

## Re: Is this the server for the novice?

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Want to know about the first network I deployed? I was a junior in college and had never done anything with Windows networking before. I deployed an NT4 server with a handful of Win95 clients for my aunt & uncle's business. I had never even seen NT4 before, and had absolutely no idea what it was talking about when it gave me messages talking about DNS, DHCP, etc. It literally took me a week just to get the clients to log in and see the server & shares. It was definitely an example of diving in head first into the deep end . . . here it is 7 years later and most days I still feel like I'm treading water at best :^)

The OP is already maintaining a 10 node P2P network, complete with remote access via VPN. IMHO, he should be able to setup and maintain an SBS. The question isn't if he can – the question is if he wants to. God knows that there are SBS consultants out there who would be capable and more than willing to set this up for him and help him maintain it. But this is also a wonderful opportunity to dig in and get his hands dirty. That is how we get expertise – by jumping in, doing our best and eventually coming out on the other end with those 'been there, done that' battle scars. I'm sure Dan will make some mistakes, and months down the road wish he would have done certain things a little bit differently – but he'll have the chance to redo those when he deploys SBS2k5 :^)

It's a challenge & an opportunity – one that can have a successful outcome with the help of a little research, a few test installs and spending plenty of time 'round here. IMO, that's one of the most rewarding scenarios in this group. Sure, helping people solve break/fix issues is great, but being able to help someone research, plan & deploy their first SBS . . . well, it gets me all choked up . . . <sniff sniff> ;^)

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Roberto Clemente wrote:

> I think a novice could get a basic install up and running pretty

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> quickly, but then likely would spend many hours struggling with  
> obscure group policies, packet filters and the like. It's knowing  
> where everything is located, how to avoid the gotchas, which error  
> events can be ignored and which can't, etc., that comprise the real  
> expertise, I think, and not so much understanding the conceptual  
> framework of Windows networking. Anyone with the time and  
> determination might find this fun; someone on a deadline might not,  
> if it ends up taking an entire evening figuring out, say, how to  
> prepare and use tapes.  
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> I'm not an IT pro myself, although I worked in the software field for  
> years, and I'm still amazed at how much there is to learn.