

## Re: Configuration problems and confusion

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I can see now that the OS is pretty over the top for what I need. I picked it because I needed an OS that could run SQL Server properly, and this included SQL server. I would consider exchanging it if that were an option, but I think I'm stuck with it.

At any rate, I uninstalled ISA and reinstalled IIS, so that part is ok, and by forcing a reinstall of Sharepoint I got the "service couldn't start" messages to go away. Something is there when I go to //companyweb, although not the actual Web content. Tomorrow I'm going to try to follow the steps at <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?kbid=829114#4> and get that going.

Then, hopefully, I can actually get back to work and stop hemoragging (however you spell it) time.

I appreciate the helpful comments.

By the way, I did follow wizards and take defaults, and that's what got me messed up, I believe.

I've got a basic router and firewall and one NIC in the machine (it would have been nice if the Dell configurator had informed me that two would be preferable. I guess I can always stick another in there).

Merv Porter [SBS-MVP] wrote:

- > *Setting up/administering servers can be a pain even if you do it for a*
- > *living. The uninitiated can be overwhelmed with the complexities.*
- > *SBS, with all it's included components, is one of the more complex*
- > *systems. However, the "wizards" are there to make your life a little*
- > *easier. Use them and, for the most part, accept all the defaults*
- > *unless you know what you're doing. As Obi-Wan said: "Use the Force,*
- > *Luke". :-)*
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- > *When (if) you reinstall SBS 2003, you should determine if you really*

- > need ISA. ISA is a great product but it does tend to require a
- > learning curve. If you can live with 2 NICs, SBS Basic Firewall and
- > an inexpensive router (like a DLink DI-604), your life can be a
- > little simpler. ISA gives you almost total control over web activity
- > (site access, user access, workstation access, etc.) and your users.
- > It's very "granular". It even speeds up frequently visited sites by
- > employing a web cache. And it generates very good reports on web
- > activity.
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- > Now, if you don't need this and can live with a less than perfect
- > firewall system, then the Basic Firewall + a router will give you
- > two layers of security. This isn't quite in the same league as ISA
- > or some of the ICSA certified hardware firewalls, but, IMHO, it does
- > provide decent protection. It's also generally easier to administer.
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- > If you decide on the basic firewall, you only need to worry about
- > installing SQL after you get the SBS components installed. Again,
- > follow the installation instructions on the Premium CD.
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- > I'd also suggest that you get an External USB hard drive, a USB 2.0
- > adapter (if necessary) and a copy of Ghost 2003. Then create a boot
- > CD or boot floppy and image your SBS server after you get the
- > standard components installed. If your SQL installation goes south,
- > you could restore the image to the server in less than 30 minutes (as
- > opposed to a 3-6 hour reinstall/reconfigure of SBS). Get all your
- > users entered into AD and get your backups and everything else
- > configured, then image the server. And after you get the SBS + SQL
- > (and ISA, if you install it) installed and running properly, image
- > this final configuration and save it. This, plus a recent backup,
- > will get you back up and running quickly in case disaster strikes
- > down the road. If you add any new software or major upgrades (like
- > Service Packs), re-image the server.