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Hello Tina,

Good to hear from you.

According to the message, I understand that you want to migrate to Exchange2k3 environment and upgrade the existing win2k DCs to win2k3. Is this correct?

Please understand that this newsgroup mainly focus on the migration of the Windows part. As for the Exchange part, I would like to suggest that you post in the microsoft.public.exchange.setup newsgroup since they are the experts in Exchange and will provide the most accurate information on this issue.

As for the Windows part, since you want to in-place upgrade the existing win2k DCs, the process is as follows:

1. Perform a full backup before you take any action.
2. Run "ADPREP /FORESTPREP" and "ADPREP /DOMAINPREP" to upgrade the existing Windows 2000 forest and domain to ensure that they contain the additional objects, attributes and permissions necessary to support the Windows Server 2003 Active Directory environment.
3. Perform an in-place upgrade.

Please refer to the following article for more information.

Upgrading from Windows 2000 Server to Windows Server 2003
<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2003/evaluation/whyupgrade/win2k/w2kto ws03-2.msp>

325379 How to Upgrade Windows 2000 Domain Controllers to Windows Server 2003
<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=325379>

Upgrading Windows 2000 Domains to Windows Server 2003 Domains
<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/windowsserver2003/library/DepKi>

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In addition, I would like to suggest that you perform Exchange migration first. Please do not install Exchange2k3 on a DC, this will bring up certain issues.

The article is for your reference.

822942 Considerations When You Upgrade to Exchange Server 2003
<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=822942>

If you have further concerns regarding the Windows part, please feel free to get in touch. As for the Exchange part, please contact the experts in Exchange queue. Thanks for your understanding.

Best regards,

Frances He

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