

Re: 2000 Server and XP Home

NTFS of course) for the users to store their files in? As for the lack of funding to do Exchange... I'm not willing to recommend software that I have not tried but I've heard tell of some alternatives to using Exchange for the sharing of contact, schedules, calendars, etc... I'd recommend that you take that specific question to an Office group because they're the ones "in the know."

Anyhow, this is the link that I saw in there:

<http://www.slipstick.com/outlook/share.htm>

I'm not able to recommend any of those solutions as I've never used them though the site is highly recommended.

You've got a router, that is good so that you needn't worry about trying to configure internet sharing. Unfortunately, because you're going to have some problems with a domain and using XP Home Edition (again as far as I understand) as it's not designed to do so, you'll need to address security on the desktop itself. Freeware solutions abound... Most of which aren't free for businesses BUT you will find are likely to have a link to apply for free or discounted licensing and an additional benefit is avoiding the expense of buying server-centric (that's probably not a word) software which will kill any budget you might have.

Something I like to add to these type of posts. Consider checking with either your local highschool or college. Many of them will leap at a chance to give this sort of access to a system and will do a good job as well as having an additional pool of resources that you might be able to tap into. By resources I mean all types – old unused software licenses are a possibility but more important is the human element in which you're able to capitalize on the education and experiences that they may have had that overlap the gray areas that you have. What you know they may not and what you do not know... That sort of thing... I know the two high schools nearest me and the comp. sci. department at the university nearest me are generally willing to get involved for the teaching experience and the hand-on benefits that this gives their students. Some times you'll even be lucky enough to find a young IT person who's willing to consult or even get dirty in the trenches for absolutely nothing just to learn, practice, or because the cause is something they care about so don't be afraid to reach into your personal network.

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<http://dts-1.org/>

"A man should keep his little brain attic stocked with all the furniture that he is likely to use, and the rest he can put away in the lumber-room of his library where he can get it if he wants it."

Sherlock Holmes

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