

# Windows 2000:



## The Operating System for Next-Generation PC Computing

**D**ell Computer and Microsoft worked closely together during the development of Windows 2000. The result was a higher quality product for both Microsoft and Dell customers. I consider that a win-win-win. A win for Dell, a win for Microsoft, and above all, a big win for customers.

Dell began pre-installing Windows 2000 on its servers and workstations, and on its corporate desktop and notebook PC product lines with Beta 3 in May of 1999, or *six months* before we released the product to manufacturing. This was part of the comprehensive Windows 2000 Premier Migration Program, designed to ease customers' transition to the new operating system. Now that Windows 2000 has launched, Dell is offering Windows 2000 on a wide variety of client and server systems to meet the needs of a wide variety of customers. And since customers are my favorite people, I think the range of choice Dell is offering is a great thing.

Not only is Dell preparing customer systems for Windows 2000, I hear the company is deploying Windows 2000 internally worldwide, including on its \$40M/day [www.dell.com](http://www.dell.com) e-commerce Web site. Dell tells me that they're going full blast with Windows 2000 because of the incredible growth they have experienced over the past year and because they're excited by the new capabilities that Windows 2000 offers.

### Enterprise-class Features

Windows 2000 provides significant advantages on the desktop all the way to the most demanding Web server environment. It features built-in Web and application services, Internet-standard security, and record-breaking performance at a low cost. Not only does Windows 2000 scale to dozens of servers connected to thousands of clients, it is the most reliable operating system Microsoft has ever released—PCs, laptops, and servers running Windows 2000 stay up and running.

With the Active Directory at its foundation, Windows 2000 simplifies management of users and computers, giving administrators the ability to manage huge numbers of objects from a single place. We believe Windows 2000 will lower administrative costs considerably. Plus, Windows 2000 is the best operating system for taking advantage of all the latest hardware, from the smallest mobile devices to the largest, most powerful e-commerce servers.

### New Millennium, Next-Generation OS

The new features and enhanced capabilities of Windows 2000 offer the manageability, scalability, and reliability that businesses need for their mission-critical applications. We are confident that Windows 2000 will serve as the foundation for the next-generation of PC-based computing.

Since our job is to encourage Dell customers to deploy Windows 2000, we need to pay close attention to an important and influential audience—developers. This issue of *Power Solutions* focuses on development issues as well as migration planning for Windows 2000. I hope this information proves timely and valuable for those of you beginning your transition to Windows 2000.

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