

Re: External users accessing Excel "application"

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Wesley,

Thanks for the reply! However, these user do not have internal machines on the LAN.

They work in an external office all the time. Remote desktop is enabled through RWW for my local users when they travel, but this is a different situation.

I need these users to log in to use the XL app, but I don't want to buy a bunch of local machines just for them to Remote Desktop into. I was hoping that the Windows Server 2003 solution I asked about below would work. If I find out it can't, then my other idea was to use Virtual PC 2004 on a powerful machine and load up a few virtual Windows XP machines for people to log into.

Will the plain Server 2003 solution work with multiple users logging in and using XL at the same time, or would I have to resort to a Virtual PC type of solution? Is there another avenue I haven't thought of?

Again, thanks for the reply.

-Jeremy

Wesley Kendall [MSFT] wrote:

>> *Until now, I have had only 1 external user. To allow him access to
>> an important excel application (a set of highly linked workbooks
>> with a lot of VBA intertwined), I set up a computer on the LAN and
>> would have him use remote desktop to log in.*

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>> *Now I will be having more remote only users and am trying to think
>> through my options.*

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>> *My priorities are:*

>> *1) Ease of use for the users.*

>> *2) Manageability for me.*

>> *3) Cost relative to the effect on priorities 1 and 2.*

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>> *I prefer using remote desktop because it allows full screen mode on a*

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>> *secondary monitor, which my users will have. Therefore, I will be
>> sticking with VPN into the LAN and RD to the local machine unless
>> someone can talk me out of this.*
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>> *My question is, can I set up a seperate Windows 2003 server on my
>> SBS 2003 network install one copy of Excel on this server and have
>> multiple users logged in at the same time to thier own desktops all
>> using Excel at the same time?
>> Is there a better approach?*
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>> *Thank you very much in advance.*
>> *-Jeremy*
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> *Thanks for posting your question.*
> *If you user machines are WinXP, why not enable the remote users to use
> Remote Web Workplace to connect to their machines on the LAN? You
> won't have to buy any hardware or software, and the users will access
> the same desktop/profile that they access while in the office.*
> *Thanks!*