

branch offices forms.net sql server

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I was wondering if someone can tell me what Microsoft Technologies I need to employ for the given situation:

As a small business, we keep all of our data currently in sql server and we only have one office. We use forms.net as interfaces to the sql server database. However, we are looking into expanding to multiple branch offices. We are also looking into a way to expose some of the data to the internet, so certain data can be viewed anywhere.

My question is, all of the data from all of the offices need to be synchronized. So, how does one go about doing this? Should the database be held in a single physical location as everyone from branch offices all remotely update and retrieve data? If so, how do you secure this setup (authenticate, authorize, etc)?

What other ways is there? Can anyone point me to some strategies? I have read about ERP systems. They store all of their data in a single database, how does that work when people from different office locations need to connect to data?

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