

## Re: Migration/Upgrade Question

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Wait. You say 'there are 2 servers with AD'..... do you mean you have 2 domain controllers?

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> We have an existing Exchange 2000 server, running Windows 2000, in a  
> Windows  
> 2000 Active Directory Domain.

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> The server was built with a poor RAID configuration. We are going to  
> rebuild the RAID Array. At the same time we want to upgrade the OS and  
> Exchange to 2003.

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> Currently there are two servers with AD, the Exchange Server and another  
> server (Call it "ADServer"). The ADServer has all the FSMO roles so it's  
> basically the primary.

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> Here's my thought process and any input or suggestions are welcome.

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> We will keep the server name the same (Call it "ExchSrvr") so we don't  
> have  
> to change all the clients configuration, and Active Directory should be  
> OK.

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> Steps we plan to take:

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> 1. Backup Exchange to tape/file and offline backup.

> 1. Run DCPromo and remove Active Directory.

> 2. Rebuild the Raid Array

> 3. Install Windows 2000 and Active Directory on "ExchSrvr". Transfer the  
> FSMO roles to "ExchSrvr".

> 4. Remove AD from "ADServer" (The "ADServer" is being removed from the  
> environment.)

> 5. Install Exchange 2000 on "ExchSrvr" and restore the information stores.

> 6. Upgrade the OS and AD to Windows 2003 on "ExchSrvr"

> 7. Upgrade Exchange on "ExchSrvr" to Exchange 2003.

> *8. Test, Test, Test*

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> *Is this the correct approach to take, is there any gotcha's to watch out  
> for, is anything missing or is there a better approach.*

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> *Thanks in advance,*

> *Treve*

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