

# Tools for systems admins

Thanks to all who attended. My goal will be to get this data into the <http://www.missiontech.info> wiki in the future.

## Remote control

[ssh](#) - Built in to Unix, added to Win via cygwin or directly  
<http://synergy2.sourceforge.net/> - control 2 systems with 1 kb/mouse, this is different than a KVM  
pc/anywhere - commercial  
netop (commercial)  
Terminal Services (mstsc /console)  
Remote Assistance (built in to windows)  
rdesktop/xrdp - <http://sourceforge.net/projects/xrdp>  
bomgar.com (Free for missions)  
radmin.com (commercial)

## Monitoring

Syslog-ng – consolidate all your windows and unix log data  
<http://sourceforge.net/projects/net-snmp> - expose your (monitoring)  
<http://www.nagios.org> (alerting)  
<http://www.jffnms.com> (graphing snmp)  
Cacti (graphing)  
<http://cricket.sourceforge.net/> (custom graphing)  
Zabbix  
ZenOss  
Pandora

## NT/Domain mgt

Hyena (Commercial)  
wpkg  
samba  
ADmodify (bulk adds/changes to AD)

## Desktop Management

Landesk – inventory, program management  
Policy Management – NT \*\*  
Altiris  
Windows Software Update Services  
Kaseya (Audit, scripting, Ticketing, patch mgt, remote control) - commercial  
Belarc Advisor  
Everest (older home/free edition)

## Unix

<http://www.centos.org/> - The popular redhat enterprise server in a free download  
<http://freshmeat.net/> - freshmeat maintains the Web's largest index of Unix and cross-platform open source software  
WebMin – admin many/most unix utils via http

## Database

MySQL  
Phpmyadmin – admin mysql via http

## Web/ Content Management

drupal  
Joomla  
Plone (Python Based)  
Wordpress (blog software, but can be used as a lightweight CMS website, also see Typepad)

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## Security

Nmap – command line port scanner  
Nessus - Security / compliance scanner  
Wireshark – Ethernet sniffer  
<http://sectools.org/>  
[l0phtcrack](#) (Cain and Abel, John the Ripper, Ophcrack)  
[angry IP Scanner](#)  
Superscan – windows port scanner  
Iptables firewall  
Linux firewall distros (smoothwall/clarkconnect)  
Shorewall (a high-level tool for configuring Netfilter)  
endian (built in squidguard, dansguardian)  
ipcop  
Filtering – Dansguardian, squidguard  
Dedicated Hardware Appliances = Soni9cwall, Netscreen, Barricuda, Packetshaper  
<http://home.eunet.no/pnordahl/ntpasswd/> - local NT password cracker  
rootkit.com – download rootkits, **Cuidado / Danger Will Robinson**

## Sound/Video

Media coder (transcode just about anything)  
Super Video another transcode / conversion tool  
Irfanview – small/fast picture and video viewer  
vlc video player  
Kino video editor  
Gimp (photo editor)  
Audacity (audio editor)  
Blender (3d content creation)  
Gallery (photo gallery hosting)  
Cinelerra – linux capturing, compositing, and editing audio and video with sample level accuracy  
Jahshaka - open source, hardware accelerate editing and effects system  
wink (debugmode.com)  
virtualdub

## Antivirus/Anti-malware

Clam – free server side linux a/v  
AVG – free windows a/v  
Spybot search and destroy  
adaware  
Windows Defender  
HiJack This (hijackthis.de)  
Avast! a/v

## Communication

Gaim/pidgin – linux and windows multi protocol chat client  
Trillian – windows multi protocol chat client  
Jabber (and jabber server)  
Skype – video conferencing over the web, add outbound phone calls to normal lines for very small fee  
Asterisk – ATA “analog telephone adapter” + Asterisk = cheap PBX  
native IP phones can integrate with asterisk and work via VOIP / ethernet  
grandstream.com VOIP solution supplier  
voipsupply.com  
voxilla.com  
Sjphone, counterpath (softphone/VOIP client)

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Postfix (and Sendmail)  
Spamassassin + plugins (DCC, FuzzyOCR)  
Dovecot – imap/pop3 server  
assp - Bayesian filter (use imap and sa-learn, procmail)  
<http://sourceforge.net/projects/razor/> - distributed, collaborative, spam detection and filtering network  
Mailscanner - Free Anti-Virus and Anti-Spam Filter

### Exchange alternatives and tools

eGroupware  
Kerio Mailserver (commercial)  
kolab  
Opengroupware  
Openexchange (Cyrus/Comfire)  
Zimbra  
scalix (free + enterprise)  
spotlight on exchange (dashboard)

### Backup/restore

Tar – a non-compressed container file  
Rsync – remote sync (can use over SSH)  
Bacula  
amanda (tape and disk based)  
synctoy – used based  
ifolder (novell, open source)  
vmware personal backup appliances  
Vista's built in FULL backup to virtual image

### Application/Productivity/General

openoffice.org  
cutepdf (free pdf creator)  
pdf995 (pdf merger)  
foxit reader and writer  
pdftk – pdf toolkit

### General administration

cygwin – unix running on windows, including X platform and ssh daemon/server  
ext2ifs – naïve FS driver for ext2/3 file systems  
Bash loops (for i in \* ; do nmap -p 6502 ; done) – this is way efficient, learn to do loops  
Partition Magic / gparted (livecd)  
Ghost/dd (duplicate disk... dangerous sector level stuff)  
Vmware / virtual PC  
sysinternals – kill processes, explore processes, autorun, port bindings  
TweakUI  
Bootable “Live CD” distros there are categories of Live CD's for topics such as forensics, partitioning, boot/rescue, hacking, firewall, server) many listed at <http://www.frozentech.com/content/livecd.php> (Backtrack, Gparted, Knoppix, Ultimate Boot CD, (BartPE is a windows live CD), etc)

### Purchasing and Hardware Deals

<http://www.slickdeals.net>  
<http://www.techbargains.net>  
<http://www.techdeals.net/>  
[www.handstoserve.org/formissions](http://www.handstoserve.org/formissions)  
spoofee.com  
woot.com  
ccbnonprofits.com

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techsoup.com

ecost.com

dsr-inc.com (toshibas and 3<sup>rd</sup> world)

<http://www.zipzoomfly.com>

<http://www.newegg.com>

<http://www.prc.watch.com>

### **Tech News**

slashdot.org

osnews.com

sans.org

<http://www.distrowatch.com>

### **Beginner's reference / concepts:**

Apache is a free web server, more secure (presumably) than Microsoft's IIS

Bind DNS server – this is the tool that when you type “ping elvis,

Squid web/ftp proxy – squid is a proxy that you can use to funnel multiple users to the internet through

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