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Product Recap



Windows Server

Windows Server Recap

Windows Server offers enterprise-grade solutions with Active Directory, Hyper-V, and Azure integration. Known for its user-friendliness and stability, it is ideal for hosting applications and managing domains, promising scalability and seamless network management across environments.

Windows Server is integral for businesses needing reliable infrastructure for server virtualization and enterprise application deployment. It excels in integrating with Microsoft applications, providing robust support for database hosting, Active Directory management, and remote access. Users benefit from its comprehensive features supporting intense workloads, virtual setups, and efficient domain management. However, it could improve its port security, vulnerability monitoring, and interface intuitiveness. Pricing models also require adjustments to be competitive, and better integration with Linux would enhance system compatibility. Regular updates can impact stability, and the command-line interface could be more efficient compared to Linux.

What are Windows Server's key features?

- **Active Directory:** Facilitates user and resource management.
- **Hyper-V:** Enables server virtualization for enhanced efficiency.
- **Azure Integration:** Connects with cloud services for scalability.
- **Work Folder Synchronization:** Supports seamless data access across devices.
- **Security:** Offers robust measures for protecting enterprise data.

What benefits should users look for?

- **Ease of Use:** Intuitive design simplifies administration.
- **Stability:** Reliable performance across demanding environments.
- **Integration:** Seamlessly connects with Microsoft services.
- **Scalability:** Grows alongside business needs.

Windows Server is implemented across industries for virtual server hosting, enterprise application deployment, and managing complex IT infrastructures. Organizations use it for database hosting, Active Directory management, and leveraging Microsoft's ecosystem, supporting backend operations and enhancing communication security.

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:



“Several years of improvements have been made to the software itself.”



Gustavo Schleider

Manager, Information & Cloud Systems at a consultancy with 1,001-5,000 employees



“Overall, I am quite happy with my experience using Windows Server.”



Jai Prakash Sharma

Executive Vice President Technology at InfoEdge India Ltd



“The Active Directory integration helps my organization manage permissions and maintain security policies effectively.”



AndreyKolmakov

Sys admin at a transportation company with 10,001+ employees

- ✓ “Network configuration and management in Windows Server is very easy, providing fast deployment, plug and play capability, and simplified partition creation.”



VIJAY RAGAVAN

Team Manager at Waters Corporation

- ✓ “Hyper-V has affected our resource utilization and hardware costs, and we use it extensively.”



Gardar Thorvardsson

Managing Director at Kvikna - where software is born

- ✓ “What suits me the most is that for all my OT environment, I can manage all those devices in one secure portal from Microsoft.”



Steven Warlop

Service Delivery Manager at Centric Infrastructure Solutions

- ✓ “I recommend Windows Server to others.”



Mustafa Farhat

Systems technician. IT Office at LNU

What users had to say about valuable features:

“The platform’s most valuable features are performance and centralization of operating systems. We can use one standardized system to host all applications..”

Karen Yerznkanyan

Chief Information Technology Officer at AMX

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“Windows Server is similar to any other typical server, considering that there are multiple servers available in the market. The ease of administration that the product provides is one of the reasons why my company uses it..”

Verified user

Head of IT at a manufacturing company with 501-1,000 employees

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“The most valuable feature of the solution is its performance. My company currently uses Microsoft SCOM to monitor the performance of Windows Server. My company wishes to have some applications on QRadar or log management tools like ELK..”

Du Hoac Kim

Deputy Manager at sacombank

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“The most valuable features of Windows Server for us are scalability, hardware compatibility, and support for various hardware interfaces like communication boards. Additionally, its seamless integration with Windows mobile devices proved highly beneficial for our operations..”

Dan Campeanu

Security Engineer at ProVision

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“DFS is the most valuable feature of the product. The product is very transparent. Any changes to the underlying file servers are not visible to users. It is a huge benefit for us.

The GUI is familiar. Anyone who doesn't know how to use a file server can be taught to use the product in a few minutes..”

Sven Missorten

Senior System Engineer at a transportation company with 501-1,000 employees


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“We use Active Directory and IIS to host different kinds of web apps. We have also used the FTP feature for our FTP server.

FTP functionality does not require additional payment because Windows Server already includes the feature, reducing the costs of these tools. Windows Server also includes IIS, a web server hosting applications. This allows us to build and test applications directly on the server from scratch..”

Ciprian Sabo

Team Lead at Regnology

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Other Solutions Considered

“In large-scale environments with numerous simultaneous logins, Windows Server may not match the performance power of Linux. Linux tends to excel in handling extensive user loads, while Windows Server remains user-friendly for various tasks..”

Eman Taky

IT operation manager at Kn

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“My company uses Windows Server, considering the knowledge that my organization possesses about the product and the information concerning the integration capabilities the tool offers..”

Verified user

Head of IT at a manufacturing company with 501-1,000 employees

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“I am familiar with Hyper-V technology but I tested it some years ago. I am currently using Oracle VM VirtualBox, and the other option is VMware.

I am referring to Hyper-V technology within Windows Server..”

JUAN CARLOS ZAMBRANO IBERICO

Consulting Manager at Angkor Group SAC


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“I am looking for something else because I am not satisfied with my current solution.

“I am generally satisfied, but now it is getting outdated and not suitable anymore, though it is an old model..”

Gardar Thorvardsson

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“We used Linux before. In some cases, it works better than Windows in terms of administration tools, especially for small companies.

From a centralization standpoint, Windows Server is a good technology that allows IT staff to consolidate their expertise on a single product, avoiding the need to manage different sources for Linux and Windows..”

Karen Yerznkanyan

Chief Information Technology Officer at AMX

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“I am looking for a new solution for a NAS.

“I do not have experience with Dell PowerStore or TrueNAS X-Series. I have limited experience with an old Synology. I am currently considering TrueNAS and Dell PowerScale. Pure Storage might be considered but will likely not be selected..”

Gardar Thorvardsson

Managing Director at Kvikna - where software is born

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ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

I get the features I am looking for from the price, despite it being a bit expensive. I benefit from Microsoft 365, Azure, and the features and services I need.

Mustafa Farhat

Systems technician. IT Office at LNU

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“Windows Server offers excellent value for money, particularly when compared to alternatives. Despite price increases, it remains a cost-effective choice..”

Dan Campeanu

Security Engineer at ProVision

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We calculate ROIs for several solutions, including Windows Server, and propose the results to our customers to convince them why they should upgrade. Our company manufactures both hardware and software, and we use our previous experiences for these calculations to maximize the utilization of resources available.

VIJAY RAGAVAN

Team Manager at Waters Corporation

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“It's easy to get support. It's well known, so we can find answers anywhere. The tool supports many applications. It's simple. It's not cheap, but it works. The ROI is pretty good..”

Neill-Walker

Agile Consultant at MSOLdigi

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“Difficult to calculate, improved efficiency, less time to get things done, less downtime...can't put an exact dollar amount on it, but our environment is more efficient with Windows 10 installed..”

John ONeill

Principle consultant at Active Data Consulting Services Pty Ltd

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“Working with Windows Server does save me time and money. The return on investment is evident as having efficient resources to manage our infrastructure means we are less dependent on costly external support from Microsoft. An in-house team can manage things quite efficiently without needing additional assistance.

“In terms of ROI, it saves us roughly 10 to 20% in terms of time and resources..”

Jai Prakash Sharma

Executive Vice President Technology at InfoEdge India Ltd

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Use Case

It's used for a variety of things, like Active Directory, DNS, cloud shares, and application hosting. We also have some third-party applications running on it and web services.

Virimai Mare

L3 Engineer at Momentum Metropolitan Holdings Limited

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“We use Windows Servers to manage user logins through Active Directory and facilitate VPN connections, supporting our researchers who are architecturally building on DSP DNS for enhanced security and access control..”

Eman Taky

IT operation manager at Kn

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“We use Windows Server as a mandatory tool to host applications, specifically for robotics process automation (RPA). It provides an efficient output and allows multiple users to access the same machine simultaneously..”

AhmedElbadry

NMS Service Automation & RPA Technical Lead at Vodafone

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“Windows Server serves as the foundation of our infrastructure, handling user authentication, security, and file sharing. It also supports other essential tools like SQL for database management, SharePoint for collaboration, and interfaces with communication servers for seamless integration with our landlines..”

Dan Campeanu

Security Engineer at ProVision

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“We mainly worked with Windows Server 2003, 2008, 2012, and 2016 as they were the go-to operating systems for applications like Excel Server and various other software. We occasionally used Linux servers, especially for databases and specific applications, but most of our work was on Windows servers..”

Abey Varghese

Project and Service Delivery Manager Cloud at MANAPPURAM
COMPTECH AND CONSULTANTS LIMITED

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“We use Windows Server for Active Directory (AD). We use the solution to manage user data and access through Active Directory. We use Windows Server to host and configure the mail servers..”

SHUBHAM BHINGARDE

Project Engineer at CDAC

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Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

“The initial setup is easy. I refer to the documentation available on the internet to understand the implementation. It takes 20 minutes to complete the process..”

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NMS Service Automation & RPA Technical Lead at Vodafone

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“The initial setup is easy if you have a basic knowledge of the process. We can deploy it on-premise or on the cloud, depending on the project requirements..”

WaleedKhan

IT manager at ARAR Innovations

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“The setup installation takes time and the first time to create the image. It might take you a day or so. But once you have the image, hard end, it's easy to deploy because now it's built to own. .”

Kepa-Ayerbe

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Connectivity Platform Cyber Security Specialist at BASF Business Services GmbH

“Windows Server is easy to deploy. You only need to install the application. The deployment steps typically involve working with virtual environments. We use templates to set up the machines, specifying the number of interfaces, IP addresses, and routing information. After that, we shift to the system, and the process of putting on the applications is relatively fast. You need around 30 technical resources to handle maintenance and deployment. .”

Joao Alves

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Risk Manager at Novo Banco

“With the help of SentinelOne, Windows Server was installed and used for the management of the virtual environment. My company also uses a PAM solution along with a security-oriented product.

The product's installation phase is easy.

In my company, we know the product's deployment process. Due to the aforementioned reason, it doesn't take my company much time to deploy the product.

The solution is deployed on an on-premises and cloud model. .”

Verified user

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Head of IT at a manufacturing company with 501-1,000 employees

“The product is deployed on the cloud model.

To start the deployment process in our company, we first need to make a request to the IT team. After that, the IT team looks at the requirements and deploys the server. In our company, we have a system to follow the deployment process.

The solution can be deployed in a couple of minutes since our company already has some idea and image about Windows Server. My team deploys the product in a couple of minutes every time there is a requirement in a department that is associated with our company.

Around three people in my company are required to take care of the product's deployment and maintenance processes..”

Du Hoac Kim

Deputy Manager at sacombank

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Customer Service and Support

Support is okay, but sometimes it takes time to get assistance unless it is opened as a security issue. I would rate Microsoft tech support seven out of ten.

Verified user

AVP at a financial services firm with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“I had the opportunity to connect with Microsoft support. They resolved our problems within the defined SLA. I would rate my experience nine out of ten..”

NirajSingh


Relationship Manager at Cognizant

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“I find technical support to take some time, and the answers or resolutions are not straightforward. Sometimes necessary people may not join, and I end up needing someone else. I rate support between seven and eight..”

SrikanthSubramanian

Senior Consultant at HCLSoftware

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“I would rate technical support directly from Windows at around three out of ten—it is not the best. However, if you go through a partner who sells or supports Windows, the support could be around seven out of ten, because Windows relies on these partners for assistance..”

WilyonTjahyadi

Head of Major Account Sales Operation 1 at a manufacturing company with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“I have experience with the solution's technical support. My company is able to find solutions to our ratios with the help of the product's technical team. The product's technical team is neither good nor bad, meaning the support team offers normal support services. .”

Verified user

Head of IT at a manufacturing company with 501-1,000 employees

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“Microsoft's technical support for Windows Server has been lacking, with rare responses even with premium support. As a result, administrators often rely on each other for assistance, sharing knowledge and troubleshooting together. I would rate the support as a one out of ten..”

Dan Campeanu

Security Engineer at ProVision

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Other Advice

“I recommend Windows Server to others and rate it an eight out of ten. I advise using Windows Server or Linux, depending on the specific needs and compatibility of the applications..”

AhmedElbadry

NMS Service Automation & RPA Technical Lead at Vodafone

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“I would recommend Windows Server to other users. Users should be trained or familiar with operating the solution before using it.

Overall, I rate Windows Server ten out of ten..”

Jenifer Cardona

IT head at Ficobank

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“Three technical staff members are involved in the deployment and maintenance of the solution. I would recommend Windows Server to other users.

Overall, I rate Windows Server a nine out of ten..”

MarkNgeno

IT Security Manager at Living Goods

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“I would recommend Windows Server to others but the choice depends on the specific technology and applications you plan to use. It is essential to consider compatibility and performance factors, as some applications may work better or be recommended for installation on Linux. Overall, I would rate Windows Server as an eight out of ten..”

Eman Taky

IT operation manager at Kn

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“We have various security measures, such as antivirus software and firewalls. Additionally, on the network side, we utilize different types of firewalls to manage and enhance the security of the infrastructure itself.

Overall, I rate the solution an eight out of ten..”

Ciprian Sabo

Team Lead at Regnology

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“Windows Server’s integration with Active Directory enabled a single technology to manage multiple applications. Additionally, the feature for centralized management has proven beneficial in enhancing overall efficiency and meeting evolving requirements compared to Linux.

It is primarily suitable for enterprises as the cost would be a concern for smaller organizations.

It is a user-friendly platform. I rate it a nine out of ten..”

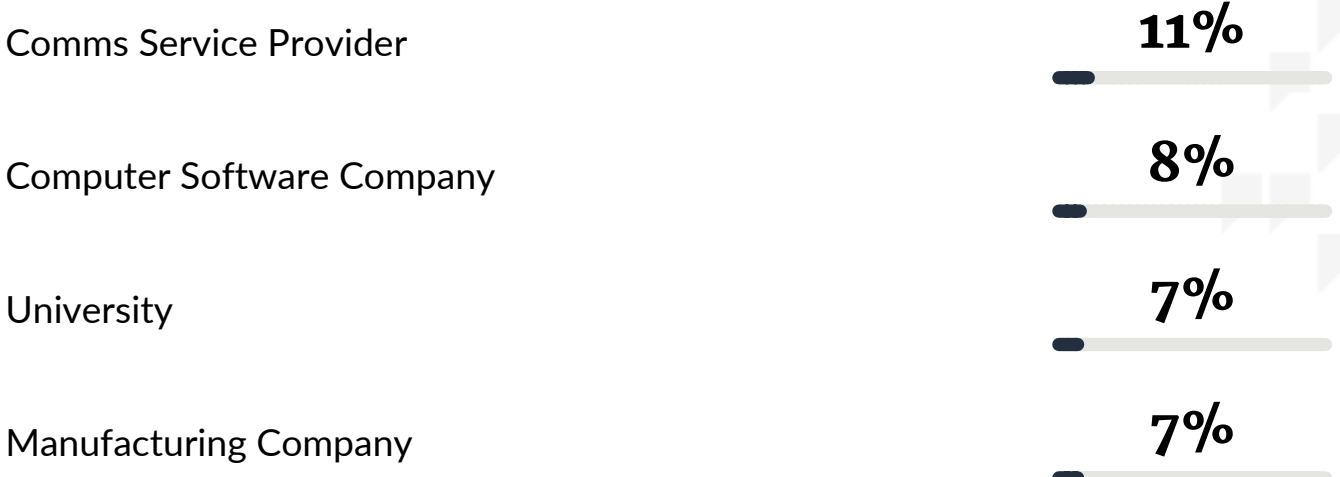
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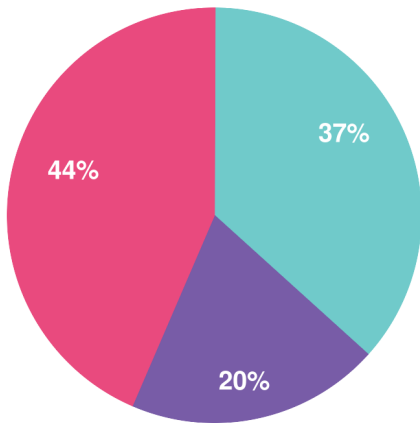
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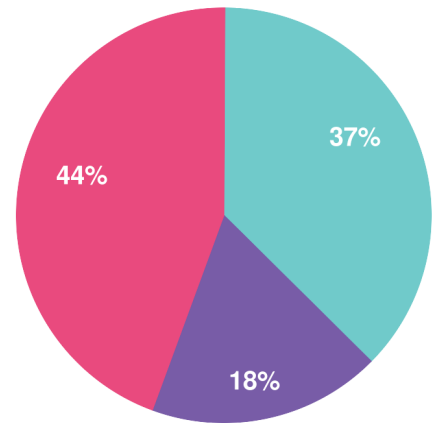


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