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Windows NT DNS

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The true strength of this book lies in its clear understanding and explanation on how netbios and host name resolution works, and the concepts behind DNS. I think this book covers these topics better than any book I have read. I use it in all of my TCP/IP training classes.

You won’t be flooded with complicated words in this book. You open it, read, and perform the tasks..in the end you will feel like you have accomplished something most people are afraid to tackle on NT!DNS on NT has been a scary thing..but a lot of that can be blamed on a lack of knowledge and how to properly configure DNS on NT. With this book you will kick ass and never have to deal with the hassles [and patches] of DNS/Bind on Unix..I found this especially helpful with my Cable Modem. I setup an NT box with 2 NIC cards, MS Proxy Server, and configured the machine a CACHE DNS server. This way all the machines on my internal network were able to do lookups quickly.. This book shows it all!

This book offers a good overall insight into DNS, BIND and Windows NT own implementation of DNS. The ordering of sections could have been done slightly differently, with the DNS overview/introduction sections first then Windows NT overview sections and lastly Windows NT DNS sections. If you need to implement DNS in an NT environment or even in a heterogeneous one, this book will help you understand the basics and how to create your DNS structure thereafter. With the imminent arrival of Windows 2000 and Dynamic DNS, Microsoft Active Directory etc, this book
needs to be updated by the end of 1999 to stay current and relevant.

The book has useful information. But half of the book is spent explaining DNS itself and how it works and processes queries. I needed information on how to use NT DNS in conjunction with/migrating from BIND 8. It had only one small paragraph that said you could use bind files to load the DNS, but didn’t have any specific information. I found the information I needed from one of Microsoft’s included text files. So the book is useful, but not as good as I expected it to be based on other people’s reviews.

This book did nothing to help me set up DNS on an NT network. The book went into great detail on how Bind files and resource records work, but had less than one paragraph detailing how these files work on a NT DNS system that does not use the Registry. I found the NT Resource kit to be much more valuable resource for NT DNS.

I had ordered this book expecting it to help in configuring Windows NT DNS in an internet environment. It only summarized and provided a few screen shots without matching explanations. I wish it had usefull (real-life like) examples.Overall, it is a satisfactory book covering NT’s DNS utility.

Wins really is important in a NT domain enviroment, and this book is the best WINS technical reference I have ever read. Michael is an excellent writer as well as a great speaker!

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