

# Re: OT: Yet Another Unhappy Customer for Vista

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Rich Grise wrote:

On Fri, 01 Jun 2007 18:28:53 +0000, Joerg wrote:

Lionel wrote:

On Fri, 01 Jun 2007 09:25:02 -0700, Joerg

Considering the number of people who run small networks at home I was thinking there'd be enough of a market for backup and file sharing across a LAN or WLAN. It doesn't have to be industrial strength, for example it would be ok if the whole thing quits upon a power supply failure as long as that doesn't take the data with it.

If you've got a spare PC (doesn't have to be fancy, but preferably solid & reliable), you can throw some big hard disks into it & install SME-server on it: <<http://www.smeserver.org/>> The software's free, it does RAID on standard disks, it's very well maintained, sets up from a single bootable CDROM & is managed from a web interface. I've been using it here for about 6 years, & recommend it to people all the time.

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I might just have to go that route if I don't find something off the shelf soon. But from looking at the web site this stuff seems to be for Linux experts. Which I am not :-(

You don't have to be much of an "expert" to get a server going, at least for me with Slackware it was a breeze. Everything you need gets installed by default, and you can opt out of stuff like emacs and other stuff you'll never need on a server. All you have to do is put the pertinent information into the config files, and you get that from the HOWTOs and the comments in the config file itself.

But, if you want something off-the-shelf, plug-and-play, you'll probably have to keep shopping. :-)

Yeah, I'd like the easier off-the-shelf route. There is so much on the list already. Tomorrow it will be "lumber surgery", replacing a rotted part in a deck. Then I have to make some custom brackets. Oh, and a wall outlet just croaked. Oh what fun...

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Regards, Joerg

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