

PASS

What is it and why should you care?



What is it?

- Part of the Infrastructure
- 3 main components to middleware
 - Authentication
 - Directory - Authorization / profile information
 - Data storage



What uses PASS?

Institutional Research Data e-Portfolios ITS Homecoming
Blogs.psu.edu User Managed Groups Macintosh Lab Computers
Help Desk web site Smeal College of Business php.scripts.psu.edu
Windows Lab Computers
Course Online Web Accounts Palmer Museum of Art www.work.psu.edu
Race Relations Project site **Personal Web Space**
Office of Student Aid College of Communications www.greeks.psu.edu
File sharing Clubs.psu.edu IMAP CACTUS
Protected Personal Web space
CBS UNIX cluster www.psu.edu Penn State Harrisburg
Center for Space Research Programs
Departmental Web Space
RS6Klab UNIX cluster Linux Lab Computers
Linux User's Group Web Site (WebMail?)
World Campus



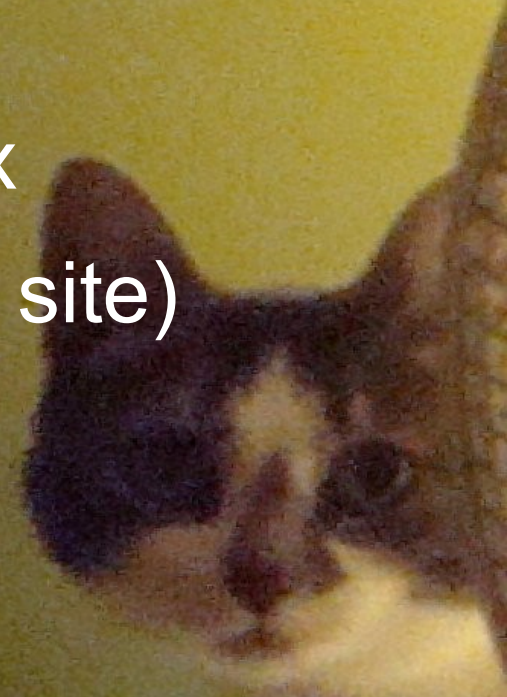
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And much more...



How do you access PASS?

- Gateways – CIFS, NFS
- Secure FTP – scp, sftp
- Web tool – PASS Explorer
- UN*X clusters – rs6klab, cbs, armstrong, lxcluster
- Lab machines – Windows, Mac, Linux
- Others (indirectly by an application or site)



What's new?

- DCE / DFS – end of life
- MIT Kerberos and LDAP – in place already
- Migration to GPFS from DFS in July
- Gateways fully kerberized
- Permissions revamped
- Quotas behave differently



New Gateways

- Samba upgraded from version 2 to 3
 - Authentication now kerberos, no longer NTLM
- NFS upgraded from version 3 to 4
 - Authentication now kerberos, no longer web-based “mapping”
- Client support could be better
 - Linux mount.cifs does not work with kerberos
 - Linux NFS client requires nfs service principal



New NFSv4 based Permissions

- More comprehensive / complicated than DFS
- ACL support over gateways (CIFS, NFS)
- Chmod disabled (for now)
- Simpler ACL Explorer
 - Integrated with PASS Explorer
 - Reset at any level
 - Wizard based design



Quotas

- Faster I/O = slower quotas
- Enforce on write() vs enforce on open()
- More quota? Maybe this fall...



PASS Beta

- You can help ITS test the new technology
- <http://css.its.psu.edu/PASSBeta/>
 - Sign up for Open Beta testing
 - Testing available until July 4

