

January 17, 2006 Newsletter

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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/Bulk Translate 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@netscantools.com.

What is Next?

The version 10 demo will be finished in January. Work on adding new features in the next release will begin after that.

Maintenance Plans – v10 users – Important!

Starting with v10, we introduced a one year maintenance plan included with the license. Your plans begin expiring February 22 because that was the date users first upgraded to v10 and registered. Each user has different expiration dates. 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 Set Preferences (Enable Reminder Check).

The plan enables you to get upgrades and support. Note that during February we will begin requiring the use of the access credentials to download the upgrades from our "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 or email to renew or for more information about renewing. The contact information is at the bottom of this newsletter.

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

This revision addresses import and export using XML to spreadsheets such as Microsoft Excel. The same import/export also allows you to save and load results for later review. We also added the ability to save and load switch configurations. This means you do not have to retype IP addresses and community names every time you change to a different switch. Support for SNMPv2c was also added.

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>

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>

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.

NetScanTools Pro 10 PDF User Manual

We have had several requests for a PDF version of the User Manual based on the help file. The good news is that we have been including it for several years in the installation. Please go to Start/All Programs/NetScanTools Pro 10/NetScanTools Pro User Manual.

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

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