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SHIPS AND SLIPS

NOVELL INC. has released the NetWare Client for OS/2 2.1. The new Client kit features full OS/2 2.x support, including support for booting OS/2 workstations from a NetWare sever. The NetWare Client for OS/2 2.1 is available to customers at no charge on NetWare, and from resellers for \$99. (800) UPDATE1.

COMPUSCI INC. plans to ship PowerEdge by month's end. The software allows uninterruptable power supply users to monitor power quality and to perform an unattended system shutdown before the battery is exhausted. PowerEdge incorporates network support. Cost: \$99. (314) 343-5022.

HPI is now shipping INSTALIT/Crypto, a product that enables developers and distributors to encrypt product or data files as they are compressed for distribution. Users can decrypt the software by obtaining a key-code from the vendor or distributor. The OS/2 version will run in character mode in a DOS window; versions are also available for DOS/Windows and Windows NT. Prices start at \$299. (205)880-8705.

DATADATES

ED YOURDON'S WORKSHOP ON OBJECT-ORIENTED ANALYSIS & DESIGN, June 20-24, Stouffer Concourse, Crystal City, VA. This workshop focuses on systems analysis and design techniques and how they are affected by object oriented languages such as C++ and Smalltalk. Cost: \$1,895. (508) 470-3880.

THE INSIDE TRACK

J&J COMPUTER CONSULTING is currently beta testing a major upgrade to its J&J Utilities for OS/2. Enhancements to the command-line utility will include automatic job scheduling, drag-and-drop folder defragmenting from the Workplace

Shell, and an interactive shell that will work from the WPS or from the OS/2 installation disks. The company hopes to release version 1.5 in June.

SYS-ED, the New York-based computer training firm, reports that interest in its OS/2 2.x curriculum has spiked upward. When IBM released OS/2 1.0 in 1987, Sys-Ed immediately incorporated the OS into its curriculum even though the demand back then was only "a trickle," according to Sys-Ed partner David Shapiro. Today Sys-Ed's OS/2 curriculum consists of 13 OS/2 courses that range from navigating the system itself to more advanced topics such as REXX, DB2/2, LAN Server, CSet++, and Presentation Manager. Shapiro says Sys-Ed undercuts the competition by offering courses at 40 to 50 percent less, and by running courses with as few as four students.

Look for **SUNDIAL SYSTEMS** to announce an upgrade to Relish 2.1, its calendar and information manager, at PSP in San Francisco. Relish 2.2 will incorporate SOM technology; new features will include customizable desktop objects, and enhanced search mode, and a new Workplace Shell object called "Hot Buns" for viewing and manipulating data.

SOLUTION TECHNOLOGY, INC.

is planning to unveil Genie, a scanning utility designed images and data between servers/workstations and a mainframe. The product will be geared toward the transportation and health-care industries. Company sources indicate that Genie could be priced in the \$40,000 range, depending upon the configuration; the same sources say at that price point, the utility will have four-to-six month payback through increased productivity.

MIGRATIONS

OS/2 Professional Senior Consulting Editor **Rich Malloy** has been appointed editor in chief at *Portable Computing*.

Prior to his stint at *OS/2 Professional*, Rich was managing editor of *Byte*. We'll miss you, Rich.

WHISPERS

Last November, the Federal Election Commission launched an investigation of IBM for possible improper utilization of resources and/or personnel during a 1991 fund raising lunch for Pres. George Bush, according to a proxy statement filed on the wires. The event was hosted by then-IBM Chairman John Akers.

The FEC is required to respond to every complaint it receives. But due to limited resources, the FEC since December has been forced to prioritize its active investigations, giving the highest priority to cases that demonstrate "willful intent; impact ... on the election; amount of money involved," according to an FEC statement. That means that any case kept open for a period of time is a priority case. Since the IBM case has been open since November, Washington insiders say it appears increasingly likely that a case will be made against Big Blue.

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