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Sorry for the repost but sometimes follow-up questions don't get noticed.

Wolf Man :-), thanks for the advice.

So 5-CALs would be plenty for an internet (not intranet) web server servicing one site with a couple of authenticated local connections, correct?

Thanks again...

Robert

"Thee Chicago Wolf" <.@.> wrote in message
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I've been tasked with determining the server hardware and software needs for a specific project. We are going to host a customer's website due to several issues. We have a long term support/development contract with them and their internal IT people have decided to discontinue supporting and servicing their Windows server. The particular web application that is hosted on this machine is in the process of having a major overhaul via ASP.NET.

I have a pretty good handle on the hardware requirements but I want to make sure we purchase the right Windows Server 2003 edition and have the proper licensing. The server will handle dual roles (hosting the website and some background custom applications) so the Web Edition is out. My question is how many CAL's do we actually need if the following is true:

- 1) There could be between 30-40 users on the website anonymously.
- 2) There will be no more than one or two of our employees logged on at any given time.

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A little instruction to a puzzled newbie would be helpful. Thanks in advance...

Robert

Robert,

Depending on your budget and how heavy duty the background apps are, you can easily get by with 2003 Standard Edition SP2 / or 2003 R2 SP2 running on a 1U Poweredge R300 Quad-core 2.66 and 4GB RAM. SE comes with 5 CALs which is plenty enough for 5 people to be remotely in at a time (as long as they log off properly later). Of course, if the apps don't take advantage of all cores, you can always shoot for a Core2 Duo @ 2.13GHz and save about \$350. Plan for the future but base it on the apps to be run.

– Thee Chicago Wolf