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Jim,

We always use Symantec Corporate Edition on SBS installations and have never had a virus or spyware problem. We also run Windows Defender for what its worth.

The corporate edition includes Exchange protection and the management console is pretty good ie centralised updates, remote install to clients.

The only downside is this guy may struggle with a £1000 budget, the price is about £35-45 per seat depending on volume. We have tried others but have stuck with Symantec because it seems to work well and is easy to administer, once you have got your head around it. Of the other runners we found Panda and CA to be good solutions but more complex to install and configure. Trend and Sophos aren't such big players in the UK.

"Jim Behning SBS MVP" wrote:

Many SBS folks use Trend CSM for SMB. If they feel rich they may use NeatSuite by Trend. I know a number of European folks are using Sophos products. I do not know which product is the SBS version.

On 12 Feb 2007 03:34:48 -0800, "Agix" <ignoranceisbliss@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On 12 Feb, 11:35, Ayatollah Yootweiss Al-Reddi <ddotb...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

In article <1171278414.337542.176770@a75g2000cww.googlegroups.com>, ignoranceisbl...@xxxxxxxxxx says...

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Hi all,

Currently I administer a network of ~40 computers all running XP SP2 running off MS SBS 2000 as a main server.

Our anti-virus solution is a minimal affair, there is no corporate software running, just individual free versions of Norton 2003-2005 with trial subscriptions.

And I hate it. Norton Anti-Virus and it's altogether more evil big brother internet security slow down a computer, it's horrible horrible bloat wear, they constantly bug you about stuff and updates can only be run with the user as a local admin.

I need a better solution and I want to implement it within the month.

What I really want is a solution like WSUS; clients installed on all the workstations with a server side piece of software keeping track of workstations, monitoring its update status and making sure they are all up to date and reporting in.

Now I have some solutions in mind like Sophos / F - Secure.

I have a budget of around £1000

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My priorities are: (greatest first)

- Ease of administration
- Easy on system resources (as compared to Norton)
- Does not require local admins or action from my users
- Allows me to see computer status
- Scalability
- Cost

I had an eval copy of the F-Secure stuff and it looked pretty good. We have a site licence for Sophos and the relevant committees decided to renew, so I didn't get too deep into testing F-Secure, but it may well suit you. The price is OK, iirc. See if you can get an eval copy.

The Small Business version of Sophos should also suit you. Dunno how likely it is you'd get an eval copy.

The choice between the two probably comes down mainly to price.

Sophos release updates more frequently than most others, if being as up-to-date as possible matters.

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"I am a bicycle and all the tops of legs have the mountain. It is difficult", I said, making casual conversation.

<lj user="whizzerandchips">

Thanks for your quick replies. I will take a look at Trend Micro's Office Scan as it was an option I had not considered before.

Do any of you know for sure if F-Secure and / or Sophos is Server / Client based as this would be an ideal solution for me.

Anybody else with any helpful comments / experiences?