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MUST-HAVE GUIDE TO POSTFIX OFFERS EXPERT INFO FOR ADMINS OF ALL LEVELS

New guide examines state-of-the-art message transport

January 18, 2004, San Francisco - Email is, without a doubt, the lifeline of many companies. To manage it, one option is Postfix, the highly regarded open source mail transfer agent (MTA) authored by Wietse Venema, which is known for its enhanced security, relatively simple configuration and excellent performance. **The Book of Postfix** (No Starch Press, February '05) offers a practical approach that will satisfy experts and novices alike, allowing them to administer and manage Postfix for a variety of purposes.

Authors Ralf Hildebrandt and Patrick Koetter are both recognized authorities on Postfix who maintain high-volume university mail servers and have seen it all when it comes to email administration. They consulted regularly with the developers of Postfix, including Venema, during the development of **The Book of Postfix**, as well as other contributing programmers and virtually every noted expert active in the Postfix Users mailing list.

In writing their book, Hildebrandt and Koetter made no assumptions about their readers' technical expertise or purposes for using Postfix. Instead, they pooled their vast Postfix expertise and research in one volume that contains a wealth of technical information, documentation and answers to frequently asked questions. **The Book of Postfix** covers the most common uses for the MTA - as a mail relay or virus-scanning gateway, as a company mail server or for home email use - as well as less common functions. The Book of Postfix also features practical examples that show how to deal with daily challenges, such as protecting users from spam and viruses, managing multiple domains and allowing roaming access.

Too many technology books take either a highly technical approach or a no-frills, step-by-step approach, but **The Book of Postfix** bridges the gap between the two. The basics won't be boring or overdone for experts, and advanced topics are properly explained and understandable to novices. Information is presented in a logical format that will make sense to any Postfix administrator, and the book's clear, straightforward writing is appropriate for all levels of UNIX/Linux administrators.

"In an age of bloated computer books, Ralf and Patrick bring clarity to a complex topic and examine all the angles without giving readers more than they'd need or want," said No Starch Press publisher Bill Pollock. "We saw a gap in the market for a better Postfix book, and these authors have been intimate with the program for years."

Also described in **The Book of Postfix**:

- Content control and understanding restrictions
- Understanding SMTP authentication and Transport Layer Security
- Performance tuning and troubleshooting

ABOUT THE AUTHORS:

Ralf Hildebrandt and Patrick Koetter are active and well-known figures in the Postfix community. Hildebrandt is a systems engineer for T-NetPro, a German telecommunications company, and Koetter runs his own company consulting and developing corporate communication for customers in Europe and Africa. Both have spoken about Postfix at industry conferences and contribute regularly to a number of open source mailing lists.

The Book of Postfix by Ralf Hildebrandt and Patrick Koetter

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