Windows Server "8" System Requirements

Windows Server "8" Beta Pre-installation Information

This software is intended for evaluation and deployment planning purposes only. If you plan to install the software on your primary computer, it is recommended that you back up your existing data prior to installation.

To use Windows Server "8" Beta, you need to be aware of the following system requirements*:

Component	System Requirement
Processor	• Minimum: 1.4 GHz 64bit processor
Memory	• Minimum: 512 MB RAM
Available Disk Space	• Minimum: 32 GB **Note:** 32 GB should be considered an absolute minimum value for successful installation. Computers with more than 16 GB of RAM will require more disk space for paging, hibernation, and dump files.
Drive	DVD-ROM drive
Display and Peripherals	• Super VGA (800 x 600) or higher-resolution monitor • Keyboard • Microsoft Mouse or other compatible pointing device

*Actual requirements will vary based on your system configuration and the applications and features you choose to install. Processor performance is dependent upon not only the clock frequency of the processor, but the number of cores and the size of the processor cache. Disk space requirements for the system partition are approximate. Additional available hard-disk space may be required if you are installing over a network.

Supported Upgrade Paths

Upgrades to this version from Windows Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008 R2 are supported. You will not be able to upgrade to subsequent releases from this release.

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