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In news:BA671CA4-9111-429C-B92E-9BBEBBFF3773@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, nesdog <nesdog@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> stated, which I commented on below:

(I apologize if this is a double post...IE crashed when I pressed Post last time and I don't know if this made it in.)

In a nutshell, I'm changing the IP address of our mail server. Our internal DNS shows an mx record that shows the current IP address. Our Outlook clients are set to smtp.xxx.org rather than the IP address but I don't know how I set this up before to resolve the name. There is no listing within DNS to smtp.xxx.org.

So, does having smtp as a prefix automatically mean the client should search out the mx record? Or do I need to create an alias? Or something else?

(sorry again if this is a double...)

Sheldon

Actually I just wanted to point out that internally, no MX record is required. The MX record is just for other mail servers on the internet to find the mail servers of recipient addresses.

Unless of course, the internal DNS is also hosting public records and is registered as a nameserver of such. But if this is an AD environment, I would not be mixing internal private and public data under the same zone.

Also, it would help to better understand where the mail server is that you are using for your users, whether it's an internal mail server (such as Exchange) where the clients are Outlook MAPI clients, or is it ISP hosted (externally somewhere else) and the clients are setup for POP3 or IMAP4.

But whether internal or external, no MX record is required for client machines. Of course if POP or IMAP, and the server is external, they would

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just require either the IP address or the FQDN of the receiving and sending mail server.

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"Very funny Scotty. Now, beam down my clothes."

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