

County of Alameda

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Y2K News Update

Special Edition

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Windows 95...

Windows 95 can now be made fully Y2K compliant. The information in our last newsletter was correct as of the date written and published. Microsoft later issued a revised update (April 13, 1999) that corrected the remaining issues.

The software update can be found at the following page <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/year2k/> - click on the Windows 95 compliance paragraph. Careful reading of the disclosure statement will reveal what has been fixed and what additional changes may be needed. If you apply the new patch, you do not need to apply the old patch given in our last issue.

During the installation of the patch, the install wizard will ask if you would like to install **service pack 1 for Internet Explorer 4.0**. ITD has chosen not to install this service pack, preferring to upgrade to Internet Explorer 5.0 or Netscape. IE5 is reported to be Y2K compliant. Netscape has its own set of requirements for component levels and has a disclaimer on the site ("Please note that Netscape products contain third-party software that may not meet Netscape's definition of Y2K compliance."). Both Internet Explorer and Netscape have issues related to Java, including the Java virtual machine based on the Sun Microsystems Java Development Kit (versions 1.1.1 - 1.1.5).

Windows 98...

Ongoing issues have been identified with Windows 98. Many of these issues are the same as those identified with Windows 95. Fixes for these issues have been posted on the Update website and are now available. Three additional issues were reported in the trade papers on Monday, April 26th. Microsoft has reported plans to post fixes to <http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com> in the next few weeks.

MAC Users...

Better check on your application software!

246 Days and Counting...

All software and hardware companies continue to test for Y2K compliance. As a result, what you need to do to reach compliance continues to change. The information in this special edition is correct as of the date above.

Windows NT...

NT 4.0 with service pack 3 and the Y2K hot patches is "Y2K compliant with minor issues". Microsoft maintains that only service pack 4 is fully Y2K compliant. ITD is in the process of installing service pack 4 on all NT desktops. ITD plans to install the latest service pack on all servers. More on this subject will appear in future issues of Y2K News. More information on the service pack can be found on Microsoft's Year 2000 pages.

Novell NetWare...

There are Year 2000 Updates for the following versions: NetWare 4.11; NetWare 3.2/3.12; Client 2.20; Client 4.11a; NDS V1.0/V2.0; Novell Administrator for WinNT 2.0c; NetWare Connect View; Border Manager; ManageWise; Lan WorkPlace/WorkGroup; Hostprint; and GroupWise.

Office 95 and 97...

Office 95 Year 2000 Update is now available. It is free and corrects all known Y2K issues now available. <http://officeupdate.microsoft.com/downloadDetails/O95y2k.htm>
Office 97 requires service releases one and two to be fully Y2K compliant. Both SRs are available for download or a CD containing both patches can be ordered on this page <http://officeupdate.microsoft.com/downloadDetails/sr2off97detail.htm>

E-Mail...

Exchange client 5.xx is compliant. Schedule+ requires an update patch. Outlook98 is listed as compliant. All three readiness statements should be reviewed for prerequisites and product dependencies.