

Re: why shouldyou not rely on public folders??

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On Wed, 4 May 2005 13:55:46 -0700, Kahlan
<Kahlan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

>Hello
>I always here that it is better to put documents on file servers vs. public
>folders but I can not seem to track down why? security, performance,
>whyyyy....
>Thanks
>Kahlan

Using public folders as a file server can increase accessibility to the information if you have OWA but not a VPN etc. But you will inevitably get a performance hit from your server as you load it up. Also the permissions model is nowhere near as flexible. It's also more fiddly to save and deposit versioned files there. Also the future of public folders is shrouded in mist. Conventional wisdom is that if you do need to web enable file share type information then SharePoint is your solution. If you don't want SharePoint then FileWay (google for it) is a good application. If you don't need to web enable any of it then put it on a file share.

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