

## Re: Office 2000 on SBS2003?

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I'm a woman Root. You're not going to win this argument. ;-) If I say we're going to agree to disagree, than we're agreeing to disagree no matter what you say. ;-) But honestly, it's your server Root. You will obviously do whatever you want to do.

You still haven't said what specific SBS2k3 functionality you plan to gain out of this and Tony's Office web parts are not "installing Office suite on the server".

And hey, you never gave me an answer about the beer ---- Seattle --- September 10-12 :-)) You there? I'm buyin'.

root wrote:

> "Susan Bradley, CPA aka Ebitz SBS Rocks [MVP] " <sbradcpa@pacbell.net> wrote  
> in message news:%23OBVcwBWEHA.3420@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...

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>>:-) I think we're going to agree to disagree here. I was assuming that  
>>you'd be reading this email from a workstation. My servers never have  
>>me sitting in front of them emailing or reading email.

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> NO, as I said previously more than once no Outlook no Email no general  
> workstation usage, no MusicMatch. Just server support. Something I read  
> and now another poster points out that Word and Excel may be needed on a  
> server. These are entirely different issues.

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>>Thus when

>>there's an OE vulnerability, it doesn't phase me one bit because I don't  
>>surf from my server. IE in lockdown mode won't let you download that  
>>file anyway. Reading a newsgroup from the server would mean open up  
>>port 119 which in my world is not necessary.

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> You are changing the subject of this thread which was:

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> Will Office 2000 Word and Excel install on SBS2003.

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>> *You do whatever you like, Root. It's your server. You run your ship  
>>the way you want to. Me, I read email from a workstation. I open Word  
>>from a workstation. I do Excel on a workstation.*  
>>  
>>*For the rest of those who read this thread, know that there are a heck  
>>of lot more vulnerabilities in Word than in notepad. The size of the  
>>directory for Word alone tells you there are a lot more things under the  
>>hood and thus a much much bigger threat vector. Just keep in mind that  
>>Servers are not workstations and should never be used for functions that  
>>are best done at a workstation. These days any old workstation can be  
>>purchased for a reasonable low cost that would greatly reduce the risk  
>>and threats.*  
>>  
>>*But Root, it's your server not mine.*  
>>  
>>*Still owe you a beer in Seattle. You coming to SMBnation or will you be  
>>nearby that weekend?*  
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>>*root wrote:*  
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>>>*"Susan Bradley, CPA aka Ebitz SBS Rocks [MVP] " <sbradcpa@pacbell.net>*  
>  
> *wrote*  
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>>>*in message news:OPQL38AWEHA.3336@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...*  
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>>>>*Do Not Use the Computer Running Windows Small Business Server 2003 as a  
>>>>Workstation*  
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>>>>*Right.*  
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>>>>*Consider not using the computer running Windows Small Business Server  
>>>>2003 as a workstation, because this increases the surface area for  
>>>>attacks and affects the performance of the network. The surface area for  
>>>>attacks increases because you need to install client applications on the  
>>>>server. If there is a security-related issue for any client application,  
>>>>the server is vulnerable to attack until a security patch is installed.  
>>>>Additionally, if a user other than an administrator logs on to the  
>>>>server, the chance increases that the user will accidentally delete  
>>>>critical information or an application.*  
>>>>  
>>>>*Do Not Install Unnecessary Software on the Computer Running Windows  
>>>>Small Business Server 2003*  
>>>>*Consider installing only the software on the computer running Windows  
>>>>Small Business Server 2003 that is necessary for your business*

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>>>>operations to reduce the surface area of attacks and help maximize the  
>>>>server's performance.

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<http://download.microsoft.com/download/1/f/1/1f15a874-f696-4992-b5ad-b1e7b258de1c/SecuringSBSnetwork.doc>

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>>>You see that the very file you are trying to use to dissuade me from

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> putting

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>>>Word on the SBS2003 server is a good example of why I(administrator)

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> want

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>>>Word on the server be be able to read such SBS2003 documentation(\*.doc

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> and

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>>>likely \*.xls) there.

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>>>>Office is a client application.

>>>><http://www.microsoft.com/mscorp/articles/business.asp>

>>>>Office is under "information worker" division which is not a server

>>>>application.

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>>>Its a tool just like Notepad and what you are saying is very

>>>chicken-littlish. Use the appropriate tools safely for administrative

>>>purposes and don't install MusicMatch on the server....

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>>><http://www.microsoft.com/office/sharepoint/prodinfo/officeintegration.msp>

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>>>>Susan Bradley, CPA aka Ebitz SBS Rocks [MVP] wrote:

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>>>>>Granted having Office 2003 on the "workstations" such that they use the

>>>>>full power of Sharepoint and collaboration ...that is sweet..

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>>>>><http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;q266418>

>>>>><http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;Q313889>

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>>>>> Susan Bradley, CPA aka Ebitz SBS Rocks [MVP] wrote:  
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>>>>>> Okay, I'll ask you. You show me where in the SBS documentation is  
>>>>>> says to put Word or Excel on the server and how SBS uses it.  
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>>>>>> Threat vector is a threat vector. If it's firing up those DLLs, ... as  
>>>>>> Russ Cooper counted the vulnerabilities in IIS 6.0 he included all the  
>>>>>> underlying default installed components. Thus Windows server 2003, OE,  
>>>>>> Media player.. etc... course his count was still incorrect but he had  
>>>>>> a point.  
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>>>>>> You put it there as an installation point to roll out to the  
>>>>>> workstations, but you don't install it as a working application on a  
>>>>>> server.  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> I have Excel and Word on workstations. Not on the server.  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> I google you up some citations.  
>>>>>> root wrote:  
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>>>>>>> "Susan Bradley, CPA aka Ebitz – SBS Rocks [MVP]"  
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>>>><sbradcpc@pacbell.net>  
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>>>>>>> wrote in message news:%23eZU%232\$VEHA.3024@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...  
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>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>> Office on a server? No version of Office is wise to put on a  
>  
> server.  
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>>>>>>>> Why?  
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>>>>>>>>> If I recall correctly in the documentation and feature set some  
>>>>>>>>> things in  
>>>>>>>>>> SBS2003 required Word or Excel? I remember reading in SBS2003 stuff  
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>>>> and  
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>>>>>>>>> specifically saying to myself when I read whatever it was....you need

>>>>>>>to put  
>>>>>>>Office on the server..I wonder if Off2000 will work.  
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>>>>>>>>For one you've introduced a threat vector on that server.  
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>>>>>>>>No, only a potential one.  
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>>>>>>>>[and Shavlik  
>>>>>>>>is the tool to patch Office, SUS does not do it]  
>>>>>>>>You can't load Outlook on there.  
>>>>>>>>You shouldn't have someone using it as a workstation which that  
>>>>>>>>implies.  
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>>>>>>>>Nope, as an admin tool.  
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>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>I can google and find you the KB for the "don't put Outlook on the  
>>>>>>>>server" if you like.  
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>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>Right, no Outlook but what about Word or Excel and what about the  
>>>>>>>>versions  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>from Office 2000?  
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>>>>>>>>root wrote:  
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>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>>Will Office 2000 install and run ok on a SBS2K3 server? There are  
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