

NUI Launches New Web Site

Curtis Dye

NetWare Users International (NUI) provides technical and professional resources and support to the networking community. Because Novell recognizes the importance of providing timely and useful information to networking professionals, Novell has partnered with NUI to develop a new NUI web site. You can visit the new NUI web site at <http://www.novell.com/nui>. This article outlines several features of the new NUI web site.

The NUI web site serves two distinct roles: First, the NUI web site provides prospective NUI members with information about NUI. As a visitor to the NUI web site, you can learn more about the mission of NUI and how NUI membership can enhance your opportunities to succeed both professionally and personally. You can also learn about the more than 200 local user groups worldwide, and you can find information about meetings, training seminars, and social activities sponsored by these groups. You can also find information about how to start a user group in your area.

Second, the NUI web site provides NUI members with access to a vast library of technical, educational, and career planning resources in an easy to use, online format. By signing up for a free "virtual community membership," you can access NUI's resource centers. These resource centers feature tools to help you solve technical problems, make career decisions, and interact with other networking professionals.

The new NUI web site is being implemented in several phases. Phase one, which debuts in October, includes the following features:

- A library of Novell-specific technical information that surpasses anything available outside of Novell's own archives. Novell Consulting, Novell Technical Support, independent con-

sultants, and NUI members will regularly update the technical library.

- The Technical Forums, which allow NUI members to help each other solve problems. In these forums, networking experts will regularly host Q&A sessions in a real-time format.
- The Technical Spotlight, which focuses on an issue of particular relevance to professionals who use Novell products.
- The Technical Tip of the Day, which features a rotation of short, practical tips to make your job easier.
- An extensive list of searchable technical links, which Novell Technical Support regularly updates.
- The Vendor Spotlight, which features Novell partners and their products and services. You will also find special offers

for the spotlighted vendor's products and services.

- A career resource center, which features an internal NUI classified section, links to numerous industry-specific job banks, a library of career help articles, links to sites that specialize in career counseling, and Q&A forums hosted by industry personnel experts.
- The Group Spotlight, which showcases successful user groups and ideas on how to make user group activities more successful and beneficial to members.

Phase two, which will be implemented during the next several months, will include the following features:

- A fully interactive internal NUI job bank and resume bulletin board offering multiple search methods.
- Chat rooms to supplement the Technical Forums introduced in phase one.
- Opportunities to collect *Netpoints*. Netpoints are awarded for participation in Quickpolls and other interactive opportunities available throughout the site. These Netpoints can then be used to purchase merchandise from the NUI online store.
- A permanent e-mail address. This will allow you to maintain a professional e-mail address, even if you change jobs or Internet service providers (ISPs).

You can also look forward to a new interface developed by Eprise Corp. This interface, which will be available by the end of the year, will allow you to personalize the NUI web site to fit your needs and your personality.

Be sure to visit the new NUI web site this month to receive your free copy of the NUI 1999 Technical Resource CD, which includes a three-user copy of NetWare 5.

Curtis Dye is director of business development for NUI. ●

OCTOBER ON NUI'S WEB SITE

Look for the following features this month on NUI's web site (<http://www.novell.com/nui>).

- On October 19, you can participate in a webcast featuring Drew Major, Novell chief scientist, and Ben Anderson, Novell vice president of common technologies. (Time to be announced.)
- In the Technical Spotlight, you can learn about managing GroupWise.
- In the Group Spotlight, you can meet the Capital District NetWare Users Group from Albany, NY.
- This month's Vendor Spotlight features Novell partner Allegro. You can learn more about the services, products, and special offer available to you from Allegro.
- You can also check out the incredible opportunities Novell Education is offering to NUI members. ●