

CEICW settings for static IP – need advice

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Running SBS 2003 Premium SP2 with 2 NIC's, ISA 2004, WSUS 3.0, Exchange, SQL, T1 connection.

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For several years I've used the Custom DNS service at dyndns.org and have been quite satisfied. However, I recently upgraded to T1 with 5 static IP's. Our website is hosted by Network Solutions.

I recently went through a (very stressful) server rebuild that lasted 3 weeks (!). Had to mostly start over from scratch. One of the good things that came of it is that it forced me to review every setting and every process I do on the server while I bring it back to it's former capability.

We've had some problems with email, just minor, and while I dug into the CEICW (and reviewed the posts at <https://msmvps.com/blogs/bradley/archive/2004/09/03/12962.aspx> and <http://www.sbs-rocks.com/sbs2k3/sbs2k3-n2.htm>), I got to wondering about the entry for the domain server and mail server. I've used "whoopingcrane.org" and "mail.whoopingcrane.org", but the more I look at "mail.whoopingcrane.org" the more I wonder about it. Is it something I need to "spell out"? Is it just used in the MX record? I'm really not sure; a vendor set our SBS up for us 4 years ago and since then we've gone from dial-up ISP to satellite ISP to landline/T1 ISP and I don't remember why "mail" was used. Never thought to question it. Could someone point me to a resource, or provide advice on what is common for a small org with a static IP on a T1 to do in the CEICW settings?

On a related note, I started with dyndns.org for the DDNS service. Now that we have a static IP, should I scale back what I have? What do others recommend? (For those who use dyndns.org and also have a static IP.)

Many thanks in advance!
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