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**NAGIOS BOOK HELPS SYS ADMINS UNDERSTAND AND USE
NETWORK MONITORING TOOL**

New guide to open source application clearly explains its functions and features

May 11, 2006, San Francisco—Good system administrators know about network or service problems long before anyone asks, “Hey, is the Internet down?” Nagios, an open source system and network monitoring tool, has emerged as a popular and affordable choice for sys admins in organizations of all sizes. It’s robust but also very complex. **Nagios: System and Network Monitoring** (No Starch Press, May 2006, <http://www.nostarch.com/nagios.htm>), written for Nagios 2.0 but backwards compatible with earlier versions of the software, will help sysadmins maximize their use of the various Nagios features and take full advantage of its ability to keep systems running.

Co-published with Open Source Press of Munich, Germany, **Nagios: System and Network Monitoring** is a comprehensive guide to getting the most out of this versatile and powerful administration tool. Nagios, which runs on Linux and most *nix variants, can be configured to continuously monitor network services (SMTP, POP3, HTTP, NNTP, PING, etc.), host resources (processor load, disk and memory usage, running processes, log files, etc.), and environmental factors (such as temperature).

Inside **Nagios: System and Network Monitoring**, readers will learn how to:

- Install and configure the Nagios core, all standard Nagios plug-ins, and selected third-party plug-ins
- Write your own plug-ins to customize Nagios for your unique environment
- Configure problem escalation so the appropriate people are notified when issues move beyond your control
- Set Nagios to send alerts via email, pager, SMS, or other user-defined method
- Program event handlers to take action when trouble occurs
- Suppress alerts during scheduled maintenance periods
- Monitor Windows servers

“It’s no secret that we’re huge proponents of open source,” said Bill Pollock, founder of No Starch Press. “Nagios is one example of how well this software can perform and compete in the real world. We’re committed to publishing books that will help more people use, support and promote Open Source solutions.”

Written by a seasoned author of books on advanced networking topics, *Nagios System and Network Monitoring* is a great starting point for readers to configure and use Nagios in their own environment.

Additional Resources:

Table of contents: http://www.nostarch.com/nagios_toc.htm

Sample chapter: http://www.nostarch.com/download/nagios_ch7.pdf

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