

# Re: Securing Exchange Server

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In article <682CC6B3-F392-441D-A93B-2D1A07D87BFE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Tom Bombadil" <Genius\_Poster@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi John,

The only things I would add is that the server is a DC and it has a few other applications running on it. Also, I have done port forwarding in the past to FTP and VPN servers, and I always had rootkits and hacks dropped in them. I had to rebuild the VPN server a couple of times until we totally took it offline and boufght a Watchguard with VPN functionality.

Are you saying forwarding SMTP and HTTPS ports has been entirely safe in your professional experience? Am I just being paranoid about this? I can't help but feel very nervous about the idea of losing one of our 2 servers.

Thanks for your input.

Tom, I'm coming late to this discussion, but I would consider port forwarding of TCP 25 and TCP 443 to be very safe, and I would recommend it without hesitation.

Cheers,  
-Paul

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