

# Ditch Imaging Modern Mac Deployment Workflows

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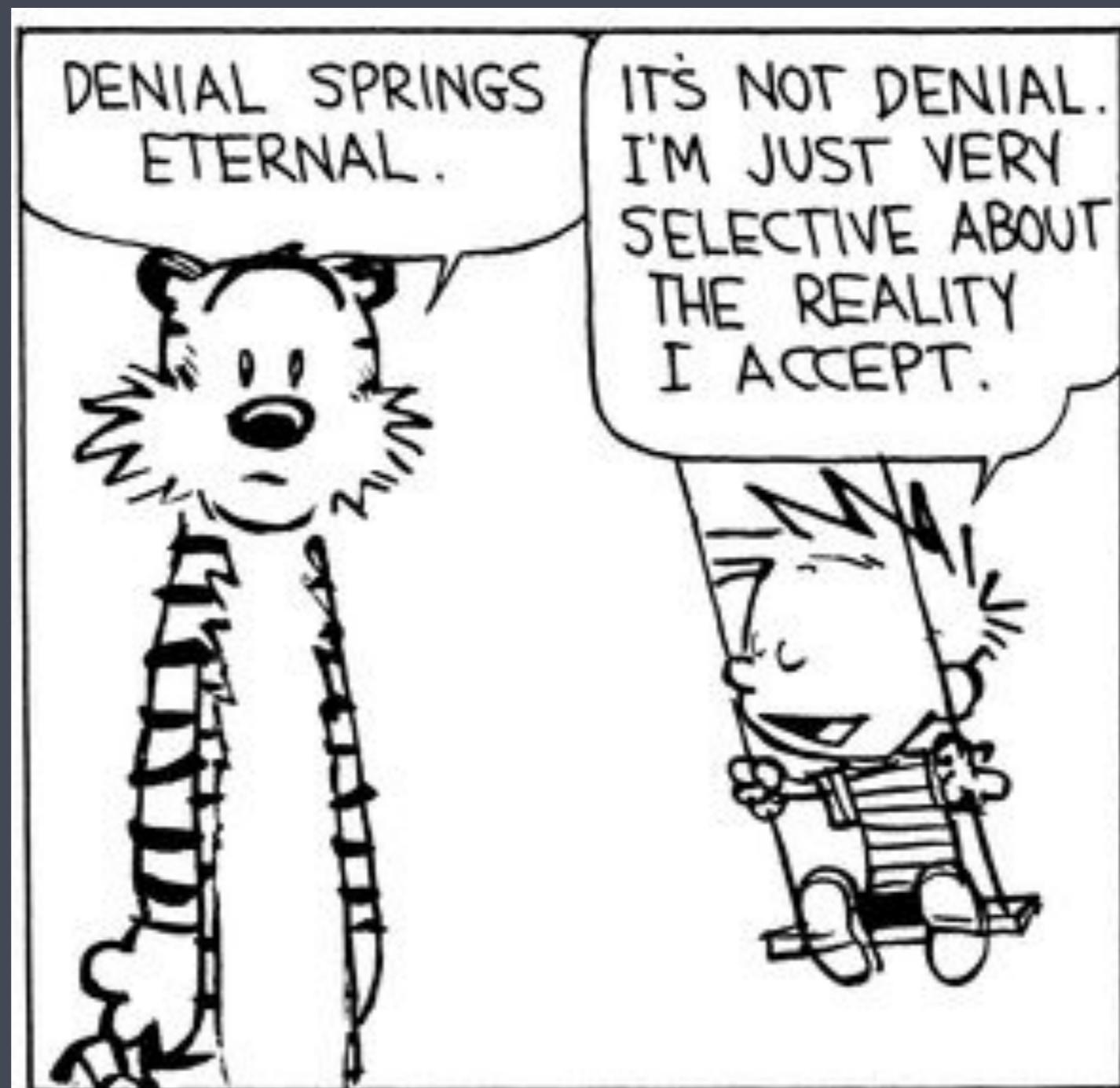
- 8,000 students
- 1,200 staff
- 4,500 Macs
- 6,500 iPads



# Topics

- Why not imaging?
- MDM
- Local vs. mobile accounts
- New tools
  - installr
  - NoMAD Login
  - NoMAD
- New workflows

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# What is Imaging?



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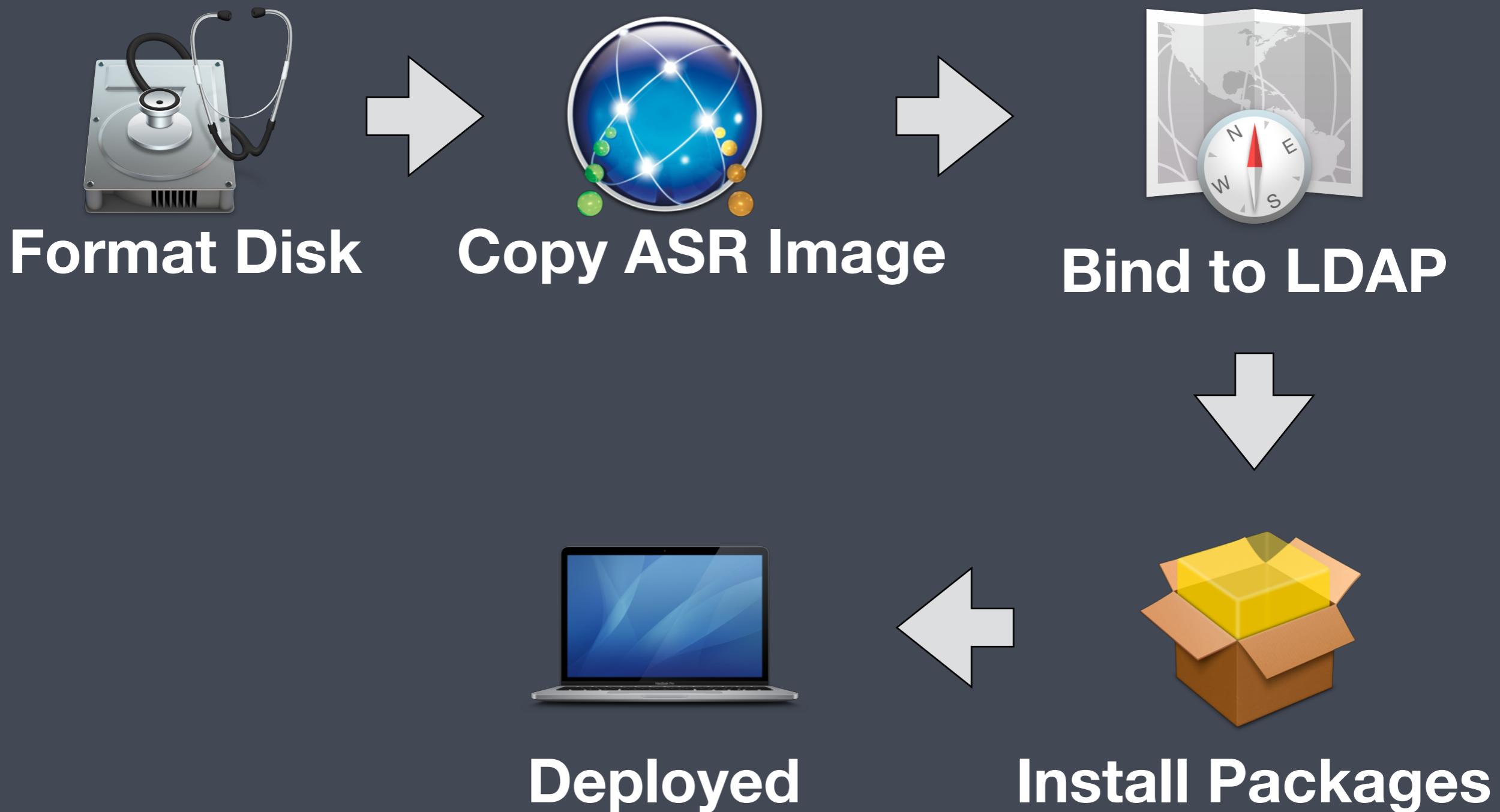
# Imaging

Block copying a preinstalled and or preconfigured OS to a formatted volume.

- Not model aware
- No logic for firmware
- Bad configuration practices



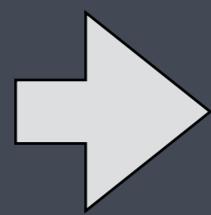
# Traditional Imaging Workflow



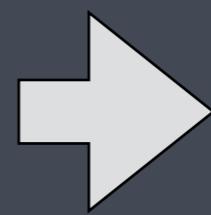
Installer + DEP + New Tools = 😊



installr



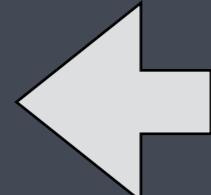
DEP/MDM



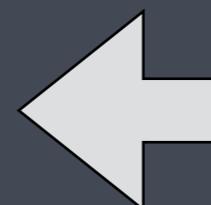
Setup Assistant



Deployed



NoMAD



NoMAD Login

# Deployment Workflow Goals

- Standardized and consistent
- Conforms to organization policies and identity
- Reliable
- Efficient



# Welcome

In just a few steps, you can register and set up your Mac.



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Do you need to hear instructions for setting up your Mac?

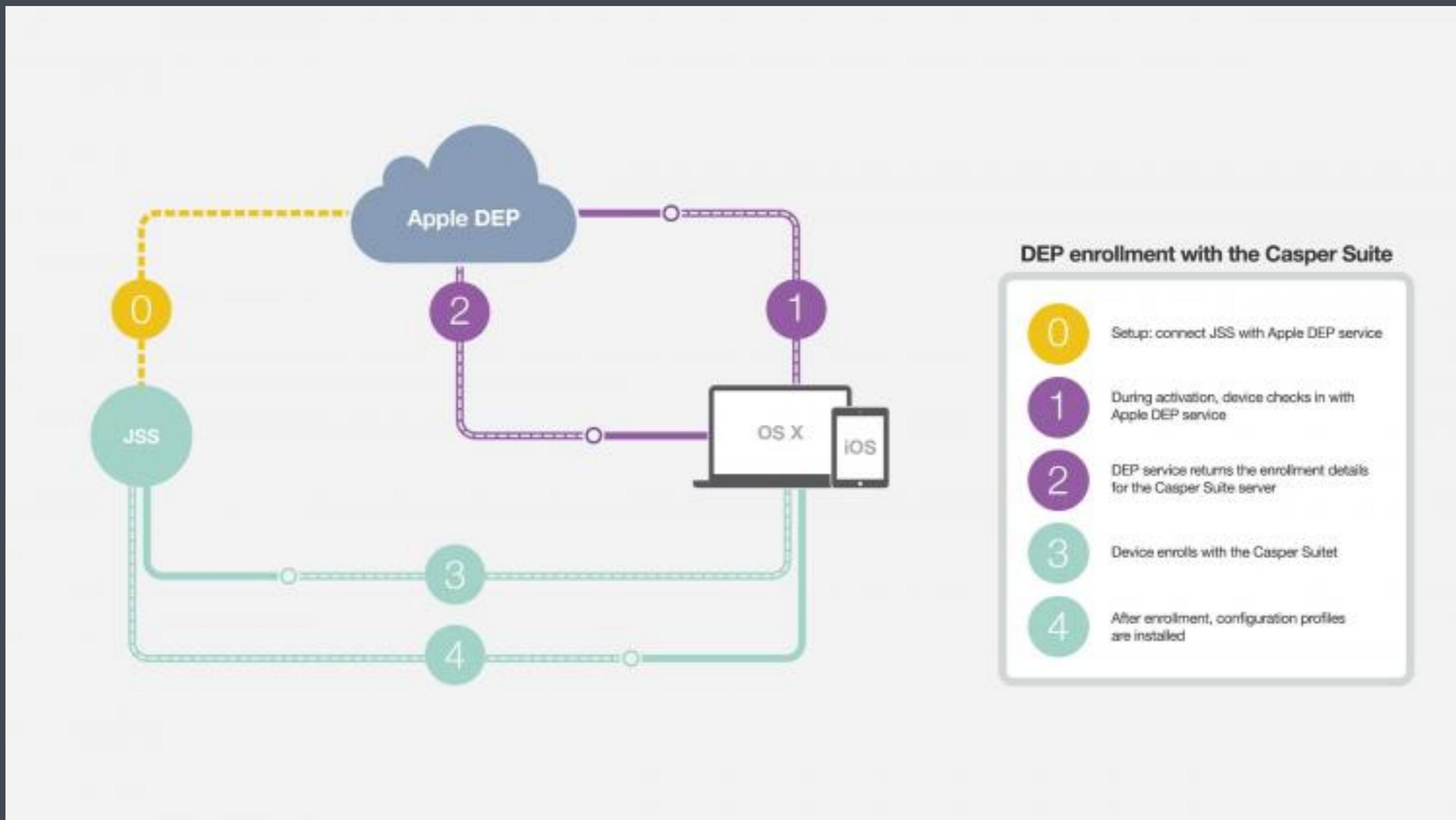
To learn how to use VoiceOver to set up your computer, press the Escape key now.

# MDM

- Managing Macs without MDM will not be possible in the future
- UAMDM - User Approved MDM
  - Compare to iOS supervision
  - Required to manage kernel extensions and TCC/PPPC
  - Paths to UAMDM - DEP enrollment or physical click



# DEP



# macOS Installer

- Model and board aware
- Includes firmware
- Converts to APFS
- Provides a known good OS without modification



# Using the Installer

- Recovery
- ~30 minutes depending on hardware
- `startosinstall`

	Action
Command (⌘)-R	Install the latest macOS that was installed on your Mac.
Option-⌘-R	Upgrade to the latest macOS compatible with your Mac.
Shift-Option-⌘-R	Install the macOS that came with your Mac, or the closest version still available.

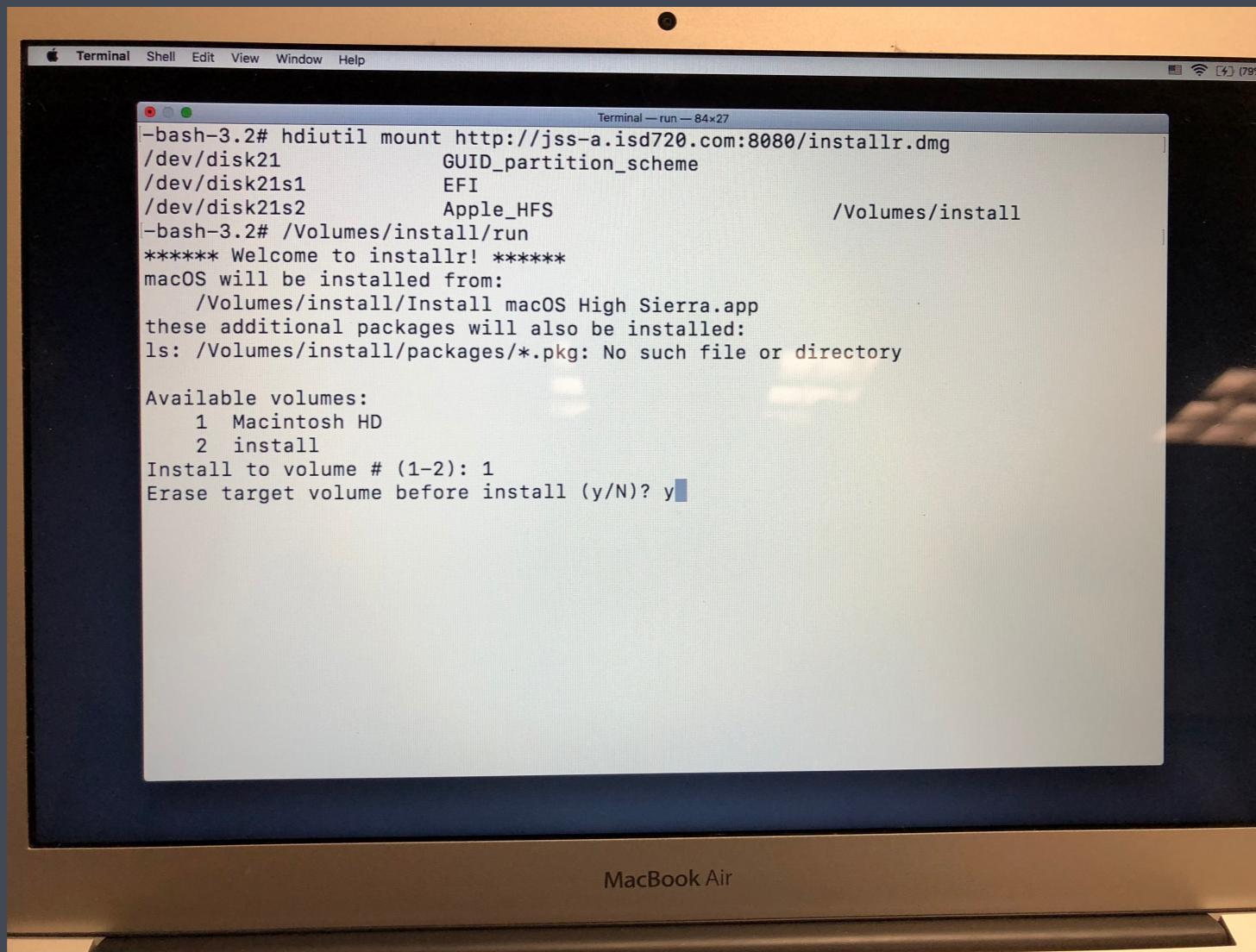
# installr

- Command line tool designed to be run in recovery
- Install from USB or network location
- Can include packages - bootstrap management tools like munki
- Format disk and install a good known OS using startosinstall
- <https://github.com/munki/installr>

# Running installr

```
# Mount installr DMG from network location
$ hdiutil mount http://mydmg.domain.com/installr.dmg

# Run installr
/Volumes/install/run
```



# Local Accounts Good, AD Bad

	Local Account	Mobile Account	Network Account
Authority	Local Directory Service	LDAP	LDAP
Account Info	Local	Cached	Network
LDAP Binding	Not Required	Required	Required

# Why Local?

- About what authority controls the keys
- Always available
- Avoid AD plugin
- No more keychain issues
- AD functionality without binding



# DEP Setup Assistant

Allows authentication to  
MDM, but...

- Can't force username
- Can't force password
- Can't guarantee either will  
match existing LDAP or  
identity management  
provider





**Log in with your district username and password**

12345678

password

Cancel

Log In

This Mac will be configured automatically by "Shakopee School District 720"

For further assistance, contact "Shakopee School District 720" at:  
(952) 496-5100 — [jjacobso@shakopee.k12.mn.us](mailto:jjacobso@shakopee.k12.mn.us)

Administrators may restrict access to apps and features, install and remove apps, remotely erase this Mac, and monitor Internet traffic.



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# Create a Computer Account

Fill out the following information to create your computer account.

Full name:



Account name:

This will be the name of your home folder.

Password:

 new password verify

Hint:

 optional

Set time zone based on current location

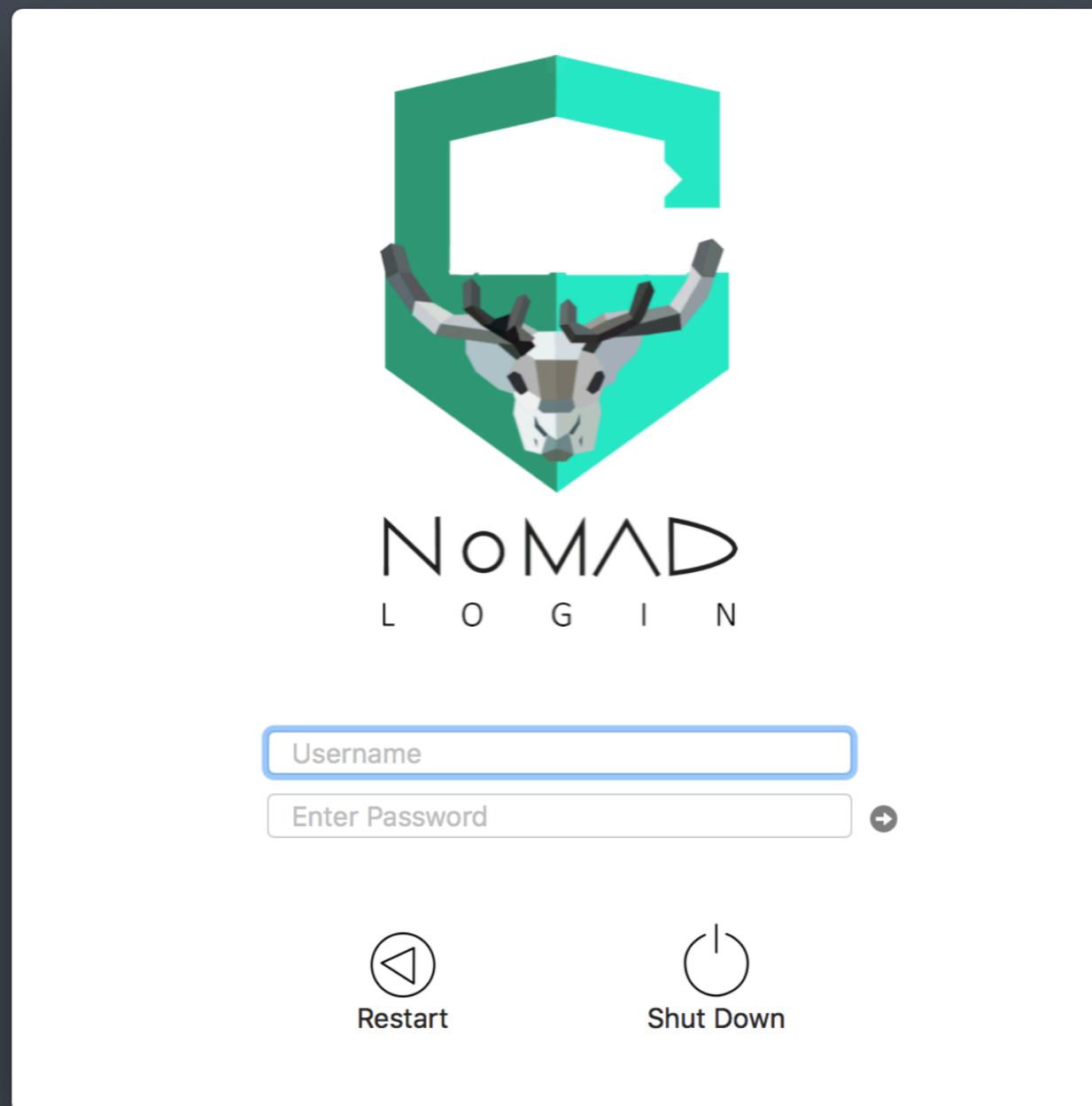


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# Enter NoMAD Login

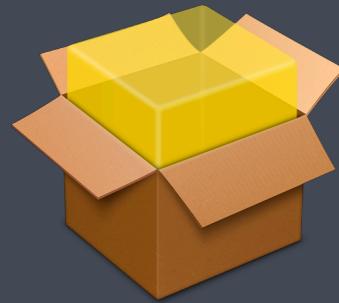


# What is NoMAD Login?

## Login window authorization plugin

- Creates local accounts based on AD users
- Replaces default login window
- Lives in /Library/Security/  
SecurityAgentPlugins
- Controlled by authorization  
mechanisms

# Deploying NoMAD Login



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Auth Mechs Preferences



# Authorization Mechanisms

An authorization mechanism is code that performs a step in the authorization process.

- Run in order at the login window
- One mechanism defines one function
- References code in NoMADLoginAD.bundle

```
$ security authorizationdb read system.login.console  
$ authchanger -print
```

# authchanger

- Utility to read and write authorization mechanisms
- Included in all flavors
- Preferred over security commands



# authchanger - Default

```
$ authchanger -print builtin:policy-banner  
loginwindow:login  
builtin:login-begin  
builtin:reset-password,privileged  
builtin:forward-login,privileged  
builtin:auto-login,privileged  
builtin:authenticate,privileged  
PKINITMechanism:auth,privileged  
builtin:login-success  
loginwindow:success  
loginwindow:FDESupport,privileged  
HomeDirMechanism:login,privileged  
HomeDirMechanism:status  
MCXMechanism:login  
CryptoTokenKit:login  
loginwindow:done
```

# authchanger - NoMAD Login

```
$ authchanger -AD  
builtin:policy-banner  
NoMADLoginAD:CheckAD  
NoMADLoginAD:EULA  
NoMADLoginAD:PowerControl,privileged  
NoMADLoginAD>CreateUser,privileged  
NoMADLoginAD:DeMobilize,privileged  
builtin:login-begin  
builtin:reset-password,privileged  
builtin:forward-login,privileged  
builtin:auto-login,privileged  
builtin:authenticate,privileged  
PKINITMechanism:auth,privileged  
builtin:login-success  
loginwindow:success  
loginwindow:FDESupport,privileged  
HomeDirMechanism:login,privileged  
HomeDirMechanism:status  
MCXMechanism:login  
CryptoTokenKit:login  
loginwindow:done  
NoMADLoginAD:EnableFDE,privileged  
NoMADLoginAD:SierraFixes,privileged
```

# Settings Preferences with Defaults

```
#!/bin/bash

# Variables
domain="mydomain.COM"
background_image="/Library/Desktop Pictures/High Sierra.jpg"
logo="/Library/Application Support/SPS/spslogo.png"

# Write default AD domain
defaults write /Library/Preferences/menu.nomad.login.ad ADDomain $domain

# Set login window logo
defaults write /Library/Preferences/menu.nomad.login.ad LoginLogo $logo

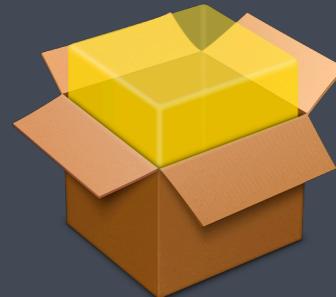
# Set background image
defaults write /Library/Preferences/menu.nomad.login.ad BackgroundImage
$background_image
```

# NoMAD

- Menu bar application
- Syncs local password with AD
- File share mounting
- Shortcuts for common tasks
- And more!



# Deploying NoMAD



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**LaunchAgent**

**Preferences**

# NoMAD LaunchAgent

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www.apple.com/DTDs/
PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
    <key>KeepAlive</key>
    <true/>
    <key>Label</key>
    <string>com.trusourcelabs.NoMAD</string>
    <key>LimitLoadToSessionType</key>
    <string>Aqua</string>
    <key>Program</key>
    <string>/Applications/Utilities/NoMAD.app/Contents/MacOS/NoMAD</string>
    <key>RunAtLoad</key>
    <true/>
</dict>
</plist>
```

# NoMAD Preferences

- <https://nomad.menu/help/standard-preferences/>
- ADDomain
- RenewTickets
- LocalPasswordSync
- UseKeychain
- UPCTAlert



# Resources

- <http://bit.ly/brainstorm-macdeploy>
- MacAdmins Slack!
  - <https://macadmins.herokuapp.com/>