

Re: Client license question

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Thanks guys for your quick responses... from the License Agreement I got the same feeling...

Best regards,
Alin V.

>-----Original Message-----

>Alin,

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> *I think that anyone interacting with the database from a client*

> *computer, whether that interaction passes through an intermediary such*

> *as a web server or not, is considered a client. If your anonymous user*

> *requests are handled through transactions specifically for them against*

> *the database, they need to be covered by either individual client*

> *licenses or by a processor license on the web server.*

You should

> *probably contact Microsoft for an official answer, but I think the only*

> *possible situation in which you can consider the web server to be the*

> *sole client would be if the web server's interactions with the database*

> *were independent of the anonymous users' interactions with the*

> *webserver. This might be the case if the web server only served up a*

> *collection of canned reports off the data. The SQL Server could supply*

> *the information for these reports, but the users would only be able to*

> *select which report they wanted to see, or request a report with some*

> *sort of customization that could be handled by the web*

server alone. As

>soon as the database is asked specific questions on behalf of someone,

>that someone has become a client.

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> When it's released, *SQL Server 2005 Express Edition* may be a zero-cost

>solution as a back-end database for many kinds of Web applications.

>See

<http://lab.msdn.microsoft.com/express/sql/default.aspx>.

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>Steve Kass

>Drew University

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>Alin wrote:

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>>Hi all,

>> This is a question related to licensing...

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>> Environment :

>> Server 1 – Windows 2000/2003 with *SQL Server 2000*

>> Server 2 – webserver (IIS/Apache/etc)

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>> Server 2 is connecting to the *SQL Server* database

(Server

>>1) using *SQL Server* authentication (i.e.

>>*SQLServerAccount/Password*)

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>> There are multiple users connecting to the webserver

>>using anonymous authentication to pull out some data from

>>the *SQL Server*.

>> There is going to be only one user connected to the *SQL*

>>Server (which is '*SQLServerAccount*') ... and is going to

>>have several instances for each user...

>> Basically the external users will not have access to

the

>>*SQL Server* database ... without using the webbased front-

>>end application...

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>> How many licenses (*SQL Server*) do I need for the

>>server/clients?

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>>Best regards,

>> Alin V.

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