

Re: Exchange 2003 Test Recovery

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> "Jaye" <unknown@unknown.com> wrote:

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> >Hello,

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> >I would like to be able to do a test recovery of our Exchange 2003
server.

> >From what I am reading, I would need to do this in a separate network

> >because I will have to use the same names for the server and the
databases

> >on the test recovery server. The problem I have is that my tape drive
and

> >backup server cannot be moved over to the test network for this test. Is

> >there a way to get around this or do I have to have a tape device and
backup

> >software on the test network separate from our production network to
perform

> >this recovery?

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> >Are there any good backup and recovery documents out there on this?

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> >Thank you,

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> >~Jaye

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> >Yes.

> >On your DR Exchange server install it with a basic copy of Windows at
> the same service pack level as the live one and in the same directory.

> >Call it anything you want and put it on the mail LAN with a DHCP
> address. Do a one off backup but rather than to tape, backup to a file
> on the local machine. Then copy that file to the DR Exchange box..

> >Take that DR box off the production network and proceed to the DR
> test.

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> >So you can validate the status of your tapes you can use the Recovery
> Storage Group and restore the stores to the RSG on the production

- > *system.*
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- > *It's becoming more and more common for people to backup to file and*
- > *then back the file up to tape. Doing a restore on a system that hasn't*
- > *melted or been stolen is a lot quicker since the tapes don't have to*
- > *come back from the data wharehouse.*
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