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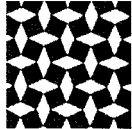
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Foreword

As any practice makes the transition to a profession, nothing could be more important than a proper education. System Administration is one of the newest professions in the world of advanced technology, and has rapidly become one of the most critical. One of the goals of the Short Topics in System Administration series is to enhance recognition of system administration as a profession. Without such recognition on a large scale, there is little motivation for the establishment of formal educational programs.

I hope that this booklet will serve as a catalyst for more focused discussion and communication concerning the proper education of our future system administrators. The authors have spent years studying this issue from two different perspectives: collegiate and commercial. The results of their study provide insight in to the current state of education and should be the seed for further ideas. Education is key to meeting the demands that will be placed on this critically important industry.

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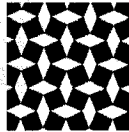


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