

# Time and IT March On

We live in an era of change; not only is change happening all the time, but the rate of change is accelerating and customers' requirements and the environments that provide them are not the only factors affected. While we were writing this book there were a number of large IT industry mergers, not least when the company we both work for, VERITAS Software, merged with Symantec Corporation in July 2005.

Utility Computing is all about delivering IT as a flexible, cost-effective service. One of the key premises is that the service needs to be delivered in a timely and secure manner and when developing a utility infrastructure time needs to be spent putting in place practices and procedures as well as technology to mitigate risk. As a company the new Symantec remains committed to Utility Computing and is now broadening the picture to include all aspects of security, from Intrusion Detection through anti-virus and anti-spam to data encryption. This combination of technology is resulting in a new sector, Information Integrity. The inclusion of security at all points in the IT infrastructure will not be new to administrators around the globe. However, the strong integration of security technologies with availability technologies will give rise to a new generation of products that will enable Utility environments to be rolled out more easily and with greater security than before.

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