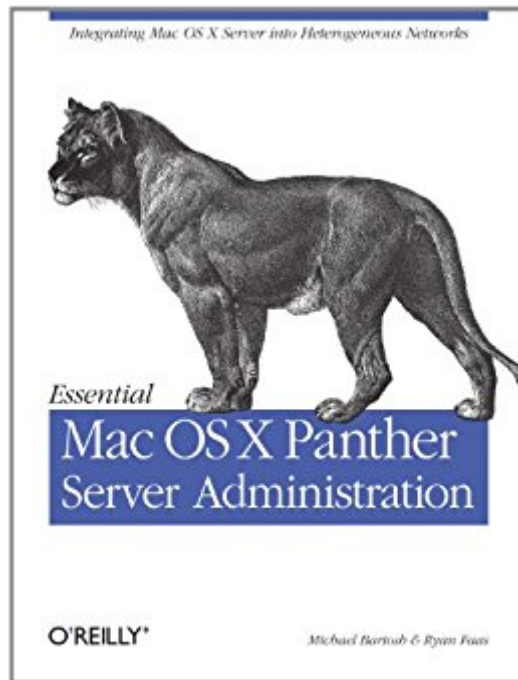# Essential Mac OS X Panther Server Administration: Integrating Mac OS X Server Into Heterogeneous Networks

Synopsis

From the command line to Apple's graphical tools, this book uses a thorough, fundamental approach that leads readers to mastery of every aspect of the server. Full of much-needed insight, clear explanations, troubleshooting tips, and security information in every chapter, the book shows system administrators how to utilize the software's capabilities and features for their individual needs. Some of the topics covered in detail include:InstallationDeploymentServer managementDirectory servicesWeb application servicesSystem interactionData gatheringStress planningThis comprehensive guide also takes the time to carefully highlight and analyze the differences between Mac OS X and the other server platforms.Whether you're a seasoned Unix or Windows administrator or a long-time Mac professional, Essential Mac OS X Panther Server Administration provides you with the depth you're seeking to maximize the potential of your Mac OS X Panther Server.

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Customer Reviews

The word 'essential', to me, implies just the important elements. But this book goes far beyond that.

In fact, it does an excellent job introducing technical topics in the larger world. For example, LDAP is given about five pages of explanation before we even get to how it's done on OS X. To me, that means this book is a comprehensive resource that will inform you about both the standards and their implementation in this environment. Obviating the need for a standards book.If you are doing Mac OS X Server work, you need this book. The documentation in the operating system and on-line is tragic.

Venturing into topics where most books fear to tread, Essential Mac OS X Panther Server Administration is a must have for anyone who's using Mac OS X Server in their environment. With such a limited amount of books covering the platform, its reassuring to see such an in- depth guide through the various facets of the diverse server system. I highly recommend this book to anyone who uses this platform or is considering it in the future.

Michael makes it very clear that he intends to pickup where Apple's "Marketing" manuals left off. I am SO disappointed with Apple's manuals... 1200 pages that are mostly unhelpful. Michael Bartosh should write the Apple manuals!Michael (unlike Apple) understands that Mac OS X Server is a UNIX server. Every page seems to discuss some CLI tool or command. When he writes about the GUI, he describes which CLI tools are used behind the scenes to get the job done. This is in stark contrast to Apple who offers a SEPARATE manual for CLI!! This is the book I have been waiting for Apple to make. Thanks Michael!

I think this is the best book ever published by O'Reilly. I have read several of the other O'Reilly books including the Missing Manual's for OS X, but this book really gets into the functions of Panther server. Sure, it is a little late since Tiger is already out, but much of the book still applies to Tiger server. Before buying this book I bought the Peachpit Press Visual QuickPro Guide for Panther Server. It is a pretty good book for someone who has never administered an OS X server or who is uncomfortable with the command line. This O'Reilly book goes way deeper into administering the server. It talks about some 3rd party open source software that is very often helpful in maintaining a server. OS X server provides a lot of services that are derived from open source projects almost all of which have entire O'Reilly books dedicated to them. This book does a nice job of covering what you NEED to know about the services that OS X server provides all in one book. I highly recommend this book to anyone running even one OS X server 10.3 or higher.

If you run any level of Mac OS X Server, you need to have this book. Period. Run, don't walk. It's one of the most useful sysadmin references I've ever read, and within a week of me buying it, it showed me how to fix an Open Directory Replica problem I was having, along with explaining what the hell was going on to cause the problem. So not only did I fix the problem, but I know why the problem happened in the first place, all because of this book.Any book that shows me the how, what, and why of a problem that fast is worth whatever it costs, and I'll be buying the Mac OS X 10.4 book as well.Wait, here's another one...I helped write a book on shell scripting. If you have to pick between the two, buy this book.

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