

FDCC and USGCB: Unmanaged to Managed

Highs and Lows from the Field

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Agenda

- Definitions
- What Matters
- Blockers and Stoppers
- What Works
- Why Managed?
- Geek Out

FDCC and USGCB

- Windows Desktops
- Security Settings
- Windows XP
- Vista
- Windows 7
- Measurements
- Local User Rights
- Enterprise Standards

The screenshot displays the National Vulnerability Database (NVD) website, specifically the Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC) download page. The page is titled "Federal Desktop Core Configuration - FDCC" and features a prominent "WARNING NOTICE" section. The warning states: "Do not attempt to implement any of the settings without first testing them in a non-operational environment. These recommendations have only been tested on Windows XP Professional SP2, Windows XP Professional SP3, and Windows Vista SP1 systems. These settings may be applicable to other Windows systems and service packs; however, NIST has not tested other Windows based systems with these settings. Please see the National Checklist Program (NCP) website for configuration guides related to other Windows Based systems and applications." Below the warning, there are two "Download Packages" listed: "2010.08.20 FDCC OVAL 5.3 & 5.4 patch content updated." and "2010.08.09 FDCC OVAL 5.3 & 5.4 patch content updated." The page also includes a "NIST Resources" section with links to various security guides and checklists. At the bottom, there are icons for "Windows Firewall with Advanced Security" and "Network List Manager Policies".

Definition of Managed

- Users run with User Rights
- Corporate standard for desktop and servers
- Standards *evolve*, but are:
 - Known at all times
 - Can be measured
 - Accountable



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What Matters

Critical Elements for
Successful FDCC or USGCB Deployment

What Matters

Keep

It

Simple

'Simple' Requirements

Minimize Steps Shorten Install Times



Blockers

- Data and Applications
 - Find
 - Sift
 - Transfer
- Image engineering
- Image distribution in challenged networks
- Image application re-provisioning
- Custom security lockdowns
- “Eco-System” impacting the standard



Stoppers

- Cowboy culture
- Hand crafting
- No app left behind

What Works: Dealing with the Blockers and Stoppers

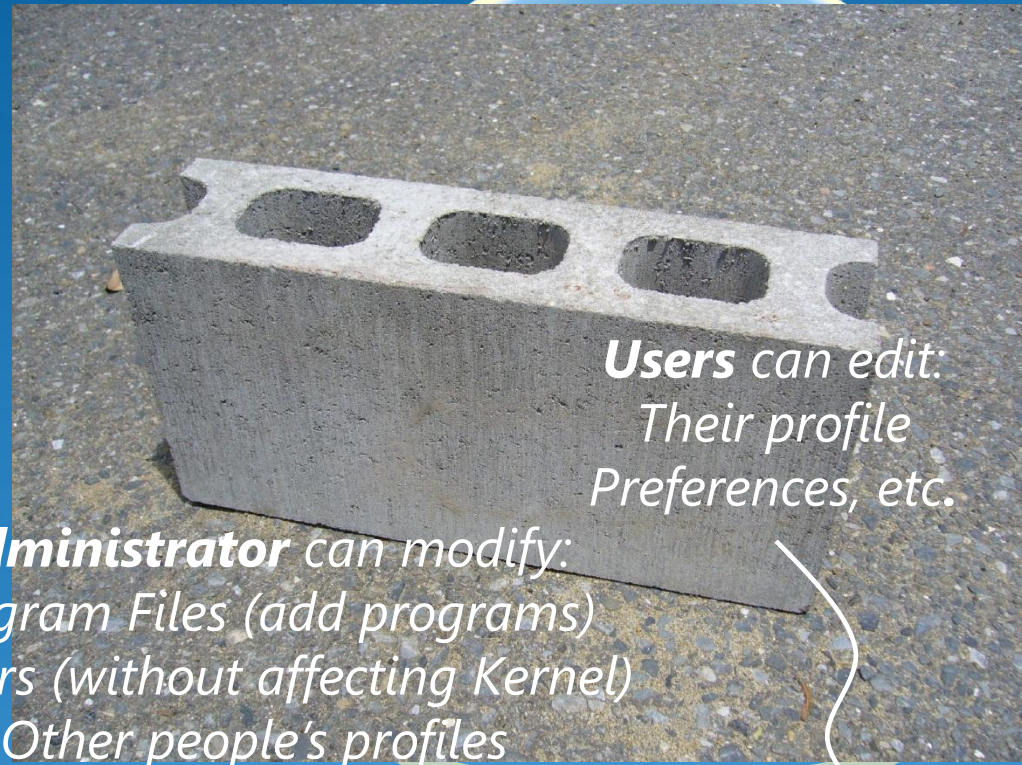
The Dynamic Image (1)

- What it is NOT
- Image as a Container
- Hard exterior, mold the interior

Protected Operating System
Core System Files:
Kernel, etc.

Administrator can modify:
Program Files (add programs)
Drivers (without affecting Kernel)
Other people's profiles

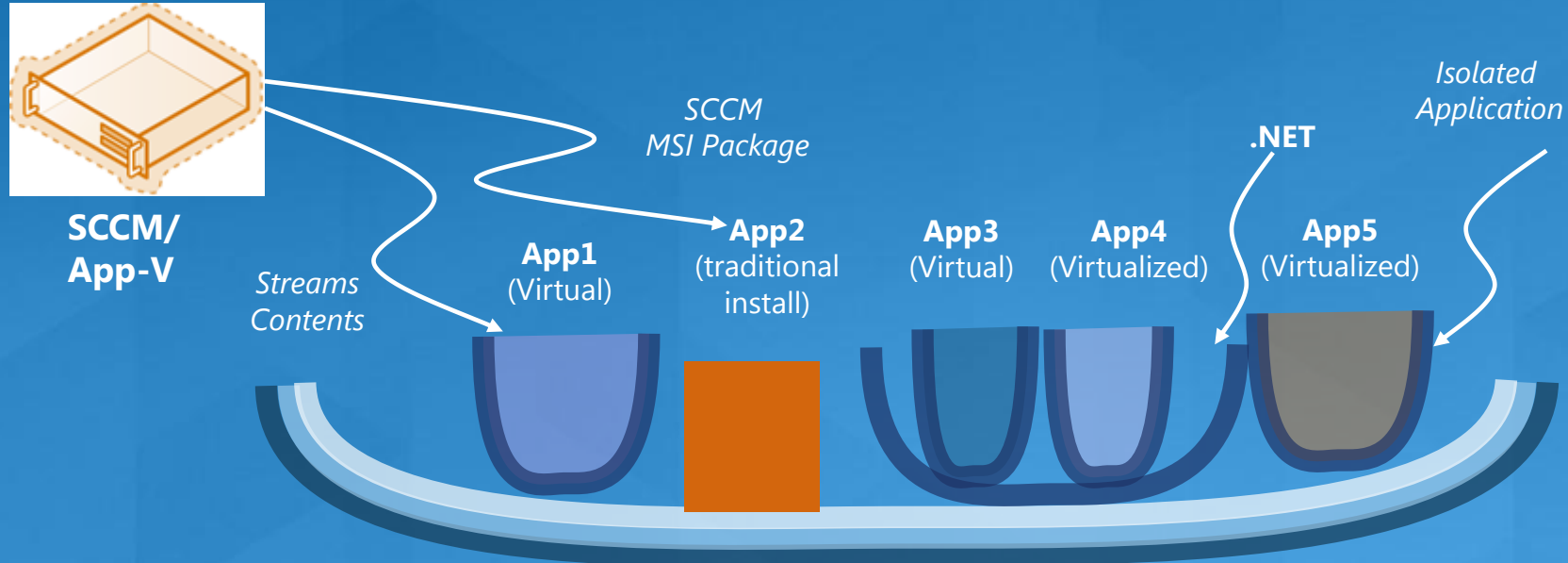
Users can edit:
Their profile
Preferences, etc.



SECTION SIDE VIEW

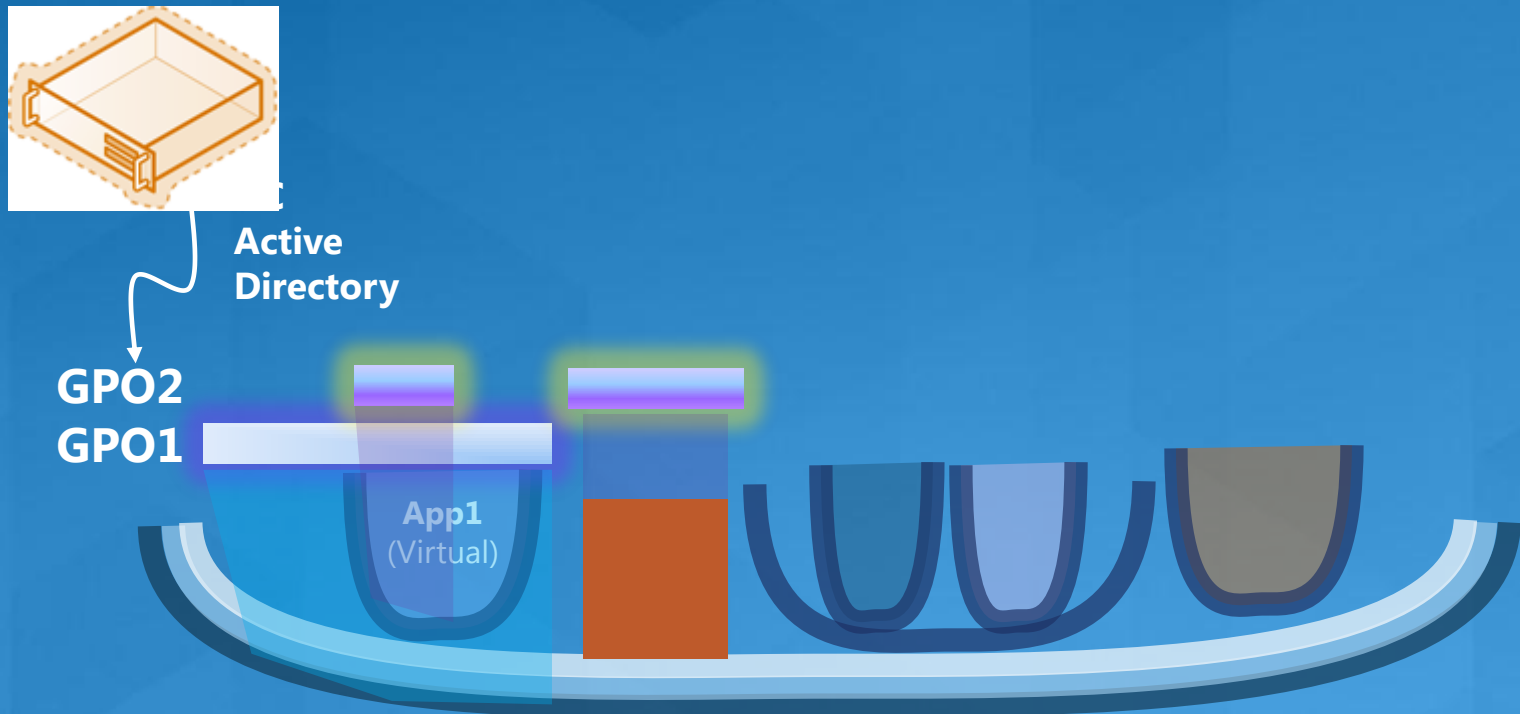
The Dynamic Image (2)

- Image contents: edits, applications



The Dynamic Image (3)

- Image contents: edits, applications
- Image layers: Group Policies (FDCC, USGCB)



Data

- **Find it.**

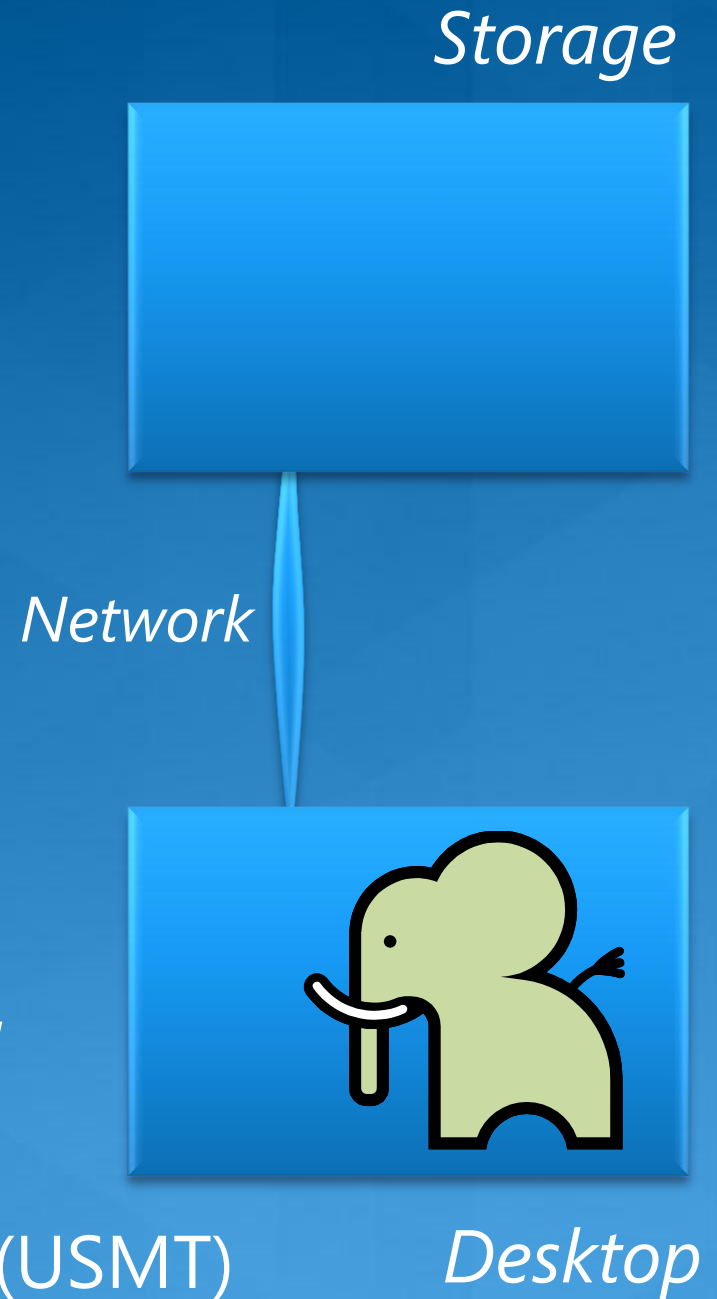
- Vacuum cleaner approach
- Depend on the Users
- *Don't promise perfection*

- **Sift it.**

- What needs encryption?
- What needs backup?
- What is not required?
- *Set the enterprise standard*

- **Transfer it.**

- User State Migration Tool (USMT)



Applications

- **Find it.**
 - Systems Mgt Reports
 - Stakeholder Lists
 - Installation media
 - Static Analysis
- **Sift it.**
 - Multiple versions
 - Duplicate functions
 - Target funding
- **Transfer it. *Package:***
 - Priority applications
 - Fixes with application

Use the (Free!) Tools

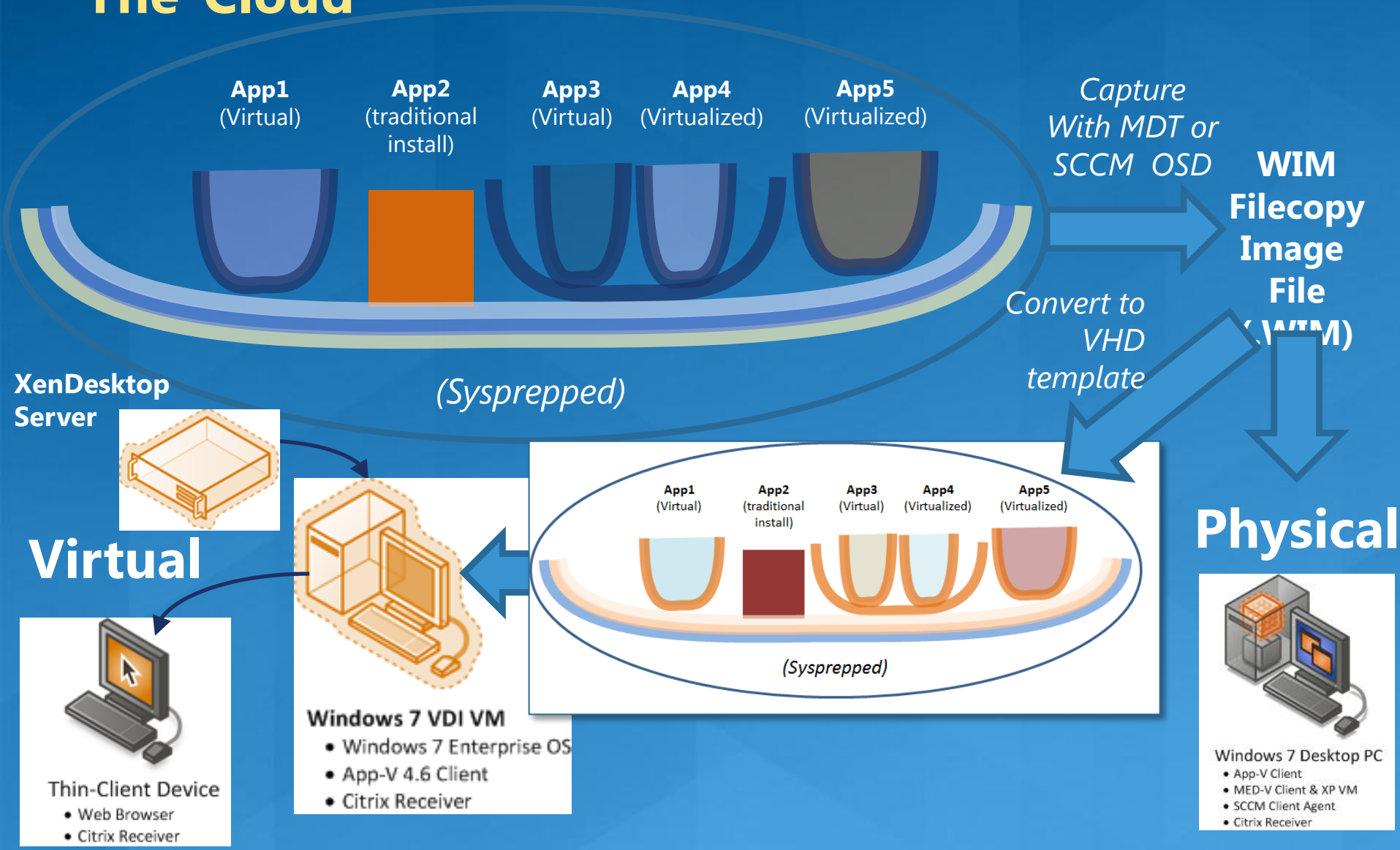
- Security Compliance Manager:
 - <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/en/details.aspx?FamilyID=5534bee1-3cad-4bf0-b92b-a8e545573a3e&displayLang=en>
- Sysinternals Process Explorer
 - <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/bb896653.aspx>
- Microsoft Deployment Toolkit Update 1 and User State Migration Toolkit 4.0
 - <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/en/details.aspx?FamilyID=3bd8561f-77ac-4400-a0c1-fe871c461a89>

Why Managed Matters

Cloud, Security, Cost, Control

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The Cloud



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The Security Threat

Top Windows Malware 2H 2009

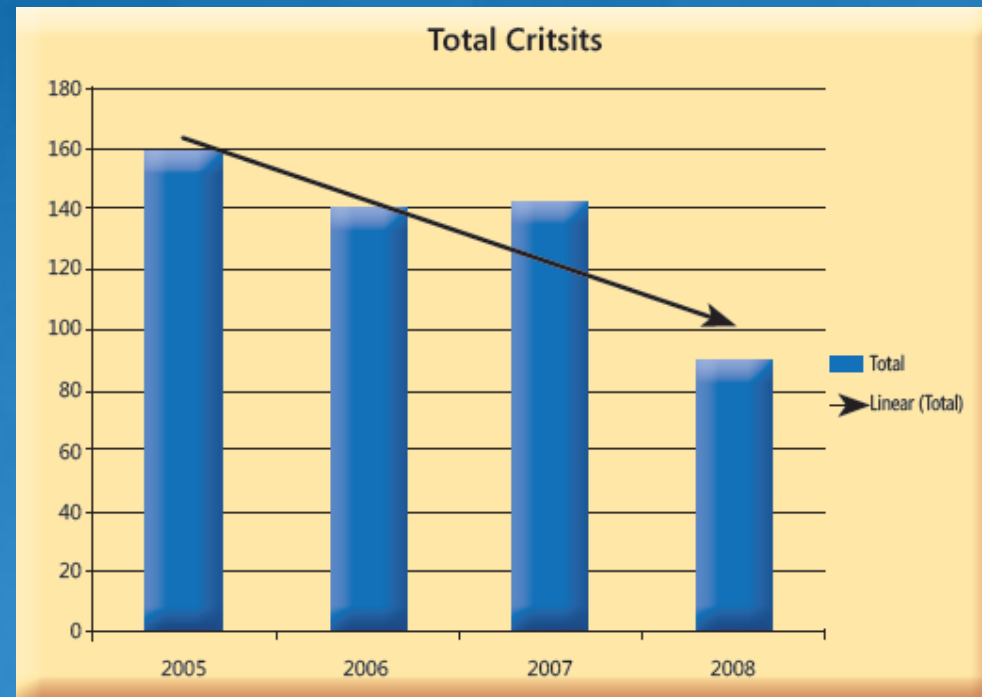
	Family	Category	Method
1	Win32/Taterf	Worms	Autorun.inf in root of drives
2	Win32/Renost	Trojan Downloaders & Droppers	Downloads and executes installation of other malware which load files into %ProgramFiles%
3	Win32/FakeXPA*	Miscellaneous Trojans	Downloads and executes installation of other malware which load files into %ProgramFiles%
4	Win32/Alureont	Miscellaneous Trojans	Downloads and executes installation of other malware; edits HKLM keys, attacks HW drivers
5	Win32/Confickert	Worms	Attack on svchost.exe
6	Win32/Frethog	Password Stealers & Monitoring Tools	Inserts commands into registry Run keys, injects DLL into explorer.exe
7	Win32/Agent	Miscellaneous Trojans	Inserts commands into Run key, All Users Profile
8	Win32/BaiduSobar	Misc. Unwanted Software	HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT, installs files into %ProgramFiles%
9	Win32/GameVance	Adware	Installs malware into %ProgramFiles%, HKLM\Software
10	Win32/Hotbar	Adware	HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT, installs files into %ProgramFiles%

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Cost

US Air Force: *Saved \$30M with Standard Desktop*

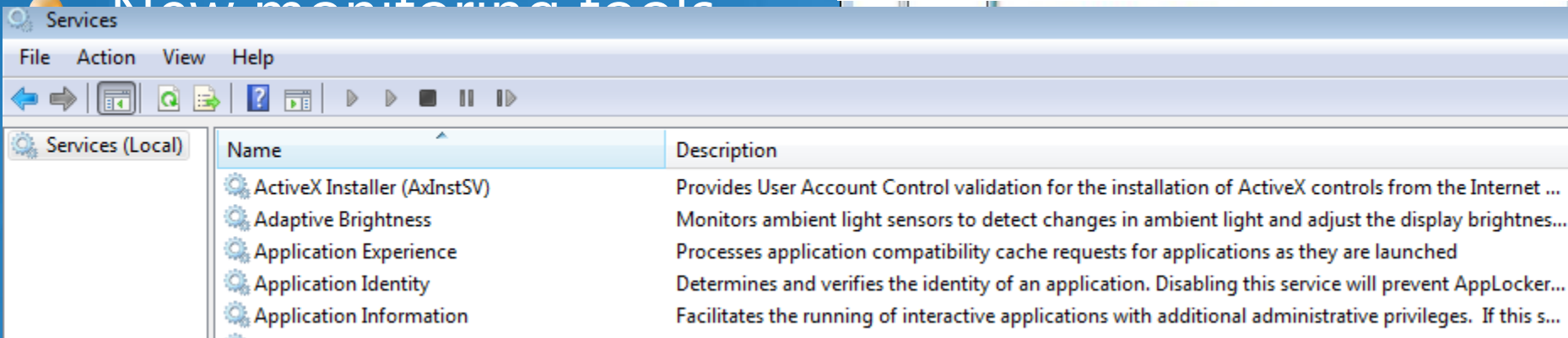
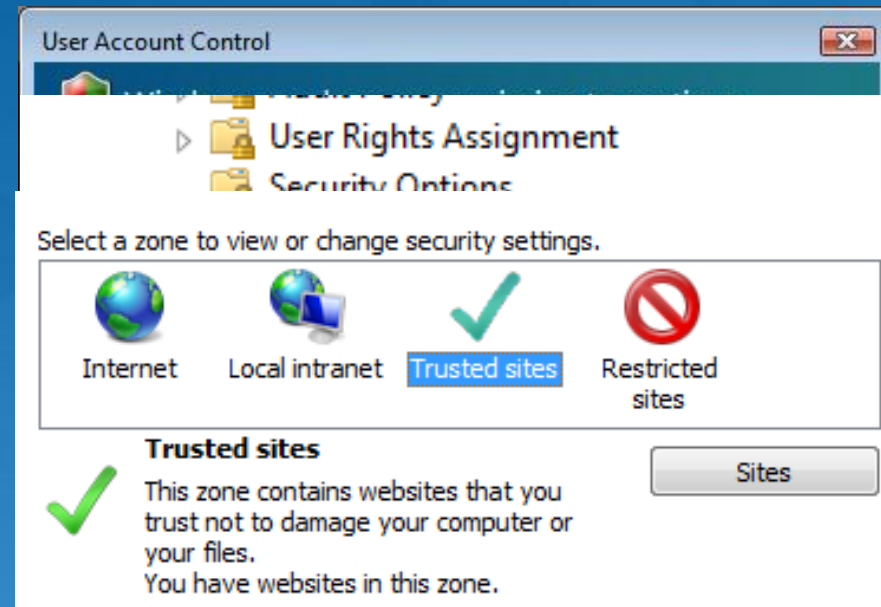
- 425,000 SDC desktops deployed in ten months
- 30% drop in local technical support resources without impacting mission
- Accelerated Technology Refresh cycles
- Security Incidents / Critsits dropped significantly



Why Managed is Possible

Control: User Testimonials or "Hey, it isn't *that* bad"

- UAC prompts are dropping drastically
- Creatures of habit
 - Outlook and Word
 - Firewall exceptions < 1 mo
 - Trusted sites < 2 mos
 - ActiveX Controls



Why Managed Matters

Control: Tales from the Field

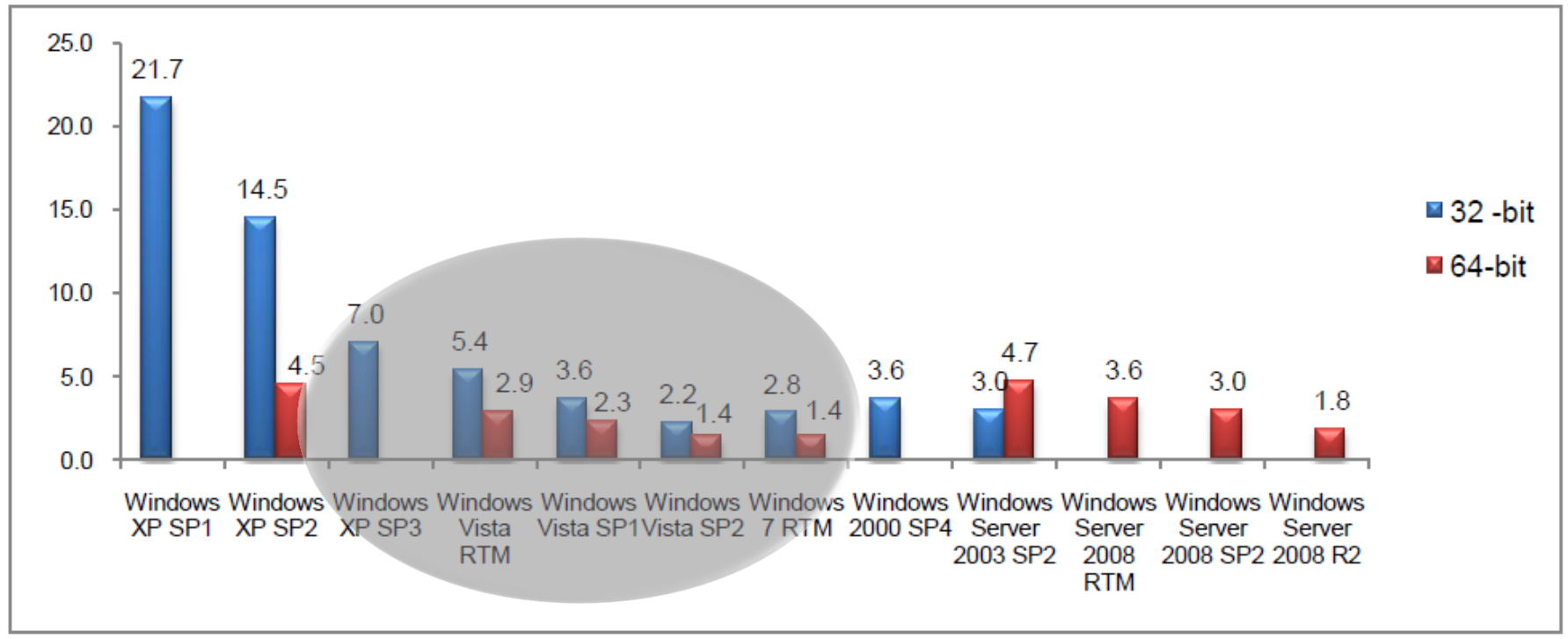
- SPAM (mystery meat) configurations
- The case of the disappearing agent



Geek Out

Your OS Choice is Important

Figure 4: Number of computers cleaned for every 1,000 MSRT executions, by operating system, in 2H09



Top Six Fears with FDCC/USGCB

- **Firewall**
 - Inbound only
- **Plug-ins and add-ons**
 - In top demand: JRE, Adobe Reader, .NET
 - ActiveX Installation Service (AXIS)
- **FIPS Encryption**
 - Breaks less than people expect; worth fighting for
- **Internet Explorer 7 and 8**
 - End Run: users demand Firefox
 - Protected Mode: add site to Trusted Sites
- **Application Compatibility and Re-Provisioning**
 - Less impact with managed desktops compared to XP, due to User Access Control (UAC)
- **Printers**
 - Point and Print
 - Universal printer drivers

Some Issues: DHCP

- Vista and Windows 7 fail to obtain DHCP addresses when coming out of sleep mode
 - Default Firewall Unicast response settings block DHCP traffic; *Implement the predefined rule for Core Networking leaving only the "Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP-in)" checked to allow DHCP communication for the Domain Profile*

Some Issues: IPv6

- DirectAccess and/or IPv6 dependent applications won't work
 - Default FDCC Disable ISATAP, Teredo, and 6to4 tunneling protocols via some registry entries; *if implementing DirectAccess or IPv6 set these registry settings to Enabled*

Some Issues: Certificates

- Certain applications won't install (e.g., Java Runtime Environment, etc.) since they use legitimate 3rd party certificates that are not pre-installed in a new image
- Default FDCC / USGCB Turns off Automatic Root Certificates Update. Only major certificates are pre-installed in Vista/Win 7 to enhance performance, system assumes automatic root certificate updates will handle the rest, which it normally does. *Identify the 3rd party root certificate, publish certificate in Active Directory*

Common Issues: Wireless

- Mobile users can't use their wireless
 - WLAN AutoConfig: Disabled. *NIST provided guidance on their FDCC site for agencies who wish to use wireless on certain systems: must ensure all internal implementations of wireless use secure wireless (802.1x).*

Some Issues: IPSEC

- IPsec connections fail
 - FDCC limits Access this computer from the network to Administrators. When IPsec is used to provide session security, IPsec enforces network-based machine-authentication. For further details please see this FDCC blog post: <http://blogs.technet.com/fdcc/archive/2008/10/21/fdcc-blog-alert-issue-with-windows-xp-vista-and-ipsec.aspx> . *If IPSEC is utilized, add Authenticated Users or sub-groups that will be utilizing IPSEC security.*

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