

To: (all users)
From: help@big.att.com
Subject: Holmdel/Crawford Hill network split is coming! (READ THIS!!!)

Summary: We will be stopping by to reboot your machine based on the schedule below. No exceptions. It is required for the Lucent/AT&T Split. After your machine has been touched, email from it will either be "From: user@research.att.com" or "From: user@dnrc.bell-labs.com" depending on what company the machine is targetted to. All other changes should be transparent.

IF YOU WILL NOT BE IN ON YOUR SCHEDULED DAY, PLEASE LOG OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE. NO NOT LEAVE YOUR SCREEN LOCKED.

We will be attacking machines on a hallway-by-hallway basis according to this schedule:

Mon 6/10 5th floor B-E Aisles
Tue 6/11 "fishnet" (5th floor G Aisle)
Wed 6/12 3th floor G Aisle ("neural net")
Mon 6/17 6th floor A-G Aisle
Mon 6/18 "signal-net" users (4th floor)
Wed 6/19 5th floor F-G Aisles ("boole net")
Mon 6/24 All of HOH
6/5-6/15 Spin net users in dept1136 will be spread over these days.

The details:

Before we can split the "big" network (also called the "info.att.com" network), we must prepare each machine. This preparation is mandatory and must be completed by June 26. It requires that we reboot your machine. It will go fastest if we do one hallway at a time.

When we are done you should have as much functionality as you did before. The one thing you will notice is that email sent from that machine will have a From: header that lists either "From: user@research.att.com" or "From: user@dnrc.bell-labs.com" depending on what company the machine is targetted to. (you will receive email with more details)

If you find something no longer works we need you to report it to "help@big.att.com" as soon as possible or stop us while we are in your hallway converting other machines. You can also call:
HO 908-949-xxxx, 908-949-xxxx, 908-949-xxxx
HOH 908-888-xxxx

We expect some network instability during this process. Be forewarned.

There is a chance that your password may revert back to an older password, if this happens contact us and we can fix this quickly.

NOTE TO LUCENT EMPLOYEES: Lucent users can log into "shelf" (a Solaris 2.5 Sparc 20) or "hyper" (a SunOS 4.1.4 Sparc 1+) to see what a converted machine is like. You shouldn't feel any differences. Please report any problems you find, etc.

NOTE TO AT&T EMPLOYEES: We will soon announce machines that you can

log into to see that the new environment works for you.

NOTE TO 1136 "SPIN" EMPLOYEES: You will be contacted individually about your conversion. Access to "shelf" and "hyper" (mentioned above) for you will be ready soon.

VOLUNTEER REQUEST: We would like to convert some machines a couple days early so we'll discover problems specific to your department/area/group. If one courageous Sun user and one dare-devil PC user from each hallway would like to be an "early adopter" it will save the rest of your department a lot of pain. Send email to "help" to volunteer.

ARE WE JUST REBOOTING? CAN I DO THAT MYSELF? No, we're doing a lot more than rebooting your machine. We're installing new sendmail configurations, DNS, automount, and a whole heck of a lot more.