Compare SBS 2011 Family Features

Windows Small Business Server (SBS) 2011 combines several server technologies for an all-in-one small business network suite based on Windows Server 2008 R2 Technology.

SBS 2011 comes in two editions: Standard and Essentials. The table below highlights core benefits and features for each edition.

Core scenarios and support options

Features	SBS 2011 Essentials	SBS 2011 Standard
Target End User	Small and Home Office & Small Business	Small Business Owner
	Owner	
End User Value	Server solution for small business users, to	All in one server suite for enhanced
	protect, centralize, stream, and access	productivity and a professional business
	business data	image
IT Knowledge	Minimal	Understands strategic use of technology
Key Scenarios	- Backup of PCs	- Website hosting
	- File storage	- Exchange email
	- Remote access	- SharePoint
	- Business applications (LOBs)	- Remote access
	- Cloud Services	- Business applications (LOBs)
PC/User Limit	25	75, users or devices
Licensing	Server License Only (No CALs required)	Server + CALs required
On-premises Management	Simplified Dashboard	Integrated Console
File sharing (SMB & NFS)	Yes	Yes
Networking Infrastructure	Yes	Yes
(DNS, IIS & DHCP)		
Health Monitoring	Yes	Yes
Active Directory Domain	Yes	Yes
Service		
Remote Web Access	Yes	Yes
Server Backup	Yes	Yes
PC Backup	Yes	No
Virtualization (Hyper-V host	**	**
support)		
Active Directory Domain Join	Create only#	Create only#
Server application support	Yes	Yes
(Line Of Business + others)		

Integrated Products	- Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard	- Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard
	Technologies	Technologies
	- Integration with compatible online services	- Exchange 2010 SP1
		- SharePoint Foundation 2010
		- Windows Software Update Services

SBS 2011 Premium Add-on Core scenarios and support options

Features	SBS 2011 Premium Add-on
Target End User	Small and Home Office & Small Business Owner
End User Value	Provides small businesses a flexible and cost-effective solution for deploying additional servers on a
	network running Windows SBS 2011
IT Knowledge	Internal IT and/or Partner Support
Key Scenarios	Running Business Applications
	Virtualization with Hyper-V
	Remote Desktop Services
	Additional Domain Controller
	Branch Deployments
	Other Standalone uses
PC/User Limit	Subject to SBS 2011 Essentials and Standard User/PC Limit
Licensing	Server + CALs required (for SQL Server access)
Integrated	Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard
Products	SQL Server 2008 R2 for Small Business

^{*} At this time, only SBS 2011 Standard has been released and is available for purchase. SBS 2011 Essentials is expected to release H1 2011.

^{**} Hyper-V role is not available for SBS 2011 Standard or Essentials, however us supported through the Small Business Server 2011 Premium Add-on.

 $^{^{(1)}}$ SBS 2011 must own the Active Directory FSMO roles, additional Domain Controllers and member servers are supported.

[#] Time limited migration domain join available