

## Re: Exchange 2003 Front End/Back End Servers & Passwords

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Peter,

If you have a decent firewall, try what my org does.....have the remote clients use VPN, then you can control the password policy via AD, and they get a secure connection to your network.

Alternatively, have them authenticate via your firewall and create a rule for OWA.

Thanks, Andrew

"Lanwench [MVP – Exchange]" wrote:

> *Peter Marshall wrote:*

> > *Not sure how as they'll be getting authenticated on your domain. I think the FE server shouldn't be in your DMZ anyway – you'll have to open up a lot of ports between DMZ and LAN in order for the server to communicate. Sort of negates the purpose of a DMZ.*

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> > *The authentication was my concern – might be more sensible to post to an Active Directory list. The DMZ/LAN link will have to be firewall controlled, in the same way that we have the Web Server/Db Servers setup.*

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> *Yes – but in order for Exchange on the FE to communicate with the back end, you have to open up a LOT between the DMZ and LAN. Do you have ISA?*

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> > > *You should be using good passwords on your LAN anyway – doesn't matter that it's small and trusted. 8 char. minimum, complex passwords, regular forced changes.*

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> > *True, for small & trusted team, read lazy!*

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- > *Yep – but this is important, and I'd take the issue up with management. If*
- > *inbound access is a need, this needs to be addressed.*
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- > >> *That said – with a small network, are you sure you even need a FE/BE*
- > >> *config?*
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- > > *Its the security aspects of it I'm worried about – don't want to open*
- > > *up the email server to the world any more than I have to.*
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- > *Yes, but you're still opening up more than you want if you poke holes*
- > *between DMZ and LAN and aren't using a good password policy.*
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