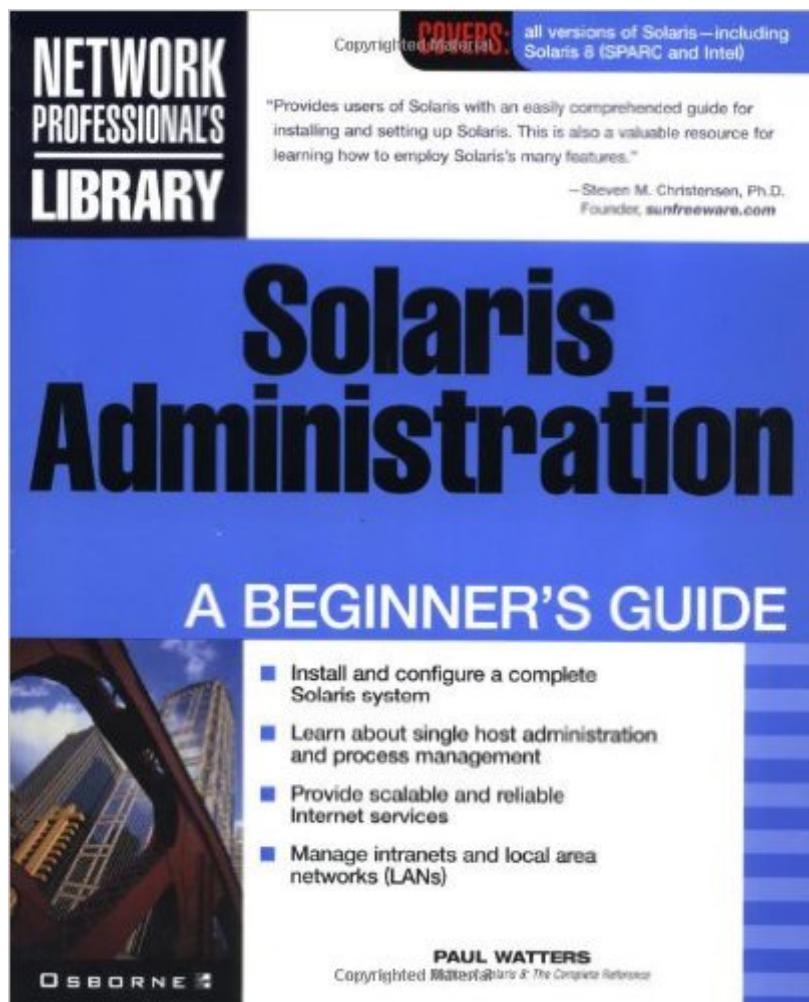


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# Solaris Administration: A Beginner's Guide



## Synopsis

This guide covers a wide range of issues for the new administrative user of the Solaris program, looking at the user, resources, the server and network management. There are real world examples of configuration files and the installation of third-party software packages, without the assumption that the reader is a Solaris guru. Eight pages of blueprints cover administration differences between Solaris and Linux, and Solaris and Windows 2000.

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## Customer Reviews

I am a senior engineer for network security operations. I read this book to improve my knowledge of Solaris. Previous reviewers express widely differing opinions of "Solaris Administration: A Beginner's Guide" (SA:ABG). These reactions seem to be based on their expectations of the book. If you need an in-depth Solaris reference, buy "Solaris 8: The Complete Reference." If you want an introductory text with more content than "Solaris for Managers and Administrators," try SA:ABG. Solaris users have traditionally suffered a lack of good third-party administration books. While not as useful as the excellent "Linux Administration: A Beginner's Guide," SA:ABG gives the reader enough information to start administering Solaris machines. This is a practical book, showing how to install the OS, use the shell, and add/remove/create packages. As a Solaris advocacy book, SA:ABG also shows Windows and Linux admins how their favorite GUI or command-line features have Solaris counterparts. Certain aspects of SA:ABG pleasantly surprised me. For example,

chapter 8 shows how to use 'truss' to trace system calls, and gives brief descriptions of /proc tools like pflags, pcred, pmap, and so on. Chapter 19 explained why NIS and NIS+ are still useful on a DNS-enabled network, and made comparisons to the Windows 2000 Active Directory. I also appreciated learning how to use Samba tools like nmblookup, smbclient, and smbstatus to interface with Windows or Samba servers. On the negative side, SA:ABG's security chapter explained how to disable services started by inetc, but didn't fully describe how to disable non-inetc services using /etc/init.d/ scripts. This sort of advice is critical for newbie Solaris admins.

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