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Windows Desktop Deployment Service at LANL

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For several years LANL has recognized a need to manage Windows operating system installations, but had not identified a satisfactory approach. After considering LLNL's XLoad application, LANL settled on Microsoft's Business Desktop Deployment (BDD) Solution Accelerator. BDD is a free tool from Microsoft that provides the ability to create and deploy custom Windows images over the network.

While the Desktop Deployment Service is still in "beta" at LANL, it is intended to become the designated, institutional method of installing Windows XP and eventually Windows Vista. This centralized desktop deployment method provides reliable consistency in configuration and addresses security compliance requirements.

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