Take Your Task Sequences to the Next Level

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Thick Imaging Solutions

- Ghost, FOG, etc
- Significant storage needed
- Less remote capabilities
- SysPrep not as effective
- Cumbersome to update images
- Hardware dependent
- No granular customization

SCCM Task Sequences

- Centralized and standardized storage
- PXE with unattended deployment
- Real-time driver recognition
- Individualized updating
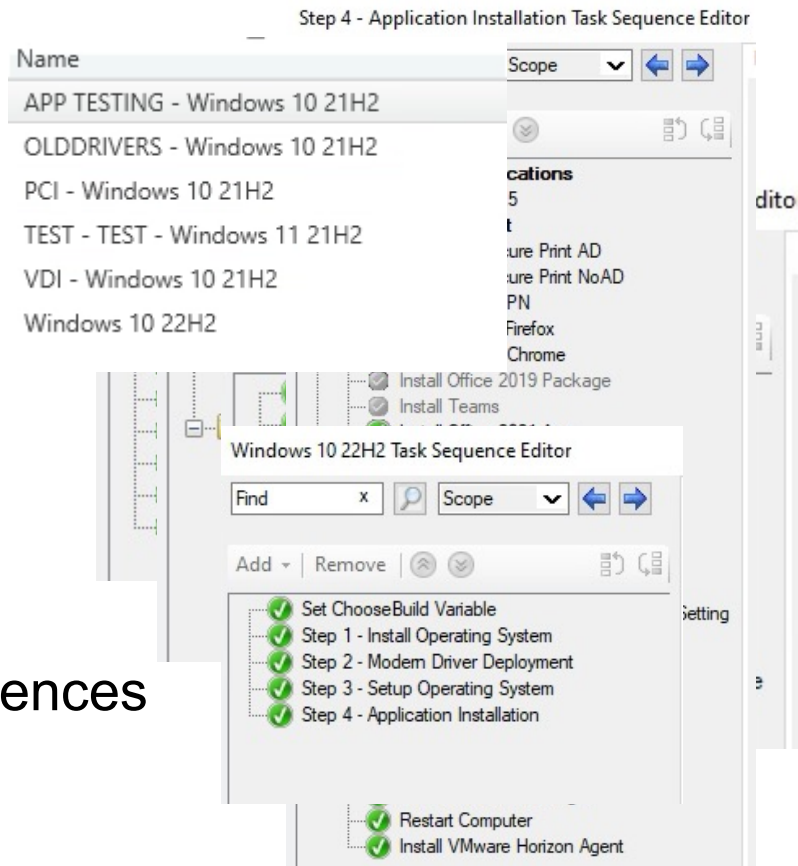- Scripting and logic in sequences

Object-Oriented Sequencing

Nested Sequences

- Organize based on task
  - Install Operating System
  - Driver Management
  - Setup Operating System
  - Install Software
- Plug into multiple master sequences
- Swap out easily

Step 4 - Application Installation Task Sequence Editor

Name
APP TESTING - Windows 10 21H2
OLDDRIVERS - Windows 10 21H2
PCI - Windows 10 21H2
TEST - TEST - Windows 11 21H2
VDI - Windows 10 21H2
Windows 10 22H2

Scope

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ure Print AD
ure Print NoAD
PN
Firefox
Chrome

Install Office 2019 Package
Install Teams

Windows 10 22H2 Task Sequence Editor

Find   x   Scope

Add ▾ | Remove

✓ Set ChooseBuild Variable
✓ Step 1 - Install Operating System
✓ Step 2 - Modern Driver Deployment
✓ Step 3 - Setup Operating System
✓ Step 4 - Application Installation

✓ Restart Computer
✓ Install VMware Horizon Agent

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Setting

Master Sequences

- One "Master" sequence called by various starter sequences
  - Zero-Touch
  - Interactive
  - Testing
    - Testing new Windows builds
  - Unique solutions
  - Problematic
- Testing is done on production sequences
- Only update one sequence

Software Installation

- Individual groups
  - Swap in/out and easily disable temporarily
  - Use logic and conditions to run or skip
    - Scripting to determine and check for conditions

- Standard steps
  - Install Software
  - Configure Software
  - Cleanup Software
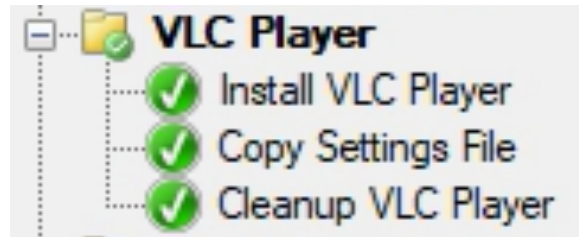
Test Sequence Groups

- Copying sequences
  - End up with many duplicated sequences
  - New branch for each duplication
    - More than one control changes
  - Higher level changes need redone in each test sequence
    - End up outdated

- Test group in the sequence depending on conditions

Using Conditions

Setting Conditions

- Collection membership
- Set by starter sequences
- Querying hardware or other device items
  - Chassis Type (Laptop vs Desktop)
  - Manufacturer
  - IP Address
  - Virtual Machines
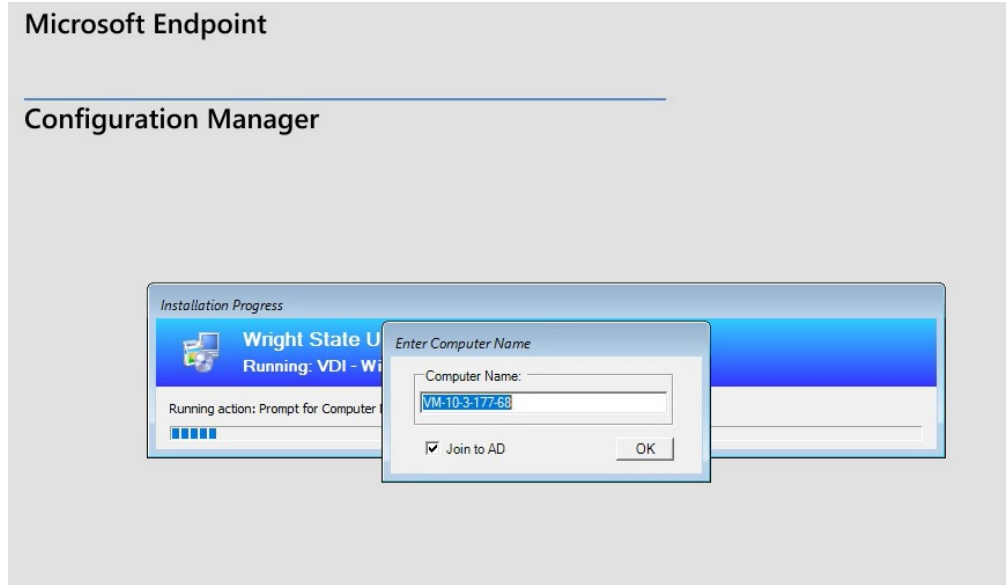- Scripting
  - Interactive
  - External inputs

Scripting

Desktop Machines

- Some variance
- Always interactive
- Query Hardware
- Prompt for variables
  - Naming
  - Domain

Microsoft Endpoint

Configuration Manager

Installation Progress

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Running: VDI - Wi

Running action: Prompt for Computer

Enter Computer Name

Computer Name:

VM-10-3-177-68

☑ Join to AD   OK

Labs & Classroom Machines

- Hundreds of machines
- Infinite combination of configurations
  - Ever-changing by frequent requests
- Zero-Touch bulk imaging required
  - Also On-Demand singles
- Easy to specify options
  - Outside SCCM if possible

Labs: "The Spreadsheet"

- Stored on regular shared space
    - Multiple users – both campuses
- Macros
    - Save as a copy
    - Save as csv
- Clearly structured organization
- Binary (Yes/No) options
    - Some multiple responses

	Lab	Notes	DeepFreeze	Microsoft Office 2019	CTS Screensaver	Google Chrome	Mozilla Firefox	Pharos Student Dayton Secure	VLC Player	WebEx Meetings	Adobe Reader	Acrobat Pro DC	Adobe AfterEffects	Adobe Animate
2	Variable		deepfreeze001	office001	screensaver	chrome	firefox	secureprint	vlc	webex	acrobatreader	acrobatdc	aftereffects	animate
3	License		Site	Site	None	Open	Open	None	Open	Open	Open	Open	Seat Count	Seat Count
4	DL240	STAC	ULSTAC	alloffice		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5	LX040H	Frank Wolz Test	ULMain	stacoffice		X	X	X	X			X		
6	vm-10-3-177-68	Frank Wolz Test	None	alloffice		X								
7	SPAREDELL02	cts test	df batch20	alloffice	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
8	CTLRcRm	CTL recording PC	None	alloffice	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
9	UL-PARENT	VDI Test Frank	None	alloffice		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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48	AN182	LC SCC	Lake-df-T5-batch	alloffice	X	X	X	X				X	X	

Labs: Spreadsheet Elements

- Rows to correspond to name of machine

- Columns for each application

- Each application has a "variable" field
  - Corresponds to conditions in the Task Sequence
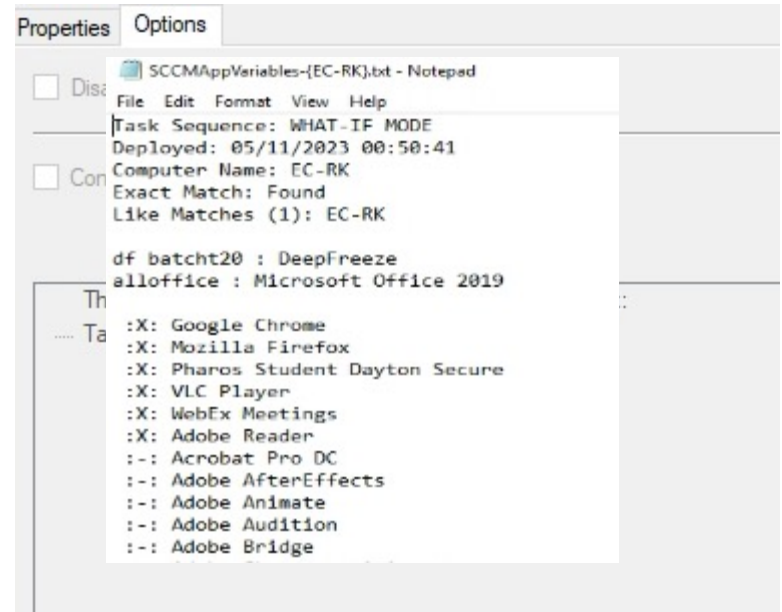
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Labs: Spreadsheet to SCCM Script

- Lookup rows based on computer name
- Conflict resolution
  - EXACT match or LIKE match
- Create variable if an X exists
  - Set variable for the non-binary items

Labs: Script Results

- Create variables for use in conditions
- Create debug file on C drive with results
- Also "What-If" manual run

Password Protect Script

- Password PXE at the DP level
- Password PXE at the BIOS level
- No password
  - Worst case: lose data
  - Best case: system unavailable
- Not for "Security"

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TS PASSWORD PROTECT

TYPE THE TS PASSWORD

Type the TS password

BAD PASSWORD COUNT
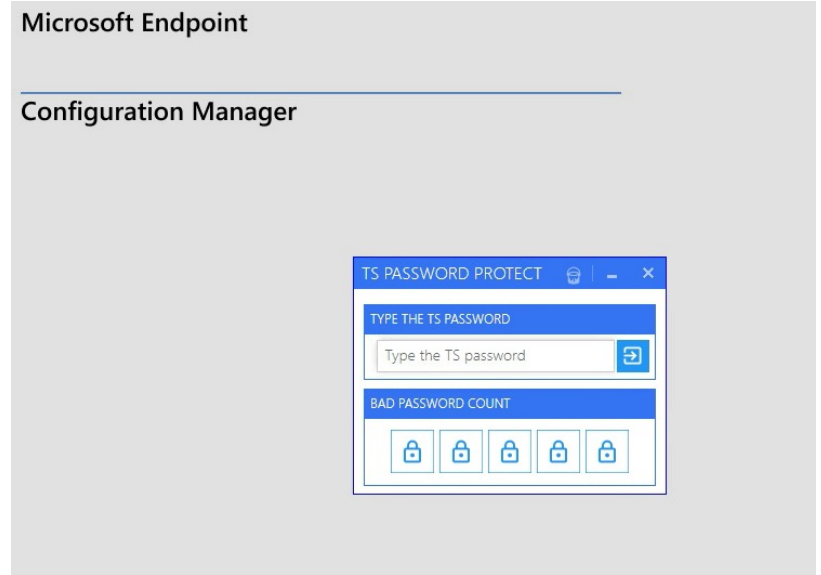
Future Plans

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Future Plans

- Reconcile issues caused by October and March updates
- Eliminate more manual intervention
  - Add accounts to local admins
  - Bitlocker encryption
- Windows 11
- Better conflict resolution on the spreadsheet
- Coauthoring on the spreadsheet……Web-Based??

Questions??

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