

2006 – 2007 Westminster Computer Images Project

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Imaging

- This year, we want to take a step forward with remote imaging services.
- Semantic's GHOST has been very stable for us and we know it well.
- If GHOST can't do some of the new things we wish (such as keep machine identity), we will consider switching to Zen imaging.
- Methods for initializing remote imaging:
 1. *preferred*: PXE (network) boot.
 2. *alternate*: Partition on drive (adds approximately 40 seconds to boot time).
- Wake on LAN (unreliable). May be a method for total hands-off remote imaging.
- We own all necessary Novell software but would need to purchase the new version of GHOST. Ryan Lewis is looking into hardware.

New PCs and PCs out of Service

- Budget permitting, Ben expects to add a new computer model and possibly replace one or two of the older models. This means we will be maintaining +/- two additional images. Ben will contact vendors other than PC Club.

Timeline

- 4/28: Zen Imaging/PXE network boot deadline (tested and functional).
- 5/1: Begin compiling new software releases, vendor contracts, faculty software requests.
- 6/1: New image build begins.
- 6/19: New image testing begins (IT, faculty, staff).
- 7/14: New image completion deadline.
- 8/1: Reimaging begins.
- **8/18: CAMPUS REIMAGING DEADLINE.**