

# Why CDMS chose SCO OpenServer rather Windows as their Operating System platform

1. SCO is designed to run on the INTEL Corporation processors. Since INTEL is the dominant manufacturer of processors on the market today, this provides a range of hardware configurations available to fit every floor covering dealer's needs and budget.
2. History of UNIX shows that it is a much more stable operating system for mission critical servers. We have customers with 100+ users accessing the same server. Most of these customers have not had to restart their server for years. Because UNIX was designed from the very beginning to be a multi-tasking, multi-user operating system, there are no "Windows like" fatal blue screens several times a day that require restarting your computer.
3. Unix can talk to most other operating system platforms, including Windows, MAC, and others. UNIX is the most dominant operating system used in the world for Critical database Servers. The most common networking protocol used today, TCP/IP, is the UNIX networking protocol. It was initially developed for use on UNIX and that is the protocol we all use every day when we connect to the internet.
4. Unix is less likely to be contaminated by Viruses and Worms. Facts supporting this are included from the November 1, 2002 issue of "Internet Week".

## Mac OS, SCO, Tru64 Are Safest OSes

By Mitch Wagner

The Apple Macintosh, SCO Unix and Hewlett-Packard Tru64 Unix operating systems are the platforms least prone to hacker attacks and damages from viruses and worms, according to a study released Thursday by security firm mi2g.

Most vulnerable? Not surprisingly, it's Microsoft Windows, which was affected by most of the known security vulnerabilities announced this year, 44 percent of them, followed by Linux at 19 percent; BSD, 9 percent; and Sun Solaris, 7 percent. **Only 0.5 percent of the vulnerabilities announced in 2002 affected SCO Unix**, and 1.9 percent each affected Mac OS and Compaq Tru64 systems, the report says. The remaining 17 percent of vulnerabilities affected a variety of other systems.

5. Some of the largest companies in the world have chosen SCO OpenServer Enterprise as their operating system. Here is what a few of them have to say:

## McDonald's Serves It Up with SCO OpenServer

**World's Largest Restaurant Food Chain Planning Migration to Latest OpenServer Platform in Over 4,000 Stores; SCO OS Increases Networking Capabilities and Reduces Costs**

McDonald's Corporation will migrate more than 4,000 stores to run on SCO'S OpenServer Release 5 platform over the next two years. McDonald's implementation of OpenServer will assist in relaying data from the stores' point-of-sale machines to McDonald's corporate headquarters, as well as provide access to corporate applications. OpenServer also helps McDonald's reduce costs by allowing the use of less expensive hardware and enabling the networking and speed provided by newer hardware.

"The everyday business of a McDonald's restaurant requires a stable operating system that can give round-the-clock performance," said John Doty, Director of US Information Technology for McDonald's Corporation's Store Systems. "We are very pleased with the performance of OpenServer. SCO's platform has provided us with a very stable and reliable system. SCO OpenServer has been a dependable platform for thousands of McDonald's restaurants over the past 10 years and we're looking forward to migrating our restaurants to the current version."

## ***Costco Cuts Costs with SCO OpenServer***

### **SCO Servers Prove Good Medicine for Costco Pharmacies**

Headquartered near Seattle, Washington, **Costco Wholesale** operates nearly 300 warehouse stores around the world. Costco provides its members with high-quality merchandise at very competitive prices. The company sells everything from pineapples to pajamas, and does a booming business in prescription drugs.

Costco has pharmacies in more than 200 of its stores. The pharmacies had been running their day-to-day operations on a DOS-based system, but it was unable to keep pace with business growth. Costco needed a robust server system that could easily grow with the company.

The answer was SCO OpenServer Release 5.05. Fred Floyd, director of Costco's pharmacy network, said Costco chose the SCO® solution to run its in-house pharmacies because of its superior reliability and price/performance value.

Not only has the SCO reduced Costco's computing costs, it has virtually eliminated unscheduled downtime on the company's mission-critical pharmacy network. And that has helped the company sharpen its competitive edge. As Mr. Floyd said, "The SCO solution has allowed Costco to remain competitive and, in fact, set standards in an ever-changing pharmacy market."

## ***Michaels - The Arts and Crafts Store***

### ***Reliable SCO solutions let Michaels focus on business***

**Michaels** is the nation's largest arts and crafts retailer and seller of custom frames, with 750 stores in 48 U.S. states and Canada. A \$2.5 billion company, Michaels expects to add 60 more stores to its operations in the year 2003.

Michaels' company mission is to help people express themselves creatively, and its stores are designed so that shoppers are inspired to develop new décor and project ideas and to find the materials they need in order to do so. With that in mind, who has time for disruptions in routine in-store operations or communications back and forth between a store and corporate headquarters?

In 1996, Michaels began to run its in-store processor on SCOs OpenServer for several functions: operation of Michaels' in-house merchandise ordering system, control of handheld RF scan guns for order and receipt of merchandise, payroll reporting, and printing of custom business forms and shelf labels. The in-store processor also acts as an email server for the other PC's in each store.

"About 6 years ago when we had 450 stores, we evaluated SCO OpenServer and Windows NT, but at the time NT didn't have the reputation for being an 'industrial strength' platform," said Brian Ziegler, director of store systems development. "We found that OpenServer is reliable and heavy-duty, and has the capability of running itself unattended. Our sales people are not 'techies' and don't have the time or technical capacity to troubleshoot problems with critical business operations."