

Properly configuring SMTP Service

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Hello,

I am a newbie with respect to how mail servers work, so go easy on me here!

I am using the built-in SMTP Service (in IIS) that comes with Windows Server 2003 on a computer in my home. I do NOT have MS Exchange or any other mail server software installed. I have been using the SMTP service successfully in conjunction with the POP3 service for quite some time, but apparently I have had "Anonymous" authentication enabled, as turning it off seems to prevent anyone from sending me email. This surprises me, since I thought authentication was only necessary when connecting to the server to send outgoing mail.

Since I have my own server, I decided to offer email service to my elderly grandfather, who is having more and more trouble with his computer, especially when trying to use MSN mail. It was while attempting to set up his account that I realized Anonymous access was turned on.

What I would like is to have the ability to send/receive mail not only while here at home, but also when I am away from home outside of my internal network (which is the same as what I need to give my grandfather access to my email server). Obviously, my server must allow other external mail servers to transmit incoming mail so that I can receive it, yet I do not want to open up access such that my server could be used as a relay for spammers, or for any other malicious intent.

Is it possible to do what I want with the built-in SMTP service? If not, what is the most economical way to get what I want? I surely do not want to use MS Exchange for what I perceive to be a small, and fairly simple configuration.

If it makes any difference at all, every mail client that will be connecting to my server will either be Outlook Express (version 5 or 6), or MS Outlook.

Thanks,

– Dennis

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