

Acknowledgments

THIS BOOK WAS A *lot* of work, so I'm sure glad I didn't have to do most of it!

This is essentially the twelfth edition of the *Mastering NT Server* book that debuted in 1994. In every other edition, we always had contributors who only worked on a chapter or a less, and so did not get co-author credit. This time, I wanted everyone who worked on it to get their name on the cover, and turned to two old tried-and-true contributors. Christa Anderson has contributed in a major way to every version of this book, and this one is no exception. Lisa Justice's work also appeared in the past six editions and she is a welcome addition to this one as well.

This book also introduces two newcomers to book writing, but not to networking. Michele Beveridge, the University of Georgia's Active Directory architect, and veteran tech teacher C.A. Callahan come from solid backgrounds in both working with technology and communicating it, and I think you'll agree that their first outing as geek book co-authors is a successful one. They dug into every chapter, forsaking family and friends in order to get this done. I owe all four co-authors quite a bit, and am quite thankful for their efforts. (Additionally, Michele tells me that a techie friend of hers, Martijn Middleplaats, helped her with some of the heavy lifting by researching some of her chapter material. She thanks him and so do I.)

While this *should* have been an easy book to write, it wasn't, as I'll explain in the Introduction—that's my fault. That made life horrendous for the Sybexers involved, and I can't thank them enough for their help in getting this volume out.

Chris Denny and Neil Edde got the ball rolling, and Sally Engelfried edited the chapters. Many thanks also to technical editor Jim Kelly for his painstaking checking and verifying.

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