

Letter to the Editor

Independence Day—Say It Ain't So

In reference to your "Top Ten Space Movies" (July 2001, p. 44), *Event Horizon* is a far better film than the pathetic *Independence Day* and even better than most of the *Star Trek* movies. The *Star Trek* series as a whole could be removed, since only a few of the movies were actually any good and I doubt if any single one of them would make the top ten list. (However, I think *Undiscovered Country* and *First Contact* are the best *Star Trek* films.) Contact with *Jodie Foster* should definitely be in the top ten; it could even take *Men in Black's* position. (*Men in Black* wasn't that good.)

Pitch Black is also worthy of a place in front of *Independence Day*. And what about the original *War of the Worlds* or *Starship Troopers*?

Ryan Dixon

We thought we had heard the end of the rebuttals to our "Top Ten Space Movies." When *TheForce.Net* (www.theforce.net) posted a link to our list, however, we got a new round of responses. Apparently, the debate could continue indefinitely since we had to restrain our staff from writing a rebuttal to your rebuttals. Thanks for the feedback.

Editor's Note

Nearly 14 years ago, I was hired as a technical editor in Novell's Documentation department. If the years alone don't date me, I have to confess that my first assignment was to help put the finishing touches on the documentation for *NetWare 2.15*. (I know, in terms of technology, *NetWare 2.15* was practically a lifetime ago.)

After the *NetWare 2.15* documentation was put to bed, the entire team threw itself into redesigning and reorganizing the documentation for *NetWare 3*. Relatively young in our careers, we took both ourselves and our task very seriously, arguing passionately about how information should be organized and presented. We cared about every mark on every page of the manuals, right down to the commas and periods. And we were just the Documentation team; the software was receiving the same kind of attention from the engineers.

My time in *Novell Documentation* came rushing back to me as I interviewed Craig Miller, vice president and general manager of *Novell's Net Management* group. (See "NetWare 6: There's No Stopping It" on p. 6.) As Miller talked about *NetWare 6*, he pointed proudly to its heritage, stating emphatically that *NetWare 6* is built on the absolute reliability of previous versions of *NetWare*.

At the same time, however, *NetWare 6* includes capabilities not necessarily associated with previous versions of *NetWare*. For example, according to Miller, *NetWare 6* removes the obstacles between you and the network, allowing you to manage your network wherever you are at any moment of the day (or night). To that end, *NetWare 6* provides web-based management utilities such as *Novell Remote Manager*. (See "Novell Remote Manager: Remote Control for *NetWare Servers*" on p. 14.)

NetWare 6 also removes the obstacles between users and their data. If you have not already heard about *Novell iFolder* (which is included with *NetWare 6*), Miller provides a brief overview of the benefits users will experience by using *iFolder*. You may also want to find out what Miller thinks about *NetWare* being called a legacy platform and why Miller thinks companies should not wait two to three years for *Microsoft's .Net*.

After reading all about *NetWare 6*, you should check out *Laura Chappell's* article on *Napster clones*. (See "Security Alert: Just Say Gno!" on p. 33.) Because these clones are becoming more and more popular, you should know how they may be affecting both the performance and security of your network. (Be afraid; be very afraid.)

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