

Server too Expensive...

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I appreciate all the responses. I would prefer a "Server" rather than a workstation to perform my gateway (ICS) duties, but the cost is too high.

With 10+ stations on the intranet, I have been told I would need 10 CALs and that really drives up the cost. I was HOPING that since all I was doing was running ICS and file sharing I wouldn't need CALS but have been told otherwise. I can get server (2000, XP, 2003) cheap, but the CALs are another story.

I have seen a DHCP server program that will run on a workstation, and I will look into that to see if I can turn off the ICS mini-server, or got with a router.

Microsoft seems to have left a "hole" in their product line for the SOHO offices and large technology families. Even SBS is expensive when you need lots of CALS. SBS might make sense if I wanted Exchange, but we don't use it.

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