

Exchange 2003 – Friend or Foe

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Dearest Colleagues:

I have a most perplexing dilemma before me. I currently have an Exchange 2000 server humming along rather nicely but since we have free upgrade rights through a school agreement, I was thinking of just biting the bullet and going with Exchange 2003.

I realize that the Outlook Web access of Exchange 2003 is a far cry from that found in Outlook Web access in Exchange 2000. Now, other than modifying the schema for a Windows 2003 Active Directory, are there any tricks or tips or minefields that I should be aware of. More particularly, I am going to restore our mailboxes and information stores from backup, rather, backups in the plural sense or may even follow the instructions in the following MS Knowledge Base:

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:297289>

or may even follow along with these steps in this Knowledge Base article:

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?kbid=296788>

My question is, quite simply, how much of a pain in the butt and what types of minefields can I expect when going from Exchange 2000 to Exchange 2003.

Any advice is greatly appreciated.

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