

Re: Average Installation Time for Exchange Server

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Most of the systems that I've built for clients are about 8-12 hours of work, start-to-finish, and usually includes:

- Racking hardware
- Ensuring network connectivity
- Configuring hardware / disk arrays
- Installing OS and system management tools
- Updating with service packs / patches
- Forestprep/domainprep
- Installing Exchange and service packs / patches
- Configuring Storage Groups / mail stores (if EE)
- Configuring SMTP connector(s)
- Configuring IIS for OWA password change
- Installing and updating antivirus / antispyware software
- Installing necessary backup agents and testing
- Creating mailboxes
- Testing mail send/receive internally and externally through mail clients and OWA
- Boilerplate documentation with client's variables plugged in
- Installing management tools on administrator's workstation
- Client training on how to add/remove/disable mailboxes

Every now and then you run into problems which can drag it out for a day or two, but I've never had a simple installation last more than 3 days. If it's a migration, it really depends on the complexity of the environment, how many systems are interconnected, if the consultant is going to be responsible for mail client deployment, etc. Additionally, security, advanced firewall configuration in perimeter/dmz environments or other services that they are providing may increase the deployment timeline. I would be sure to ask for a detailed SOW.

Aaron

"connie" <connie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:7A58A67E-AE5E-4AE9-8CCB-64728EF32E0D@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
> Brian: Thanks for the info. Our tech people are charging us for 160 hours
> install time and they have yet to install all software for remote access.
> What do you think an average time to install including prep and domain

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> prep
> would be?
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> Connie
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> "Brian Desmond [MVP]" wrote:
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>> Clients is irrelevant. Forestprep and domainprep aside it takes about 10
>> minutes. Say another 10 for reboots and creating your 30 mailboxes.
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>> Thanks,
>> Brian Desmond
>> Windows Server MVP
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>> www.briandesmond.com
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>> "Connie" <Connie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>> news:1E7EDF58-AF63-4FF6-8BCE-0A0F58975249@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>> > Can someone please tell me the average install time for Microsoft
>> > Exchange
>> > Server 2003 with 30 clients?
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• **References:**

- ◆ **[Average Installation Time for Exchange Server](#)**
 ◇ From: Connie
- ◆ **[Re: Average Installation Time for Exchange Server](#)**
 ◇ From: Brian Desmond [MVP]
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