The Ultimate OS X Installation
Session S114

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Pre-Flight Instructions:

- Please turn off cell phones and pagers

- Please make sure you have an evaluation form - we have things to give away!

- Please try to save questions for the end

- If you're in an exit row, please be sure you can operate the doors

Who We Are

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What are the advantages of pre-built installation?

- Applications pre-installed

- Updates already applied

- Networking configured

- Workflow requirements in place

- Admin users and software uniform

- Speed!

First steps...

- Don't think different, think generic!

- Clean install on the most modern machine

- Create an Administrative account

- Run all available updates

- Repair permissions

Image The Drive

- Carbon Copy Cloner

- Disk Utility under OS X 10.3

- Apple Software Restore (ASR)

- OS X Server utilities for NetBoot and NetInstall

Test, no grades, just Pass or Fail

- Restore your image to a drive

- Boot and check your results...

- Navigate around, run applications, etc.

Get Complicated!

- Install applications

- Install utilities

- Customize your configuration: set preferences, aliases, printers, etc.

- Re-image

- Re-burn

- Re-test

Applications and Considerations

- Volume and Site Licensing to reduce needed customization like entering serial numbers and lengthy installs

    - Adobe (Graphics Suite)

    - Microsoft (Office VLA)

    - QuarkXPress (The horror!)

Where Applications Go...

- The Applications Folder

- The OTHER Applications Folder - Hiding in plain sight

- Giving the user more than they need...

- Licensing questions - I'm no lawyer, but...

Hmm... What Else Can We Hide?

- System Preferences

- Applications some users don't get to play with...

- The Admin account user directory

- The "Neutered Admin User" - credit to Schoun Regan

Can We Hide An Account?

- Long Name

- Short Name

- UID

- GUID

- User Directory

Additional Considerations

- Connecting machines

  - FireWire Target Disk Mode

  - FireWire Drives with two ports

  - NetBoot and NetInstall

More Additional Considerations

- Working without a machine

  - Pulling the drive

  - WeibeTech Drive Dock

  - Disk Duplicators

Thank You!

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