

Windows Server 2012 R2 Essentials offers an affordable server solution that can be used as the primary infrastructure server in multi-server environments.

Designed for easy deployment, Windows Server 2012 R2 Essentials can be managed by individuals within organizations with limited in-house IT services.

Windows Server 2012 R2 Essentials enables small businesses to run their applications on-premises. Small businesses can also take advantage of the growing number of cloud-based applications and services such as Windows Azure Backup, for an additional layer of data protection and Office 365, which provides email and collaboration services.

Small organizations want to focus on their core business, not on managing Information Technology (IT). Technology needs to help businesses become more productive, deliver easy access to applications from anywhere or on any device, protect critical data, and provide an easy path to cloud integration. Windows Server 2012 R2 Essentials delivers on the promise to simplify and improve business technology.

The cloud-enabled server solution for small business

Windows Server 2012 R2 Essentials, the latest version of Windows Small Business Server Essentials, offers a flexible, affordable, and easy-to-use server solution for small businesses with up to 25 users and 50 devices. An ideal first server, Windows Server 2012 R2 Essentials can also be used as the primary server in a multi-server environment for small businesses.

Small businesses can take advantage of Windows Server 2012 R2 Essentials to more easily protect, centralize, organize, and access their applications and information from almost anywhere using virtually any device. In addition, small businesses can control access to applications more easily, reducing the risk of data being stored or potentially lost on unprotected devices.

Protect your data

Windows Server 2012 R2 Essentials delivers new and enhanced features to provide powerful data protection.

Server backups

Configured with a simple wizard, server backups help protect all data and applications stored on the server. You can also choose to take advantage of optional cloud-based backup services, such as Windows Azure Backup, for an even greater degree of protection.



Client computer backups

Configured to run daily on each PC that's connected to the Essentials environment, client computer backup stores your backup data centrally on the server. This type of automatic protection enables you to restore individual files and folders, or an entire PC, as you would do when replacing a faulty hard drive or upgrading from an older hard disk drive.

File History

File History simplifies the recovery of files, accidently deleted or overwritten, without the need for an administrator's assistance. File History can be centrally configured and managed from your Essentials server.

Provide secure remote access

Windows Server 2012 R2 Essentials helps you remotely access your files and folders, connect to PCs in your office to run line-of-business and other applications, and perform administrative tasks.

Remote Web Access (RWA)

RWA enables end users to work remotely from virtually anywhere using almost any device. A website for RWA delivers a highly secure way for users and administrators to use their web browser to access files and folders, client computers, and the servers running in your environment.

My Server app for Windows and Windows RT

My Server app provides a modern and touch-friendly way for end users to access files and folders, as well as perform light administration tasks. The app runs on Windows and Windows RT desktops, laptops, and tablet devices.

My Server app for Windows Phone

My Server app also adds powerful mobile options for accessing your files and folders and performing light administration tasks. Providing a similar experience to the My Server app for Windows, this version runs on Windows Phone devices.

Integrate cloud services

Windows Server 2012 R2 Essentials delivers a seamless experience whether you run your applications on-premises or in the cloud.

Integration with Office 365

Windows Server 2012 R2 Essentials provides the option to integrate with Office 365 or a third-party Hosted Exchange provider, helping simplify and enhance messaging, collaboration, communication, and productivity applications. Administrators need only create a user's account once — an associated mailbox can be automatically created at the same time. The Essentials server syncs passwords with Office 365, helping end users enjoy a seamless sign-on experience whether they are accessing local or cloud-based resources.



Integration with Windows Azure Backup

To supplement local server backups, Windows Server 2012 R2 Essentials can optionally be integrated with a cloud-based service that stores business-critical data in a highly secure, offsite datacenter.

Try it today

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