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Hey Jepp,

It's always a best practice to make sure you have all the drivers for your hardware, make sure you perform any BIOS updates if need be. And if this is a RAID setup, make sure you have your RAID drivers. Install Windows 2003, a Wizard will walk you through the setup process. You can always install Server 2003 like any other Windows OS. However, if you want to partition your drive for best optimization and for disaster recovery there are a variety of options: C drive for OS, D Drive for Programs, and E Drive for Page File (Swap D and E for your choice). Personally if the drive was 100GB I would do 15-20GB OS, then the rest for files.

Once you have your Windows Installed, download and run MBSA.

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/tools/mbsahome.msp>

This will help you fix simple security risk in Windows. For more advance lock down, install Security Configuration Utility in Add/Remove Programs, Windows Components.

Hope this helps,

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Could someone point me at a good 'best practices' document that sets up a basic Windows 2003 server?

I can't seem to locate one that meets my needs in the database.

My goal is to set up a machine with Terminal Services and basic file sharing that runs on an internal network. There is little need for extensive

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security. This would be the only 'server' on the network. I don't see the need for a domain controller or active directory. I also plan to run DSN.

It would help if there was a checklist of what should be turned on and off. I've made some modifications already without yielding the proper result.

It is with the file sharing piece that is giving me trouble. I can't attach any of the XP workstations to any shares. I am prompted for security as I attempt to mount the drive but it rejects even administrative credentials.

I assume I want to turn off the Internet connector and use basic firewall.