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Network Services' (NS) newest engineer may look familiar to some at NERDC. Eric Oosting joined NS in January 1999 after working for a year as a part-time student assistant for the UNIX (NERSP) group.

NERDC hired Oosting in January 1998 to do basic system administration, software installation, user help, and answering questions from a variety of LISTSERVs: "ns-request, postmaster, listmaster, and occasionally pitching in on CONSULT when I knew the answer," Oosting said. "I got to work with great people and had a lot of freedom in what I could do. I learned so much there."

Now, in NS, he's involved with network routing protocols, acting as a backup for other engineers, and helping with new hardware installs.

"I've always been really interested in network management. Dan (Miller) had a position open. I was nearing a position in school where I could go part-time and work full-time. All the pieces fit together," he said.

Oosting expects to finish his Bachelor's of Science in Computer Engineering this December: "Just weeks before the Year 2000," he said laughing.

He's happy he made the move to NS.

"I get to exercise my skills in network management. I'm learning a lot--it's very challenging work," he said. "Everyone's really great about answering my questions too."

His current challenge is something he's been working on since he started at NERDC: providing host redundancies to SP nodes and the name server. "It's about ready," he said.

Before working at NERDC, he worked at CISE as a consultant. Before transferring to UF, he went to Embry-Riddle for two and a half years for Aerospace Engineering.

When he's not in class or working, he enjoys listening to music and playing paintball with
friends. "It's fairly friendly, and it doesn't hurt that much."

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