Handling T1 Teacher Devices now that the S1 Rollout has begun

T1 Update:

Information for schools who have yet to move to S1 and still have a temporary arrangement for covering their T1 device management:

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Until a TSO arrives at your school you will not be able to ‘loan’ a teacher device within RMU or via ‘self commissioning’. All of this can be done via the new RMU but requires training.

If you have devices you still wish to give to teachers that have not been handed out yet, the teacher can still self commission but it will not appear immediately in RMU (will take up to one week) and when it does appear, it will appear as a ‘POOL’ device under the custodianship of that teacher.

All of the new RMU processes are documented within RMU and when the TSO arrives they can use the ‘on device’ assignment to properly ‘loan’ machines where necessary.

NOTE: There will also be a re-imaging of all T1 devices performed once the Windows7 RTM SOE build is available. After this re-imaging, all devices will most likely need recommissioning and, as such, they will then be considered S1 devices and properly ‘loan’ themselves out to teachers.

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Once S1 has been deployed, schools can do one of two things with their existing fleet of commissioned T1 teacher devices:

a) Leave them as they are. Many Schools wanted the ability to consider their machines POOL devices and allow different members of the faculty to become familiar with them. RMU will still retain the teacher whose name was associated to the device as the custodian of the pool machine;

b) Re-assign them. If the Device Manager logs onto the T1 device (which is a POOL machine) and uses the ‘On device (proxy) assignment process’ as described later, this will now loan the machine to the teacher ‘properly’ across the device itself, the AD and RMU.

Device Managers should be aware that all devices delivered in the early (August) phase of S1 will need to be re-imaged anyway to deploy the full version of Windows 7 RTM. It may be more efficient then to wait until this re-imaging to then ‘properly’ loan their existing fleet.