

Re: Software choice: 2000 to 2003R2 Upgrade

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That's not my understanding – OEM can be upgraded to the boxed upgrade SKU (which is the only upgrade as far as I know). I actually even think (but don't know for sure) that you should be able to move to different hardware with that boxed upgrade. What you can't do is to migrate the OEM license from the hardware it was purchased on. So in my case, I can't install the OEM copy of Windows Server from my existing server onto my new hardware. In your case, my logic would be that you can upgrade the OEM on the existing hardware, at which point you'll be running a boxed product that can be moved to new hardware.

My thinking is that there is fairly extensive information on upgrading on the page I sent you, and on links from that page. None of it says you can't use the upgrade SKU from OEM, even on new hardware (unless you see something I missed). I'm neither a lawyer or a licensing expert, but I'd be deciding what to buy based on the information on those pages, independent of speculation from me or others who are not MS licensing experts.

"Andy Baguley" <andy_baguley@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:469fcd59\\$0\\$1627\\$ed2619ec@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:469fcd59$0$1627$ed2619ec@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Thanks Dave

From what you suggest my OEM 2000 SBS can not be "upgraded" to 2003R2?

I need to now double check this, and I wouldn't for one minute wish to put anyone's head on the block!!

At the end of the day it will be my purchase, so I need to get it right, no one else.

But I need opinion and feedback to influence my decision.

Is there anywhere, (within Microsoft?) where I can get the definitive answer?

Yes the site you note is where I got the initial guidance, but it is not

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100% clear there, as T75-01256 mentions nothing about OEM / Retail originals to upgrade from.

As an aside my UK software supplier says the additional 2 x 5 CAL's will have to be Retail not OEM, even though we are supplying additional PC's. Now that's another one!

Licensing and product specification is a minefield, and if you buy wrong you can't get a refund or exchange!! Perhaps I should be looking at Linux?

Rgds
Andy

"Dave Nickason [SBS MVP]" <gwdibble@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Sorry, I'm not going to be the guy you're cursing if you end up with the wrong SKU : -)

However, you should be able to find all the current SKUs at
<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2003/sbs/howtobuy/pricing.mspx>.

I recommend against OEM because it can't be moved to new hardware. I've got a member server I need to replace right now, and because I saved a small amount of money by getting OEM WS03 when I bought the current box, I'm now spending \$700 or whatever to buy another copy of Windows Server, instead of just migrating the license from the old hardware. IMO in the case of server software, OEM is penny wise and pound foolish.

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I'm just embarking on my first 2000 upgrade. It will be a new clean install, on new hardware, so hopefully no major migration issues.

Planning to copy user data, and pst files, and re-create everything else as new on the new hardware. No swinging on this one!

Could someone please double check my software purchase list, before I spend? I wouldn't want to get it wrong!!

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Existing (supplied by me) is SBS2000 (OEM) and 4 x 5 client CAL's (OEM)
(E76-00321, 00039-014-322-361)

Proposed:-

1 x T75-01256 Microsoft Small Business Server 2003 Premium inc 5 CAL
Version Upgrade R2 – Retail Boxed. (presumably showing the original 2000 CD to the install process is all that is required?) Is this a CD, or DVD?

4 x Microsoft Small Business Server 2003 Upgrade
Additional 5 Client
Access Licence – Retail Licence. (Not sure here which one! MS lists
Device: T74-01214, and User: T74-01215. We need device licensing as there are more users than devices. The original 2000 licences are however clients.) Therefore probably T74-01214? What are the upgrade issues here, as there is no floppy on the new hardware. Do the existing CAL's have to be "unloaded" back to the floppies?

2 x T74-01040 Microsoft Small Business Server 2003 – OEM Additional 5 Device Client Access Licence (CALs). (To increase the total licences to 35. We are supplying hardware co comply with the OEM element)

Thanks for any observations

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