



(U//FOUO) TARANTELLA Bridges the Desktop Modernization Gap

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Tarantella \Tar.an. tel .la\, n. [It.] (Mus)

A rapid and delirious Neapolitan dance, which moves in whirling triplets, popularly held to be a remedy against tarantism (a compulsion to dance, often resulting from the poisonous bite of the tarantula) -- Webster's College Dictionary

(U//FOUO) Dean Martin sang about the Tarantella (*That's Amore*), the Italian navy forbids dancing it aboard ships, the southern Italian city of Taranto honors it with an annual street festival, and now the Reporting Tools Branch (S1221) is using the namesake software program to display back legacy, Unix-based reporting systems on NT workstations. Now in the second year of its desktop modernization program, SID continues its efforts to migrate from Sun/Solaris to a Windows 2000/NT environment, using TARANTELLA as the enabling software -- and with relatively few major problems.

(U//FOUO) To be sure, configuration issues and testing snags have extended the initial, very aggressive migration schedule for some offices; however, as the new year began, approximately 20 percent of our analysis staff at NSAW was using [HIGHTIDE](#) successfully on NT workstations. The HIGHTIDE support team reports that 2-3 TARANTELLA-related trouble calls are received per week; nevertheless, the proper configuration of server and client software continues to be a critical step in the conversion process.

(U//FOUO) As for [MESSIAH](#), it has been tested in a lab environment and found to perform well when displayed back using Tarantella on NT workstations. The real test will come, however, when MESSIAH and TARANTELLA are installed with the HIGHCASTLE suite and used operationally at a major field location. This will probably occur during the spring of 2005 at the Kunia RSOC ("NSA/CSS-Hawaii"). Meanwhile, testing and training on NT workstations continue at NSAW -- albeit without any "whirling triplets" or "delirious" dancing -- and the number of NT users increases almost daily.

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