

LMIT Rolls out Windows and Office XP on the HLAN

Computers and the network have become essential to the Hanford cleanup mission. As with any other key tools, computers and the network must be upgraded from time to time to maintain dependability.

The Hanford Site has used the Microsoft Windows 98 operating system for the past five years, beyond its typical life cycle. Microsoft introduced Windows XP several years ago, and announced that Windows 98 will not be supported after 2003. This means that, if problems arise, Microsoft will not answer questions or provide needed “fixes” to the software. For example, security updates will no longer be created for the product, which increases the site’s risk for problems resulting from viruses on these machines.



This year, Lockheed Martin Information Technology will migrate the site’s computer systems to the Windows XP operating system and Office XP desktop suite as the new personal computer standard on the Hanford Local Area Network. This adjustment will help maintain compatibility with currently manufactured hardware and software, improve security and increase stability of the HLAN.



First step — application testing

More than 400 different computer application programs operate on the HLAN. These programs need to function in the XP environment. LMIT is already working with many of the application owners to validate compatibility and resolve problems. All known application programs, any tests performed on each program and current results are posted in the “App Testing” section of the XP Web site at <http://www.rl.gov/xp>.

LMIT is aware of two essential application programs with known XP problems — ACES (Access Control/Entry System) and SWITS (Solid Waste Information and Tracking System). SWITS and ACES users have been notified not to install XP until these problems are resolved. LMIT needs to know of similar problems. If you are an application program owner, please contact LMIT to begin testing your program for XP compatibility.

LMIT is providing test facilities and posting test results for any non-LMIT-developed applications as well. System owners may schedule the facility by sending an e-mail message to ^Windows XP Project.

Second step — deployment

Deployment of Windows and Office XP began in December 2002 for a selected subset of individuals. At the same time, testing of application programs began in earnest. Last month, LMIT installed XP on its own PCs to further check out the installation process. This month, general installation will begin for selected groups and individuals.

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First, LMIT will schedule department-level group deployments with XP points of contact for companies. Second, XP installation will be available for individual users who have a need to install the operating system before the rest of their group members. These individuals will need to make arrangements through their organizational point of contact, listed below.

An easier transition

Installing the new XP operating system is not simple. The Hanford Site has not made a progression from Windows 98 to Windows 2000, so XP installation is not merely an upgrade, but a new installation. This new installation requires that you temporarily remove and store all of your data and program files and then reinstall

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XP Points of Contact

Company/Organization

XP Point of Contact

Contact Information

• CH2M HILL	Tom Moore, Jr.	^CH2M XP Migration
• COGEMA	Ralph Elwell	376-2878
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• Fluor Federal Services	Derek Kolar	373-6271
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Communications	Roy Brogdon	372-1018
Engineering Labs	Roy Brogdon	372-1018
Environment, Safety and Health	Roy Brogdon	372-1018
Fast Flux Test Facility	Bob Beach	376-5839
Nuclear Material Stabilization	Steve Roakes	373-0793
Mission Assurance	Paul Jacobsen	372-8453
River Corridor	Ron Kwis	373-4613
Site Operations	Roy Brogdon	372-1018
Spent Nuclear Fuel	Carol Clark	373-9183
Strategic Planning & Integration	Roy Brogdon	372-1018
Waste Management	Steve Sanborn	376-5943
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them. LMIT understands the complexity of this major update and is committed to working with all Hanford Site customers to reduce impacts. LMIT plans to conduct testing in a focused and orderly manner, to facilitate and assist with XP installation on each PC and to promptly respond to any problems you may experience.

Before you install XP, LMIT recommends that you clean out and organize old data files on your hard drive. This step will significantly reduce the time needed to install XP and put you back to work quickly. For more information, visit the XP Web site at <http://www.rl.gov/xp> or send an e-mail message to the project team at ^Windows XP Project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the XP Project manager, Jon Rowley, at 376-7834. ■

Schedule for Windows and Office XP rollout and training 2003

Jan.-Sept.	Application testing
Feb.-March	LMIT installation
March-May	Early-adopter installation
March-August	Group deployment

XP Training — brown bag schedule

Dates and locations for weekly scheduled sessions are posted on the XP Web site. Other sessions are available on request through the XP points of contact.

