

Tech Advisory Council Meeting Nov 20, 2002

Agenda

- o Fortres in Public PC
- o Training database server
- o highlights of Horizon User Group meeting
- o Horizon client installation and access
- o Other business

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Attendees: Rawdon Cheng (UHLS/notes), Joe Makowiec (BRUN), Jonathan Koppel (UHLS), John Love (BETH), Maureen Brown (BETH), Caroline Edwards (COHS), Lorraine Smi (VOOR), Laurie Louis (APL), Peter Kowalski (UHLS), Michael Labanowski (GUEST).

The group discussed the deployment of Fortres in their library. Libraries felt that Fortres is temperamental. In general, it is more stable in W2K. Michael Labanowski configured this on NT/2000 workstations in POES and COHS. He did not use any of the NT policy at COHS because they are Gates PC. At POES, he created usernames for staff and public with minimal access privilege. Fortres version 5 in W2K environment will allow predefined users log in without Fortres enable. For public use pc, the temp file size is set to 20MB and history is set to 0 day.

There are other methods to protect public pc. CleanSlate and DeepFreeze are some of those. When they are activated, any changes made to the setting are not permanent. It will be erased after restart.

The training database is available for users to access. In the future, it will contain items/bib from UHLAN. Users should be cautious of which database they log on to. [editor's note: there will be a generic username for training database in the future. Users do not have to worry about logging on to wrong database by mistake]

Rawdon Cheng reported on the Horizon User Conference. Large libraries may consider thin clients since the total cost of ownership is lower in long run. Software license is a factor since libraries have to buy the same number of clients for each application. Most

software license are base on per installation, not per concurrent use. W2K CAL includes Terminal Server license, a key component in thin client.

Rawdon reported on spine label system. It is seamlessly tied into epixtech module but it is very expensive (\$4800)

ILearn is a new technology which promotes distant learning. Epixtech used it extensively. UHLS has looked into possibility to license this tool to do internal training; however, the cost is very high at \$100/month/user connection.

Large libraries should consider using their free RR connection as their backup connection to UHLS.