

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Must-Read Articles

As an instructor with a Novell Authorized Education Center (NAEC), I often provide my classes with lists of articles that explain difficult concepts or that provide insight and direction for managing Novell networks. Drew Heywood's series of articles on configuring the Domain Naming System (DNS) and Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) services in NetWare 5 (*NetWare Connection*, Feb. 1999 through May 1999) has become a "must read" for all of my students.

Drew has taken the complex environment of DNS and made it understandable to almost every student who reads this series. Drew has made passing the Novell course 570 Advanced Administration exams that much easier. I am always emphasizing to my students that understanding "the process" is more important than memorizing the lock-step method for configuring and maintaining network services. Knowing how technology works is the true mark of a professional who can troubleshoot and correct problems.

Gordon Welling

Thank you. We also think that Drew's series was very informative. Below is a list of the articles in the series and the issue in which each article appears. You can also download the articles from our web site at <http://www.nwconnection.com/past>.

- "NDS and DNS: Configuring DNS Services in NetWare 5," *NetWare Connection*, February 1999, pp. 29–38
- "The DNS Service in NetWare 5: Going Beyond the Configuration Basics," *NetWare Connection*, March 1999, pp. 30–37
- "NDS and DHCP: Configuring the DHCP Service in NetWare 5," *NetWare Connection*, April 1999, pp. 18–26
- "NDS and DHCP: Configuring DHCP for a Complex Environment," *NetWare Connection*, May 1999, pp. 18–30

AuthServ Now Available Commercially

The article on the Novell Developers' Contest, "Winners Circle" (*NetWare Connection*, June 1999, p. 42–44), features AuthServ from Clemson University. I have two updates on the information included in this article. First, AuthServ is now available commercially. For more information, visit <http://www.authserv.com>. Second, over the last six months Northern Illinois University has been a beta site for AuthServ, recently implementing AuthServ for more than 22,000 students. Students now have single sign-on access to resources on NetWare servers, four Solaris hosts, four OS/390 mainframes, and 450 lines of dial-in modems.

David Gersic, Northern Illinois University

NDS for NT 2.0

To begin, allow me to say that Sandy Stevens' article about NDS for NT 2.0 was fantastic—clearly written and very informative ("NDS for NT 2.0: The Easy Way to Manage Windows NT Servers," *NetWare Connection*, Apr. 1999, pp. 6–16). In fact, I've enjoyed your quality publication for quite some time now!

After reading Sandy's article, however, I am left with one question: After NDS for NT 2.0 is installed and subsequent changes have been made to the Novell Directory Services (NDS) database (users added, deleted, and so on), am I correct in assuming that the original Security Accounts Manager (SAM) remains untouched? Thus, in the future if NDS for NT 2.0 needs to be removed from the Windows NT server, will SAM only be current to the moment before NDS for NT 2.0 was originally installed?

Name Withheld

I am glad you enjoyed the article about NDS for NT 2.0. In answer to your question, the SAM database is left untouched when NDS for NT 2.0 is installed. When you remove NDS for NT 2.0 using the Migration Wizard, you are given the option to either leave SAM as it was when NDS for NT 2.0 was originally installed or to update SAM with the current changes made in NDS.

I hope this helps.

Sandy Stevens, author ●

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