NUI Web Site Premieres

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On March 1, 2001, Novell Users International (NUI) unveiled its newly restructured web site (www.nuinet.com). This web site is the home of the NUI Virtual Community and includes a wide range of information specifically designed to help you do your job as an IT professional.

DESIGNED WITH YOU IN MIND

The new NUI web site is easy to navigate. The home page divides the web site into a variety of sections, enabling you to quickly find the resources you need. For example, from the home page, you can access the Technical Resource Center, the Career Resource Center, the What's New page, and the Video/Webcast area. Some of the web site's new features are listed below:

- NUI Sys Op Program
- NUI Forums
- NUI Chat
- Lifetime E-mail

NUI Sys Op Program

The NUI Sys Op program ensures that you receive accurate and useful advice on the NUI web site. Fourteen Master CNEs and Certified Novell Instructors (CNIs) oversee NUI's technical forums and chat sessions. In addition, these experts provide content for the web site's resource libraries and link indexes.

For more information about the Sys Op program or to find out how you can participate, visit the NUI Sys Op page within the Technical Resource Center section.

NUI Forums

The NUI forums enable you to interact with other NUI members and with industry experts. The forums, which are monitored by NUI Sys Ops, cover a wide array of subjects including Career, Education, and Technical Resources. Within the Technical Resources area, you can find product-specific forums dedicated to products such as NetWare, NDS, BorderManager, NetWare Cluster Services, GroupWise, and ZEN works.

NUI Chat

In the NUI chat room, you can participate in scheduled, topic-specific sessions hosted by a NUI Sys Op or industry expert. To find out about session times and subjects, please check the Chat Calendar, which appears when you click the Chat icon on the home page.

Lifetime E-mail

The NUI lifetime e-mail option solves the challenge of constantly changing e-mail addresses. Simply sign up for a lifetime e-mail address, and all of the messages addressed to this address will be forwarded to your current mailbox.

SHARE THE KNOWLEDGE

As a virtual community, the NUI web site depends on contributions from its members to remain dynamic and relevant. The contributions of the NUI Sys Ops provide some content to the web site, but imagine if just a small percentage of NUI's 56,000 virtual community members made regular contributions to the NUI web site. To make it easier for you to contribute to the Virtual Community's knowledgebase, NUI has implemented the Share the Knowledge program.

Throughout the NUI site, you will see an icon that shows two people talking. Simply click this icon, and your browser's mail-to box will open. Enter your contribution into the e-mail and press Send.

Through your contributions, you can play a meaningful role in keeping the NUI community relevant. In addition, everyone who contributes is eligible to win great prizes in NUI's monthly Share the Knowledge drawings. Prizes include NUI and Novell gear, as well as gift certificates.

SHOP NUI

As an official Novell Authorized Education Center (NAEC), NUI offers many of the Novell Education and Novell Press materials that are available through shopNovell. NUI members typically save at least 10 percent on these resources over any other online shopping site.

An added incentive to use Shop NUI is the opportunity to earn NUI Dollars by using the NUI credit card and long distance programs. The credit card is offered through MBNA, has no annual fee, and has a low Annual Percentage Rate (APR). The NUI long-distance plan offers a rate of 6.5 cents per minute, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Participation in either or both of these programs will result in a percentage of your spending being credited to your NUI Dollars account. These NUI Dollars can then be used to make purchases on Shop NUI or for attending NUI events such as Hands-On Training (HOT) Labs. For more information about these and other benefits offered to NUI members, visit the Benefits section on the NUI web site.

REGISTER AT THE NUI WEB SITE

Members of the NUI Virtual Community who have an active e-mail address on file should have received a temporary login ID and password by the time you read this article. If you did not receive this information via e-mail, simply fill out the Membership Sign Up form in the Membership section to re-register. If you are not a member of the NUI Virtual Community, please create a member profile at the NUI web site.

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