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Additional Sources for Help

There are a limited number of online resources and consulting services available for designing and developing Windows NT kernel-mode drivers. Consulting services have begun mushrooming at a relatively rapid rate, however, in the past few months and therefore it is becoming a little easier to get professional assistance these days as compared to a few years ago.* Here is a short list of the resources that were available at the time this book went to press.

WARNING Please note that I do not endorse any of the companies or products mentioned here. Furthermore, I cannot accept responsibility for any of the comments, opinions, or services that you may receive and/or adopt as a result of using the resources listed in this appendix.

Usenet Newsgroup

comp.os.ms-windows.programmer.nt.kernel-mode

As the name suggests, this newsgroup contains postings on issues related to kernel-mode design and implementation for the Windows NT operating system. It is sometimes monitored by Microsoft support engineers, and a fair number of experienced consultants in Windows NT driver development post responses to the group.

* Note that this can also be a problem, since many lay claim to understanding the Windows NT operating system, but not all such claims are necessarily true.

Mailing Lists

ntfsd@atria.com

ntfsd-digest@atria.com

These are peer-to-peer discussion groups, established in 1994, focused on Windows NT file systems development. To subscribe to either of these lists, send email to *majordorno@atria.com* with a blank **Subject** line, and with a message body consisting either of **subscribe ntfsd** or **subscribe ntfsd-digest**.

To read back issues of the mailing list, see *ftp://ftp.atria.com/archives/ntfsd*.

To unsubscribe, send email to the above majordomo address with a message body consisting either of **unsubscribe ntfsd** or **unsubscribe ntfsd-digest**.

DDK-L Mailing List

Information about this mailing list can be obtained from *http://www.albany.net/~danorton/ddk/ddk-l/faq.shtml*.

Firms Providing Training and/or Consulting Services

- NT Core Services, Inc., *http://www.ntcoresvcs.com*
- Kernel Mode Systems, *http://www.cmkrnl.com*
- Open Systems Resources, Inc., *http://www.osr.com*
- INTEC, *http://www.intec.es*
- Tetradyne Software, Inc., *http://www.tetradyne.com*
- Cherry Hill Software, *http://www.albany.net/~danorton*

In addition to the sources of information listed in this appendix, there are many online sites that maintain information about Windows NT kernel-mode driver development, including FAQs, DDK documentation errata, and other NT internals information. You should be able to easily locate such sites via a simple search using any of the available search engines.