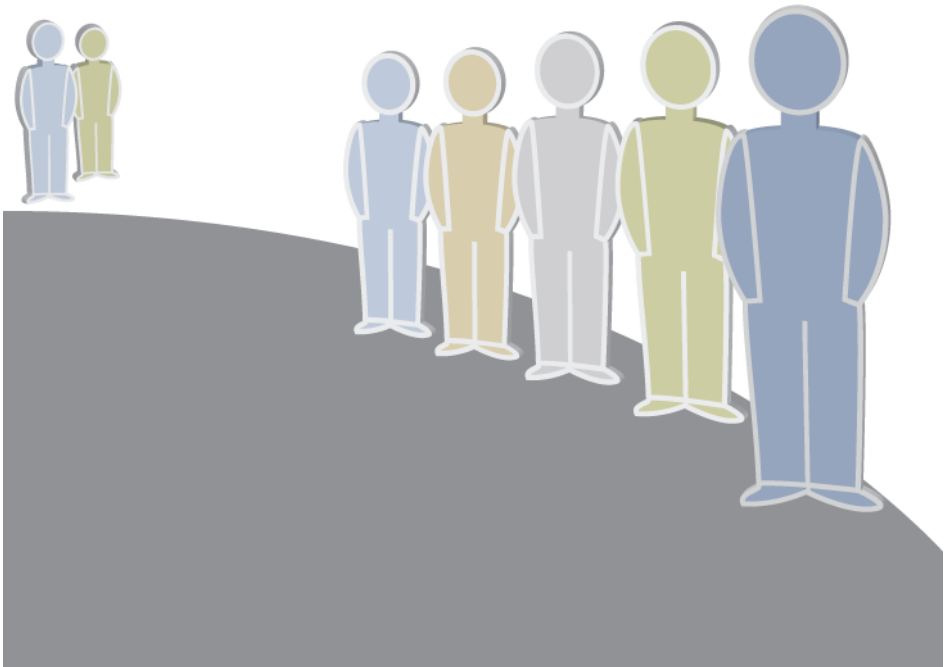


# Comparison™ Self-Installation Requirements

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## Environmental Requirements

System Administrator: Please designate a System Administrator to work with Expert Choice staff and install Comparison. The System Administrator should have:

- ✓ administrator access to the database (including SQL Server credentials)
- ✓ administrator access to the operating system
- ✓ administrator access to IIS

Remote Access: Expert Choice staff will need remote access to your servers. We usually conduct a net meeting and with your permission, take control of the key board and mouse in the presence of your System Administrator.

DNS Record: Comparison will require a DNS record for the base application. If your license has the ability to use TeamTime™ with keypads, Comparison will require an additional DNS record for the TeamTime™ web service. If the System Administrator participating in the setup does not have the authority to create DNS records, please contact Expert Choice ahead of time to obtain a list of DNS records required for your particular setup.

Internet Access: Internet access from the server is recommended but not required.



## Hardware Requirements

Your choice of hardware will affect system performance and capacity. Any Windows Server setup (Windows 2003 or later), including virtual machines, meets the basic hardware requirements. However, capacity may be severely limited if your server is underpowered. If you anticipate high concurrent use of the system, please contact Expert Choice to plan your hardware setup.

## Software Requirements

- ✓ IIS server version 6 or 7 should be available on the server where Comparison™ will be installed
- ✓ Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) server should be accessible from the web server
- ✓ MS SQL Server /MS SQL Server Express Edition (2005 or 2008) should be accessible from the web server
- ✓ Microsoft .Net framework 3.5 SP1
- ✓ All users of Comparison™ should have access to the web server

## Preparing for Comparison Updates

We periodically update the Comparison software. As we make major updates, we will contact you and work with you to update your self-hosted version of Comparison. In addition to meeting the self-installation requirements listed on pages 3 and 4, you will need to make the following preparations prior to the Comparison update:

- ✓ Please be prepared with the Admin user password for Comparison
- ✓ Please send us the `web.config` and `connection.config` files from the server a few days before the upgrade. These files can be found in the application root directory. For example:  
`c:\program files\comparison core\web.config`
- ✓ Download the following files on the server where Comparison will be installed: <http://expertchoice.s3.amazonaws.com/Selfhosts/Comparison.zip>
- ✓ Download the license file on the server. (We will email you the license file separately a few days before the update.)



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