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jch wrote:

many thanks to you all for your replies – i think i will stick with home as it will suit all the family
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Not to mention less expensive than Pro.

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"Charlie Tame" wrote:

"jch" <jch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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in the process of buying new laptop for home use – what
extras do you get
with prof as opposed to xp
many thanks

If you are going to be using it for work and have an IT Department ask them, Pro would probably be their suggestion. There are a few things you simply cannot do with Home but they are things that most home users would never use and by leaving them out Home eliminates some of the security problems caused by users running things they don't know they are running :) For work though, joining a domain might be required and that ability helps the IT department to keep some control of security they otherwise may not be able to do.

If you want to experiment and learn about things like Web Servers then Pro is by far the best choice since it can do most things that the proprietary server software can do. Obviously a laptop may not be the best environment, but as I said it really depends on what you want to do with it or learn about.

I have both XP Pro and W2003 Server and if I were serious about running

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something live on the internet then server would be the way I would go, but XP Pro is really very close and you won't find many things Pro lacks. Try to get as much memory as possible, less than 256 will most likely really slow things down so go for as much as you can afford.

Here's how I see the situation. Pro comes configured with less stuff pre-installed and a lot is not running by default. You have to turn it on as you need it or install it as an option. This is much safer than having stuff all installed and some actually running. Server versions install more and have more on by default, so there's less for an IT Pro to configure. Home takes this a stage further by losing the ability to install such things as web or mail servers, Pro can do that but it is optional, Server systems generally do install that kind of stuff because it's assumed that if you didn't want it you wouldn't be buying the server product. It's not so much that the OS is "Different", in fact it's hardly different at all, it's more a question of buying as much of it's capabilities as you need for your purposes.