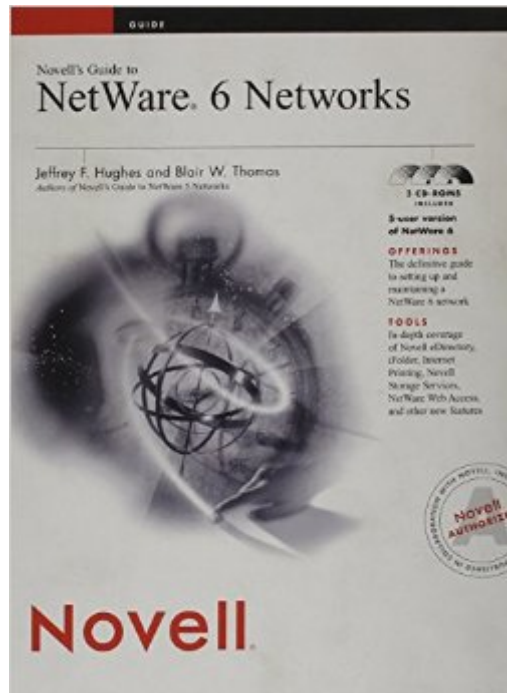


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# Novell's Guide To NetWare 6 Networks (Novell Press)



## Synopsis

The book gives you over 1500 pages of comprehensive, logically organized coverage on NetWare 6 giving full details on installation, upgrading, eDirectory, troubleshooting, maintenance, security, administration and integration with other Novell products including clustering, Portal services, ZENworks, GroupWise, network protocols and configuration, BorderManager, I-chain and ICS. Novell's Guide to NetWare 6 Networks includes steps, hints, appendices with error codes and resolutions, console commands, debugger commands, product integration cross-references and a CD with an evaluation version of NetWare 6 -- truly all one needs to administer and maintain a NetWare network.

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## Customer Reviews

Having been a CNE since 1993, I needed to refresh, and update my NetWare skills, so I purchased this book. It was my first choice because it comes from Novell Press. The first chapter had plenty of errors, not just one. I gave the authors the benefit of doubt, and read into chapter two. Mistake, errors there too. So I decided not to continue. Just as when Mark Furman told one inconsistent statement on the jury stand, his entire testimony was called to question, I became suspicious of all content. Oh well, I thought, at least I have the 5-user NW 6 demo disk. I installed the demo disk, and discovered the license expired on 12-31-2001, so its usefulness is limited to administrator login

only. There is a lot of information, and I'm sure the overwhelming majority of information is correct, but I am the network guy, not a detective. Do what you will, but I am quite disappointed.

I purchased this book hoping to find a definitive reference on NetWare 6. I mean, who else would publish such a book but Novell Press themselves. Unfortunately, within the first 50 pages of this book there are at least 10 errors on items such as what is included with the OS, minimum requirements for RAM and DOS partitions, what is included with the Express Install and what some of the features like NSS support. There were also numerous references in the text to NetWare 5 or 5.1, which makes me think that much of the text was cut and pasted from previous versions of the book. There are also some glaring omissions like no mention whatsoever of the new auditing tools. Considering that the book was published about 5 months after the release of the OS, I was extremely disappointed in its accuracy. I'll be looking to return my copy and find something else that does a better job. I recognize that someone put a tremendous amount of work into this book, but someone should have done a better job at checking it for technical accuracy.

I was only able to read the first 100 pages of this book. It was filled with so much incorrect information, I returned it for a refund. I presume they did a search/replace for NW5.1 and put in NW6.0. They had many facts that were correct about NW5.1 but wrong about NW6.0. Other facts, were just plain wrong for any version of NetWare. This book did cover many topics, but since it was so bad about the topics that I did know, I was afraid to rely on any of the information about topics that I did not know. Please do not buy this book unless you intend to read Novell's On-Line documentation to allow you decipher what is real and what is not real.

I was excited with the 5-user license trial CDROM of Netware 6 that comes with this book, but we soon found out that it actually IS crippleware! It expired last year in 2001, though we tried installing the trial CD only this year Nov2002! So the CD that comes with it is practically useless!. The book itself we found is not detailed enough, lacking in depth of information, as if it was written before Netware 6 was finally released and as if the author was not quite certain of all the details thereby omitting many of them and leaving the reader in the dark. But seeing that it's been about one year after Netware 6 was released but yet there is still a lack of detailed and user-friendly Novell-authorized Netware 6 books available in the world market right now, this book serves as a can-do, in-the-meantime, reference book we can get. Not the best so far though.

I am a current Master CNE and have been a CNE for many versions of Netware (also an MCSE, CCNA, CCDA, CCSA). The book is filled with wrong information and problems. I'm not being overly critical, I'm talking basic information that's just plain wrong. It was right for NetWare 5, but not NetWare 6. In fact in several places, the book accidentally says NetWare 5 when it means NetWare 6 - I think they were cutting and pasting from the NetWare 5 book. I virtually always buy the Novell Press books and this is the first time I have ever been this disappointed. The information that is correct is frequently woefully light on content. It's amazing how little of value a 1500 page book can actually say.

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