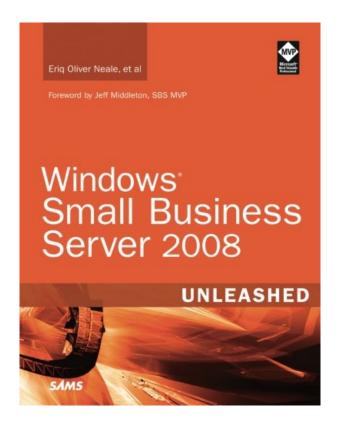
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This book has been written to help the reader shorten the learning curve for SBS 2008. Readers who have never touched a Small Business Server before may be mystified by all the wizards and consoles and tools that are not found on "standard" Microsoft server products. Readers who have a solid working knowledge of previous SBS versions will recognize many of the elements of previous versions in SBS 2008, but those elements have changed drastically in this edition. To that end, the contributors for this book have worked to present SBS 2008 in such a way that the qualified consultant can quickly learn about the product as he or she

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Whether SBS 2008 will be a big seller when it hits the streets in Fall 2008 or not remains to be seen. Regardless of how many units Microsoft sells in the first six months of the product life, the author team believes that any consultant who plans to provide support for SBS 2008 should start becoming comfortable with the product sooner rather than later. To help make that goal a reality, the contributors have worked to bring this book to print as close to the release of the product as possible.

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- Part 1, "Introduction and Setup," details the history of the product and how to plan for and install an SBS 2008 server.
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Recommended, but not enough by itself

By Stephen

More than half finished with this book, I am writing a review from the perspective of an in-house person who manages IT as just one of my job duties in our small organization rather than from a consultant's point of view. The short of my opinion is this: 1) The value of this book will far exceed its costs if it saves you from making just one or two mistakes (and I think it will); 2) You will need more than this book to manage an SBS environment; 3) The target audience for this book remains ambiguous to me.

Depending on how extensively you use each component of SBS and what you already know, I recommend separate SharePoint, IIS, Exchange, and Active Directory books as well as one that covers Server 2008 in general in addition to this book. SBS Unleashed is far too short at 800 pages to cover these topics in enough detail for you to make full use of the product's capabilities.

Specifically, I would not feel comfortable managing an Exchange Server with only this book at hand. With three chapters (Management, Client Connectivity, Disaster Recovery), it is easily the most in-depth covered topic. That is appreciated; however, something as crucial and common as how to configure and manage email addresses that use both internal and external domains is only covered tangentially even though you will have both if you follow the instructions in the installation chapter. An Exchange Admin would likely find this trivial, but if this book was written for her, I am sure she would find an example of how to add an

additional external email address (which IS included) even more trivial.

The SharePoint chapter also demonstrates additional books are in order. Seemingly randomly included is a step-by-step on how to setup a Wiki, but an explanation of exactly what can be done with SharePoint is missing. The take-away sounds like this: "SharePoint is a great document management and collaboration software package, here are the default settings, steps to merge existing data, how to back-up settings, and one page on troubleshooting." Disappointing. The same thing goes for Exchange Public Folders. You might learn how to back them up and a few (important) notes, but don't expect to be told how you can make use of them.

I would not have subtracted a star if it wasn't for two things: 1) Target audience, and 2) The chapter on IIS.

1) If this book is targeted at people who already understand the standalone products and are mainly interested in what is different in SBS, why would something such as a screen shot of where you enter your organization's address information be included? (I use that just as an example of the conflicting target audiences).

2) The chapter on IIS was extremely frustrating as it was not fully edited (wizard names confused, repetitive paragraphs, sentences that I don't think I should have had to read more than once or twice but did), it included a full page of a log file with no explanation, and it did a rough job of explaining certificates, which are better covered in a future chapter on Exchange Client Connectivity. It just seemed rushed and not thought out besides not doing you much good if you aren't already familiar managing IIS.

Despite my criticisms, this book is a must-buy if you are a consultant who has clients that might use SBS or if your organization is planning or considering implementing an SBS solution. The authors are really part of the SBS community and you can find some of them active on blogs and newsgroups (see the SBS newsgroups at Microsoft Connect). I do think they have taken a very complex product and presented a substantial amount of useful information in an engaging way that will help you manage SBS. I'm sure as more seasoned IT admins read the book, they will disagree with me.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful.

Excellent Book, very helpful!

By JoeC

I just setup our new SBS 2008 domain and the process was very straightforward, thanks to this book. The information is laid out clearly, every step is detailed, tons of information and easy to follow even for someone who hasn't administered a network before. Definitely recommended!

5 of 6 people found the following review helpful.

Worthwhile book, but beware

By WhittWicky

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on Safari Online, and shame on Eriq Oliver Neale, et al for letting them publish a book with false and misleading information.

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From the Back Cover

Windows Small Business Server 2008 provides all the tools small companies need to improve collaboration, enhance productivity, and manage and secure all their information. In this book, a team of leading SBS experts brings together the in-depth knowledge and real-world insights you need to make the most of this state-of-the-art product. Microsoft Most Valuable Professionals Eriq Neale and his colleagues cover every facet of planning, deploying, and managing SBS 2008. The authors begin by showing how to install and configure SBS 2008 for maximum efficiency, performance, and ease of administration. You'll learn how to securely utilize SBS 2008's comprehensive Internet, file, and print services; simplify and automate both server and workstation management; and take full advantage of both SharePoint collaboration and Exchange communication tools. This book is packed with expert tips, tricks, and troubleshooting techniques drawn from the authors' unsurpassed experience helping companies succeed with SBS. Whether you're a full-time IT professional or a power user who's managing SBS in your spare time, it will be your most valuable resource. Detailed information on how to...

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- Leverage Remote Web Workplace and other advanced remote access solutions
- Manage email and other communications with SBS 2008's built-in Microsoft Exchange Server 2007
- Centrally control Windows Vista, Windows XP, and other clients
- Seamlessly integrate Macintosh computers into your Windows network
- Protect your servers and workstations against both internal and external threats
- Prepare backups and disaster recovery plans you can actually use in an emergency
- Streamline and automate administration using Microsoft PowerShell

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In addition to writing, Eriq maintains two blogs, one technical (http://simultaneouspancakes.com/Lessons) and one business-focused (http://msmvps.com/blogs/onq), and hosts a technology-focused weekly Internet radio program for small business owners (http://www.eoncall.com). He speaks regularly at industry conferences and user groups on a variety of SBS-related topics.

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