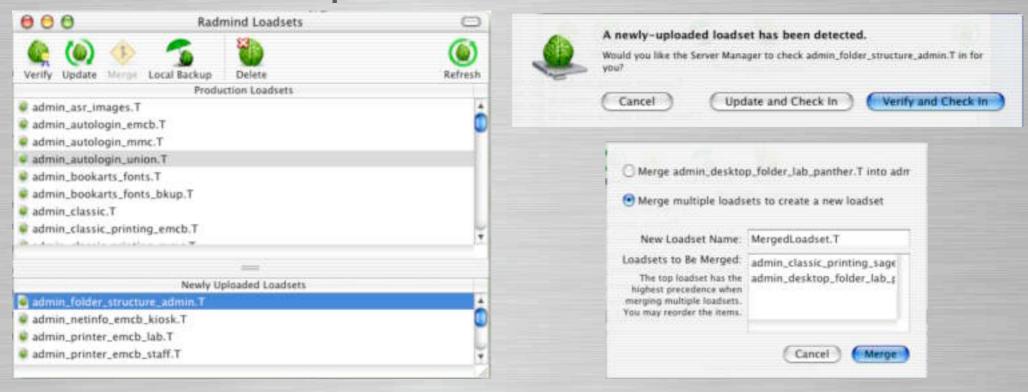
- Manage individual client file system descriptions
- Specify client file system description
- Specify type of load (Positive, Negative or Special)
- Add, remove or change ordering



Radmind Server Manager

Loadsets & Transcript Manager

- Verifies & updates loadsets (checksum & file size)
- Merges loadsets (update + original = merged)
- Check In loadsets into production
- Delete or backup loadsets



Questions & Answers?

Mastering Radmind & RsyncX







File System Management

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