

May 5, 2006 Newsletter

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- **Managed Switch Port Mapping Tool 1.41 released.**
- **Version 10 Maintenance Plan Renewals.**
- **NetScanTools Pro 10.31 released.**

This is our first newsletter since February and many things have happened. There are new version releases and maintenance plan renewals.

Managed Switch Port Mapping Tool 1.41 released April 27, 2006

New in this release

We have changed the SNMP engine and it is now much faster. There is a new VLAN column that shows VLAN membership of a port—especially important on switches like the Cisco® 6509s. We have also added a duplex mode column and an interface name column. Since some switches are set up with separate read and write community names, we have now added support for a separate write community name. Switch Properties are now available as a right click menu selection and you can change the switch name, location and contact. There have been many fixes. One of those most noticeable fixes is the row height problem that occurred when sorting. This is a major upgrade over 1.3.

About the Managed Switch Port Mapping Tool

This is a tool that can be integrated into NetScanTools Pro or used as a standalone program. It is designed to map managed network switch physical port connections to MAC addresses and with additional queries, the IPv4 addresses of attached network devices. This tool is intended for use by network administrators and other specialists who maintain managed switches. The program uses SNMP v1/v2c to communicate with any SNMP enabled switch and presents the switch mapping results in a spreadsheet-like grid.

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>

V10 Maintenance Plan Renewals – started in February

Starting with v10, we introduced a one year maintenance plan included with the license. Your plans began expiring February 18, 2006 because that was 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). The reminder message was improved in 10.31.

The maintenance plan enables you to get upgrades and support. We have now implemented a login requirement with the use of the access credentials to download the upgrades from our **"Online Left Panel Group/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 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.

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

*cost may be higher if you wait too long to renew, see web page above.

NetScanTools Pro Version 10.31 was released on March 21, 2006.

This release concentrates on fixes and improvements in the area of registration, maintenance plan reminders, and checking for new versions. There are some user interface responsiveness fixes. The only added features are minor.

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 v10.31 by running NetScanTools Pro 10 and going to Online group, then selecting Check for New Version.** **You must have a valid maintenance plan to upgrade to 10.31.

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.

Other things...

Spam Filtering Issues

We are having **significant ongoing problems** with our email not getting through to our customers. Please whitelist or permit email from sales at netscantools dot com and support at netscantools dot com.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to email.

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