

February 8, 2006 Newsletter

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V10 Maintenance Plan Renewals – start in February – now!

Starting with v10, we introduced a one year maintenance plan included with the license. Your plans begin expiring February 18 because that is one year from the date end users first obtained v10 and registered. Each user has a different expiration date. Your expiration date can be found on the Program Info/About NetScanTools Pro. The software will present you with a renewal reminder window at startup beginning 21 days prior to the expiration date (assuming you have registered). You can turn off the reminder in Tools/Set Preferences (Enable Reminder Check). We are going to improve the reminder message features in the next release.

The maintenance plan enables you to get upgrades and support. We are now phasing a login requirement with the use of the access credentials to download the upgrades from our “**Online/Check for New Version**” page. You must renew the plan to continue to get access after your current plan expiration date. **The renewal cost is \$75 per v10 license.** Please contact us by phone (360-683-9888) or email us to renew or to get more information about renewing. The contact information is at the bottom of this newsletter. We do not have online ordering for the renewal at this time – we are planning on it in the near future.

<http://www.netscantools.com/nstpromaintenance.html>

NetScanTools Pro Version 10.3 was released on January 6, 2006.

Version 10.3 has a few new features and many internal fixes. The new features are mostly concentrated in Tools/HyperTrans but we have also now added support for SNMPv2c (SNMPv3 is on our list to be added). The fixes are found in several places with the most important being a fix for a potential buffer overflow exploit in the IDENT server.

You can view the full list of changes from within NetScanTools Pro by selecting Online/NetScanTools Pro News or going to this URL:

<http://www.netscantools.com/nstpronews.html>

Upgrade to v10.3 by running NetScanTools Pro 10 and going to Online group, then selecting Check for New Version.

We have quite a long list of things we want to add into future versions of NetScanTools Pro 10.x. If you have something you want to add, please feel free to email us at support[at]netscantools(dot) com.

What is Next?

The version 10 demo was finished in January. Work on adding new features in the next release will begin shortly.

Is there a major release planned for 2006?

For the past 6 years we have introduced a new major version at the beginning of the year and some of you may want to know where it is. We are no longer doing a yearly major release. We are going to continue releases and increment the version number through 10.9. The next release after 10.9x will be release v11. Version 11 may or may not occur during 2006. If you are on the maintenance plan, you will have access to all of those releases as they occur.

Managed Switch Port Mapping Tool 1.30 released November 18, 2005

The **Managed Switch Port Mapping Tool** is an optional tool that can be integrated into NetScanTools Pro or used as a standalone program. This tool shows the results in a spreadsheet-like grid of the mapping of the physical port numbers to the MAC addresses (and IP addresses/hostnames if available) of the network devices connected to those ports. The program is designed to communicate via SNMPv1/v2c with a Managed Ethernet Switch such as an HP Procurve, Cisco Catalyst.

Cost is \$99 if you own NetScanTools Pro (any version) or \$199 if you do not own NetScanTools Pro. More information about the Managed Switch Port Mapping tool is here:

<http://www.netscantools.com/spmapmain.html>

How to get the 15 day fully functional trial version:

- From within NetScanTools Pro 10.x or NetScanTools 2004 sp4 (9.4) click on Online/Check for new version. The web page in the right hand window has a direct download link to the Managed Switch Port Mapping tool.
- Or you can visit this URL to request the trial –
<http://www.netscantools.com/spmaptrialrequest.html>

Other things...

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