

BrainShare 2005 Review

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BrainShare 2005

- ❖ 6 days Sunday evening to Friday afternoon
- ♦ 6000+ attendees
- ❖ 70+ vendors
- ❖ 250+ classes
- * Laura Chappell classes rock!
- Counterstrike server
- * And lots more...



NetWare v6.5

New Features in Support Pack 3
And

Open Enterprise Server (OES)

NetWare and OES

- ❖ NetWare v6.5 SP3 is the same as OES-NetWare
- * OES-Linux is SLES 9 SP1 with Novell-specific services atop it
- It is unlikely there will be any further major development on the NetWare kernel

New NetWare SP3 Kernel Features

- *BASH (a UNIX command-line shell)
- * Red Hat Package Manager (RPM, a Linux software distribution tool)
- Full POSIX-compliancy (threading still supported)
- Fast reboot/watchdog reboot
- * ACPI, PCI-X and USB (multi-LUN) support
- * MONO (.NET) and Python support
- CIMOM and OpenWBEM support

New in Storage

- * Freeze/Thaw support for NSS, iFolder, MySQL
- * "Freeze" locks the filesystem pending writes are flushed; writes to a "Frozen" filesystem are queued but filesystem is not changed until "Thawed"
- Useful for "snapshots" and backups; pool-level
- Apps and RDBMS' must be Freeze/Thaw-enabled (GroupWise is); user workstation apps are not
- * Similar to the "non-persistent VM" function in VMWare (but without a "rollback" feature)

New in Clustering

- Following services are now cluster-enabled:
 - ❖ Native File Access Protocols (CIFS, NFS, AFP)
 - * DNS, DHCP, FTP and LDAP servers
 - NetStorage
 - * MySQL
 - * Apache
 - * iFolder
 - iPrint
 - Virtual Office
- * Failover between OES-Linux and OES-NetWare

New in File Services/Printing

- NetStorage POSIX-compliant filesystem rights, file/directory moves, salvage, improved rights administration, bulk operations
- iFolder improvements
- iPrint clients for Linux and Mac, custom banners, DNS names for printers, pre-set driver defaults
- ❖ Virtual Office UI improvements, web search, password self-service, virtual teams, better installs

New in Management

- iManager v2.5 is browser-independent supports Mozilla/Netscape and Epiphany
- ❖ More instrumentation CPU performance, RAM, processes- and logging configurability
- * RPM, RUG and Red Carpet Daemon support; silent installs
- * AD-to-eDirectory migration tools included in Server Consolidation Utility
- iManager performance enhancements

New in Applications

- **❖** Apache v2.0.50
- Java Virtual Machine (JVM) v1.4.2_6
- * Tomcat JSP v4.1.31
- **❖** MySQL v4.0.21
- ***** PHP 5
- Mono (.NET) on NetWare
- ❖ POSIX compliance means almost any *NIX app can be compiled on/cross-compiled to NetWare

OES Support Pack 1

- * Includes NetWare v6.5 SP4, SLES 9 SP2 and Client 32 v4.91 SP1
- ❖ Scheduled for August 31st release
- Will include iFolder v3.0, improvements to NSS on Linux, a Novell Client for Linux, and iPrint enhancements



eDirectory

v8.7.3.x and Beyond

eDirectory Tools

- Novell's strategy is to move tools (DSREPAIR, DSBROWSE, DSMERGE, iMonitor, iManager, etc.) on all platforms to a single codebase
- Tools will become front-ends for the eDirectory
 Management Toolbox (EMBOX.NLM on NetWare)
- * All management will eventually become primarily web-based (through iManager)
- iManager v2.5 no longer relies on NPS

eDirectory Maintenance

- Novell engineers are BrainShare were quite specific that routine eDirectory maintenance should be performed via iManager, not with DSREPAIR
- * They stated that **DSREPAIR** should not be used for health checks or partition/replica management

Using iManager's eDirectory Tools

- ❖ Logger Configures eMBox logging
- ❖ Backup Hot continuous backup/restore
- ❖ DSMerge Merge/rename trees
- ❖ DSRepair Fix eDirectory database
- ❖ DSSchema Manipulate the schema
- Service Start/stop eDirectory sub-processes
- * "Advanced" options marked w\red & yellow icon

eDirectory News

- ❖ v8.7.3.4 is available now (in 6.5 SP4 and OES SP1)
- * v8.7.3.5 released on OES only, not on other platforms (mainly bug fixes and NCP engine updates)
- ❖ V8.7.3.6 will be cross-platform
- Its now OK to have Cluster members running different IRs of eDirectory

eDirectory Management Toolbox

- EMBOX.NLM on NetWare, edirutil on other platforms
- Separates management tools from eDirectory
- Scriptable and has a command line interface
- ❖ Also includes an unsupported GUI option (edirutil −g)

eDirectory v8.8

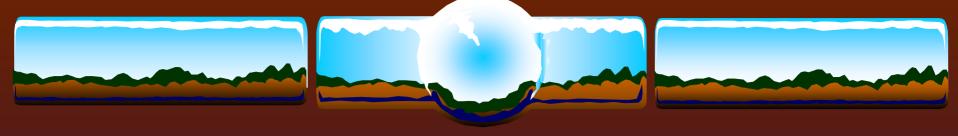
- * LSB/FHS-compliant (on Linux/*NIX platforms)
- * Alternate DIB locations
- * Case-sensitive passwords for **all** clients
- * Scriptable install that no longer needs Supervisor of [Root] to install a server
- * Runs as non-root on Linux/*NIX
- No more eDirectory/iManager dependencies
- SASL-GSSAPI support
- Install & patch w\Red Carpet Update; patch rollback

eDirectory v8.8 (cont'd)

- ❖ Priority sync immediately syncs an attribute on all replicas (useful for password changes)
- Multi-instance support can host eDirectory replicas from multiple trees, and/or multiple replicas of the same partition, all on one server
- ❖ Encrypted database settable on a per-attribute basis, and controlled via the object **Read** ACL
- Encrypted replication on a per-partition basis
- * Object-based backup (archive bit) w/TSA support

eDirectory Futures

- * v8.9 (Project "Bose"): replication policies, cluster support for Linux and Solaris, fuzzy LDAP searches, federated attributes, attribute-based ACLs, Group and Container enhancements, installation improvements, optimized referrals (quickly find data in other partitions)
- * Project "Destiny": "virtualized" directory services (NVDS), leverages LDAP to allow anything to use eDirectory as a back-end



GroupWise

Sequoia (v7)

And Beyond

GroupWise Planning

- Current Installed base: 32.7 million seats
- GroupWise v7 ("Sequioa")
- ❖ GroupWise "Aspen" 1H2006
- ❖ GroupWise "Cedar" − 1H2008

GroupWise v7 New Features

- Improved user interface
- Native Outlook and Blackberry support
- * XML/SOAP interface to POA
- Outlook-to-GroupWise migration utility
- * PDA support for PalmOS IV (or later) and PocketPC 2K or later
- * Native Linux client
- SMP support for Linux & Windows agents

GroupWise v7 More New Features

- WebAccess improvements adds a Work-In Progress folder; viewer agent now separate from WebAccess agent (can run on separate servers)
- OpenSSL and IPv6 support
- Multiple calendars
- Multi-platform file association
- Improved archiving

GroupWise Futures

- ❖ More 3rd Party integration
- * "Aspen": Improved multi-platform client, teamcentric activities and resources, single point of administration, better scalability and backup
- * "Cedar": More improvement on new "Aspen" features



ZENWorks

v6.5 and Beyond

ZENWorks v6.5

- Imaging server uses SUSE Linux v2.4 kernel
- Includes "AdminStudio ZENworks Edition" for software packaging (based on Macrovision InstallShield)
- * ENGL Imaging Deployment component includes lights-out image deployment (uses PXE)

ZENWorks v7 ("Shade")

- Uses SUSE Linux kernel v2.6 for all back-end services
- Cluster-enabled
- * OS support includes Windows Tablet, Mobile 2K3, CE, XP SP2
- Supports Intel's AMT spec
- Web-based ZENWorks management
- Updated ZENWorks AdminStudio

ZENWorks Future

- * Next version after v7 is "Brimstone"
- More integration with Macrovision
- Cross-platform application testing and deployment
- * More .MSI support



Novell Client for Linux

- * POSIX-compliant
- Virtual Filesystem (VFS) layer supports EXT2/3, Reiser, XFS, JFS, UFS and NSS
- Case-sensitive naming (where supported by the filesystem)
- Quota support
- Multiple logic filesystems
- ❖ Multiple executable formats (e.g. a.out, ELF, java)

Laura Chappell Classes Rock

- Laura is a former Novell employee now a highly-sought-after network security consultant
- Presented multiple times on 4 topics –
 every class was packed to capacity
- * Topics: Malware, Network Forensics, Hot Tools & Toys, Internet Safety for Children
- Laura Lab Kit CD has tools, videos, packet traces



BrainShare DVD

- Presentation Handouts (in OpenOffice Impress format)
- OpenOffice v1.1.4 (for Linux and Windows)
- Laura Chappell's Labs (in PDF)
- * BrainShare videos, student-made Linux/Novell commercials



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