Have you ever wanted to talk directly to Novell engineers who know Novell products inside and out and who can write code that integrates with Novell products? Do you need to directory enable your company's applications or make your company's web site come alive with Novell's Directory-Enabled Network Infrastructure Model (DENIM) as the backbone?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, Novell Developer Labs is the perfect resource to turn to for assistance—and right now, you may be able to receive this assistance free of charge. Novell Developer Labs is giving away a free two-day visit to one lucky NetWare Connection reader.

HOW NOVELL DEVELOPER LABS WORK

Building on the success of NDS and NDS eDirectory, Novell provides a comprehensive line of Net services software that uses the directory as a backbone. In addition, Novell recognizes the importance of supporting third-party applications and products that integrate with NDS eDirectory. To help you develop products that integrate with and leverage NDS eDirectory, Novell provides Novell Developer Labs.

At Novell Developer Labs, you can gain knowledge of and expertise with NDS products and application programming interfaces (APIs). For example, you can learn about the latest Novell technologies, including NDS eDirectory, Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP), Novell Modula Authentication Services (NMAA), DirXML, IBM WebSphere Application Server, ConsoleOne snap-in modules, and Novell Single Sign-On.

Whether your company is large or small, you can use Novell Developer Labs to educate your developers about Novell technologies. A typical Novell Developer Labs experience begins with a conference call to establish a work plan. During this conference call, the lab engineers learn about your company's solution, where Novell products fit into that solution, and why your company needs assistance. Together, the lab engineers and your company set goals and schedule a date and time for a visit to the Novell Developer Labs. (Novell Developer Labs can usually accommodate a visit as early as a week from the time of the conference call. A typical visit to the labs lasts five days.)

After you arrive at Novell Developer Labs, you briefly review the agenda and the goals for the visit; then, you get right to work. Work usually begins on the whiteboard, mapping out your company's solution and integrating it in with Novell products. Whether the solution involves product installation and configuration, design architecture, or code implementation, you receive practical hands-on training that will enable you to return to your company with the tools necessary to get the job done quickly.

Novell Developer Labs are located in the following four cities: Provo, Utah; San Jose, California; Boston, Massachusetts; and Taipei, Taiwan. For more information about Novell Developer Labs, visit http://developer.novell.com/devlabs.

ENTERING THE NOVELL DEVELOPER LABS CONTEST

If you think that your company can benefit from a visit to Novell Developer Labs, you should enter the Novell Developer Labs Contest. The winner of the contest will win a free two-day visit to Novell Developer Labs.

To enter the contest, you must submit a business case for a new solution that your company wants to implement using Novell technologies and products. Your company can either be currently working on this solution, or you can submit a new idea that your company wants to pursue. Novell Developer Labs will judge the entries based on the following criteria: innovation, feasibility, and marketability. You can find a template for the business case at http://developer.novell.com/devlabs/contest. You can then submit your entry in one of the following ways:

- Send your business case as an attachment to an e-mail message that is addressed to devlab@novell.com (the subject of the e-mail message should be “Novell Developer Labs Contest”).
- Send your business case via fax to 1-801-861-5224. Address the fax to DeAnn Lamph (the subject of the fax should be “Novell Developer Labs Contest”).

Entries must be submitted before October 16, 2000. Entries received after this date will not be accepted.

WHAT YOU WILL WIN

If you win the contest, you will receive two days at a Novell Developer Labs location, where up to three representatives from your company will receive training to meet your company's unique needs. (Valued at U.S. $4,000.) You will also receive airfare, hotel accommodations, a copy of Novell's NDS Developer's Guide, and official Novell leather bomber jackets.

RULES FOR ELIGIBILITY

You must be willing to share your success story about your visit to Novell Developer Labs. This success story will be published in a later issue of NetWare Connection magazine when your solution can become public knowledge. Employees of Novell are not eligible to enter this contest.

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