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Hi,

I have set up a SBS and its time to add users/groups.

This is the first time Ive set up something like this and I would really like to have some advice before I go beyond a point of no return.

This is what we have:

SBS 2003 R2, configured as a local domain (server.local).

Exchange Server, configured for local domain... for obvious reasons.

Sharepoint Intranet.

1* VPN Gateway (Netgear VPN), hooked up to server.

2* VPN Client switches (they are still not configured and/or in place).

BackUp

The VPN router has the external Ip, and is the "gateway" I guess.

The server is connected to the router and clients on the same office were

the server reside are connected to a switch which is connected to the router.

Server and clients have local IP's distributed by the SBS server DHCP service.

The company:

3 Offices.

About 15 users spread out over all offices.

Service office is on a highspeed 1Gb Ethernet connection.

1 office is on a 2Mb line, the other on a 8Mb line.

Current Situation:

SBS is running in the "main" office. Clients connect through it by SBS DHCP

to the internet. They are not logged into the domain yet, that is ... no

domain users are created yet.

Our e-mail and webdomain is managed by our ISP.

I think thats about sums it up.

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DOMAIN

Eventually our plan is to take control of our "real"/external domain name and add it to our SBS.

- Will this be a problem since it is already configured as a local domain?
- Is there some simple way to just add that domain to our SBS and make it work with Exchange just like that? A Wizard or something like that.

VPN

What are the alternatives for the 2 other offices to connect to our server. Our VPN router/gateway will be configured to receive connections from the other office's VPN client routers.

All offices need to be able to access Intranet, servershares and the exchange server.

- How can we connect the clients of the two "external" offices to login to the SBS server domain as domainusers?
- Will there be a severe slow-down for the external connections on 8Mb, 2Mb?
- How much data is generally sent between server and client, except for when the user specifically saves a file to the server.

"HOME" DIRECTORIES AND SYNCHRONIZING DATA

I want to have a home directory for each user. These directories are created by default when I add a user as I understand it. But they are not mapped by default to a network drive. Is this a GP setting?

- Is it possible to make for example 'H:\' to always be mapped to a users Home directory when a user is created?

When we setup user accounts many of our users have laptops. How do we make sure that the files that are saved to "My Documents" also end up in the users home directory on the server?

- Whats the best way to go; reroute the location of "My Documents" to \\server\users\username or "h:" if this is the default mapped driver – or to somehow (with the synchronizing agent maybe?) automatically synch My Documents with the users server home directory?

MISC

Id like the server to control AV and such. Is it a good idea to somehow have a AV (Avast in our case) schedule clients scans that reports back to the

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server through VPN connections (the external offices)?

I know this thread is very general and unspecific. I am working as a student consultant and I learn as I go, and my work is more oriented towards learning Microsoft Server Technology than making money. I hope no one thinks it is rude to post a unspecific thread like this, but I rather ask than make a mistake – and books only takes me so far and are extremely unspecific and not very helpful. I will be very grateful for any kind of feedback that could help me! If you have read a good book or article that you think will help me, please share it with me.

Regards,

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