

Re: Help

I have an interview tomorrow with a web hosting company and I really need and want the position. I was hoping the community might point me in some direction or any kind of pointers.

Be honest about your skills and experience. That's all I can really advise.

Please help!!!!

Hi all,

I work for a small company where about 7 to 10 PCs are exchanging files between each other on a p2p layout.

As the IT guy there, I am constantly being asked to provide solutions to the users where only on a server based network this would be possible to deploy such as shared contacts, calendar, CRM, etc... there are other obvious reasons why the move is required.

So I've made a decision to go with dell and chose a well spec'd Poweredge 2900 for the job. It will come with SBS2k3 standard with 4 GB RAM, good processor, 2x 146GB Hard drives on RAID 1 etc...

Our current backup solution is simply portable hard drives (120gb each), 3 on rotation... etc... this works OK for us. When I asked dell for a server solution I was quoted the above server with a tape backup unit which took the quote up quite a bit and for other reasons we would prefer not use tapes to backup.

I was thinking in using DAS (direct access storage) or NAS (network accessible storage) for backup purpose. I have been looking into DAS – the enclosure costs about £150 then I would buy the SATA drives for it and set either JBOD, RAID 0 or RAID 1

So my question to you guys is: What is best to use – DAS or NAS – on a server based network that would be used for backup and possible direct access by the users connected to the server?

I guess what I want to be able to do is to use this DAS or NAS solution (whichever is suggested as best for my needs) for direct access and/or my daily server backup.

My off-site backup would then be done by connecting my portable hard drives onto this DAS or NAS and sync the data – this is done weekly!

Please let me know if my idea is not feasibly and if I should rethink my storage/backup plans for the server based network move.

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Many thanks in advance for your views!

Tony