



# News



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### TOP 250 QUOTED BY PREMIER

Victorian Premier Steve Bracks, at the Pacific Internet Australian headquarters in Melbourne, quoted the Whitehorse Top 250 report saying that "in the six months to

June Victoria's share of the national information and communications technology workforce had grown to 32 per cent, with the sector now employing 65,000 Victorians."

The Whitehorse Top 250 report is provided to State and Federal Government and tracks employment, research and revenue in the IT&T industry.

Whitehorse Strategic Group managing director, Mr Ian Dennis, said the job results reflected Victoria's strength in research and development in IT.

### MIGRATING TO LINUX SERVERS



Mainstream Computing, a small highly specialised software house, approached Whitehorse regarding the development of an Internet solution for the company addressing shared Internet access, firewall security, in-house hosting of a number of domains and mail services issues.

Whitehorse suggested Mainstream, currently using Windows NT workstation software, base their solution on Red Hat Linux 6.2.

#### WHY?

- The Cost: Linux Red Hat \$0, NT/2000 \$2500 per server + possible addition such as Exchange and Proxy server.
- Easy access to source code for any application and the ability to modify any application to suit Mainstream's needs.
- The possibility of easily adding ISDN access to the Internet for the main Internet Server, without using expensive routing equipment.

The Internet and file server solution that is now operating at Mainstream consists of two Internet servers, one active and one as a backup server and a similar set-up for the file servers. The Internet server is connected to the Internet with a 128 Kbs ISDN connection.

The solution implemented saved Mainstream in excess of \$10,000 in licensing costs alone. The servers provide a secure flexible solution to a critical requirement for Mainstream Computing.

For information on Whitehorse advisory services on LINUX migration call Benny Lönnborn or David Dennis on (03) 9614 8510.

### Whitehorse Facts

The banner of Hengist and Horsa, the early Saxon invaders of Britain, was a White Horse.

### WHITEHORSE INTRODUCES...

**David Dennis** is a Whitehorse Senior Consultant. He brings to any task the practical project management and business and brand development skills developed in the exhibition and event, IT and building industries.



Prior to joining Whitehorse David was the Marketing and Operations Manager for Australian Exhibition Services (AES) for over six years specialising in business development of services and intangibles, project management of exhibitions and IT development. While at AES he played a key role in the management team that formed a joint venture between AES and Key3Media to run Australia's largest IT&T Exhibition, Comdex. In addition to this role, David was also responsible for the coordination of AES internal IT systems, including purchase, tender management, network coordination and upgrade and staff supervision.



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