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Announcements

What's New? Partner Subsidy Offers!

You and Microsoft: A Winning Combination for Data Management

You capture more business data than ever before. Microsoft SQL Server 2005 provides a winning solution for data management integrated with business intelligence. Now, you can save up to \$55,000 when you purchase SQL Server 2005 Open licenses and Client Access licenses with Software Assurance* from the Microsoft Partner of your choice between August 1, 2007 and January 31, 2008. [SQL Server 2005 Subsidy Offer Now Available](#)

Take advantage of this great offer!

Now until January 31, 2008, get a subsidy of up to US \$150 per license when you purchase qualifying open licenses for Microsoft Office Enterprise 2007, Office Professional Plus 2007, or Office Small Business 2007. When you redeem the offer, Microsoft will send you a check made out to the qualifying partner of your choice. [Office 2007 Partner Subsidy Promotion](#)

What Else is New?

Download the Windows Server® 2008 Release Candidate: Join the Global Community

The Windows Server® 2008 Release Candidate operating system is already known to IT professionals and developers around the world. You can be, too, when you download your Release Candidate version and join the growing Windows Server 2008 community. See how new Web and virtualization technologies add up to a robust, security-enhanced, and reliable foundation on which you can develop, deliver, and manage rich user applications and experiences.

Windows Server 2008 is the next-generation server operating system that is based on the feedback of IT professionals and developers like you. So it is designed to support your needs, delivering increased flexibility and security features, more efficiency for everyday tasks, and more opportunities for you to add value to your business.

Then there is the Windows Server 2008 community: an online forum of Release Candidate users like you who are ready to share experiences and discover new ideas. [Join the global community now!](#)

News and Features

10 Tips for Keeping Your Small Business Safe

Here's a horrible thought. someone out there might be pretending to be you or your company. Identity theft is a serious issue, impacting tens-of-millions of people a year. But it is not just a risk to individuals, companies are targeted too. [Read the article.](#)

Productivity on the go: Tools for a growing small business

As a small business owner, the ability to respond quickly to customers and get business done efficiently is critical. Learn how Exchange Hosted Services together with Windows Mobile 6 are an effective tool that can help you and your employees be more responsive and productive. [Read the article.](#)

See why Linux is losing market share to Windows Server

This article from eWeek.com, explores key trends in the server market and highlights the fact that Linux server shipment growth is moderating, while Windows Server has been gaining momentum. Also learn why some experts feel that Windows Server is considered a better broad-workload solution than Linux. [Read the article.](#)

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Product Focus

Exchange Server 2007 SP1 now available for download!

[Download Exchange Server 2007 with Service Pack 1.](#) The [list of new features in SP1](#) is long, including new deployment options, new features and improvements for each server role, improved integration with other applications, and even a new, third type of continuous replication. There are also general updates to almost all of the high availability topics for SP1, as well as significant updates in other content areas, such as those related to the Mailbox, Client Access, Hub Transport and Edge Transport, and the Unified Messaging server roles. You can find documentation on the new features by browsing or searching the [Exchange Server TechCenter Library](#). If you're in evaluation mode, you can now [download the Exchange Server 2007 with Service Pack 1 trial software](#) and see how secure, anywhere access can enhance operational efficiency.

And once you've deployed Exchange Server 2007 Edge Transport servers to control spam and other unwanted e-mail messages, you'll want to implement logging and tracing and configure Edge Transport agents to perform the tasks you need. Check out the [November issue of TechNet Magazine](#) to see [how to analyze Edge Transport agents in action](#) by using the standard agent logging and tracing features of Exchange Server 2007.

2007 Microsoft Office Security Guide

The 2007 Microsoft Office release includes hundreds of security and privacy settings. Download the [2007 Microsoft Office Security Guide](#) for best practices and automated tools to help strengthen the security of computers that run either Windows Vista or Windows XP SP2 and applications in the 2007 Microsoft Office suite

Windows Vista Springboard Series!

Windows Vista is the first PC operating system designed with infrastructure management as a core focus, and Microsoft has launched a new resource for IT pros to make the adoption process smoother and better guided. The [Springboard Series for Windows Vista](#) is now available on a new TechNet destination. This offers monthly articles based on community feedback and helps answer key questions around how and why to get going with Windows Vista adoption. The Springboard Series itself is designed to more simply guide you through the entire adoption process, from early exploration of new management capabilities through piloting and finally rolling out through your organization.

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Security Update

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[Windows Server 2008 Security Guide](#)

The Windows Server 2008 Security Guide is designed to further enhance the security of the server computers in your organization by helping you to taking full advantage of the new and improved security technologies and features in Windows Server 2008. Use the guidance to deploy your security baseline quickly and reliably, to harden your server workloads, and to evaluate security setting recommendations to meet the requirements of your environment.

[Changes in Functionality from Windows Server 2003 with SP1 to Windows Server 2008](#)

In Windows Server 2008, Microsoft introduces many new features and technologies that were not available in Windows Server 2003 with Service Pack 1 (SP1). These features will help to increase productivity, reduce administrative overhead, and increase the security of computers that are running this new operating system. The technical library offered here covers such topics as BitLocker Drive Encryption, using Identity Federation with Active Directory Rights Management Services, and Active Directory Certificate Services.

[Best Practices for Implementing a Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Public Key Infrastructure](#)

This Microsoft TechNet article describes configuration and deployment best practices for a public key infrastructure based on Windows Server 2003.

[Default Access Control Settings in Windows Server 2003](#)

This white paper describes the default security settings for components of the Windows Server 2003 operating system. Read about the implications of these settings for developers and system administrators, and get answers to frequently asked questions.

[How To: Use the Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer](#)

Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer (MBSA) is an easy-to-use tool, designed for IT professionals, that helps small-sized and medium-sized businesses to determine their security state in accordance with Microsoft security recommendations, and offers specific remediation guidance. This article describes how to use MBSA to perform a security updates scan, and how to use MBSA to check for current settings that are not secure.

[Scenarios and Procedures for Microsoft Systems Management Server 2003: Security](#)

Securing your Microsoft Systems Management Server (SMS) environment is not a task that you can complete once and then forget about. Whether you have already deployed SMS or are in the planning stages, follow these established best practices to create the most secure SMS environment possible, and then follow the guidance to maintain that environment.

[ISA Server 2006 Security Guide](#)

This guide focuses explicitly on the operations that are required to create and maintain a secure Internet Security and Acceleration (ISA) Server 2006 environment. Use this guide as part of your overall security strategy for ISA Server 2006.

[Securing Your Application Server](#)

This chapter of *Improving Web Application Security* describes how to secure middle-tier application server computers that host business logic and data access services. The chapter focuses on the application server configuration and the associated communication channels that connect the Web server computer to the application server computer, and that connect the application server computer to the database server computer. Technologies covered include Enterprise Services, Web services, and .NET remoting.

This Quarters Security Bulletins

Critical

- MS07-055: Vulnerability in Kodak Image Viewer Could Allow Remote Code Execution ([923810](#))
- MS07-056: Security Update for Outlook Express and Windows Mail ([941202](#))
- MS07-057: Cumulative Security Update for Internet Explorer ([939653](#))
- MS07-060: Vulnerability in Microsoft Word Could Allow Remote Code Execution ([942695](#))
- MS07-061: Vulnerability in Windows URI Handling Could Allow Remote Code Execution ([943460](#))
- MS07-064: Vulnerabilities in DirectX Could Allow Remote Code Execution ([941568](#))
- MS07-068: Vulnerability in Windows Media File Format Could Allow Remote Code Execution ([941569](#) and [944275](#))
- MS07-069: Cumulative Security Update for Internet Explorer ([942615](#))

Important

- MS07-058: Vulnerability in RPC Could Allow Denial of Service ([933729](#))
- MS07-059: Vulnerability in Windows SharePoint Services 3.0 and Office SharePoint Server 2007 Could Result in Elevation of Privilege Within the SharePoint Site ([942017](#))
- MS07-062: Vulnerability in DNS Could Allow Spoofing ([941672](#))
- MS07-063: Vulnerability in SMBv2 Could Allow Remote Code Execution ([942624](#))
- MS07-065: Vulnerability in Message Queuing Could Allow Remote Code Execution ([937894](#))
- MS07-066: Vulnerability in Windows Kernel Could Allow Elevation of Privilege ([943078](#))
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