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During the seven years that Windows NT was sold, before Windows 2000 shipped, administrators had no need to learn anything new, at least about the core operating system features. User and group management, domains and domain models, as well as resource management, were the same in all Windows NT versions.

With the introduction of Windows 2000 and Active Directory, all that has changed. There is a huge difference between managing Windows networks and working with the old NT administration model. Therefore, Active Directory will require quite a leap in the learning process of existing NT professionals. Despite some administrative wizards in the user interface and the new Microsoft Management Console (MMC) administration interface, implementing and administering Active Directory probably requires more learning, testing, piloting, and planning than Windows NT needed.

This book is an implementer's and administrator's guide to Active Directory. By reading it, you will discover the workings, architecture, administration, and planning of Active Directory. Your level of experience will dictate whether you read this book cover-to-cover, or select only the chapters and sections appropriate to your needs. The following list evaluates the appropriateness of the book for each target audience:

Current NT professionals

You are the foremost target audience for this book. You may not need the introductory notes that preface each chapter, but will use the majority of the content to make the leap from the Windows NT environment to Active Directory.

Current NetWare or UNIX professionals

Prior knowledge of Windows NT is not required to successfully learn from this book. Your existing networking skills will help you to pick up each topic quickly.

Novices in network operating systems

Since each chapter starts with the very basics, you should be able to use this book to effectively learn Active Directory. You will need to do a more thorough reading than an experienced IT professional, and you should also have a test PC, which you can use to try out the different things that the book describes.

Current Windows 2000 professionals

Even if you are already familiar with Active Directory, we trust that you will learn more than a few new things in this book.

Developer

This book is an administrator's guide, not a programmer's guide. However, there is an emphasis on architectural topics, which other administrator-oriented books lack. Therefore, this book may be valuable as a compliment to your programmer's guide.

We believe that this book has the following strengths: Thorough and accurate information Step-by-step directions for using Active Directory . Detailed diagrams Extensive reference tables

This book is divided into three parts:

Part 1

Background Skills (Chapters 1 & 2) gives a thorough overview of Active Directory to help you successfully plan and implement an Active Directory network. This part also discusses the installation of Windows 2000 and Active Directory.

Part 2

Core Skills (Chapters 3 - 7) describes the concepts, planning, and administration of both the physical and logical structure of Active Directory. The topics include user and group management, access control, and group policy. Related advanced topics are discussed at the end of each chapter.

Part 3

Advanced Skills (Chapters 8 - 11) looks at advanced techniques, including the schema, scripting, and Active Directory architecture.

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