

# Re: Basic Newby Questions

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For the web servers use Network Load Balancing (NLB) on web edition. A domain is not needed. No extra hardware is required, though 2 network cards are strongly recommended.

Database can be clustered if needed, should be kept off the servers, behind a different firewall. You can use server clustering for the database.

Cheers,

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Hi,

Can anyone answer my below questions? Sorry but I know nothing about clustering/fault tolerance....

We are in the process of arranging some servers. 2 webservers and a database server.

If we decided to link both webservers together for fault tolerance, do we.

- need a domain.
- need a specific version of windows 2003 server ( we were thinking on getting web edition )
- require any specific hardware/software for the installation.
- require the database server to be clustered into the system as well or can this sit outside the 2 webservers cluster?

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in terms of network load balancing is this purely something that is done per system or can i configure the cluster to load balance? as the only experience i have had of LB is on one server with 2 network cards that are load balanced together.

TIA,

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