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GST-West Virginia's Owen Becker Publishes Article In Prestigious Sys Admin Magazine

Fairmont, WV -- Normally, a systems administrator's job description doesn't include writing an article for a prestigious high-tech industry magazine. But Global Science & Technology's Owen Becker has routinely gone above and beyond the norm.

The article, titled "Implementing Cascading Shutdown Scripts," was published in the May 2006 issue of *Sys Admin*. Owen's piece focuses on a set of computer software scripts that can be used to automate the shutdown of a network and can also help deal with system power disasters.

"We developed a unique set of procedures to handle the specialized work we do in North Carolina for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)," Owen explained. "So it made a lot of sense for me to submit an article to *Sys Admin* to explain what we've come up with so other system administrators can learn from it."

In the article, Owen wrote "Power issues are a fact of life in modern data centers. Despite people's best intentions, power distribution units (PDUs) fail. Thus, systems administrators face the possibility of a frantic call saying that the main power just died and the systems will have to be shut down before the generators fail."

Sys Admin magazine delivers information for systems and network administrators whose duties include administration of UNIX systems.

Owen, who graduated from Alderson Broaddus College in Philippi, WV, has been working for GST-West Virginia since June 2005. He works on the NOAA-CLASS or Comprehensive Large Array-data Stewardship System in Asheville, NC, at NOAA's National Climatic Data Center.

"Owen has been a great asset to our work for NOAA," explained GST-WV's Infrastructure Manager Kevin Alford. "The scripts he developed helped make a major electrical upgrade go without any problems. Having his procedures published in *Sys Admin* was a perfect way to recognize his effort."

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