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Internet·Intranet

Software for Bravo MS-T Pro

A COMPLETE INTERNET/INTRANET SOLUTION.

AVAILABLE ONLY ON BRAVO MS-T PRO SYSTEMS FROM AST! ARE YOU READY?

Effective information sharing is becoming the next revolution in business tools. Staying on the leading-edge of information is critical to making successful and important business decisions, and AST has taken communication to new heights with its first-of-a-kind network browsing, Web authoring software bundle. No other PC manufacturer offers this special suite! AST-IntraAccess™ includes all of the software that you need to make sharing data via a company Intranet a breeze.

We've incorporated software that will be critical for conducting business in an increasingly Web-centric environment. And it's a suite only available from AST and the Bravo MS-T Pro.

WHY DO I NEED THESE TOOLS?

Making your organization's information available electronically is dramatically more efficient, which means both your customers, and your employees benefit. Electronic information is easier to disseminate, store, alter, update and even access on a large scale. And, it helps your organization manage the problem of information overload - because recipients can access exactly that specific information which is relevant to them. All these benefits and more have created explosive growth in both Internet and Intranet popularity.

INTERNET. INTRANET. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

While the **Internet** encompasses the technologies available for communicating via the global network of networks, an **Intranet** applies these technologies within your organization, via the corporate LAN. In fact, it's been said that Intranets are the best thing to happen to corporate communication since e-mail.

Intranet creation involves developing a private network based on a web server available for use by employees, partners and other parties. It's your own company web, designed to facilitate all kinds of information gathering and information sharing within your organization. With AST-IntraAccess, you have all the tools you need to effectively utilize both kinds of forums!

HOW DOES INTERNET TECHNOLOGY WORK?

Internet documents are more easily interchanged (displayed by different people using different browsers) when they conform to an agreed upon standard. Of the many Internet protocols, HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol) is the predominant protocol of the World Wide Web. Nearly every Web page that you see is an HTML document that consists of text and HTML codes that define the way the text will look. Therefore, you need to either learn HTML or find an editor program that generates HTML files for you. Luckily, with AST-IntraAccess, AST has given you one, and a whole lot more...

To get started, you'll be surprised at how little you need to know technically. If you've ever accessed the Internet before, especially by utilizing any of the tools AST has included for you here, it's easy to do, and the following glossary has been designed as an easy-to-use reference guide.

GLOSSARY

Browser A software program that helps you view and navigate through information on the Internet or your own intranet.

HTML (HyperText Markup Language) —The coding language used to create Hypertext documents for use on the World Wide Web. HTML looks a lot like old-fashioned typesetting code, where you surround a block of text with codes that indicate how it should appear. Additionally, in HTML you can specify that a block of text, or a word, is "linked" to another file on the Internet. HTML files are meant to be viewed using a Worldwide Web browser, such as Netscape™ Navigator.

Internet (Upper case I) — A massive collection of computer networks that interactively connects millions of computers, people, software programs, databases, and institutions.

Intranet A private network inside a company or organization that uses the same kinds of software that you would find on the public Internet, but that is only for internal use.

ISP (Internet Service Provider) — A company that provides Internet access to individuals, organizations and companies.

LAN (Local Area Network) — A computer network limited to the immediate area, usually the same building or floor of a building.

POP Two commonly used meanings: "Point of Presence" and "Post Office Protocol". A "Point of Presence" usually means a city or location where a network can be connected, often with dialup phone lines. So, if an Internet company says they will soon have a POP in Belgrade, it means that they will soon have a local phone number in Belgrade and/or a place where leased lines can connect to their network. A second meaning, "Post Office Protocol" refers to the way e-mail software such as Microsoft® Exchange gets mail from a mail server. It is this POP account that instructs your e-mail software to use to get your mail.

PPP (Point to Point Protocol) — Most well known as a protocol that allows a computer to use a regular telephone line and a modem to make a TCP/IP connection and thus be really and truly on the Internet.

WWW (World Wide Web) — The World Wide Web is the multimedia part of the Internet. WWW content displays as a page and can be formatted with text, graphics, audio, video, etc.

NETCOM INTERNET SERVICE*

AST's preferred Internet Service Provider (ISP) is **NETCOM.** Tens of thousands of individuals and small business users, defense contractors, chip manufacturers, investment broker-ages, software manu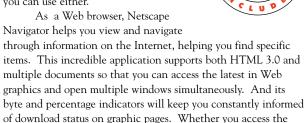facturers and others utilize NETCOM for their Internet connections. As the nation's leading commercial Internet Service Provider, NETCOM provides full service Internet connections to corporate users, and host dial-up service to individual and small business customers, delivering connectivi-ty and support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

NETSCAPE™ NAVIGATOR*

Netscape Navigator is a simple way to access the Internet. Once connected, this award winning browser software will help you find your way around. The intuitive Windows interface lets you point and click through a full range of services, including e-mail, the World Wide Web, news groups, FTP (File Transfer Protocol), IRC (Internet Relay Chat - or "chat rooms") Gopher and Telnet.

NETCOM NETCRUISER™*

When you want to explore the Web with greater speed, add NETCOM's NetCruiser™ software to Netscape Navigator for the ultimate solution. Under AST-IntraAccess, you can use either.

As a Web browser, Netscape Navigator helps you view and navigate through information on the Internet, helping you find specific items. This incredible application supports both HTML 3.0 and multiple documents so that you can access the latest in Web graphics and open multiple windows simultaneously. And its byte and percentage indicators will keep you constantly informed of download status on graphic pages. Whether you access the

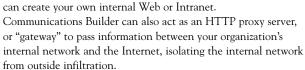** Available in U.S., Canada and United Kingdom only.*

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Web through a PPP (Point-to-Point Protocol) on a network or LAN, or use a direct connection, Netscape Navigator is the fastest browser on the market today.

Working together, NETCOM NetCruiser and Netscape Navigator software make it easier than ever to browse the Internet for information, exchange e-mail with business partners, or just explore the vast communication opportunities for your business.

THE INTERNET FACTORY'S COMMUNICATIONS BUILDER™

AST is pleased to provide business customers with one of the most highly regarded web server applications in the industry today. With **Communications Builder**, not only can you create your own home pages on the World Wide Web, you can create your own internal Web or Intranet. Communications Builder can also act as an HTTP proxy server, or "gateway" to pass information between your organization's internal network and the Internet, isolating the internal network from outside infiltration.

Communications Builder is a powerful Windows NT® Internet web server that gives you the tools you need to create and manage a high-impact, interactive web site. The utility features a caching proxy, user access controls, multiple domain support, a powerful macro programming language, database con-nectivity and an easy-to-use graphical interface.

HOTMETAL LIGHT™

Once you've established communications with the world, you'll want to create your own home page for the world to see. From sharing information with your business partners, to online marketing, the Internet is invaluable to your business.

And with an *internal* "home page", or Intranet, you can share policies, procedures or reference material online as well. You can also manage transaction processing, facilitate inter-departmental decision-making and more.

The Web page creation features of **HoTMetaL Light** help you do all of these in conjunction with **Communications Builder.**

HotMetal Light is an editor for creating HTML files that can be read by graphical browsers, such as Netscape Navigator. While any text editor can create an HTML file, HoTMetaL Light provides an easy-to-use, graphical, structured editor for cre-ating the files you need to communicate on the Web. Virtually any information that has been published on paper can easily be made available on the Web server using the HTML language and HoTMetaL Light™, the number one Web authoring tool.

Leave it to AST, the manufacturer determined to bring you the best technology first, to give you the spectrum of tools in AST-IntraAccess. With them, you'll have the power to harness the Internet, and Intranet...*today*. Even more evidence that today, AST is the place where things are happening. Are you ready?

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