

Re: desired configuration

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"RP" <rp@nospam.com> wrote:

>Hi all, firstly let me see that I am newbie when it comes to Exchange and
>Outlook. Here is my current email setup:–
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>1. Mdaemon Email server running pop/smtp/http services hosted at data
>center.
>2. 3 office locations in different cities with broadband access in workgroup
>environment.
>3. Several home offices with broadband access.
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>Everything is working fine if the current environment. We are in the process
>of moving the main location to a new office building and are exploring
>setting up an SBS2003 environment at that main location. Here are some of my
>questions:
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>1. In spite of reading everywhere that it is recommended to use the Internet
>Email features of Exchange I am still reserved about setting it up that way.
>Here are my reasons in order of importance:
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> a. Internet Connection not reliable. We have cable modem service at the
>main location where we propose to install the SBS2003. In spite of having
>static ip service the service is notorious for going down. I would not want
>our main email service to be down when this happens.

Cable modem service should be fine. If it's not, then no amount of work you do on your systems or with your service will help. My cable modem hasn't noticeably gone down in longer than I care to remember.

> b. No doubt we can get reliable internet connectivity, but cost is the
>limiting factor at this time.

No, the comedians that seem to run your telco/isp seem to be the limiting factor.

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- > c. *We are relatively happy with the features of Mdaemon. Multiple domains easy setup, content/spam filtering, mail forwarding, auto replies at the server level etc. etc.*
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- >2. *So keeping #1 in mind above, I would still like the main location users to share calendars, contacts, address lists, tasks etc.*
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- >3. *I have tried the POP3 connector that comes with SBS2003, but the poll interval is too long. 15 mins. Plus if I turn that on, users would need to start connecting to the SBS server either using OUtlook or over http via OWA. Again connectivity concern there.*

You have a static IP address. Change the DNS so that your server takes delivery of all mail directly and don't use the POP3 connector.

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- >4. *The way I see it, I would simply have the users at the main location setup another Exchange account in Outlook and have the use it in conjunction with the POP3 account. But everywhere I read no one recommends this setup saying there are issues.*

Do like I said in 3.

Set accounts on SBS for all the users.

Use OWA or POP or IMAP to collect the mail.

For offices that are remote and can be connected via, say an Internet based VPN use Outlook 2003 and RPC over HTTPS.

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;833401>

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- > *Considering I want to do #4 above a). will it work? b). What is the best way to set it up?*
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- >i. *Have them create a new mail profile*
- >ii. *Add the exchange account to the new profile.*
- >iii. *Add the pop3 account and have it deliver email to which folders? The exchange mailbox? A seperate .pst file?*
- >iv. *Set this new profile as the default profile.*
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- > *Any help and guidance would be greatly appreciated.*
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- > *Much thanks in advance.*
- > *Confucious.*
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