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Apple provides a number of tools to help automate and guide IT toward managing a large number of Mac OS X computers—it has since before Mac OS X was initially released. However, if you want to put together all of the pieces to tell a compelling story about how to run an IT department or a deployment of Macs, you need to compile information from a number of different sources. This book provides explanations of the technology required.

- Provides complete solutions for the large- and medium-scale integration of directory services, imaging, and security
- Complete guide for integrating Macs and Mac OS X into mixed environments with confidence and no down time
- One-stop volume for IT professionals who need the technical details to get their job done as efficiently and effectively as possible

What you'll learn

- Choose a directory services model that works for your organization and

integrate it into your existing model

- Choose an imaging model and begin imaging workstations with or without third-party products
- Use the Mac App Store and Apple's Volume Purchasing Program to deploy apps
- Leverage scripting techniques to reduce labor for the IT department
- Provide network services (file sharing, mobile home folders, messaging, etc.) to the Mac OS X clients

Who this book is for

System administrators and IT professionals who need to manage a large number of Mac OS X computers, be they Mac OS X-based servers or workstations. The assumption is that readers are somewhat familiar with Mac OS X and/or IT in general, but not that they are familiar with the Apple system internals, server services, or deployment techniques.

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