

Re: I hate IIS – "Server Application Unavailable" error message

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"Juan T. Llibre" <nomailreplies@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:eLTEN2YvHHA.1340@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

re:

!> I would but there is not "Application Pools" underneath the local
!> computer or anywhere else in IIS Manager.

Did you install, at least, the Web or Standard versions of Windows Server 2003 ?

As far as I know it's the "Standard" version of 2003 server. The system properties reports "Windows Server 2003. Standard Edition. Version 5.2 Build 3790.srv03_sp2_gdr.070304-2240: Service Pack 2"

You should be seeing what is in the attached image (with your own computer's name on it, of course).

Do you see anything similar ?

It's similar but not the same. I'm posting through Google groups so I can't attach a screen shot but here's a description of how mine looks.

Top level – Internet Information Services... just like your screen shot.

Next level – BUBBA (local computer)... just like yours but with my computer name.

Below BUBBA (local computer) I have "FTP Sites" with a small red "X" because the FTP server isn't running.

Followed by a folder for "Web Sites"... just like your screen shot.

Followed by a folder for "Web Service Extensions"... just like your screen shot.

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I do NOT have a folder for "Application Pools" or a folder for "Default SMTP Virtual Server" – I don't ever recall seeing these folders.

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!> It ought to just work "out of the box."

It normally does, except when you choose to install IIS on a domain controller.

Why would this matter?? It's a server and it ought to be able to do more than one thing at a time. It's a completely artificial limitation not to be able to run a web server and a Active Directory on the same machine. Because I want a small web-site in my house shouldn't force me to buy another computer. This one is already sitting idle 99.99% of the time.

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!> When I installed 2003 Server it I selected to install IIS. It ought to "just work"

!> and people should NOT have to create custom accounts, run scripts, configure custom pools

People normally don't have to do that...because they don't install IIS on domain controllers. Sorry, Kevin, but you have brought this on yourself.

I disagree. It's not like I did anything non-standard or out of the ordinary. The official Microsoft install CD that I have includes both the Active Directory and IIS components on the same physical CD. There is no reason (other than selling another license) why one server can't do more than one thing. It handles a household of 5 people. I'm not going to buy another box, and another license just so that I can put the web-server on a different machine. That's crazy. A "server" can and should be able to do more than one thing at once. You know, like "multi-tasking".

If you don't have the need for a domain controller (and, since you are only running a standalone server you don't), I'd install W2K3 in a different partition, as a standalone server, and not as a domain controller, and install IIS.

I DO have a need for a domain controller. I want a central place to manage all of my computers including the computers that my wife and kids use. I want a single place that manages all passwords and

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authentication. I want a single place that all computers "login" to where I can push service packs, security updates and other things to all of the machines automatically without having to run around the house and update each machine manually. I want to be able to centrally control how much time my kids spend on the computer on school nights.

I use folder redirection so that when I log into any machine in the house my desktop, "My Documents" and everything else that I care about is right there for me. Everyone's "My Documents" is redirected to the server to make backing up data easy.

So I don't understand your statement of "since I'm only running a standalone server I don't have the need for a domain controller." Is there any way to do all of the above without a domain controller?

It *will* work "out of the box", as soon as you enable ASP.NET.

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"Kevin Liebowicz" <linux-sux@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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On Jul 3, 9:57 am, "Juan T. Llibre" <nomailrepl...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

<quote>

Step 4. Create an Application Pool with a Custom Identity

To create an application pool that runs using a custom service account

Start Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager.

In the left pane, expand the local computer and then expand Application Pools.

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