

# Software Vendor Recommended hardware

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We are migrating a oracle system over to a sql 2000 environment in our finance division. At most, we will have 11 concurrent users attached to it. This number is usually 4 or 5. The software company is telling us that we have to have a server with the following configuration:

Dual Xeon 3.0ghz  
4g of ram  
7 73g 320 10k scsi hdd  
(2 hdd mirrored for os, 2 hdd mirrored for application, 2 hdd mirrored for data, and the 7th drive a auto hot spare)

We think this is way to much server for the application and they are just using their standard spec they give their big customers. I understand that the more drive heads the better for I/O, but it also brings in a big cost factor. How do we determine what we really need in hardware prior to install? Are there any guidelines for determing hardware requirements prior to installation?

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