

Re: Exchange 5.5 to 2003 in a different domain

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Yes taking Domain A to Native Mode, installing Exchange to this Domain and hosting all your distribution groups in Domain A as Universal Distribution/Security Groups should work. If you have DLs in Domain B Exchange recommends they be Universal Distribution Groups until it is switched to native mode.

I know of no ill effects of taking Domain A to native mode and leaving Domain B mixed mode. So you should be safe to make this switch of Domain A to Native Mode.

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>> The recommendation is that you have 1 Windows Native Mode domain
>> somewhere
>> in your forest. This is to avoid certain issues that arise from Group
>> membership. Exchange 2003 can be installed into a domain which is not
>> Native Mode, there may be some issues with Windows Groups though.
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>> The best case for you would probably to take Domain A to native mode, and
>> install Exchange 2003 in this domain to join the 5.5 server in Domain B.
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>> Staying in Interim mode you should look into these KB for public folders:
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>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;328880&Product=exch2003>
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>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;274046&Product=exch2003>
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>> All of your Distribution list should remain as Universal Distribution
> lists
>> until you have a Windows Native Mode domain to use for Universal Security
>> Groups.
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> Thank you for the quick response.
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> There are no added public folders in this organization so I assume those
> KB

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> articles won't apply. As for Distribution lists, if I get Domain "A" to
> Native Mode and install Exchange 2003 to "A", I shouldn't have those
> problems either (??)
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> Finally - just so I understand... I can safely change the functional level
> of my Domain "A" to Native Mode without affecting Domain "B" (ie: Domain
> "B"
> stays in Interim Mode)? That is the option I'd like to take since pulling
> the last BDC from Domain "A" will be simple.
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> --Dave
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