Linux: A Network Solution For Your Office With CDROM

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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Mr. Toth's book is well thought out and well presented. Good examples are used to highlight key concepts. This book gives a very good understanding of Linux networking without going too deep. For me it bridges the gap between a beginner's 'Dummies' or 'Idiots' guide and an 'Unleashed' mammoth.

While this probably won't be your only book on Linux networking, it is certainly the best book I have found to give you reasonable coverage of all the major issues a Linux sysadmin needs. The author discusses the most important network applications--DNS, Samba, Apache (including an all-too-brief introduction to web programming), NTP, DHCP, firewalls, and routing--as implemented on Linux systems. Best of all--this book is extraordinarily readable, which is a wonderful surprise in a techie manual. If you are really serious about implementing any of these applications, I would also recommend the Craig Hunt Linux Library, but for a good introduction to make sense of the man
pages and HOWTO documents, this book can't be beat. My only gripe is that Sendmail configuration and administration is far too complex for a book of this scope. The author's introduction to the topic was only deep enough to convince me to disable sendmail on my systems until I had read a more thorough text on the subject.

This book is basically a descriptive example of how to build a Linux-based server for a small office. This book covers the spectrum of the most common necessities: Internet mail (SMTP and POP3), DNS, centralized backups, Samba (allows Microsoft operating systems to share files and printers), setting up FTP, setting up apache (WWW), and configuring the Linux box as a firewall. In the process, Toth bridges the gap between introductory books and the gargantuan Linux books. My only negative comment is that Toth used Caldera Linux (which is on the CDROM), so you may run into some minor inconsistencies when trying to implement the information on other flavors of Linux/Unix. But with a little intuition and documentation, you shouldn't have much of a problem.

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