

# Exchange Server Deployment From Horizons Consulting

At **Horizons Consulting**, we focus on enabling companies to quickly and more easily install and configure Microsoft Exchange Server, the industry's leading server for e-mail, calendaring and unified messaging. We offer comprehensive design, deployment and support for Exchange and Active Directory messaging solutions, server configuration and installation, migration services, system health analysis and expert troubleshooting assistance.

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**Exchange Server 2007**

Horizons provides deep technical expertise in:

- ▶ High availability
- ▶ Client access
- ▶ Unified messaging

- ▶ Mailbox server sizing and performance
- ▶ Anti-spam, anti-virus
- ▶ Hub transport and SMTP routing

- ▶ Edge transport
- ▶ Migration and upgrades
- ▶ Hardware – SAN
- ▶ Operating systems

- ▶ Active Directory
- ▶ DNS and DHCP
- ▶ Network infrastructure

## CASE STUDY

### Blue Cross Migrates to Healthy Exchange

**B**lue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City had used an aging Novell GroupWise messaging system, which suffered frequent outages, did not support mobile users, nor keep up with corporate growth. "GroupWise was down a couple of times every week" says Linda Jewett, Blue Cross Senior Project Manager.

Although Blue Cross has a highly trained internal IT staff, the company contacted Horizons Consulting,

with expert knowledge of Microsoft's technologies, to augment their own technical capabilities.

Beginning with system health checks and analysis, Horizons proposed migrating to Microsoft Exchange as a dramatically more reliable and scalable technology, as well as one that enables mobile user access.

Together, Blue Cross and Horizons defined an IT architecture, developed a migration plan and deployment



schedule, checking all the details in advance. The design included additional servers to support data backups and disaster recovery, and a Rapid Response Team also was created to ensure success.

The 500-gigabyte migration from GroupWise included more than 1,000 employee

accounts, passwords, mailboxes, folders, calendars and tasks, and it was completed in just one weekend!

"With Exchange, outages were immediately reduced 55% and continued to decline," Jewett said. "In recent months there have been no Exchange outages at all!"

### Microsoft Products Used

Active Directory  
Windows 2003  
Exchange 2003  
Windows Mobile  
Best Practice Analyzer  
Office Suite

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### Quick Facts

**Horizons Consulting** specializes in messaging and collaboration systems, migration planning, infrastructure consulting and architecture design. Customers rely on Horizons especially for:

Rapid Deployment	High Availability
Complex Design Environments	Disaster Recovery
Server Consolidation	Operation
Upgrades	Compliance

A team of highly experienced Exchange-focused systems engineers, including two with Microsoft's highest certification: Exchange Architect  
Experts in Lotus Notes, Novell GroupWise and merger migrations

Installations in over 70 cities and 25 countries  
Early adopters of Exchange 2007  
Have migrated hundreds of thousands of mailboxes over the past 12 years

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