Re: disaster recovery log file question

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On Thu, 6 Sep 2007 09:13:11 −0400, "Andy D" <Dont@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

> Hello all,
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> We recently had an exchange failure here due to faulty drives. We were temporarily able to get the failed server online before it failed again with the replacement drives failing! during the second failure the database was corrupted and i am unable to repair it. We successfully restored from backup and server is running fine now. My question is regarding the mail t hat came in while the server was temporarily back online. I still have the transaction logs that were not committed to the database yet. (it failed before a backup could complete) Is it possible for me to somehow roll them into the working database and recover the mail?

Transaction logs are not committed during a backup, they are committed continuously while the store is mounted and running. An exchange aware backup *purges* the logs that have been committed to the store.

As far as replaying logs, The time to replay them would have been the restore (assuming you had them all without any gaps)
Now that the store is mounted, they wont do you any good.

But..... If you can restore the previous backup to the recovery storage group and can copy all those transaction logs into the RSG directory (and again no missing ones), the restore will bring you up to the point of failure. You can then use exmerge or the built MAil Merge Wizard in Exch 2003 to add back any missing messages to the mailboxes.

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> Thanks Andy

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