

Radmind

Mac OS X File System Management

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Introduction

- A presentation covering:
 - Radmind Basics & Overview
 - U of U's Deployment and Tips & Customizations
- More details will be available:
 - On handouts
 - Radmind web site: www.radmind.org
- Software

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- Web Documentation:
 - Will be available at: www.macosxlabs.org/





Who's Developing it?

- Developed & supported by:
 - Research Systems Unix Group (RSUG)
 - At the University of Michigan
 - radmind@umich.edu
 - Includes:
 - Technical support, questions and feature requests
 - Mailing List Archived & Searchable





Where to get it?

Mac OS X Installer&Source Code

Radmind Assistant

• iHook (not part of radmind)

www.radmind.org







What is it?

Basic Introduction

Command Line Tools

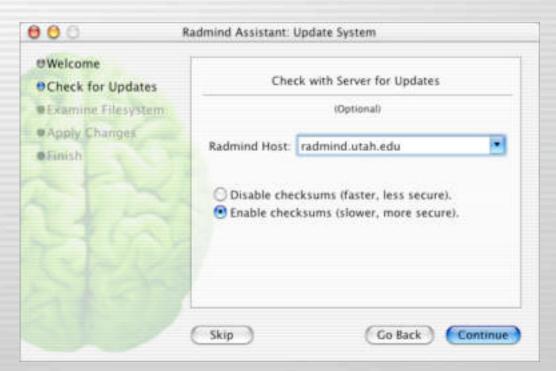
- Suite of command line tools
 - Both client & server tools
 - Allows remotely managing multiple file systems

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Radmind - Client Tools
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                                      [server:/usr/local/sbin]
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Graphical User Interface

 A Mac OS X GUI is in development that offers most of the functionality of the command line tools on the client.







Supported Platforms

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







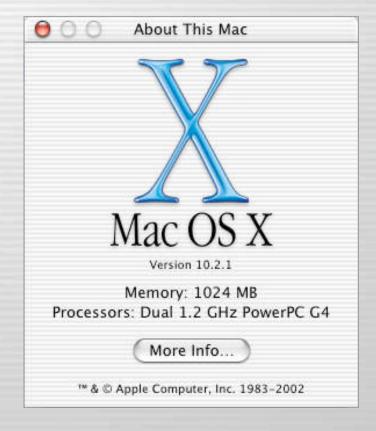






Mac OS X Requirements

- Requires Mac OS X 10.1.3 or later





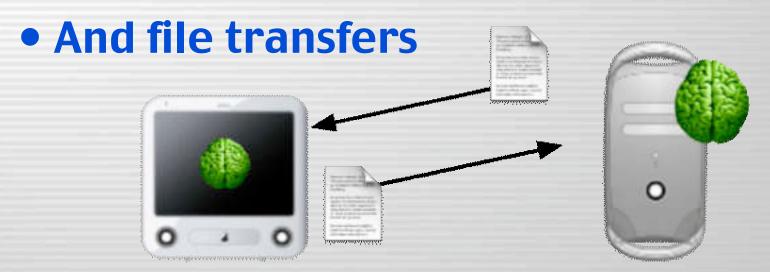


How does it work?

Basic overview of server & client

Server - Communication

 Server handles communication between itself and the client



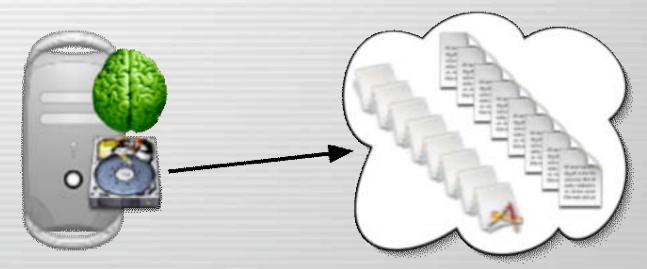
Mac Client (radmind client tools)

Radmind Server (radmind application)



Server - File Storage

 The server stores the deployed client file system descriptions & associated files



Radmind Server

Files and descriptions



Client Tools

- Scans local file system
- Uploads local file system descriptions & files
- Restores local file system
 - Downloads required file system descriptions & files
 - Removes unneeded files
 - Modifies attributes & permissions.





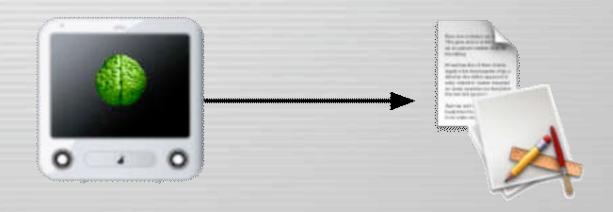
Using It

Basic overview of the process



Client

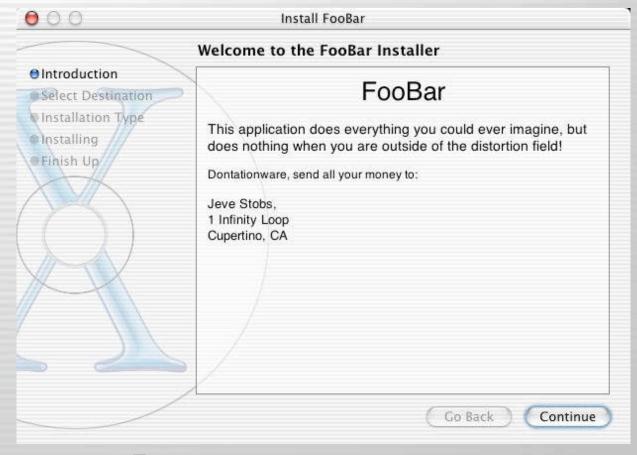
Creating a file system description



Client - Install Stuff

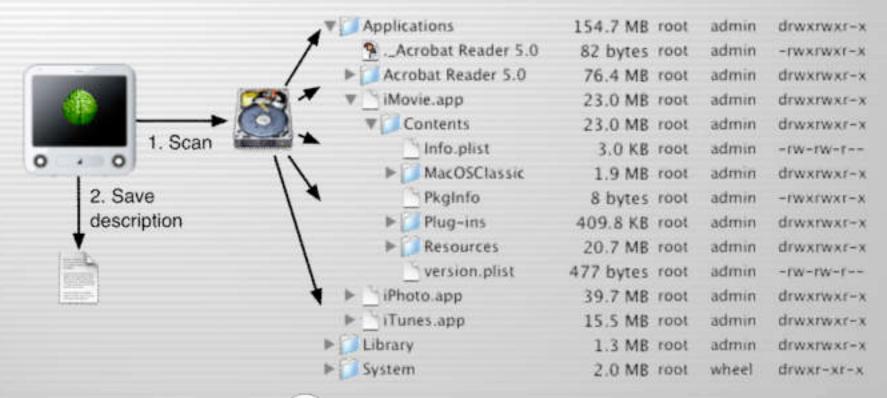
• First, install stuff...





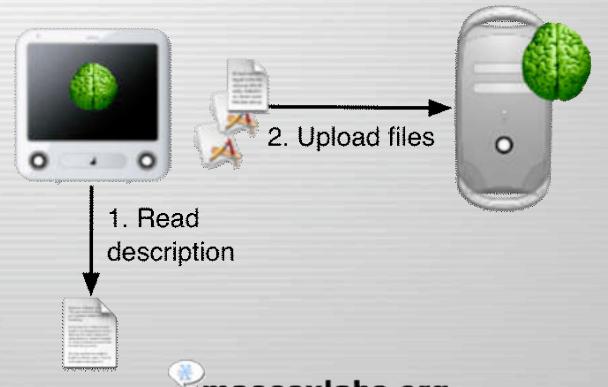
Client - Scan

- Next, scan client file system
- And save description



Client - Upload

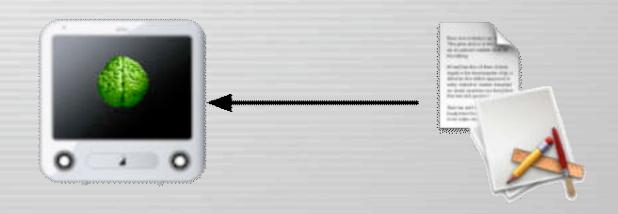
- Then, read the description
- And upload the description & associated files to server





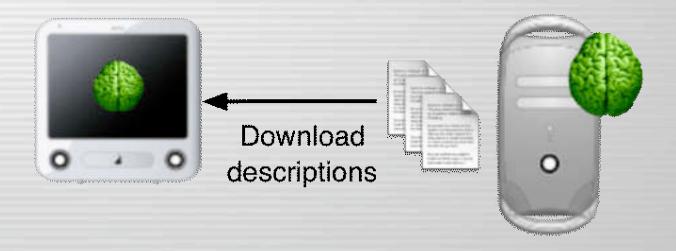
Client

Restoring a file system description



Client - Download

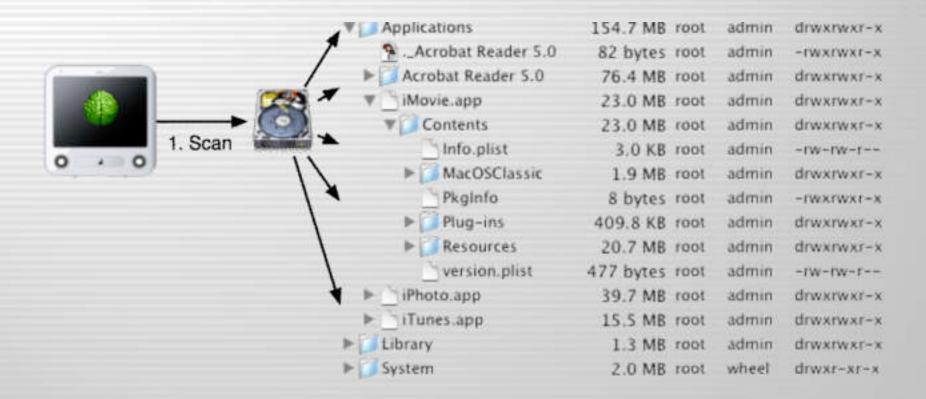
 First, it downloads description of deployed file system.





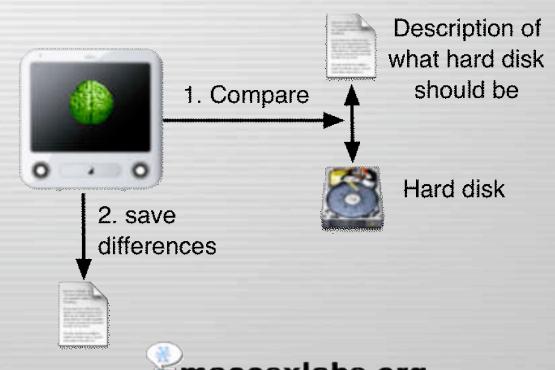
Client - Scan

Next, it scans local file system



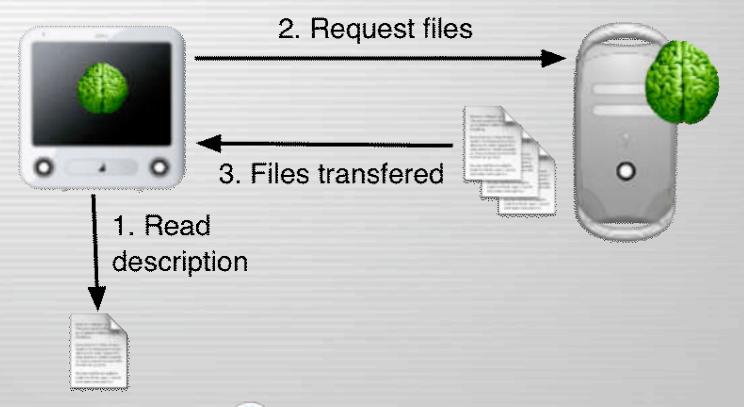
Client - Compare

- Then, compares local hard disk with deployed descriptions
- Creates a differences description



Client - Restore

 Downloads & removes files and sets attributes & permissions





Why use it?

Benefits of Radmind

Network Usage

- Few files are transferred over network for incremental updates
 - Only needed files are downloaded
 - Unlike ASR, which
 is usually setup to
 transfer an entire
 hard disk image
 every time, even if a
 few updates are
 needed on the client.





Server Usage

- Minimizes server/network usage
 - The client scans the hard disk locally, doesn't talk to server during scan
 - Unlike Assimilator or RevRdist; which are usually setup to compare the client hard disk to server master over the network.





Remote Administration

 Remotely control & distribute file systems on multiple machines

 Unlike tools like Carbon Copy Cloner, which requires a portable hard disk to manually clone each individual machine in a lab environment.





DHCP not Required

- It is flexible, you just need an IP address
- Doesn't matter how it gets assigned.
 - Unlike tools, like
 NetBoot, NetInstall
 that require DHCP to
 operate.





Manage by Certificate

 Allows client verification via SSL certificate.



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



Software Management

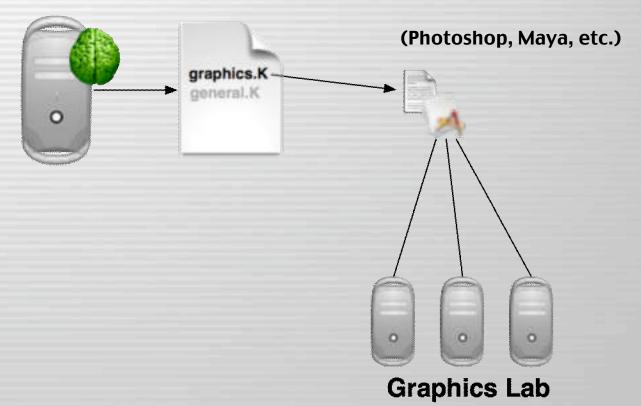
- Tracks software & OS installations
 - Unlike other tools, radmind has built-in support for tracking individual software or OS installations.
 - And has built-in support for uploading & restoring individual software or OS installations.





Client Management

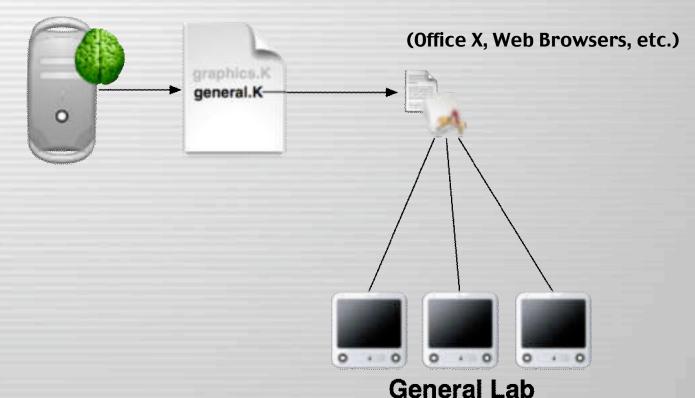
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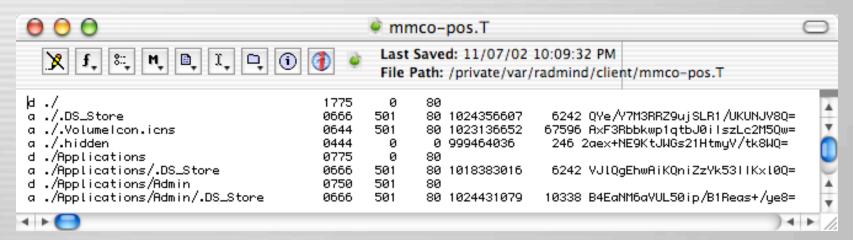


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Transcript

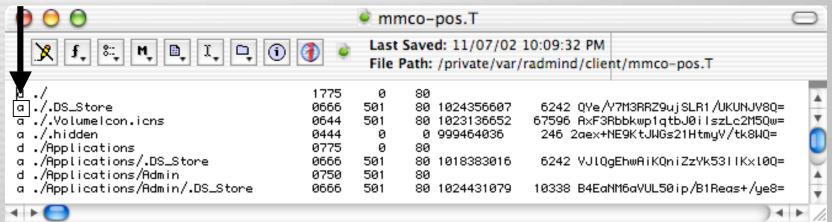
- Transcript
 - A description of the file system
 - A list of files, directories, links.
 - Includes attributes like size, permissions, modification dates, checksums, etc.



Transcript - File Kind

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File Kind - "a" applefile, "d" directory, "f" file, "l" link



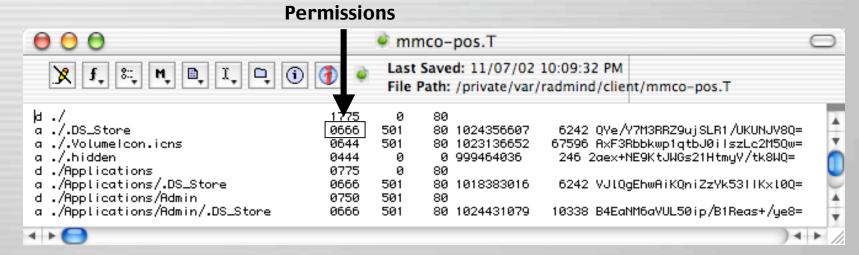
Transcript - Location

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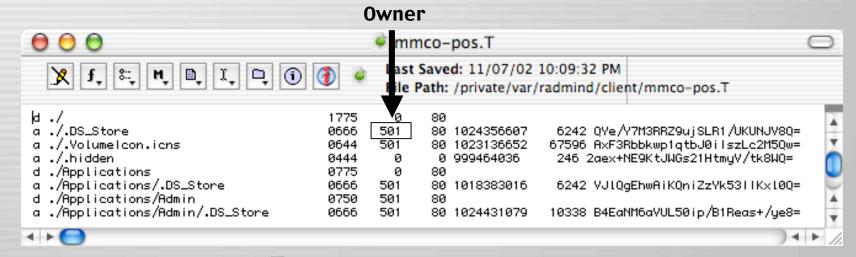
Transcript - Permissions

- Transcript
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 - A list of files, directories, links.
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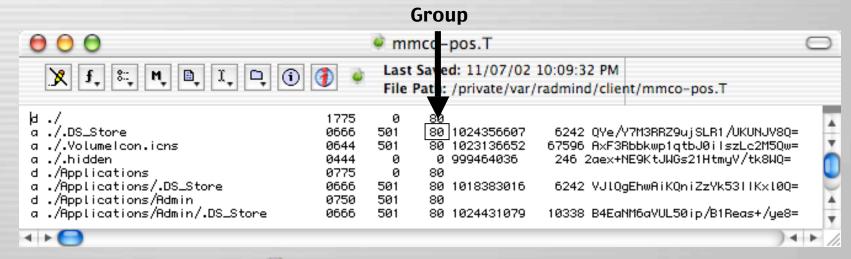
Transcript - Owner

- Transcript
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 - A list of files, directories, links.
 - Includes attributes like size, permissions, modification date, checksum, etc.



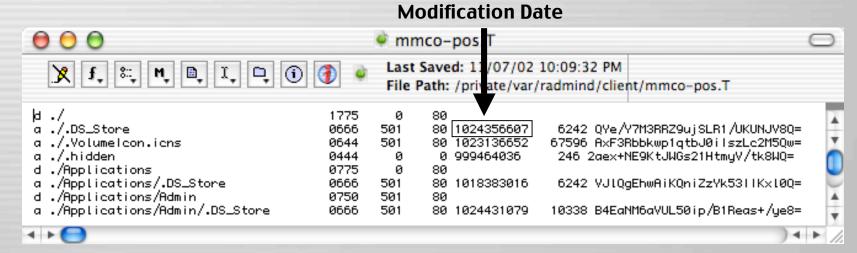
Transcript - Group

- Transcript
 - A description of the file system
 - A list of files, directories, links.
 - Includes attributes like size, permissions, modification date, checksum, etc.



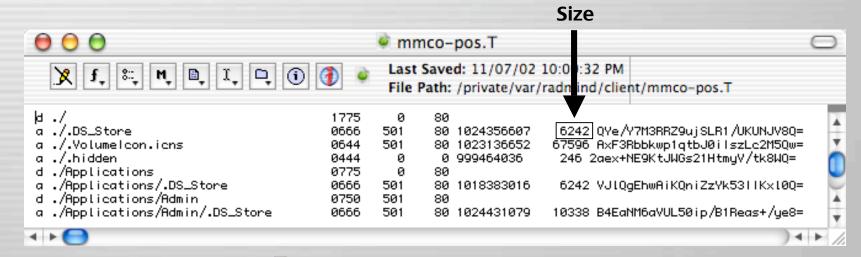
Transcript - Modified

- Transcript
 - A description of the file system
 - A list of files, directories, links.
 - Includes attributes like size, permissions, modification date, checksum, etc.



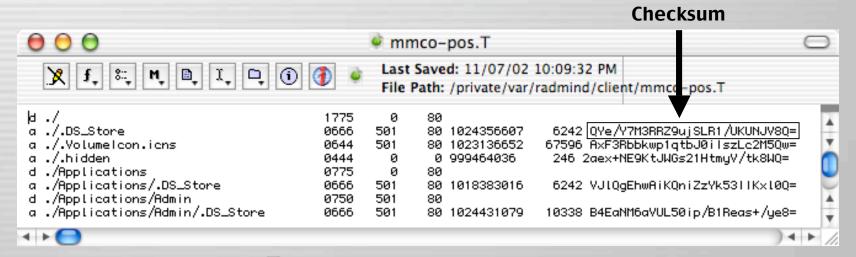
Transcript - Size

- Transcript
 - A description of the file system
 - A list of files, directories, links.
 - Includes attributes like size, permissions, modification date, checksum, etc.



Transcript - Checksum

- Transcript
 - A description of the file system
 - A list of files, directories, links.
 - Includes attributes like size, permissions, modification date, checksum, etc.



Positive Transcript

 Lists file system descriptions like files, directories, links, etc. that must exist and match all attributes.

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Negative Transcript

- Lists file system description that must exist, but only some attributes are checked
- For example, if a directory is listed in a negative transcript, it will check its UID, GID and permissions, but will not read the directory itself.
 - Analogous to using "AiSu" parameter with RevRdist

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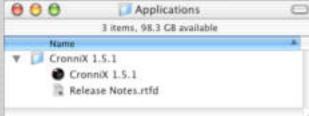
Loadset

- Can be defined as a transcript and its associated files.
- These are smaller loadsets that can be individual OS or software installs, OS or software updates, admin modifications, or lab or group customizations, etc.

Transcript



Associated Files





Base Load

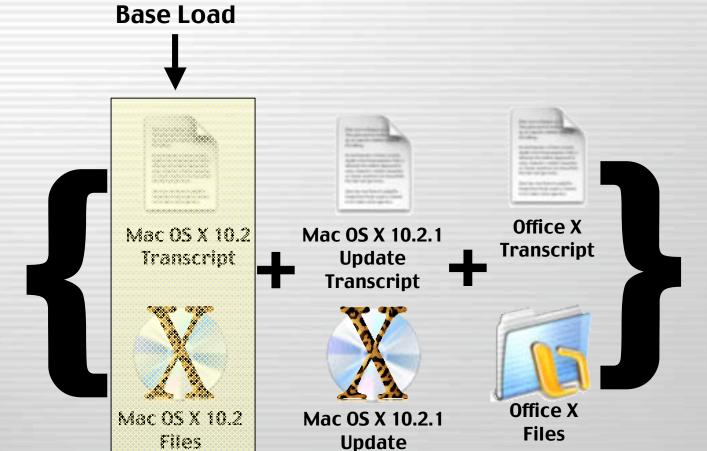
A base load is the primary file system loadset, usually a large transcript & associated files. A base load could be:

- Mac OS X
- Mac OS X and default applications
- Or the entire client file system deployment
 - Including Mac OS X
 - Applications
 - Admin Modifications

 (users & groups, directory setup, scripts, etc.)



Base Load - Example



Files





Base Load at the U of U



- Originally we had a base load that contained; the OS, our admin modifications, and global distributed applications.
- Currently, we are using a more granular & flexible deployment, where the base load is only the OS, and our admin modifications, individual application installs, lab or group customizations are separate over loads.

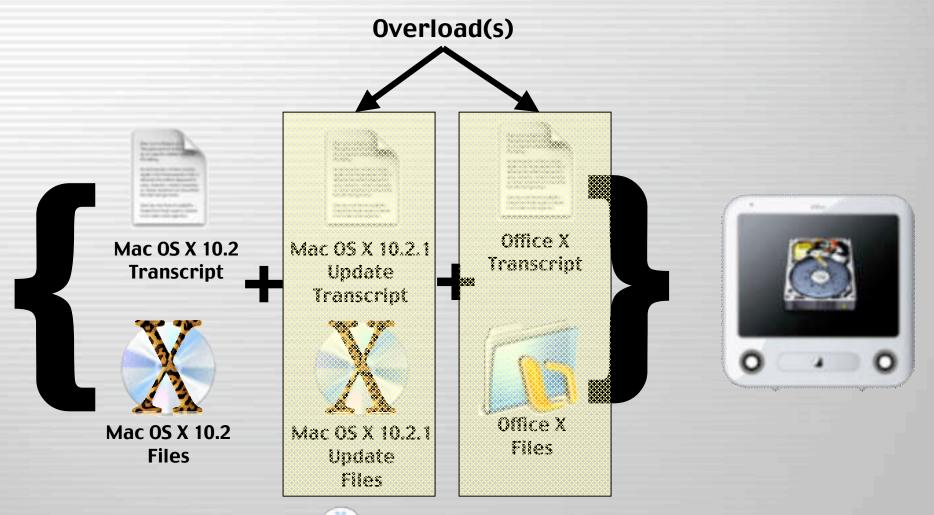


Over Load

 An over load is a smaller additional loadset used with the base load for the machine deployed file system.

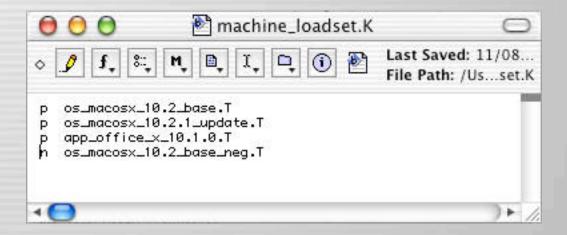


Over Load - Example



Command File

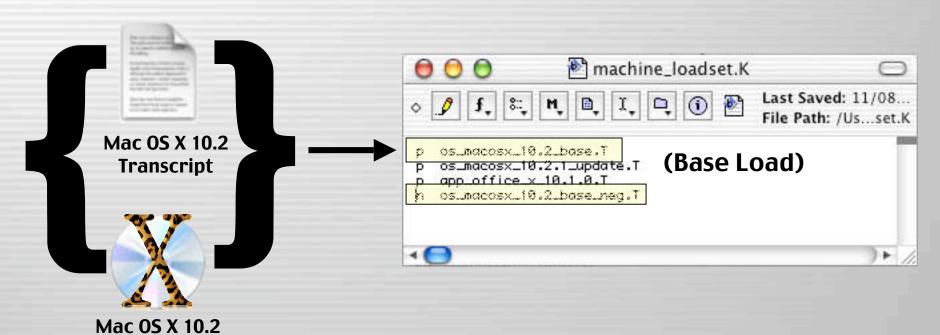
- Command file (the machine loadset)
 - A list containing the names of the base load and additional overloads.





Command File - Base Load

- Command file (the machine loadset)
 - A list containing the names of the base load and additional overloads.

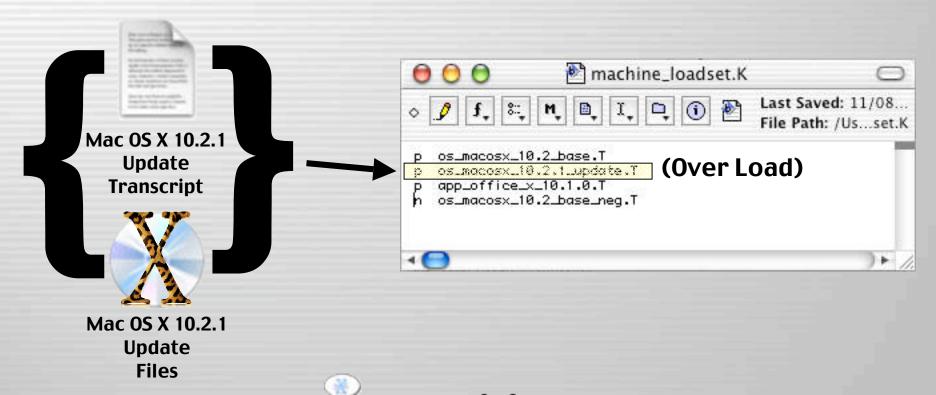




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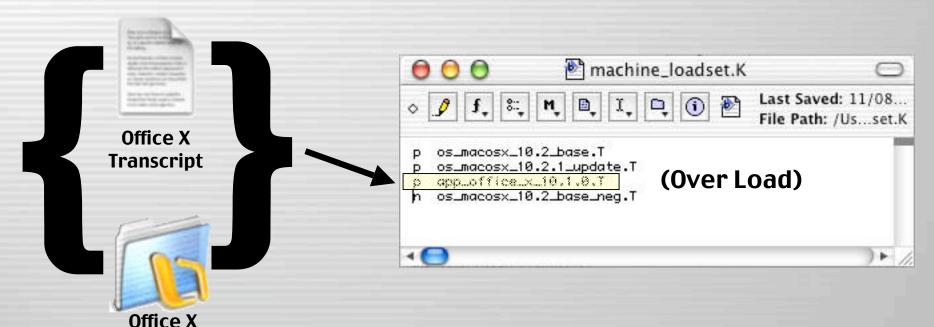
Command File - Over Load

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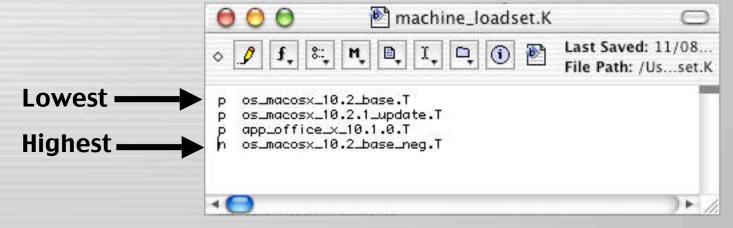
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Files

Command File - Precedence

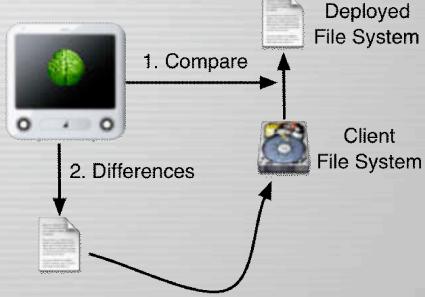
- Command file (the machine loadset)
 - Transcripts are listed in order of precedence, from lowest to highest
 - If the same file is listed in two different transcripts the last transcript in the command file is used.





Apply-able Transcript

- Apply-able Transcript
 - Is a transcript containing the differences between the deployed & client file system.
 - These are the changes that must be applied to the client for it to match the deployed file system.
 - Used to restore client

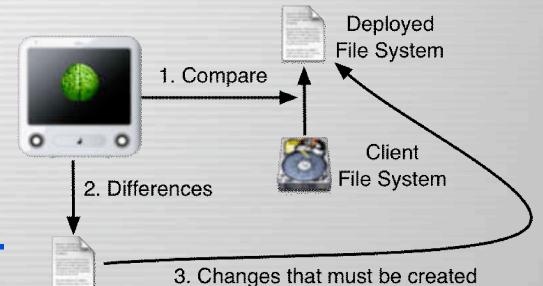


3. Changes that must be applied



Create-able Transcript

- Create-able Transcript
 - Is a transcript containing the additions on the client not on the deployed file system.
 - These are the changes that must be created on the deployed file system to match the client.



- Used to create loadset



Checksum

- Checksum
 - Is an computed value which depends on the contents of a file and the formula used to compute this value.
 - Radmind can use checksums to provide more accuracy and security when checking the client's file system and comparing it to machine loadset.
 - This helps protect against file corruption or hacked files, if other file attributes like file size and modification date don't get changed.



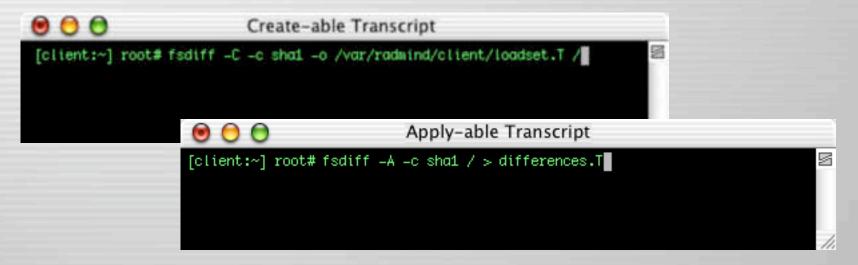


Radmind Tools

Brief description of each tool

fsdiff (File System Differences)

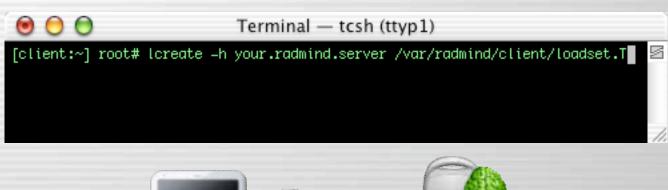
- The primary radmind tool
- Compares the file system to a set of transcripts described by a command file
- Produces the differences in the form of a transcript
- Never talks on the network

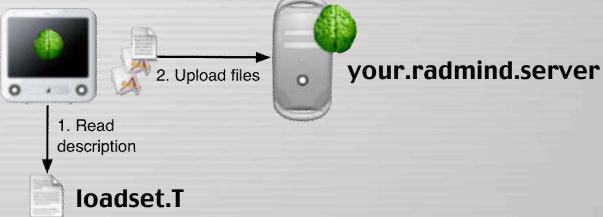




Icreate (loadset create)

 Uploads a transcript and associated files to the server







lapply (loadset apply)

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

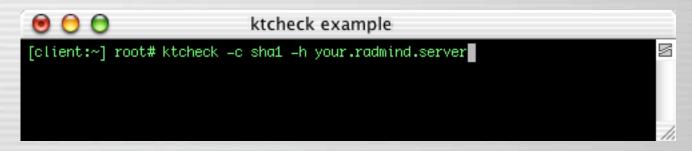
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| lapply using differences file

[client:~] root# lapply -h your.radmind.server differences.T
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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







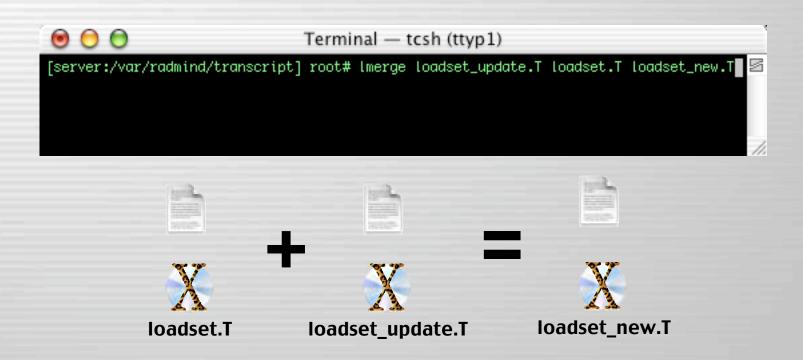
Icksum (loadset checksum)

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



Imerge (loadset merge)

 Combines two or more transcripts and corresponding files into one loadset





Journal

University of Utah - Ramind Integration

U of U Journal



- First stage (June '02)
 - Mac OS X 10.1.5
 - Larger Base Load
 - Mac OS X
 - Admin Mods
 - Default Apps
 - Fewer overloads
 - Radmind 0.6
 - Kiosks





U of U Journal



- Second stage (July '02)
 - Added authentication
 - Deployed
 - Teaching lab
 - Student labs
 - Staff machines

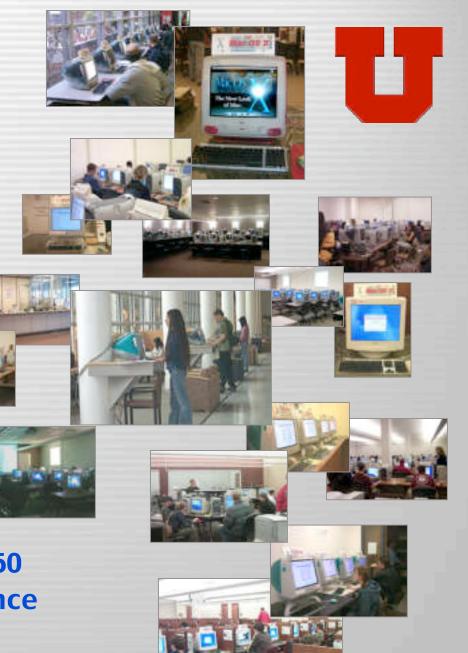




U of U Journal

- Third stage (Oct '02)
 - Mac OS X 10.2.1
 - Smaller & more specific base load
 - More granular loadsets
 - Radmind 0.9.1
 - Kiosks

- Totals
 - Managed with radmind: 150
 - Very little local maintenance







When to run?

Options for running radmind on the client

Every Logout - Modify ttys

Modify ttys file located in /etc

- Change:

"/System/Library/CoreServices/loginwindow.app/loginwindow"

- To:

"/System/Library/CoreServices/loginwindow.app/loginwindow -LogoutHook /ect/logout.hook"



Every Logout - Config iHook

- Install iHook
 - GUI for command line executables
 - It's Customizable
 - Layout
 - Background graphic
 - Progress bar
- Radmind script
 - Modify provided script
 - Add your setup info
 - Make sure it is user executable
 - Move
 - /etc/logout.hook









Other Logout Options

- Staggered logouts
 - During time period
 - If logout occurs between "time x" & "time y" run radmind
 - Every X number of logouts
 - On the tenth logout run radmind
 - Less time consuming & more user friendly
 - Users don't wait as often to login to a Mac
 - One option in a busy lab



Manually

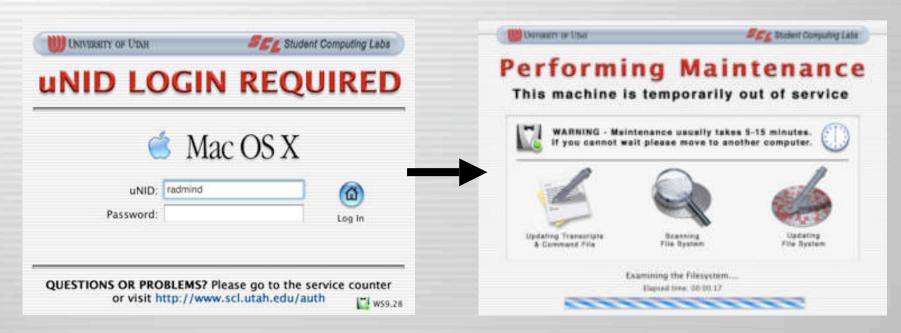
- Can be launched from icon
- Displays dialog warning user
- Logs out
- Runs radmind





Login

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





Scheduled

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





Single User mode

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

```
StorageBlaBla/Maxtor 90648D2Media/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=0
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-2.04a# runRadmind
This mac will reboot and run radmind. Are you sure? Yes
Saving status...
Rebooting...
```



Catch Force Restart

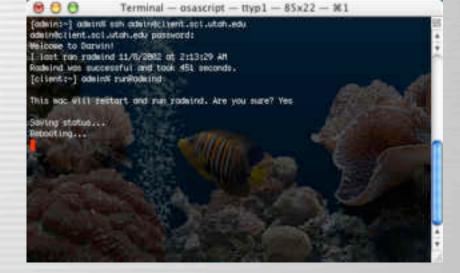
- Will continue running at startup until completed.
 - Prevent user from bypassing radmind execution
 - Power failures during execution, etc.



Network-based

- SSH
 - Admin SSH's to clients and runs radmind





- Regular cron job curls a web page
 - If webpage contains machine identifier, run radmind
- Allows lab faculty & staff to remotely run radmind
- Does not require SSH to be enabled





Customizing Scripts

Enhancing tools with scripts

Customized Scripts

More efficient

- Why type this:

fsdiff -c sha1 -C / > /var/ramind/overload.T Icreate -c sha1 -h your.radmind.server /var/radmind/overload.T

If you can type:

createPosTranscript overload.T uploadOverload overload.T

- Combine tool commands like:

ktcheck -c sha1 -h your.radmind.server fsdiff -A -c sha1 > differences.T lapply -c sha1 -h your.radmind.server differences.T

Into a custom script:

prepForOverload



Customized Scripts – Speech

Use speech or sound on custom scripts

```
osascript -e 'say "c"'
```

- Use with tools to notify completion like:
 - Scanning file system with fsdiff
 - Changing client file system with lapply
 - Uploading overload with Icreate
 - Verifying & moving overload with Icksum & mv



Customized Scripts - Backup

- Backup
 - Create custom script to verify, move & backup loadsets
 - Create a backups or old folder for loadsets:
 - /var/radmind/transcripts
 - /var/radmind/files

```
Terminal — tcsh (ttyp1)

[server:var/radmind/transcript] root# ls -l
total 0
-rw-r--r- 1 root wheel 0 Nov 8 18:28 app_office_10.1.0.T
drwxr-xr-x 2 root wheel 68 Nov 8 18:20 backups
drwxr-xr-x 2 root wheel 68 Nov 8 18:26 old
-rw-r--r- 1 root wheel 0 Nov 8 18:27 os_macosx_10.2.1_update.
T
-rw-r--r- 1 root wheel 0 Nov 8 18:27 os_macosx_10.2_base.T
-rw-r--r- 1 root wheel 0 Nov 8 18:28 os_macosx_10.2_base_neg.
T
[server:var/radmind/transcript] root#
```

```
Terminal — tcsh (ttyp1)

[server:var/radmind/file] root# ls -l
total 0
-rw-r--r-- 1 root wheel 0 Nov 8 18:30 app_office_10.1.0.T
drwxr-xr-x 2 root wheel 68 Nov 8 18:30 backups
drwxr-xr-x 2 root wheel 68 Nov 8 18:30 old
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[server:var/radmind/file] root#
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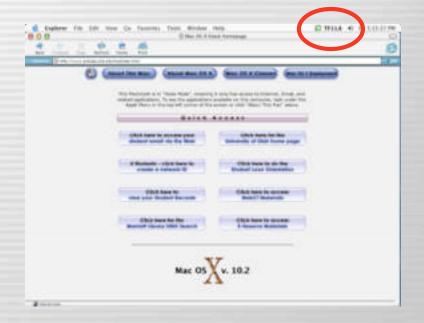


Completion Status

Notification options for status

Visual Radmind Status

- Why
 - Gives status to lab staff & users
 - Useful when there is an important update or problem

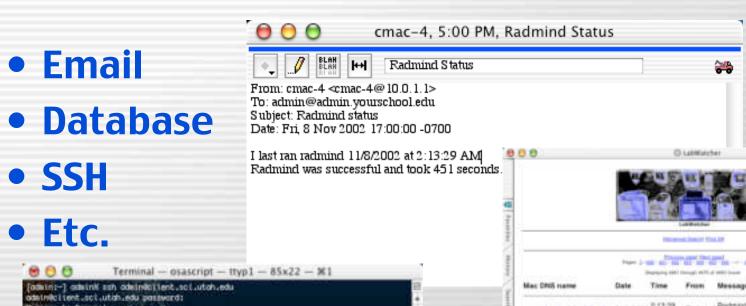


- System Menu
 - Menuversum
- Login Panel





Remote Radmind status













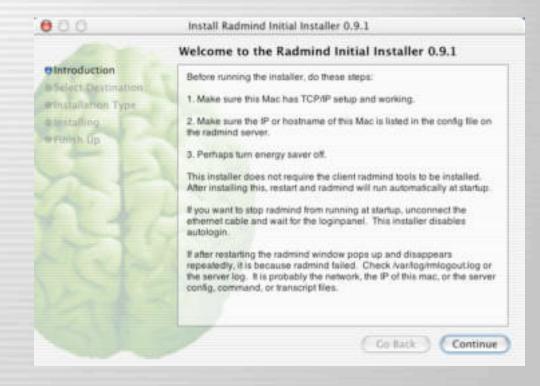
U of U Customizations

University of Utah - Ramind Customizations

Initial Installer



- Install base OS
 - Imaging Software
 - Install CD
- Run Initial Installer and restart
 - Requires no other installs
- Then radmind updates client
 - Will continue running even if restarted



- Runs without risk of being used or compromised



Custom "please wait"



- Big and obvious (to most users ;-)
- Covers login panel when running at startup
- Prevents users from logging in and using apps
- Prevents users from force quitting
- Uses iHook to display graphic and other GUI





When we run radmind



- When a specific user logs in
- With cron,
 - every 3rd daybetween 1 am 6 am
 - Load balanced
 - Regularly pushes out updates
- Manually
 - Logs out & runs radmind
- Single User mode
 - If it won't boot to GUI



You will be logged out and this.

want to continue?

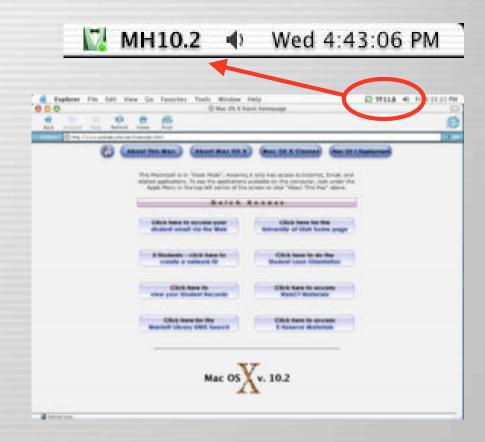
computer will be restarted. This will take several minutes. Are you sure you



Custom System Menu



- Green Icon
 - No problems w/ radmind
- "MH" cron days
 - Monday & Thursday
- "10.2" date last ran
- Useful when Mac logged in
 - Usually visible
 - Versus Apple Menu, Dock or Desktop



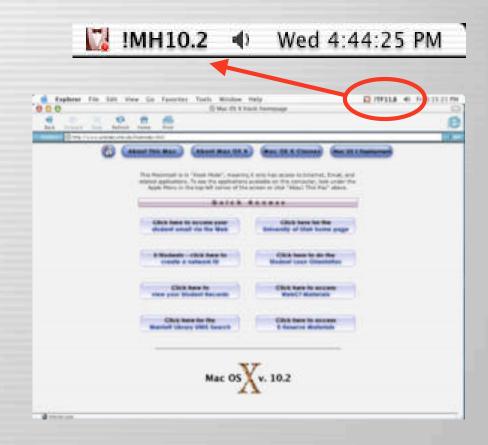


Custom system menu



- Red Icon
 - Problems

- "!" is a code
 - type of problem
- Other codes
 - CN
 - ×

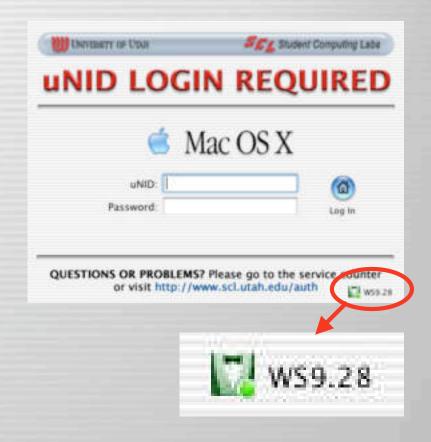




Custom login panel



- Green Icon
 - No problems
- "WS" cron days
 - Wednesday/Saturday
- "9.28" date last ran
- Useful when Mac logged out
 - Usually visible
 - Unless off or sleeping





Custom login panel



- Red Icon
 - Problems
- Example of problems:
 - Mac was off when scheduled to run
 - Admin broke scripts
 - Admin broke loadset
 - Server not found
 - Radmind bug





Radmind Status Database



- Server
 - FileMaker Pro



- Client
 - CURL
 - Preinstalled in Mac OS X









Tips

Tips & suggestions for using radmind

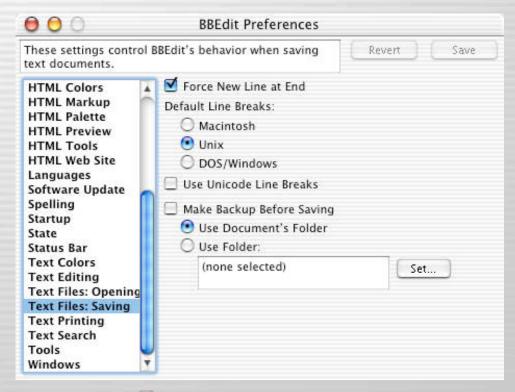
Tips - File Naming

- Use prefix on loadset names:
 - os- For OS installs, updates, etc.
 - admin For administrative scripts/modifications
 - app For applications
 - cron For cron jobs
 - special For group/lab customization
- Makes it easier to track & update loadsets



Tips - BBEdit Setup

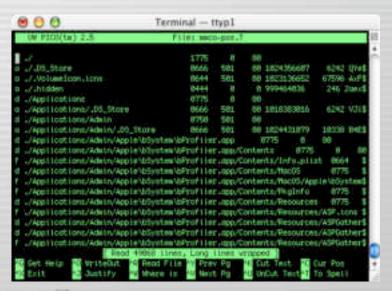
- To use BBEdit with Radmind
 - Modify preference for Text File:Saving select:
 - "Force New Line at End" and "Unix linefeeds"





Tips - Pico

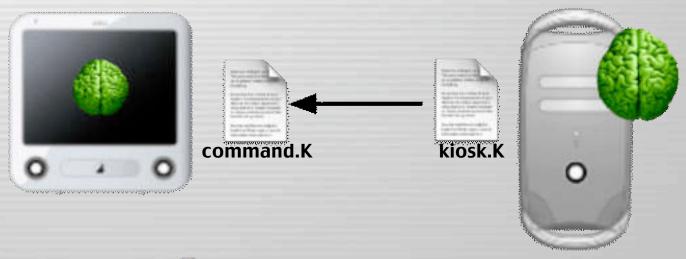
- Pico will hard wrap like "Wu Tang Clan"
 - Even if you use option -w with it will sometimes wrap radmind transcript files.
 - It might be better to NOT to use pico
 - If you want a GUI use BBEdit
 - If you want to use a "real" Unix text editor use vi or emacs.





Tips - Command File Renaming

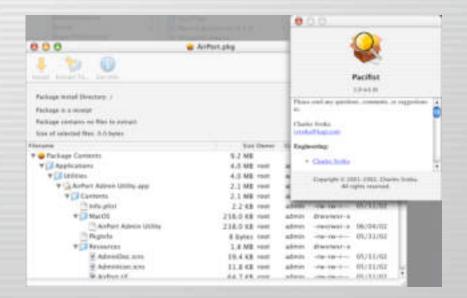
- Command file downloaded from server is renamed to "command.K" on client
 - Server command file can be specifically named something like "kiosk.K"
 - But will always be named "command.K" on client





Tips – Examine .pkg installers

- To help track and compare software installs to the radmind transcript.
- It is sometimes useful to use a utility like Pacifist that will allow you to extract and view package installers.





Summary

- Handouts available
 - Radmind presentation
 - Detailed Description
 - RSUG Mac OS X Tutorial
 - RSUG TLS Cookbook
 - Radmind Tools Man Pages
 - Web page will be available in near future.
 - www.macosxlabs.org/documentation/documentation.html





Q & A

Thanks for your time & attention