NUI Hands-On Technology Labs

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During BrainShare 2000 in Salt Lake City, 2,200 people attended Novell Users International’s (NUI’s) Hands-On Technology Labs (HOT Labs). Another 350 people attended these same technology labs during BrainShare 2000 in Nice, France. According to one attendee, Craig Harrison, from New Zealand, “[The lab] was one of the highlights of BrainShare. . . . In fact, we are recreating the lab ourselves at a future local NUI workshop.”

HOT Labs are designed to provide attendees with the following benefits:

• An introduction to the new features and benefits of NetWare 5.1
• Hands-on experience in upgrading a network to NetWare 5.1
• Help for CNEs who are fulfilling their recertification requirements. (For more information about these requirements, see http://www.novell.com/education.)

Based on the feedback NUI has received, networking professionals from around the world are impressed with how much they learn at the HOT Labs. For example, Douglas Dersch from New Jersey says, “Working in this lab and running through the upgrade improved my ability to work with the operating system more than any class or on-the-job experience could do in the same amount of time.”

TAKING IT TO THE STREET

Due to the success of the HOT Labs, NUI is taking the labs on tour to cities throughout North America. (For a list of cities included in the HOT Labs tour, see “On the Road Again.”) In addition, NUI has built two more HOT Labs to take on tour. NUI is producing these additional labs in conjunction with the Institute for Network Professionals and Wyne Island Consulting.

Each six-hour HOT Lab is designed to optimize attendees’ learning time and to help them practice their new skills. Each lab features instructors and facilitators to help attendees complete the exercises and to answer questions.

In addition to the NetWare 5.1 lab, NUI is offering the following labs:

• Troubleshooting TCP/IP. This lab teaches attendees how to use protocol analysis tools to troubleshoot TCP/IP networks.
• NDS for Linux. This lab uses Caldera System’s eServer to introduce Linux. This lab also explains how you can use NDS eDirectory to manage Linux. (One of the fringe benefits of attending this lab is that Caldera Systems will provide a U.S. $50 rebate to lab attendees.)

THE COST OF KNOWLEDGE

The registration fee for HOT Labs is U.S. $299 each. However, several discounts are available. For example, NUI Virtual Community members can save U.S. $50. (For more information about the NUI Virtual Community, visit http://www.nuinet.com.)

To make sure that each attendee has a hands-on experience, Compaq has provided 300 Armada M300 laptop computers for the NUI HOT Labs. Because registration is limited to 125 attendees per session, NUI encourages early registration.

For more information about courses or to register for an NUI HOT Lab session, visit http://www.nuihotlabs.org/register. You can also find out more about the labs by contacting your local NUI group. (For more information about NUI groups, visit http://www.novell.com/community/nui/membership/local_info.html.) The NUI HOT Labs are sponsored by Compaq Corp., Intel Corp., and Caldera Systems.

On the Road Again

Novell Users International (NUI) is taking Hands-On Technology Labs to the following cities:

UNITED STATES

July 31–August 1 Cincinnati, OH
August 3–4 Indianapolis, IN
August 7–10 Chicago, IL
August 14–15 Columbus, OH
August 17–18 Pittsburgh, PA
August 21–22 Cleveland, OH
August 24–25 Detroit, MI
August 24–25 Spokane, WA
September 5–8 Seattle, WA
September 11–14 Boston, MA
September 11–14 Portland, OR
September 18–21 New York, NY
September 18–21 Sacramento, CA
September 25–28 Philadelphia, PA
September 25–28 San Francisco, CA

October 2–5 Washington, DC
October 2–5 San Jose, CA
October 9–10 Baltimore, MD
October 9–12 Los Angeles, CA
October 12–13 Richmond, VA
October 16–19 Raleigh, NC
October 16–19 San Diego, CA
October 16–19 Atlanta, GA
October 16–19 Phoenix, AZ
October 23–26 Jacksonville, FL
October 23–26 Dallas, TX
October 23–26 Miami, FL
October 23–26 Tampa, FL
October 23–26 Austin, TX
October 23–26 New Orleans, LA
October 23–26 Houston, TX

October 30–Nov. 2
October 30–31
November 2–3
November 2–5
November 6–9
November 6–9
November 13–16
November 13–16

Canada

August 28–31 Toronto, ON
August 28–29 Calgary, AB
August 31–Sept. 1 Vancouver, BC
September 5–6 Ottawa, ON
September 7–8 Montreal, QC