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The More Things Change...

Welcome to the special 1993 NeXTWORLD ExpoSM issue of *NEXTSTEP In Focus*!

If you've been a *support bulletin* subscriber or just an occasional reader in the past, you may be wondering where that fine publication went, and what this is in its place.

NEXTSTEP In Focus is the reincarnation of the *support bulletin*. We've changed the name to reflect our changing audience—in addition to system administrators, we're providing information for other NEXTSTEP users.

...THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME

What we haven't changed is the primary goal of this bulletin: to provide timely technical information. We want to help you better support your NeXT network or user community, and take advantage of all that NEXTSTEP has to offer.

To that end, we're continuing to bring you in-depth articles on things that aren't covered elsewhere. This includes background information that's not NEXTSTEP-specific but can help you understand why your computer does what it does. It also includes technical explanations of the nitty-gritty stuff, for those who want to get their hands dirty or just want to know.

We're also still providing ^aTips & Techniques,^o which tells you about neat tricks to use, traps to avoid, and new stuff that maybe hasn't made it into the NEXTSTEP documentation yet.

As before, each subscription issue includes a floppy disk that holds an on-line version of the issue, along with any sample files discussed in the articles. The

support bulletin disks used to include the latest version of NeXTanswers question-and-answer pairs, but we've moved that out to save space. (You can still get NeXTanswers—see “Tips & Techniques” for details.)

So, while we do have a new name and new look, we're still giving you the information you need to make the most of NEXTSTEP. Our tag line, “Support Bulletin for Users and System Administrators,” says it all.

SPECIAL INTEL INFO

To see what I mean, check out this issue.

Since this is the Expo issue, we decided to focus on what's on everyone's minds: NEXTSTEP for Intel Processors. If you're new to the PC world, “Surviving DOS” shows you the basics of using DOS; it has a side piece, “Know the Lingo,” that deciphers PC jargon. “The Big Setup” tells you what's happening inside the computer when you configure a PC. And “How We Tested NEXTSTEP for Intel Processors” gives you a sense of how solid this release is, so you know it's OK to try it.

One article that's useful to everyone, not only Intel users, is “Staying Secure.” It's an overview of computer security, including what you should look out for and how to protect your computer or site. It also has a glossary of terms—If you've always wanted to know what's the difference between a virus, a worm, and a bomb, you're in luck.

As always, “Tips & Techniques” gives you nifty information and hints. “FYI” discusses some changes at NeXT that you should know about—new support options, new training, and who to call at NeXT for information and help.

IT JUST GETS BETTER

The good stuff doesn't stop there. Next issue we're focusing on NetInfo™—we'll

cover everything about how to set up networks and keep them going. If you have NEXTSTEP on a network, you'll want to check it out.

We hope you'll like the changes we've made, and that you'll find this issue helpful. If you have comments, questions, or suggestions, let us know!

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