

Large Installation System Administration of Windows NT Conference (LISA NT)

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Seattle, Washington

Sponsored by USENIX, the Advanced Computing Systems Association
Co-sponsored by SAGE, the System Administrators Guild

Co-located with the 2nd USENIX Windows NT Symposium
August 3–5, 1998

Important Dates

Referred paper submissions:

March 3, 1998

All other submissions: *March 10, 1998*

Notification to authors: *March 31, 1998*

Camera-ready papers due: *June 18, 1998*

Registration material available:

Mid-May 1998

Conference Organizers

Co-chairs

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Overview

Success brings challenge. Windows NT's success brings with it the challenge of administering and integrating large scale installations of NT hosts. The Large Installation System Administration of Windows NT conference, LISA NT, is a forum to bring system administration professionals together to discuss workable solutions to the issues of scaling the NT environment.

LISA NT will enable dialogue with peers and experts in our field. We invite you to submit technical track papers and proposals to enhance the invited talks, panels, Birds-of-a-Feather sessions, and

Work-in-Progress reports. We also invite proposals for tutorials and demos of products and solutions.

Please review this call for participation, make a submission, and join us in furling LISA NT's position as the premiere conference for system administrators of large scale NT environments.

We look forward to your participation.

Topics

LISA NT is about creating a community of system administrators to discuss common problems and share solutions learned from the management of thousands of NT machines and the integration of NT into complex computing environments. To facilitate these discussions, we encourage you to consider these topics:

Management

- Large-scale NT management solutions and experiences
- Locally developed administration tools and techniques
- Successful approaches to centralized, remote, and distributed management
- Large-scale software and operating system deployment
- Reduction of total cost of ownership

Sharing and integration

- Integration of NT and UNIX environments
- Shared NT solutions
- Remote access
- Laptops and PDAs

Tools, experiences, and issues

- Performance tuning and measurement
- Central name service, browsing, and e-mail management
- Software license, deployment, and upgrade management
- Security issues, including policies, education, response, and fixes
- The registry, user accounts
- Backups and restore

What to Submit

The most important aspect of the LISA NT Conference is the sharing of information. With this in mind, the program committee seeks submissions from the Windows NT system administration community in the following formats.

Referred Papers

We seek papers relating work of general interest to system administrators of Windows NT, particularly technical papers that reflect hands-on experience or describe implementable solutions.

Submissions will be judged on the quality of the written submission and whether or not the work advances the art and science of NT system administration.

A paper submission should:

- contain a short abstract
- include an outline of the paper
- conform to the "How and Where..." instructions below

If you have a completed paper, you may submit it instead of the abstract and outline.

For detailed author instructions and a sample abstract, you will find instructions at our Web site

[www.usenix.org/events/
lisa-nt98/guidelines.html](http://www.usenix.org/events/lisa-nt98/guidelines.html)

or send email to

lisa-nt-98-guidelines@usenix.org

Authors of an accepted paper must provide a final paper for publication in the conference proceedings. At least one author of each accepted paper will present the paper during the technical track of the conference. We also ask that, if possible, copies of presentation slides be made available for publication.

Conference proceedings containing all refereed papers will be distributed to attendees and will also be available from USENIX after the conference.

Note that the USENIX organization, as well as most conferences and journals, requires that papers be "unique", i.e., not be submitted to more than one conference or publication. All submissions are held in the strictest confidence prior to publication in the conference proceedings, both as a matter of policy and as protected by the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976.

Invited Talks/Panel Discussions

If you have a presentation that is not suitable for a technical paper submission, please submit a proposal for an invited talk or panel. The proposal should include:

- an extended outline of the talk or panel topic and format
- a description of your qualifications to present the topic
- list the likely participants on the panel
- conform to the "How and Where..." instructions below

Acceptance will be based upon the general applicability of the topic and on availability of time in the program.

Works-in-Progress Reports (WIPs)

WIPs are short talks that introduce new or ongoing work. If you have work you would like to share or a cool idea that is not quite ready to be published, a WIP is for you.

To submit a WIP:

- include a description of the problem and your (possibly incomplete) solution
- if necessary, include an explanation of why the problem you are addressing is interesting
- conform to the "How and Where..." instructions below

Acceptance will be based upon the applicability and scalability of the proposed solution.

How and Where to Send Submissions

Please email your submission to

lisa-nt-98-submissions@usenix.org

in any one of the following formats:

- Plain text with no extra markup
- Postscript formatted for 8.5" × 11" page
- Microsoft Word
- RTF
- HTML

A cover letter with the following required information in the format below must be included with all submissions:

- **Authors:** Names and affiliation of all authors
- **Contact:** Primary contact for the submission
- **Address:** Contact's full postal address
- **Phone:** Contact's telephone number
- **Fax:** Contact's fax number
- **Email:** Contact's e-mail address
- **URL:** For all speaker/authors (if available)
- **Category:** Category of the submission (paper, invited talk, panel, WIP)
- **Title:** Title of the submission
- **Needs:** Audio-visual requirements for presentation

If you enclose files as an attachment to your submission, please use MIME encoding.

We will acknowledge receipt of a submission by email within one week.

Tutorials

On August 3 there will be full and half-day tutorials in all areas and levels of expertise for Windows NT system administrators.

If you are interested in presenting a tutorial at LISA NT please contact the USENIX tutorial coordinator:

Daniel V. Klein

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Birds-of-a-Feather (BOF) and Demonstration Sessions

BOF sessions are very informal gatherings of attendees interested in a particular topic. Demonstrations of NT tools, techniques, and products, whether freely available or commercial, are also welcome, though you will have to supply your own equipment. BOFs and demonstrations will be held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and may be scheduled at the conference or in advance by sending email or phoning the USENIX Conference Office

Email: conference@usenix.org

Phone: 714.588.8649

Registration Information

Complete program and registration information will be available mid-May 1998 at the conference Web site, www.usenix.org/events/lisant98/ If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact:

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SAGE, the System Administrators Guild, is dedicated to the advancement of system administration as a profession.

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