



Re: Critical e-mail problem.

How? Joining the domain using <http://servername/connectcomputer> ? (that's the way to do it, after creating the computer accounts on the server

, I realized what a pain it was going to be to keep up the domain maintenance,

Nah.

but more importantly, I found that I was only receiving mail from the Exchange account on the other desktop, and only when I logged on to the domain during startup, but not when I selected "Log on to This Computer."

After joining the domain using the wizard, which migrates the local user profiles to the domain user profile, you should no longer use the local login accounts. Disable them once you've tested everything.

When I send mail on that account from Outlook-Exchange, it disappears when I click on the Send button. It shows up in the Sent Items folder, but there is no Outbox folder.

Are you using Outlook 2003, and using the Folder List view in the navigation pane? Try that.

Test messages sent to the problem address are flagged by my Internet domain host as "sent to an address that does not exist."

By default, your Outlook profile will have Exchange as its default (and this is a good thing - you ought to get rid of the POP accounts in Outlook entirely)...and you'd set up Exchange to handle mail via the CEICW (even if it's just your outbound mail). Did you run the CEICW?

That terminal is running Win2KPro OS and Outlook 2003 (upgraded from Outlook 2002 by SBS).

Since I retained the problem POP3 address in Outlook on all terminals except one laptop, I am receiving some of the messages sent to it during POP3 Outlook transactions, but not all. I don't find the option of logging on to the domain during startup on the workstation (server)

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You must not log in as yourself on the server. It's a server now, not a workstation.

or the laptop (running XP Pro and its previously-installed Outlook 2003),

When you press CTRL+Alt+Del after joining the domain, you can press the little button on the right (forget what it says right now) so the Log On To field is displayed. But as mentioned, you ought to be logging into the domain.

so it's impossible to convert all addresses to Exchange,

Not sure what you mean – if you'd joined the domain with the wizard, it would have converted your mail profile along with your Windows profile – but even now, you can certainly extract your contacts from there and put them in your mailbox contacts folder.

and I'm more comfortable with POP3 for now.

You probably ought to do some reading up on this – Exchange is a much better option for most people. Even if you choose to keep your POP accounts, you ought to get them out of Outlook entirely. SBS comes with a POP connector which will help you transition to SMTP delivery, but if you don't want to go that route (or don't have your own internet domain for mail) look into POPBeamer as an option.

I have also found that almost all of my incoming e-mail messages have disappeared from our domain host's e-mail server, even though I have all of the POP3 accounts set to remain on it for 31 days if not deleted from Outlook.

Well, they're somewhere, but given the confusion of your setup above, it's hard to say where they went.

I suspect that I set up the Exchange e-mail account incorrectly,

Probably.

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but

I have not been able to determine how to undo it, and I need to uncomplicate my communications until I have studied the process further.

My questions are:

1. How do I put e-mail management back the way it was (i.e., all POP3 Outlook, and no Exchange Server accounts)?

Create new Outlook profiles for each user account and don't put Exchange in there at all.

2. Is it possible to remove the domain and operate all terminals (including the one running SBS) as workgroup members?

Not unless you get rid of SBS entirely, no.

3. If it is possible, what happens to my files and applications when I remove the domain?

It isn't possible, but if you want to revert to your previous setup, back up your files first & restore them once you've reformatted your server & reinstalled your workstation OS. Oh, and you'll want to disjoin your workstations from the domain first.

I suggest you do some reading on SBS – it's a nice little product if you set it up right, but you need to understand what it does. Heck, it may not be for you. Frankly, I would rather gnaw off my right hand than go back to POP mail—ever—but to each his own.

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