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Gloss of Windows Small Business Server 2011 by [Harish Sheel](#)

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In today's world where development of the world in terms of economy is enhancing by leap and bound, it is only possible due to opening of new ventures and enterprises leading to the more and more network. Some businesses are giant one but some are small one. The large businesses need large servers for their network which are quite expensive also, but some small businesses can't afford those and also don't need them also. So to match their needs, MS has come up with Windows Small Business Server (SBS) 2011. The history dates back to 1997 when the first Back Office SBS 4.0 was introduced. Since then a lot of changes has been incorporated in this family to provide the small business a lot of essential functions at affordable cost.

The current version of Win SBS 2011 has been launched in two versions: Standard and Essentials. SBS 2011 Standard includes Windows Server 2008 R2, Exchange 2010 SP1, SharePoint Foundation 2010, and SQL Server 2008 R2 Express and it can handle up to 75 users. All the essential services which include file and print, email, collaboration and remote access are run in a single chassis. Premium-Add on kit comprising of Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 and Hyper-V R2 is used for extension to physical or virtual servers.

SBS Essential 2011 intended for small businesses can handle up to 25 users, doesn't include a copy of exchange or share point foundation on local server. MS office 365 is used for email and collaborations to be done in the cloud. A full copy of Windows Server 2008 R2 is run by physical server and deals with server management and user authentication.

Essential include some enterprise-grade services, even though it is targeted at small network. For every server, a better backup system is must. Both the versions of SBS 2011 include backup. The only difference is Standard includes both server and client backup, and essential include only client backup. Essentials require at least a dual-core 1.3GHz 64-bit CPU, 2GB of RAM, and 160GB of disk space. The requirements for Standard are a bit heftier: a quad-core 2GHz 64-bit CPU, 8GB of RAM, and 120GB of disk space.

Hyper-V feature is not available in SBS Standard. Microsoft does not recommend running Hyper-V on a domain controller or Exchange server. The Premium Add-on kit comprises of another license of Windows Server 2008 R2 and is launched with the full version of Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2. In the end, we can say that Windows SBS 2011 is great conglomeration of server technologies with an additional integrated administration.

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