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I have to setup team foundation server for a company, something that I don't have any experience in.

The company will have about 5 or so developers that will be using it.

Is this a big task or something that is fairly easy to do (with instructions)?
Any helpful tutorials that you can recommend?

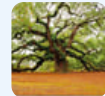Any recommendations on server specs for a team of 5-10?

tfs

asked Sep 11, 2008 at 21:53

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Your first step should be to download the latest TFS Installation Guide (TFSInstall.chm) from here: http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=FF12844F-398C-4FE9-8B0D-9E84181D9923&displaylang=en

You should use TFS 2008 SP1, since it is the latest release and includes many new features and performance improvements.

If you are planning on installing with Windows 2008 & SQL 2008, you will need to "integrate" the TFS 2008 SP1 into the installation disc. Instructions are included in the TFSInstall.chm, but Martin Woodward also has a walkthrough on his blog: http://www.woodwardweb.com/vsts/creating_a_tfs.html (This isn't required for SQL 2005 SP2 + Windows 2003)

The install guide also has hardware recommendations.

For a team of your size, you should also consider running your TFS instance as a Virtual Machine. This will allow you to up-size and move your installation around more easily at a later date. TFS is supported on the Hyper-V virtualization platform:

http://blogs.msdn.com/granth/archive/2008/06/27/team-foundation-server-and-hyper-v-virtualization.aspx

And if you need help along the way, you have three options:

1. Call up MS product support ($$, but you will get an answer)

2. Post on the official Team Foundation Server - Setup forums:

   http://forums.microsoft.com/MSDN/ShowForum.aspx?ForumID=68&SiteID=1

3. Sign up to the http://OzTFS.com/ mailing list. The people on this list are pretty good at responding to questions almost instantaneously. It's also a great list to join if you just want to "watch" what's happening.

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the second link setting official team foundation server doesnt work – user1542476 Dec 27, 2012 at 5:01

Hey, grant me a holiday, too - or a vacation, whatever you want to call it! – B. Clay Shannon-B. Crow Raven Aug 22, 2013 at 18:31

@GrantHolliday is there any better software that useful for small company (with -20 Employee)? – AminM Sep 3, 2016 at 17:32

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Disregard the "Cliff's Note" link - it's for VSTS 2005. There's no reason to install an old version - the installer (and everything else about the product) is MUCH improved with VSTS2008. Also make sure you install SP1 - it's not just bug fixes but some MAJOR enhancements.

Instructions for install are here: Team Foundation VSTS2008 Install Guide make sure you closely follow the recommendations for the Accounts necessary for install.

Blog post with recommendations for server specs

The link that Espo posted is excellent walkthroughs for configuring TFS after you get it installed.

TFS 2008 SP1 Download

Also you will want the following

TFS 2008 Power Tools in particular there is a "Team Foundation Server Best Practices Analyzer" which you can run against the server before the install to make sure everything is patched correctly etc (and afterwards to

make sure the install went properly). It will require Windows Powershell installed on the server as pre-req.

Also you will want [Team System Web Access 2008 SP1](#) - (formerly Team Plain) which will allow you to access the features of TFS as a web application.

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Here is a great guide for setting up TFS 2012 on Windows 8 machine with Visual Studio 2012

http://www.codeproject.com/Articles/426135/Team-Foundation-Server-2012-RC-Install-Configure

Here's TFS 2012 on Windows Server 2012 with SQL Server 2012

http://blog.hinshelwood.com/installing-tfs-2012-on-server-2012-with-sql-2012/

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See the link below for a condensed walkthrough:

[Cliff's Notes for a Team System Install](#)

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answered Sep 11, 2008 at 22:11

DaveK
4,597 ● 3 ● 34 ● 33

3 This link just goes to the homepage for Vertigo. – [cowgod](#)
May 3, 2012 at 21:10

VSTS2005 was quite challenging to install and configure correctly. I have heard 2008 is MUCH better, but have yet to try it yet. Be prepared to spend a fair bit of time on this and read everything before starting. However, don't loose heart, TFS is well worth the effort!!

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