Samba Documentation: Long Term Objectives

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Overview

- Origins

- Recent Advances

- Objectives

- Forward Plans

History of the HOWTOs

- First commit in 1996

- Expanded in 1998

- Samba-HOWTO-Collection.pdf

  - Jerry Carter (2000)

  - Jelmer Vernooij (2002)

Recent Advances

- John H Terpstra (2003)

  - Quick update of Samba-HOWTO-Collection (maybe 2 weeks)

  - Outcome was "*The Samba-3 HOWTO & Reference Guide*"

    - Will be fully in SVN this week

  - That led to *"Samba-3 by Example" - Released at this conference*

    - Also going into the SVN documentation tree this week

Objectives

- Facilitate

  - Deployment

    - Integration into MS Windows networks
    - Replacement of MS Windows servers

  - Expand opportunity for use of Non-Microsoft platforms in exclusively Microsoft environments

- Enrich employment opportunities

  - Samba competency

  - Wider recognition of Samba in Windows network environments

Forward Plans

- Wider promotion of Samba documentation
  - Translation to reach a wider world
    - German
      - About 40% of HOWTO completed
    - French
      - Progress is steady (not sure of completion status)
    - Japanese
      - No recent feedback – may have stalled
- LPI Certification
  - Exam development at JTA (job task analysis) point now

Further Books

- Prentice Hall:

  - Aim to complete the "*by Example*" mini-series with the aim to provide a coimpelling OSS Solutions guide

    - *OpenLDAP by Example*

    - *Messaging by Example*

    - *SQL by Example*

- Samba Training Guide

  - Fully documented specific training courses in easy day-long modules

- LPI Certification Guide

Good Documentation

- Contextually appropriate

  - HOWTO provides technology view

  - By Example shows how to deploy in context of specific needs

  - Training must be task oriented

- Must demonstrate

  - Competence

  - Experience

  - Be real world oriented

Requests from Users

- ## We need your feedback

  - ### Hot tips

  - ### Examples of what NOT to do

    - Pit-falls

    - Problem identification methods

- ## Improvement is a community affair

  - ### We need your input

THANK YOU
Q&A

samba
opening windows to a wider world