Final Paper Information

Due at the beginning of class on Monday, August 4th

Contents: What should be in the paper?

You should have

(1)   A summary of what you have learned in class (please delineate material you already knew). This should take at least 1-2 pages, though you can use more if you like.

(2)   What you thought was most interesting (this can be anything such an assignment, or a description of an event or sequences of events when you were doing an assignment, or even something that has puzzled you). This should take at least a page, though of course you can use more if you like.

(3)   A system administration topic area that you would like to follow up on. This should be the bulk of your paper, and should be five to seven (or more if you like pages). Some suggestions might be

      (3).(a)   Writing about a new or topical area such as improving boot times (you might consider looking at initng, Sun's Service Management Facility, etc.), Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2008 Hyper-V, or similar topic of recent interest.

      (3).(b)   A well-understood topic NFS, server room power provisioning, or Samba and how it could be expanded or improved in some fashion.

      (3).(c)   Independent work, where you outline an innovative procedure or thought, such as a new approach to monitoring a number of computer systems, or even something like a new file system design – if you are currently doing a master's project that is in such an area, I would welcome you writing about this work.

Physical format

Please print the paper single-sided, on 8.5 x 11 paper, and the text should be double-spaced. Please staple your paper. *Please do not email me this paper.*

Late Policy

As stated in the syllabus, there will be a **20%** per day reduction in grade for each day it is late.

Grading

The final paper will be graded on adherence to formatting instructions, good grammar and punctuation, clear and coherent reasoning, and demonstrated knowledge about system administration.

You MUST cite any sources that you use, and you must CLEARLY delineate all quotes from other people's work. Failure to do so is academic dishonesty. Please consult http://www.fsu.edu/~dof/forms/honorpolicy.pdf **to review The Florida State University academic honor policy.**