

# Upgrade Requirements for Exchange 5.5 Sites

Before you upgrade from an Exchange 5.5 site, ask yourself the following questions:

- Does your organization currently use Active Directory? If not, consider planning and implementing it.
- Are your Exchange 5.5 server backups current and error-free?
- Have you selected an upgrade method? Will you be running Exchange 5.5 and 2003 side by side? Are you familiar with how the Active Directory connector works?
- Will you be upgrading to Outlook 2003? Have you read through the Outlook deployment guide? Do you have an upgrade strategy in place for the client software?
- Do you have a deployment plan for the upgrade? Does the plan have contingencies for failure?
- Is the target Exchange 2003 server part of a network with Domain Name System (DNS) and Windows Internet Naming Service (WINS) installed and configured?
- Do your domain controller, catalog servers, and Active Directory run on Windows 2000 Server SP3 or Windows Server 2003?
- Do you have a server that has at least an Intel Pentium 133MHz or greater processor, with 256MB of RAM, 500MB of disk space, and 200MB available on the system drive?

- Are the drives in the server formatted using the NT File System (NTFS), as opposed to the file allocation table (FAT) file system?
- Is the server operating system either Windows 2000 Server SP3+ or Windows Server 2003?
- Have the following components been installed and configured?

Internet Information Services (IIS)

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World Wide Web Publishing Service

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Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) service

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Network News Transfer Protocol (NNTP) service

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NET Framework

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ASP.NET

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When you are sure that you have met all these requirements, you can start to plan and implement your upgrade from Exchange 5.5 to Exchange 2003.



#### **WEB RESOURCE**

For information on upgrading from Exchange 5.5, go to the Delta Guide series Web site at <http://www.deltaguideseries.com> and enter article ID A030301.

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