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Windows Essential Business Server 2008 is a fully integrated solution that incorporates best-of-breed Microsoft product technologies to deliver the infrastructure needs that the majority of midsize businesses require. It offers an easily deployed multi-server solution that combines several server technologies into one Microsoft license. The product technologies that are included in Windows Essential Business Server 2008 solution are:

Benefit	Product Technologies	EBS 2008 Standard Edition	EBS 2008 Premium Edition
<p>Server Operating System: Windows Server 2008 Standard product technologies provide the core foundation of Windows Essential Business Server 2008. Windows Server 2008 is the most flexible and robust Windows Server operating system to date. For more product-specific information, visit the Windows Server 2008 Web site.</p>	Windows Server 2008 Standard Technologies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Management and Monitoring: Microsoft System Center Essentials 2007 is fully integrated within Windows Essential Business Server 2008. It is a management solution in the System Center IT management product family specifically designed for midsize businesses and helps IT professionals actively manage their IT environment with increased efficiency. For more product-specific information, visit the Microsoft System Center Essentials 2007 Web site.</p>	Microsoft System Center Essentials 2007	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Collaboration Share internal documents, coordinate calendars, manage issues, and participate in discussions while you're on the road.</p>	Windows SharePoint Services 3.0 compatible ¹	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Messaging and Collaboration: Microsoft Exchange Server 2007 Standard Edition product technology introduces advanced e-mail and calendar functionality to Windows Essential Business Server 2008 environments. Exchange Server delivers a seamless end-user messaging experience and advanced security features. For more product-specific information, visit the Microsoft Exchange Server 2007 Web site.</p>	Microsoft Exchange Server 2007 Standard Edition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>E-Mail Security:</p>	Microsoft Forefront	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Microsoft Forefront Security for Exchange Server² (Forefront) helps protect e-mail from viruses, worms, and spam. Forefront Security for Exchange incorporates multiple industry-leading antivirus engines offering layered protection against the latest e-mail—based threats. For more product-specific information, visit the [Microsoft Forefront Security for Exchange Server Web site](#).

Edge Security:

In addition to the security features enabled by the Microsoft Exchange Server 2007 Edge Role, Windows Essential Business Server 2008 incorporates the latest version of Microsoft Forefront Threat Management Gateway Medium Business Edition³, an integrated edge security gateway that helps protect against Internet-based threats while providing users fast and secure remote access to applications and data. For more product-specific information, visit the [Microsoft Forefront Web site](#).

Microsoft Forefront Threat Management Gateway Medium Business Edition³



Server Operating System:

Windows Essential Business Server 2008 Premium Edition adds a fourth server. Premium Edition includes a copy of Windows Server 2008 Standard, the most flexible and robust Windows Server operating system to date. For more product-specific information, visit the [Windows Server 2008 Web site](#).

Windows Server 2008 Standard⁵



Database:

Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Standard Edition, a comprehensive data management and analysis software solution. SQL Server 2008 is a performance leader and the fastest growing database solution in the industry today. For more product-specific information, visit the [Microsoft SQL Server 2008 Standard Edition Web site](#).

SQL Server 2008 Standard Edition⁴



¹ While Windows SharePoint Services 3.0 is not shipped with Essential Business Server 2008, a step as part of the setup process is provided to download Windows SharePoint Services 3.0 at no additional cost.

² One year Microsoft Forefront Security for Exchange Server subscription included in the product.

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³ One year Web Antimalware Subscription for Forefront Threat Management Gateway, Medium Business Edition included in product.

⁴ Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Standard is available as an alternative version in place of SQL Server 2008 Standard until December 31, 2009.

⁵ Windows Server 2003 R2 Standard is available as an alternative version in place of Windows Server 2008 Standard until December 31, 2009.

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