

Re: Server software allocation

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Thanks Dana,

I currently have only about 20 users, but that will grow. The machines are identical. Yes, pretty much everyone logs in around the same time in the morning to check email. However, our company does a lot of graphics and video work, and we therefore have a lot of storage and are often accessing very large files. I will have a SCSI storage array with 584GB RAID5, but that will likely grow soon as needed. We also have other "business type" users who do not do graphics, and rely heavily on email performance.

Anything will be better than what we have now, which is a POP3 ISP and no truly central file server computer. My inclination is to put the DC and Exchange together, and leave the file server by itself. Does that make sense?

Thanks,
Michael

"Dana Brash" wrote:

> *Hi Mike,*
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> *Depending on your usage scenarios, I could see how either configuration*
> *could be the better option.*
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> *Which gets used more heavily, Mail or Files?*
> *How many users are you talking about (logging in and checking their email*
> *first thing in the morning)?*
> *Are the two machines equally spec'd? What are the specs?*
> *Exchange likes to have several physical arrays. Does that still leave you*
> *room for your files?*
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> *HTH,*
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> *"MikeDesign" <MikeDesign@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message*
> *news:4760B305-C726-4E9C-BC16-DFB7E466BE8F@microsoft.com...*
> *> So which is better if I had to choose (for two computers):*
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> *> 1) Domain Controller and Exchange together, plus second machine as file*
> *server*
> *>*
> *> or*
> *>*
> *> 2) Domain Controller and file server together, plus second machine as*
> *Exchange*
> *>*
> *> (Both scenarios include a low-end backup DC with backup POP3 server)*
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> *> Not sure which to go with. Any advice is appreciated. Thanks.*
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> *> Michael*
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