

Remote Office Configuration Suggestions?

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I'm fairly new to SBS but am learning quickly. I've got a client who has an SBS 2003 server which is connected to the internet via a 700KB download/500KB upload connection.

The client uses large files on a daily basis (can be up to 10meg CAD files). He likes having his local team store their files on the server for redundancy and backup reasons.

However, he's opening up an office in another state and wants his employees to have access to the same files. Both offices will be connected via hardware VPN (SonicWALL TZ170).

I'm concerned about the performance of having the remote office work with the large files from the server. Even if performance is "acceptable", he's nervous about allowing his remote office to continue working on their files if the network connection goes down on either end.

Is there a good solution that will allow them to keep working in case DSL goes down? Would putting another server at the remote location be possible within the SBS framework (as a member server)? What about domain authentication in case the network goes down.

Currently, they aren't using Exchange but I have a feeling they will want to do it as time goes on. They will all need to be part of the same mail domain.

Thanks very much for any advice.
-dave

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