

Re: AD vs NDS Novell

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I'd second that, you don't see many shops moving from MS to Novell, if you don't have Novell then don't bother putting it in, not that NDS isn't good, it is, it is very mature and runs on loads of platforms. And yes the Novell client software is a total pile of steaming, the problems we used to have with it when we were a Netware shop, a total pain

Kerry

"Marc Scheuner" <mscheuner@mvps.org> wrote in message
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> >I have a MS guy here thinks Novell is the greatest OS.

>>Wants AD to be our Authen primary.

>>Tells us it's more secure than AD and with help manage

>>the network and MS

>>OS Boxes better.

>>Is that true?

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> A system is always as secure as your system admin chooses to make it –

> it's mostly about properly ADMINISTERING a system, rather than an

> inherent "more or less secure" architecture.

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>>This guy hates everything about Microsoft.

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> Typical Microsoft basher – we know those guys.....

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>>What can we use to manage our network and workstations?

>>can't Novell and AD work together and manage MS user

>>policies?

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> Yes, they can – but quite frankly, if you don't already HAVE Novell in

> a big way, AVOID putting it in! It's a dog – don't even get me started

> on the Novell client software..... what a crapload of

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> There's a ton of really good AD vs. NDS case studies and whitepapers

> on Microsoft's site – then again, this guy will probably point out all

> the Novell propaganda on NDS vs. AD – it's a tie.

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> AD case studies (in general):

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> <http://www.microsoft.com/resources/casestudies/search.asp?ProTaxID=1206&InPTaxID=All&SolTaxID=All&Comp>

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> Comparing Microsoft's Active Directory to Novell's NDS Version 8

> <http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/server/evaluation/compare/adndsv8.asp>

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> Comparing Microsoft Active Directory to Novell's NDS

> http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/dnactdir/html/msdn_activedirvsnds.asp

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> Active Directory Delivers Leading LDAP Performance

> Tests by KeyLabs Show Active Directory Is as Much as Seven Times

> Faster Than Novell's NDS Version 8 for Common Internet Operations

> <http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/press/2000/Feb00/ActiveDirPR.asp>

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> Just search microsoft.com for "Active Directory NDS" and you'll find

> quite a few more hits

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> My biggest PRO AD vote would be simplicity – if you can limit yourself

> to just ONE system (Active Directory), then you don't have any

> interoperability hassles, your admin don't need to know about another

> *two* technologies, and not many folks become really proficient in

> both systems – most are either AD guys also going NDS admin (or the

> other way around).

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> And quite frankly, I do *NOT* see Novell NDS as a truly viable

> alternative to be the only directory service in your company (unless,

> as I mentioned before, you've already heavily invested in Novell).

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> Just my 2 cents.....

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> Marc

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