

# Re: Terminal Server Unlimited Licenses

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If an External Connector license is appropriate, you would need 3 TS ECs, and 3 Windows Server ECs.

"Providing hosted services" would generally mean that you are charging a fee to the users of your "home grown" app.

In other words, you would be an Application Service Provider, and should license TS via that model instead.

You should contact Microsoft Licensing for clarification and obtain answers to any questions you may have.

One example that I would think fits the "proper" use of the EC:

You own a large Hotel, and have a contract with a cleaning company to come in and clean the rooms. Employees of the cleaning company need to use your "home grown" hotel management application via terminal server so that they know which rooms need to be cleaned and when.

The cleaning company's employees are *\*not\** employees of your company, and you are not charging them a fee to use your software or the TS. The key point I think is that in this case you are not in the "software hosting business", but rather the *\*sole\** purpose of the external users accessing the TS is to support your business relationship.

-TP

GWG wrote:

I've looked everywhere for clarity on this issue and any help is greatly appreciated. I'm getting hung up on the "providing hosted services" comment. Basically, we will have 3 2k3 TS servers on a 2k3 domain. Utilizing citrix web interface, we will be publishing a "home grown" app to Non Employees. I understand the Citrix licensing but want to make sure I comply in the Microsoft world. If I can use "External Connector" licenses how many EC Licenses do I buy (1 EC, 2 EC, 3 EC..)

- GWG