

RE: User License Question

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Thanks Jay. I cant use User Cals as we have over 100 employees and that wont work. To be honest (and I am not bashing MS, even though we use Linux extenssivly also) I just wish the licensing was a little easier to understand. Why cant you just pay for the server and use it as you please. Put a 75 user limit and stop all this device, user cal nonsense. I have researched this license issue and even MS's site is not clear. I can use the webserver as long as I dont do anything advanced with it, and I dont have users authenticate, even though there is no clear definition of authentication. Is it to the AD the SQL, to the server or what. My understand of Device cal's is that, it is beneficial for devices that have multiple users, such as our station computers. There is one pc and 20 users, on rotating shifts. Instead of purchasing a license for every user the single device would suffice. Even better if they only used the web portion of the server there would be no restrictions at all. That may be possible as long as they are on one foot, holding the mouse in their right hand with the spring equinox overhead. (OK off my soabox now.)

If I cant get this to work then I will either look for a php mysql option or load the MSDE on a win2k box with IIS. That should free up plenty of time to formulate my explanation to the Administration as to our 4000 server purchase that we can not use.

Thanks again.

"Jay" wrote:

- > *For remote access you would normally use "User Cals", using "Device Cals"*
- > *would mean that you would need "device cal" for the remote machine. If you*
- > *are using "device cal's" inside of the network and the users are working on*
- > *these computers inside of the network (not coming from outside i.e.*
- > *RWW/remote access) that would be fine. The "cals" user or device are "assign*
- > *and dedicate".*
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- > *Hopefully someone from MS can validate this.*
- >
- > *-- Jay Scale*
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- > *"Michael Cook" wrote:*

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>> *hmm there is some authentication as users have to login to the asp app to
>> clock in. I will talk to the vendor and report back here. Worst case
>> scenerio I will use 9 device cals (one for each station) and get by that way.
>> Its not pretty but may have to do. Thanks for the quick reply.*
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>> *"Jay" wrote:*
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>>> *Check out the following URL for better understanding:*
>>> *<http://www.microsoft.com/WindowsServer2003/sbs/techinfo/overview/licensingfaq.msp>*
>>> *Q. Can I use the SQL Server component for Web-based business applications?*
>>> *A. Yes, new with Windows Small Business Server 2003 is the ability for you
>>> to use the SQL Server component for an unlimited number of un-authenticated
>>> users. As long as you are un-authenticated, you also do not need a Windows
>>> Small Business Server 2003 CAL.*
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>>> *My understanding is that under SBS 2003 licensing you can have
>>> "un-authenticated" users access web (or sql server). Here it differentiates
>>> between "un-authenticated" and "authenticated" users, what it doesn't
>>> differentiates between is the different forms of authentication. If the web
>>> site is open to all then you are good ("un-authenticated users"). But if you
>>> have a log-in page (where the login does *not* even authenticate against the
>>> Windows or AD), instead authenticates against a custom authentication you
>>> developed – you are still being authenticated! SBS 2003 licensing allows only
>>> "un-authenticated" such access.*
>>>
>>> *HTH, but lets have someone more authoritative validate this here.*
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>>> *-- Jay Scale*
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>>> *"Michael Cook" wrote:*
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>>>> *We are looking at a web-based payroll system that uses ASP and SQL. IE 6.0
>>>> is used to view and do all interactions with the software. Its my
>>>> understanding that there is an unlimited amount of users that can access the
>>>> webserver as long as they dont need any other type of server authentication.
>>>> Is this correct ? We only have 25 users but will have 100+ employees needing
>>>> to use the website. Thanks again.*
>>>> *--*
>>>> *Michael Cook*
>>>> *Information Technologies Manager*
>>>> *Sumner County EMS*
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