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Hello John,

Thank you for posting here.

According to your description, I understand that you want to know the database limitations of sharepoint in SBS 2003. If I have misunderstood the problem, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Based on my research, by default, the sharepoint uses WMSDE database to store information, the limitations of sharepoint depend on database limitations. There is some info about WMSDE database limitations:

WMSDE

The MSDE version that ships with Windows SharePoint Services is called as Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Desktop Engine (Windows)-(WMSDE). WMSDE and has no storage limits unlike MSDE.

When you install Microsoft Windows SharePoint Services on a single server using the defaults, you have an installation that uses Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Desktop Engine (Windows) (WMSDE) for your databases. This is fine in a small-scale environment, when you are hosting just a few Web sites, but if your server suddenly gets popular and you need to start hosting hundreds of sites, you may run into performance and storage problems.

Below mentioned link provides more information on the above.

<http://www.microsoft.com/WindowsServer2003/technologies/sharepoint/default.mspx>

Some of the WMSDE Limitations as follows.

- 1) Cannot use WMSDE for web farm setup.
- 2) WMSDE overcomes limitations that MSDE has (like 2GB size limit, number of simultaneous connections). However you can't use it for anything else, because you can only use it for a specified signed schema (WSS Schema).

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3) No Full Text search.

4) The instance of WMSDE installed can be used only by WSS.

If you use SBS 2003 or SBS 2003 sp1, you can try to update your WMSDE database to SQL Server 2000 Desktop Engine

How to back up and restore installations of Windows SharePoint Services that use Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Desktop Engine (Windows)
<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=833797>

If you use SBS 2003 R2, you can try to update your WMSDE database to SQL Server 2005 Workgroup Edition, please go through the following KB:

How to upgrade the initial release of Windows Small Business Server 2003 R2 to include the final release version of SQL Server 2005 Workgroup Edition
<http://suppo>