

# Re: Win server 2k vs 2k3 and proper setup (RAID)

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Here are some links regarding the benefits:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2003/evaluation/whyupgrade/top10best.mspx>

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2003/evaluation/overview/family.mspx>

Beyond that w2k is 5-6 years old; I would go with the newer os.

I will assume software raid. Create partition for operating system on disk 0. You will have to determine partition size based on whatever else you are installing. I suggest somewhere between 12-20 gigs. Once the os is installed configure mirroring to the second drive for the os partition. You then can use the balance of your drive space for data and mirror if you like.

If you have a hardware raid controller you would mirror the drives before starting the install; using the utility that came with the controller. In general this is better than a software raid.

"KBuser" <[Kyle.Buser@xxxxxxxx](mailto:Kyle.Buser@xxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
<news:1137620362.831900.16360@xx>

> We just got a new computer in here at work I'm to set up as a server.  
> We have server 2k, but some people have suggested getting 2k3, are  
> there any important benefits to 2k3 over 2k?

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> Also, the server has 2 80gig SATA drives, and we want to use a level 1  
> RAID configuration. With this in mind, should I create a partition for  
> the OS on one of the drives (or both)? Lastly, if I'm to use no  
> partition, should I set up the OS on both drives?

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> Thanks in advance, and any other tips/hints are appreciated.

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- **References:**

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- ◆ *From:* KBUser

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