

EDITOR'S NOTE

Over the past two years, you have undoubtedly read a lot about Dr. Eric Schmidt, Novell president and CEO. The father of Java, the businessman who engineered Novell's turnaround and its emergence as an Internet company, Schmidt has come to symbolize innovation, progress, and success. Because NetWare 5.1 is built for the Internet and promises all of the things Schmidt symbolizes—innovation, progress, and success—we thought it only fitting that Schmidt introduce NetWare 5.1 to you.

As our cover story explains, Novell believes that NetWare 5.1 delivers the application server platform of the future. (See "Upcoming NetWare Game Highlights" on p. 6.) Unlike today's application server platforms, NetWare 5.1 embraces the Internet and supports n-tier networking. In addition, NetWare 5.1 includes IBM WebSphere Application Server 3.0 for NetWare, which as we reported in the August issue, is "arguably the best web application server available." (See "NetWare: The Application Platform of the Future," *NetWare Connection*, pp. 20–21. You can download this article from <http://www.nwconnection.com/past>.)

Of course, NetWare 5.1 includes Novell Directory Services (NDS) 8, which was also built with the Internet in mind. And as Cheryl Walton points out in "LDAP and NDS: A Relationship You Can Count On," NDS 8 fully supports Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) 3 (see p. 18). This support gives you the best of both worlds: Because NDS 8 is an open directory platform, you can use third-party LDAP 3 client applications to access it, and it is compatible with other LDAP 3-compliant directories. However, NDS 8 still provides the best replication, security, and access control technologies available.

As always, we hope you find that this issue of *NetWare Connection* provides information that helps you do your job more efficiently. Please let us know what you think. Write to us at editors@nwconnection.com.

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