

Microsoft releases Windows Home Server's second version, with an evaluation version to be available early this month.

WHS machines are known for being easy to set up and manage-- but the news of the company's dropping the Drive Extender feature did raise some eyebrows.

Microsoft's reasoning goes that as HDD capacities grow, customers won't need to "extend" volume capacity-- hoping machines coming with up to 3TB of storage will be enough.

OEMs are said to be already working on WHS 2011 machines, which should start hitting the market by May.

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