

# Re: Licensing for DB mirroring

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That's great! I didn't know that.

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Ekrem Önsoy

"Andrew J. Kelly" <[sqlmvpnoospam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:sqlmvpnoospam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
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Yes Ben is 100% correct. As long as you don't use it for anything other than a pure mirror it does not require a license similar to the way clustering works.

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Hi,

Actually you do not need a license for the database server running the mirror databases.

But if you use the database server for something else like creating a database snapshot on the mirror database you will need a license.

See more details here:

SQL Server Pricing and Licensing  
<http://www.microsoft.com/sql/howtobuy/sqlserverlicensing.mspx>

Hope this helps,

Ben Nevarez

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"Ekrem Önsoy" wrote:

I've not seen\heard anything like you claim besides it does not make sense. Because it's not something like a SQL Server Failover Cluster' s Active\Passive thing.

In database mirroring, second node' s (which holds the mirror database) SQL Server services must be running actively. So this means it's being used actively. So it needs license.

In a two node cluster, if one SQL Server node is running and the second node is waiting in a standby mode for a failover then you do not need another license for the passive node. Because it does not work concurrently. However, in Database Mirroring, the second SQL Server service should be running on the second server itself to keep Database Mirroring up.

However, I searched Google and could not find a document about this which proves my opinion nor yours. You can ask to a local authorized software license vendor.

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Ekrem nsoy

"Fabio Gava" <esa\_ud@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
[news:%23PLemFANIHA.3940@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:%23PLemFANIHA.3940@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
> Hi,  
> i've read that if you use the second instance of SQL Server 2005 as DB  
> mirror only you don't need a second licence to run it. Is this  
> correct?  
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> Eventually, to implement a 2-node DB mirror, what I need

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is:

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> 2 Windows Server 2003 Std

> 1 SQL Server 2005 Std

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> Is this correct?

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> Many thanks

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