

# Letters to the Editor

## Grand-Prize Winner

Frank Weigert from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was recently named the grand-prize winner of the *NetWare Connection* 10-year anniversary giveaway. Weigert will receive an IBM Netfinity server with monitor and a copy of Novell Small Business Suite 5.0. For information about the winners of the IBM WorkPads, which were also awarded during the giveaway, visit the *NetWare Connection* web site at [www.nwconnection.com](http://www.nwconnection.com).



## Correction

Linda Kennard's article "NDS eDirectory: What's In a Name?" (*NetWare Connection*, July 2000, pp. 6–18) says that NDS iMonitor ships with a printed copy of the error documentation. This statement is not accurate. The error code documentation will be available in HTML format on the product CD and on the Novell Documentation web site ([www.novell.com/documentation](http://www.novell.com/documentation)).

Andrea Taylor, NDS Documentation Project Lead at Novell

## Thin Is In

I found that your article, "Thin Is In With NDS eDirectory and ZENworks for Desktops 2," (*NetWare Connection*, July 2000, pp. 32–34) did not show the full use of Windows-based, thin-client technology. Our company is successfully using Windows Terminal Server with Citrix Metaframe 1.8 on a NetWare 4.11 network. We use Citrix to supply a fully functioning desktop that connects from outside our LAN to our users. The ICA connection supplies secure, speedy, low-bandwidth access to our Novell resources, which include a Pervasive SQL database. Users also have access to the Microsoft Office Suite and a variety of custom applications. In your article, you said, "Like all Windows NT-based operating systems, Windows NT Server 4.0, Terminal Server Edition (TSE) requires the use of Windows NT domains." This statement is false. Our network has no NT domain. Terminal server is the only NT we actually use on our network, and it is run as a Novell client.

Other features you failed to mention are the thin-client software for PCs and the use of publishing applications. With the ICA client on a laptop, I can have a user log in from anywhere in the world (with an Internet connection) and have full network access. I also publish our accounting package application for older PCs on the network. This greatly improves the performance of legacy machines. (Imagine Office 2000 running on a 486dx 33 running Windows 3.11.)

I'm glad this article shows Novell's interest in thin-client technology. I am an advocate of both Novell and thin-client technology, and I look forward to seeing the ZENworks for Desktops 2 in action.

Ken Briggs

*I'm glad to hear that the article was timely. NetWare Connection always strives to deliver content in step with advancements in the industry. As for the omission of information on thin-client software for PCs, you are right. That topic was actually addressed briefly in the companion article, "Bright Minds, Big democity," (NetWare Connection, July 2000, pp. 20–30) which precedes "Thin Is In" in the same issue. This article states, "Adding Citrix client software to existing PCs will enable users to access resources on thin-client servers and will provide all of the benefits outlined [in the body of the article]." (See p. 30.) The fact that the ICA connection supplies secure, speedy, low-bandwidth access to resources was also covered in "Bright Minds, Big democity."*

*Because of our limited space and the intended focus of the articles, neither article covered every aspect of thin-client software for PCs. Rather, the two articles were designed to highlight Novell's online demonstration facility, democity, and specifically the benefits of Novell technology to democity. democity's particular implementation of thin-client computing itself was an interesting aspect of Novell's overall solution.*

*Finally, there is the issue of NT domains and Windows TSE. You are right, of course: Windows NT Server 4.0 TSE can be deployed without NT domains. In fact, the democity developers deployed terminal servers on democity with and without NT domains. With standalone terminal servers, however, you must log in to each server to look at statistics such as current user sessions. The larger the network, the more unwieldy this solution becomes. In addition, you forfeit the ability to load-balance applications across domains and to collectively monitor servers as a group.*

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