



Networks Lan Software
Powercore rolls out Network Scheduler 3 upgrade

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Powercore Inc. introduced a new version of its calendaring and scheduling software with support for heterogeneous environments and other enhancements.

Among the improvements in version 2.0 of Network Scheduler 3 are an improved graphical interface, as well as new support for Apple Computer Inc.'s Macintosh computers in addition to current support for DOS and Windows platforms.

The calendaring and scheduling software's interface now includes a tab-style user interface so that a user can view monthly, weekly and daily schedules the way they appear in a paper-based calendar. Powercore is also touting the software's new drag-and-drop features for simplified modifying of schedules.

"A user can take a `to-do' and drag and drop it on a certain time. . . . It is very graphical, very object-oriented. . . .

We added to drop and drag to make it easier to use," said Carl Melville, vice president of marketing for Powercore.

The product also features enhanced directory services support. And the product's database improvements include a new synchronized/distributed database feature so that the database automatically sends updates across the network in batches every five minutes.

"This supports all changes in database and in directory support, which makes the product more useful in a wide-area network," said Melville. He explained the Network Scheduler was suited for five- to 10-node networks, "but now we have people who want to migrate from {IBM} Profs or legacy environments," he said.

Network Scheduler 3 version 2.0 will ship in September and will cost \$495 for five users and \$1,995 for 25 users.

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