

Re: Multiple Clusters with shared passive nodes

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Sort of - I'd create all 5 servers as members of a single cluster, then set up 4 instances of SQL Server with cluster server member 1 configured to be able to run instance 1, member 2 to run instance 2, member 3 to run instance 3, member 4 to run instance 4, and member 5 to run instances 1 2 3 and 4.

While you are able to have cluster member 5 be the failover for all the other instances, there might be a better way to set which member servers can run each instance, but its not difficult to change this at a later date - it might not be an optimal configuration if all the instances are of different memory needs or if you want to handle a situation where more than one cluster member might be unavailable at a time.

Good luck,
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"onefastmustang" <onefastmustang@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:1128006737.120461.270030@xx:

Is it possible to take 5 servers and make 4 individual clusters and share the 5th server amongst all of them as the failover node? These clusters would be running SQL 2000 and attached to a SAN enviroment.