Letters to the Editor

More Information

I want to add some information that was left out of your article about storage products (“Product Focus: Storage Products,” NetWare Connection, September 2000, pp. 45–46). You state the following: “Magnitude has been Novell Yes, Tested and A pproved with NetWare 4.11.” This statement gives the reader the impression that Magnitude is only Novell Yes, Tested and A pproved with NetWare 4.11. When, in fact, Magnitude is Novell Yes, Tested and A pproved for use with many other Novell products, including NetWare 5.1, 5.0, and 4.11, as well as NetWare Cluster Services 1.01 for Netware 5.

Daric C. Fast, XIOtech Corporation

Thank you for clarifying this information. We apologize for the confusion. You can find more information about Magnitude at the XIOtech web site (www.xiotech.com).

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I just have to say congratulations for the excellent job you have been doing for so many years. I’ve been working as a Certified Novell Instructor (CNI) for six years, and thanks to your magazine, I’ve been able to understand and explain the amazing amount of technology we deal with. Actually, I use many of your articles in my presentations. NetWare Connection articles are up-to-date, clear, and very well illustrated. In fact, many times, I use the pictures in your magazines to illustrate my presentations. Last, but not least, the NetWare Connection writers are great.

Marco Simoes

Editor’s Note

When I started NetWare Connection more than 10 years ago, worldwide networks were just in their adolescence. Today, networks have come of age. The Internet is just one highly visible indication of just how pervasive networks have become.

During the past 10 years, both NetWare and Novell have also evolved. A rguably the best network operating system, NetWare has led the way in stability and efficiency. However, as Novell anticipated years ago, today’s more sophisticated networks need a directory service that allows you to manage disparate operating systems and emerging technologies. (For more information about Novell’s approach to creating a directory, see Gary Hein’s “Active Directory: How Does It Measure Up?” on p. 20.) Hence, NetWare created the Novell Directory Services (NDS), which allow you to manage NetWare, Windows NT, and NetWare, of course.

Over the last several years, NetWare has used its expertise to enter other markets. For example, in 1999, Novell released Novell Internet Caching System (ICS), which is outperforming other cache servers. (For more information, see “Caching on the Web” in NetWare Connection, April 2000, pp. 6–19. You can download this article from www.nwconnection.com.)

Because we believe that you need to know about all NetWare products, NetWare Connection regularly features these products. In fact, according to you, our readers, NetWare Connection is your primary source of information for all of Novell products.

Given all the changes in the industry, I have been wondering how well the name NetWare Connection describes what goes on between the covers of each issue. Apparently, so have many of you. I have received several letters suggesting that we change the name of the magazine to more accurately reflect our focus and vision. So, in January 2001, NetWare Connection will become Novell Connection.

Novell Connection will still include the same quality information that you currently find in NetWare Connection. And don’t worry that we are abandoning NetWare—NetWare is still my favorite operating system. In fact, during the upcoming year, you can look forward to articles about the next generation of Novell NetWare—NetWare 6. You can also look forward to articles about ZENworks, cyber crime, GroupWise, NetWare Cluster Services, and Novell Content Exchange. Be sure to look for the new Novell Connection in your mailbox at the beginning of next year.

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