About the Author

Bill Calkins is owner and President of Pyramid Consulting, a computer training and consulting firm located near Grand Rapids, Michigan, specializing in the implementation and administration of open systems. He also is the owner of www.UnixEd.com, a website that provides online UNIX training materials. He has more than 19 years of experience in UNIX system administration, consulting, and training at more than 100 different companies. Bill has authored several UNIX textbooks that are currently best sellers and are used by universities and training organizations worldwide:

- **Solaris 2.6 Administrator Certification Training Guide, Part I**
- **Solaris 2.6 Administrator Certification Training Guide, Part II**
- **Solaris 7 Administrator Certification Training Guide, Part I and II**
- **Solaris 8 System Administration Certification Training Guide**
  (Publisher: New Riders Publishing; ISBN 1578702593)

In addition, he has worked with Sun Press as a technical editor and was a major contributor to the following technical manuals:

- **Solaris 7 Reference** (Author: Janice Windsor; Publisher: Prentice Hall PTR; ISBN: 0130200484)
- **Solaris 8 System Administrator's Reference Guide** (Author: Janice Windsor; Publisher: Prentice Hall PTR; ISBN: 0130277010)

Bill's professional interests include consulting, writing, teaching, and developing web-based training materials. Bill has worked as an instructor in both corporate and university settings and has helped thousands of administrators obtain their certification. His experience covers all varieties of UNIX, including Solaris, HP-UX, AIX, IRIX, Linux, and SCO. When he's not working in the field, he writes UNIX books and conducts training and educational seminars on various system administration topics. He is a certified Solaris 9 System Administrator and draws on his many years of experience in system administration and training to provide a unique approach to UNIX training.