

# The MacAdmin Toolchain

Charles Edge

“The English contribution to  
world cuisine - the chip.”

John Cleese

# What We'll Cover

- All the things
- Updating systems
- MDM
- OMG packaging
- Scripting
- The future

All The Things

# Challenge Questions

Access to source  
code?

Government  
compliance?

24x7 support?

Data must be on  
premises?

Data must be in the  
cloud?

Data must be in your  
country?

Scale Appropriately

“The life so short, the  
crafts so long to learn.”

Chaucer

You have a finite  
amount of resources

Chaucer knew...

An infinite number of  
options

Scale appropriately

For some, one tool is  
enough

More machines, more  
problems

More problems, more  
logic

# The field of Mac management

# Setting Up Systems

“What really matters is what you do with what you have.”

H.G. Wells

Apple has charted a  
course for the future of  
imaging

Until Everyone Has  
DEP

Save time, get machines  
in a known state

Monolithic, package-  
based, thin, no

# DeployStudio

<http://www.deploystudio.com>

# Casper Imaging

[http://www.jamfsoftware.com/products/casper-suite/  
deployment-and-provisioning/](http://www.jamfsoftware.com/products/casper-suite/deployment-and-provisioning/)

# Filewave Lightning

<https://www.filewave.com/products/imaging/lightning-thunderbolt>

# imagr

<https://github.com/grahamgilbert/imagr>

# System Image Utility

[https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/os-x-server/id883878097?  
mt=12](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/os-x-server/id883878097?mt=12)

asr

/usr/sbin/asr

Save time, automate  
image creation

# AutoDMG

<https://github.com/MagerValp/AutoDMG>

# createOSXInstallPkg

<https://github.com/munki/createOSXinstallPkg>

# first-boot-pkg

<https://github.com/grahamgilbert/first-boot-pkg>

# Netbooting and Imaging

Save time, image over  
the network

OS X Server

“Hell isn’t merely paved with good intentions; it’s walled and roofed with them.”

Aldous Huxley

# bsdpy

<https://bitbucket.org/bruienne/bsdpy>

Go a step further and  
automate creating  
Netboot sets

# AutoNBI.py

<https://bitbucket.org/bruienne/autonbi>

# Software Updates

Save bandwidth, cache/  
control software updates

OS X Server

# Caching Server

# Software Update Server

“He who stops being  
better stops being good.”

Oliver Cromwell

# Reposado

<https://github.com/wdas/reposado>

# Margarita

<https://github.com/jessepeterson/margarita>

# NetSUS

<https://jamfnation.jamfsoftware.com/viewProduct.html?id=180>

# Device Management: The Hub

Save time, centrally  
manage all the things

“Things are not quite so simple  
always as black and white.”

Doris Lessing

# Apple Remote Desktop

[https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/apple-remote-desktop/  
id409907375?mt=12](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/apple-remote-desktop/id409907375?mt=12)

# The Casper Suite

<http://www.jamfsoftware.com>

# Munki

<https://github.com/munki>

# Sal

<https://github.com/grahamgilbert/docker-sal>

# Simian

<https://github.com/google/simian>

# Munki-In-A-Box

<https://github.com/tbridge/munki-in-a-box>

# MunkiWebAdmin

<https://github.com/munki/munkiwebadmin>

# munkireport-php

<https://github.com/munkireport/munkireport-php>

# CauliflowerVest

<https://github.com/google/cauliflowervest>

# Cheeky Monkey Preso

<http://docs.macsysadmin.se/2015/pdf/Day2Session6.pdf>

# Filewave

<https://www.filewave.com>

# Absolute

<https://www.absolute.com/>

# Puppet (orchestration)

<https://puppetlabs.com>

# SCCM and BigFix (scriptrunners)

# Gruntwork

<http://mac-msp.com>

# Watchman Monitoring

<https://www.watchmanmonitoring.com>

# Packages and Scripts: The spokes

Save time, automate  
moar

“We build too many walls  
and not enough bridges.”

Isaac Newton

# Licensing

Inventory

# Active Directory

# Identity Management: OneLogin and Okta

# Settings for Software

plists

profiles

# mcxToProfile

<https://github.com/timsutton/mcxToProfile>

# User Templates

Antivirus

Groupware

# Remote Login

Scaling appropriately

# MDM

<http://enterpriseios.com>

Scale appropriately?

Save time, use APIs

“I don’t know where I’m going from here, but I promise it won’t be boring.”

David Bowie

- App Store: Buy Apps on the iOS and Mac App Stores and have them automatically download to your devices.
- Apple Developer programs: Access beta copies of software and developer tools.
- Apple Music: Apple's music service that uses a monthly fee rather than purchasing each song individually.
- Apple Music Radio: Stream radio to your devices over the Apple Music Radio service.
- Apple Online Store: Purchase hardware and software through the Apple.com.
- Apple Retail services: Access to Concierge, Joint Venture, and programs, including the Apple Store app.
- Apple Support Communities: Access the Apple support site, ask questions, and answer any support requests you know the answer to.
- Apple TV: Access Content purchased on Apple from an Apple TV and control the TV with the Remote app on an iOS device.
- Back to My Mac: Provides remote access to a computer, even when that computer is using NAT behind a different firewall.
- Device Enrollment Program (DEP): Automatically associate devices owned by an organization with a Mobile Device Management (MDM) solution.
- FaceTime: Video conferencing with friends and family.
- FileVault Key Escrow: Option to keep the FileVault recovery key stored on a server.
- Find My Friends: Shows the physical location of friends you have added using the Find My Friends app, using GPS
- Find My Mac: Shows the physical location of your Apple devices using the iCloud web interface
- Game Center: Access scores in apps that support Game Center integration for friends using the Game Center app.
- iBooks Store: Access books and other multi-media content on the Apple iBooks Store.
- iChat: Legacy chat system from 10.8 and below.
- iCloud Calendars: Sets up the client for the Calendar app to work with an iCloud account.
- iCloud Contacts: Sets up the client for the Contacts app to work with an iCloud account.
- iCloud Drive: allows certain apps to write data into storage on iCloud servers.
- iCloud Keychain: Synchronizes passwords and certificates between computers.
- iCloud Mail: Configures the Mail app to work with an iCloud account.
- iCloud Photos: Displays the photo stream and integrates iCloud Photo Library with your Mac and allows for iCloud Photo Sharing.
- iCloud Notes: Synchronizes notes created in the Notes app with an iCloud account.
- iMessage: Instant message with other iMessage users rather than using text messages.
- iTunes Genius: Tracks purchases on iTunes and allows you to find similar content to music in your library and purchase history.
- iTunes Home Sharing: Share data within apps such as iTunes and Photos from within a given Local Area Network (LAN).
- iTunes Match: Access music that was ripped from CDs and other media.
- iTunes Store: Purchase music that can be downloaded and listened to offline.
- iTunes U: Access podcasts posted by education institutions.
- Handoff – Shows the same content on an iPhone or iOS devices as on an OS X device if apps are built with Handoff support.
- My Apple ID (appleid.apple.com): Access information about an Apple ID and reset passwords and addresses for the Apple ID.
- Volume Purchase Program: Purchase applications in bulk and deploy those applications using codes, Apple IDs, or devices.

# Apple Services

# VPP

<http://www.apple.com/business/vpp/>

# DEP

<http://www.apple.com/business/dep/>

# Policy Management

Wait, wait, instant  
policies...

OMG Packaging

Save time, automate  
what MDM doesn't

Scaling appropriately

“In England, we have such good manners that if someone says something impolite, the police will get involved.”

Russell Brand

# Composer

<http://www.jamfsoftware.com/products/composer/>

# Packages

<http://s.sudre.free.fr/Software/Packages/about.html>

# pkgutil

`/usr/sbin/pkgutil`

# Suspicious Package

[www.mothersruin.com/software/SuspiciousPackage](http://www.mothersruin.com/software/SuspiciousPackage)

# Autopkg

<http://autopkg.github.io/autopkg>

# autopkgr

<http://www.lindegroup.com/autopkgr>

# JSSImporter

<https://github.com/sheagcraig/JSSImporter>

# Patchoo!

<http://patchoo.github.io/patchoo/>

# CreateUserPkg

<https://github.com/MagerValp/CreateUserPkg>

# Firefox CCK2

<http://cck2.freshdesk.com/support/discussions>

# Scripting and Settings Management

Save time, or do you?  
(get smahta')

“Knowledge comes, but  
wisdom lingers.”

-Lord Tennyson

# dockutil

<https://github.com/kcrawford/dockutil>

duti

<http://duti.org>

# launched

<http://launched.zerowidth.com>

# outset

<https://github.com/chilcote/outset>

MacPorts

# HomeBrew

<http://brew.sh>

# Servers, Infrastructure, and Testing

Save time, automate  
management of your  
management systems

“I can't do anything in  
moderation.”

Ozzy Osbourne

VirtualBox, VMware,  
Parallels

Puppet again...

# Docker

[www.docker.com](http://www.docker.com)

# Scaling Further with Regression Testing

“You never know what is enough  
unless you know what is more than  
enough”

William Blake

# Spreadsheets

Sikuli

Cucumber

TestPlant

expect

# The Community

“Like all the best families, we  
have our share of eccentricities”

Queen Elizabeth II

Finishing School

# #Slack

<https://macadmins.herokuapp.com>

[www.macenterprise.org/mailling-list](http://www.macenterprise.org/mailling-list)

# Mac Admins & User Groups

<http://krypted.com/community/macadmin-links/>

The future?

“Never look backwards or  
you’ll fall down the stairs.”

Rudyard Kipling

MDM

More iOS-ish

More SIP-ish

Packages?

“I seldom end up where I wanted  
to go, but almost always end up  
where I need to be.”

Douglas Adams

Q&A

Join me for a drink

“Saints need sinners.”

Alan Watts



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