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Scott, your argument is pointless, and doesn't answer my initial question. I have never made the claim to be an expert with IIS, so your observation that I am not an IIS expert is completely redundant. My lack of expertise with IIS is a GIVEN, it doesn't need to be argued, and I don't know why you continue to belabor that issue.

However, to address one of your statements, you say "The fact is that the component is an optional part of the Windows XP Pro. operating system.". As I've stated repeatedly, Microsoft's own literature quite explicitly states that IIS is "built-in" to Windows XP Pro per se. Clearly, it is not, not in whole or in part, and it is completely misleading to say that it is. It doesn't matter how easy or hard it is to enable this feature. The meaning of "built'in" isn't that hard to understand. For example, your steering wheel is built into your car. The dials on the dash board are built into the dash. The FM dial is built into your car radio. A handle is built-in to gallon jugs of milk. Built-in means that the user doesn't have to do anything to use it. It's an integral part of the whole. Clearly, CLEARLY, IIS is not built-in to Windows XP Pro, as advertised.

Fortunately, I've discovered that the Business Analysis component of SQL Server 2005 doesn't rely upon this to make a report. It would have been helpful if I knew this earlier, but that tip was simply not forthcoming, from anyone.

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Installing vs configuring? Wow, that's a fine distinction.

No it's not at all. Since you have zero experience with IIS, you can't possibly claim to understand anything about it. Installing a piece of

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software is a matter of copying the files to the target hard drive and making the appropriate registry entries so that the operating system can execute the software properly. This is a simple matter to do with IIS.

Configuring IIS pertains to how you would like to configure IIS to operate with regard to a particular web site you are hosting on IIS. Some sites need integrated security, some don't. Some will use Microsoft's ASP .NET technology, some won't. Some will want to have the default documents modified, others will be fine with the defaults. Changing site configuration options is what is meant by configuring IIS and that is very much different from simply installing the software.

At work I just tried the same install (via the add/remove components wizard) and got a "please insert XP Pro CD-ROM". So, same thing as at home. And, naturally, no disc. Small company, boss doesn't keep track of discs. The point is, IIS is obviously not "built-in", as claimed by Microsoft. The point is, to say that it is "built-in" isn't just 10% inaccurate, or 90% inaccurate, it's 100% inaccurate. It's a big lie! I'm not overreacting.

You are overreacting. The fact is that the component is an optional part of the Windows XP Pro. operating system. Because most users don't need it, it is not installed onto your hard drive by default (having it installed requires additional services to be running on your machine which affect security and performance). This coupled with the fact that most users don't need it, Microsoft correctly chooses for this not to be installed by default).

So, the software IS AVAILABLE on your disk or in the location where your installation files are. The fact that you don't have a disk or the installation files has ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to do with Microsoft. An your argument that this is deceiving is just ridiculous and tells me that you are not familiar at all with how software sales work.

Furthermore, these discs aren't available retail.

That's incorrect and I've already provided you with links to where you can still purchase them.

Furthermore, the book I'm using to learn SQL Server 2005 is copyrighted Jan 2006, so it's not like the instructional material is out of date.

What does your book have to do with software being out of date?

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And, furthermore, the new trend is to NOT include operating system discs with the purchase of either new laptops or desktops.

Gee, I thought that's what I said! The software may not be physically present on a CD/DVD, but new computers DO COME WITH IT on a separate restore drive or in a designated folder on the main drive OR FOR A SMALL FEE (\$5 OR \$10) YOU CAN REQUEST THE PHYSICAL CD/DVD BE MAILED TO YOU. You bought your computer at a used PC store, not from the OEM.

Granted I was able to install IIS on a Vista box at Best Buy, while a clerk stood by, having heard my story, but a lot of good this does me, since all the instructional material I have, and am thoroughly immersed in, is designed for XP Pro, not Vista. So even buying a new computer will not solve this problem.

And again, I'll refer you to my other posts, where I've shown you how you can purchase XP Pro.

And what's interesting is that, rather than offer a work-around, you continue to insist how easy something is that, according not just to me but to all available literature, CLEARLY ISN'T! This isn't an observation, conclusion, or assumption. It's a documented fact. A fact that is, I've learned, well known.

No it's not a fact:

1. You have not seen ALL available literature.
2. You have mis-understood what you have read and confused install with configure.
3. You haven't even done an installation of IIS on XP, so you are not qualified to make a judgement.

Also, I checked with my 4 siblings, all of whom have computers running XP – none have the CD's.

So, your four syblings are just as stupid as you are?

If you have the CD's, please mail them to me, and I will mail them back. Let me know so I can send you my mailing address.

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Shut your mouth and read my posts. I've given you the answers you seek, yet you continue to complain.

You are a moron and should probably forget about learning anything having to do with computers since you can't even understand such simple concepts of having a source disk and the difference between install and configure.

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Clearly, you don't know what you are talking about. There is a world of difference between installing IIS and configuring IIS. Installing IIS requires that you simply choose the features of the component you want (the default settings are fine for most circumstances) and that's it – it takes less than 10 minutes and you don't do anything during that process.

You continue to complain about a procedure that you haven't even done and have no personal experience with. Don't you agree that it makes no sense to argue a point you have very little knowledge of and zero experience with?

I don't know why you are being so argumentative about this. You have no knowledge of this and I do, yet you are disputing me based on the mis-understanding of a process you have no experience with – I don't understand that.

Please read my replies to your other post and you'll see that you are

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making a huge issue out of something that is a no-brainer.