

# Windows 2000

## is Ready for Business...



**W**indows NT Server 4.0 is the fastest selling server operating system in the world today—and it's worth remembering why. Windows NT Server 4.0 gained this position by solving business problems—and providing users with an unprecedented level of hardware and application choices, cost-effectiveness, and ease of use.

The major focus for each issue of *Power Solutions* is business applications and solutions that work. The IT infrastructure at Dell itself is one of those solutions that is based on Windows NT. As Dell broadens and expands its sales worldwide, this infrastructure must support a range of solutions from line-of-business applications running multiple factories to handling transactions that produce over \$40 million per day over the Internet, providing electronic and help desk support for customers, and maintaining a feature-rich e-mail system for over 30,000 employees in a global environment. Dell depends on Windows NT—24×7, every day of the year.

As we begin this new millennium, our expectations for mission-critical and business-critical functions within our organizations are for the highest level of reliability and availability: We demand that 24×7, nonstop e-business capability. And we want an operating system environment that will help us attain this goal.

Windows 2000 provides many enhancements to Windows NT. So this issue explores various parts of the new Windows 2000 environment, including the Active Directory structure, the Windows 2000 desktop, clustering

services, backup management, integrated Terminal Services, built-in virtual private network (VPN) support, and more.

Windows 2000 is revolutionary with its integration of technologies that will define computing on the business Internet—and it makes these technologies available for businesses of all sizes.

Windows 2000 was distributed to over 500,000 beta testers and is now being actively deployed at many companies—including Dell. We will continue to document the experiences and best-practice from Dell through *Power Solutions* as we deploy Windows 2000 products throughout the enterprise. But today, Windows 2000 is ready for business.

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