

Re: Dell SBS 2003 Standard Installation

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The reason Dell gave me for not supporting it is that "a small business does not need rack-mount servers" and therefore it is unsupported. I could barely believe I heard them correctly.

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"Kevin Weilbacher [SBS-MVP]" <kweilbacMVP@xxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:Oz4HxM\\$vGHA.3264@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](news:Oz4HxM$vGHA.3264@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Unfortunately, the Dell's startup software does NOT include supporting the SBS2003 setup CD. Saying that, I moved over a site in May, 2005 to a Dell PE2850, and it has run flawlessly.

As far as downloading the drivers, if the company you are using does not know SBS, then stop and get someone else. That's ridiculous (or absurd, stupid, or any other negative word you can think of) that they would complain about downloading some drivers. It doesn't take 4 hours to do it.

The only drivers they should need are for your Raid and SCSI adaptors. You download them, put them on a floppy disk and when you install CD1 you press F6 at the appropriate time and insert your floppy disks. Now, here's a gotcha ---- the 2850 doesn't come with a floppy drive, so you go down to your local Compusa/Best Buy and get yourself an external USB floppy drive.

And, if you intend on keeping this company to do the install, ask if they have any successful SBS 2003 sites. If they say no, then you insist that they install the software three times, and provide you documentation as to what they do and why.

Kevin Weilbacher [SBS-MVP]

"The days pass by so quickly now, the nights are seldom long"

"Tim Mills" <Mills@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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Just trying to wrap my head around something...

We currently have a brand new Dell PE2850 server that is having SBS2003 Standard installed on it. The company that is installing it is having some "unexpected" problems.

WE discovered that Dell doesn't support this operating system on this machine, therefore it doesn't have an entry in the installation list on the "QUICK START" CD. My understanding is that this CD with pre-install all the drivers for the system before the Windows installation starts.

The company is now saying that they are having to download *every* driver the the Dell website since it didn't come with the WIN SBS 2003 drivers. They have already spent four hours doing the generic installation and are not finished the core operating system.

So my questions are as follows:

Win2003 drivers are all they need, correct? I wasn't aware that there are specific SBS 2003 drivers.

Shouldn't they be able to use the "QUICK START" CD as the source for the drivers instead of downloading every driver from the Dell site?

How long on average does it take to install SBS 2003 standard? I understand that the size/type of the drives/RAID system will make a difference but I am thinking that, aside from the hard drive formatting, 1 hour to 1.5 hours should be in the ballpark for the core operating system stuff. After that maybe an additional 1 hour to 1.5 hours for driver/Windows updates.

Once everything is current, installation of exchange, etc would be next at maybe a couple of hours. So by my calculations 5 hours total plus whatever time to format hard drive/RAID. Sound reasonable?

Any input is appreciated.

Thanks,