LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEPS Is a Beautiful Thing

I just finished reading Linda's Kennard's article on NetWare Enterprise Print Services (NEPS) ("NetWare Enterprise Print Services: Print Services Made Easy," NetWare Connection, Dec. 1999, pp. 24–35). This printing enhancement is a beautiful thing. Let me explain why: Most people who send print jobs via IP from an AS/400 server simply send these print jobs to a print server and hope that they get printed. The AS/400 server and most print servers provide very little management for Line Printer Remote/Line Printer Daemon (LPR/LPD) print jobs.

My company wanted a better solution and accomplished this using NEPS. Today we use host print 400 for NetWare for SAA 2.x to send print jobs over our WAN via IPX. As we migrate our global offices to NetWare 5, we want a pure IP printing solution that is managed end-to-end. Our solution was to complete the following steps:

1. Set up a server to receive the print job from the AS/400 server via LPR/LPD on the AS/400 server's local LAN segment.
2. Redirect the print job to the Novell Distributed Print Services (NDPS) printer over the WAN via LPR/LPD.

By following these steps, we have created a pure IP printing environment that is completely managed end-to-end. The only segment is that is not under NEPS/NDPS management is the LPR/LPD communication from the AS/400 server to the local LAN server however, the communication over the WAN and at the local site is managed.

This solution allows us to control and monitor the print job until it hits paper. In fact, we held a briefing with Novell's NDPS/NEPS product team in August. The team was so impressed with our solution that the solution will be part of the documented solutions in the product manual. I thought NetWare Connection readers would also like to know about this solution.

Chip DiComo

Changing My Address

I recently moved, and I want to make sure that NetWare Connection follows me to my new address. How should I notify you of an address change? Is there a way to update my address online?

John Hawk

Glad you asked: Yes! You can update your mailing address at the NetWare Connection web site (http://www.nwconnection.com/subscriptions). Simply click the link to the e-mail address listed (address@nwconnection.com). Type your name and new address, include "address change" in the subject line, and send the message. (You don't need to complete the subscription form if your subscription is current and you just want to update your address.) You can also fax address changes via snail-mail to NetWare Connection Subscriptions, P.O. Box 1247, Salem, UT 84653-1247.

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