Documentation for

# **EXCHANGE TROUBLESHOOTING**

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# **Executive Summary**

Lab 0: Lab Prep

LAB 1: Understanding the components of the Exchange Database.

Database Files
Transaction Logs

How Transaction Logs Grow.

How Transaction Logs are Cleared

Backup Exchange with Native Tools Backup with File Level Backup

LAB 2: Exchange Recovery

Specific Item
Entire Mailbox
Entire Database

Talk about entire server

LAB 3: Exchange Best Practice Analyzer

Lab 4: Troubleshooting

Mail Delivery Checking Queues

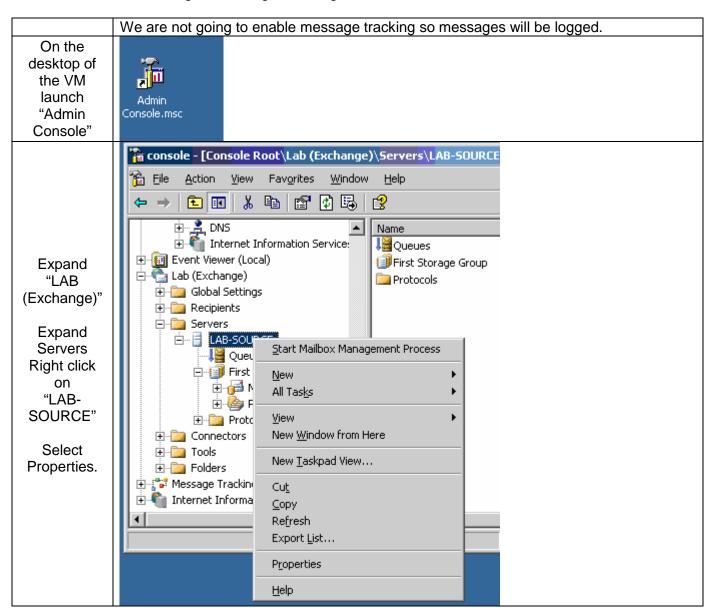
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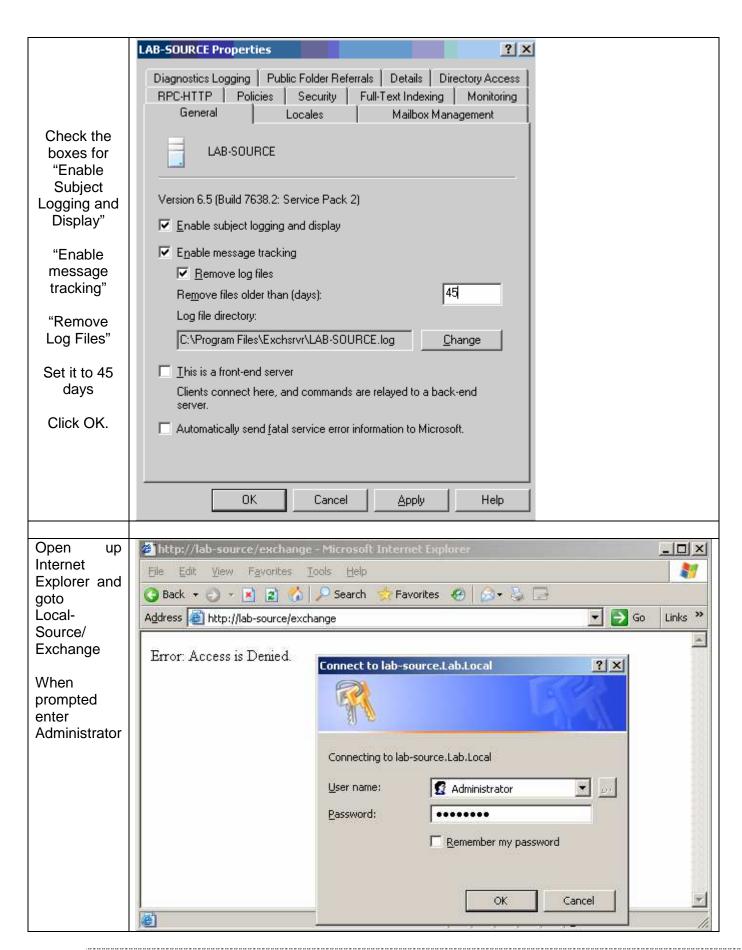
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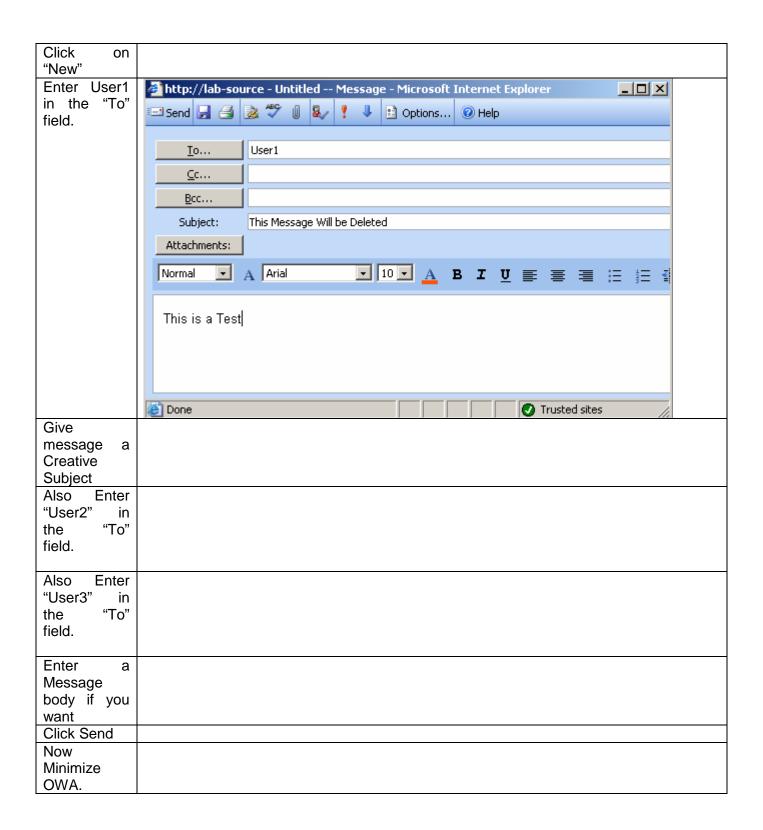
### LAB 0.

In this lab we are going to send an email using Outlook Web Access. This email will be restored later.

We will also configure Message Tracking for use later.

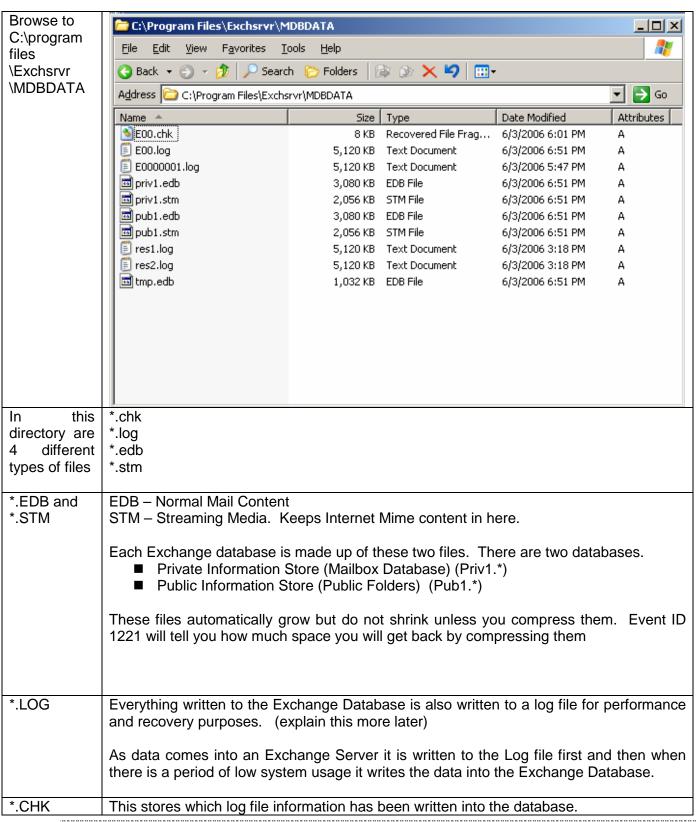


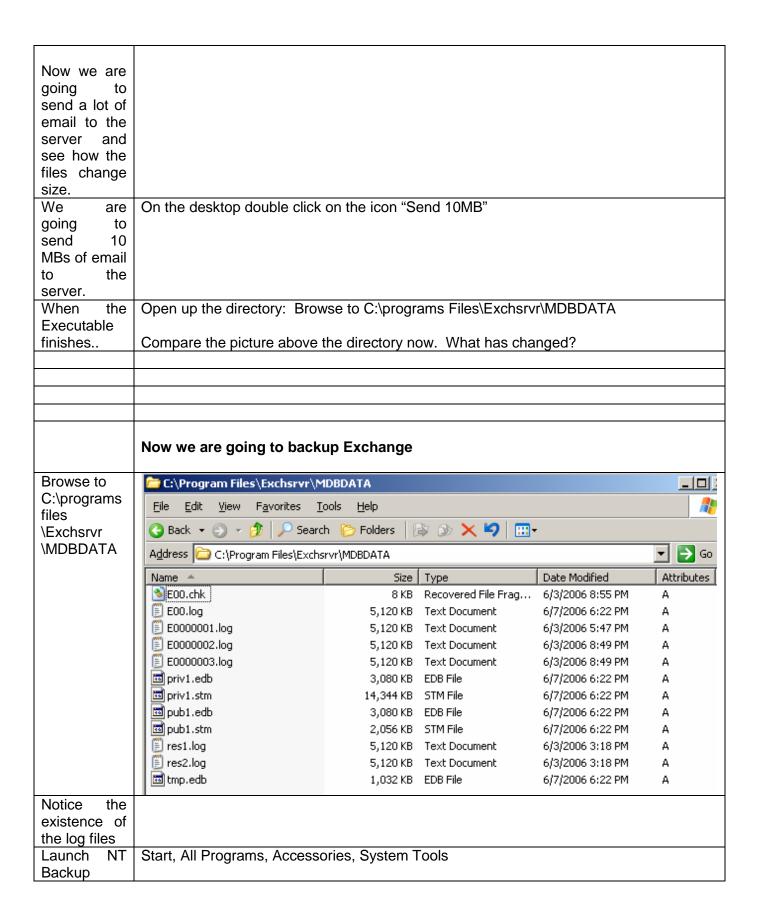




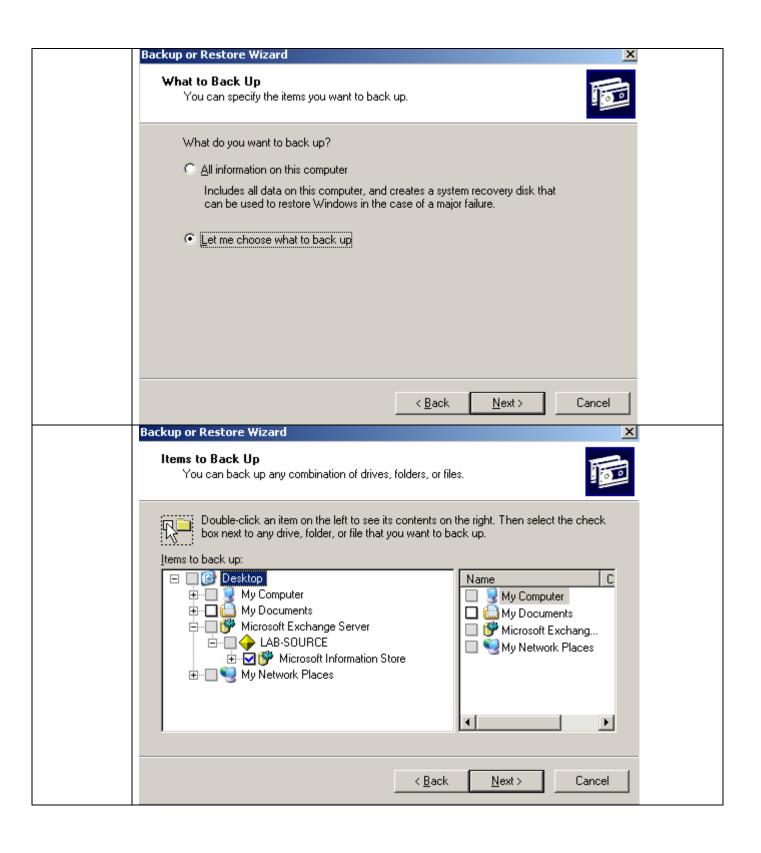
# LAB 1. Components of Exchange

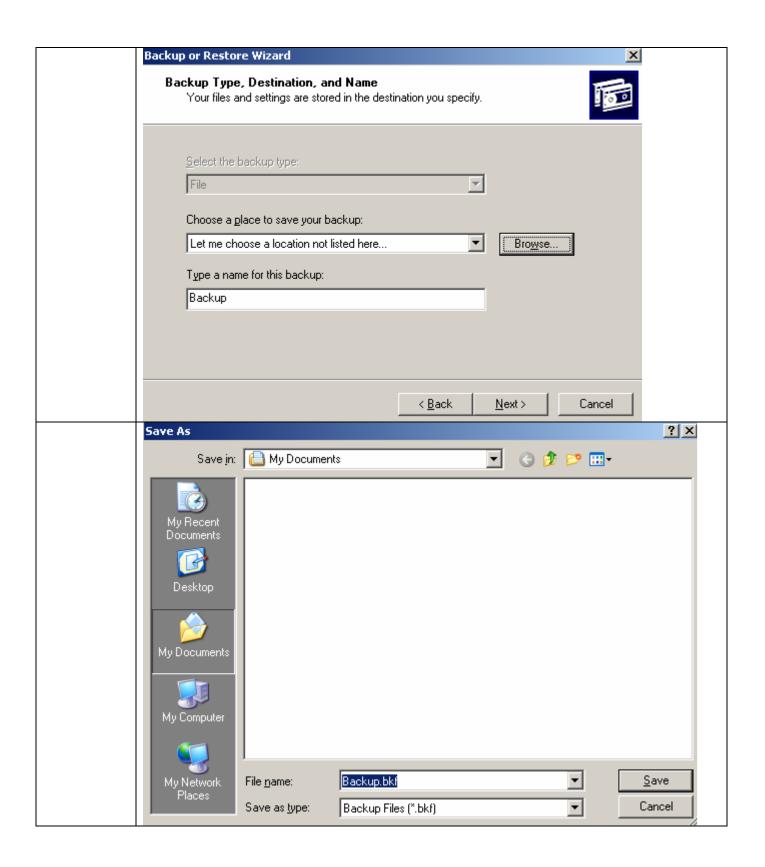
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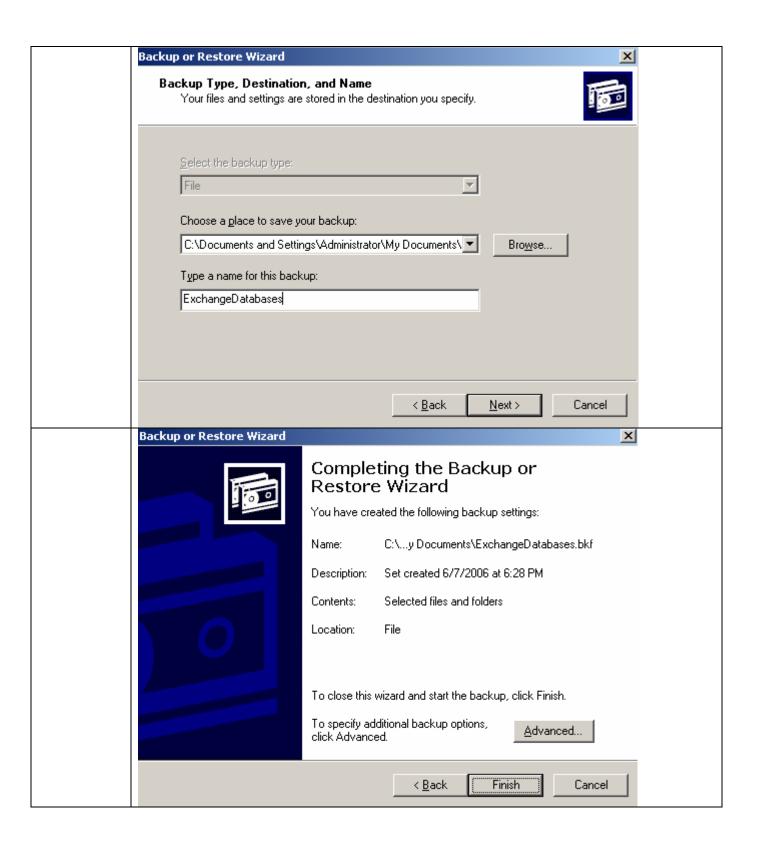


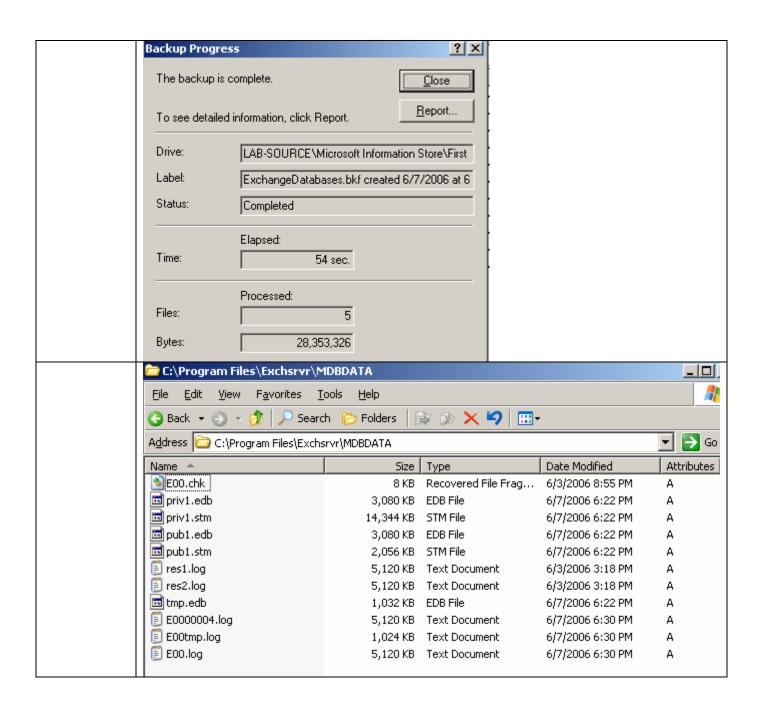












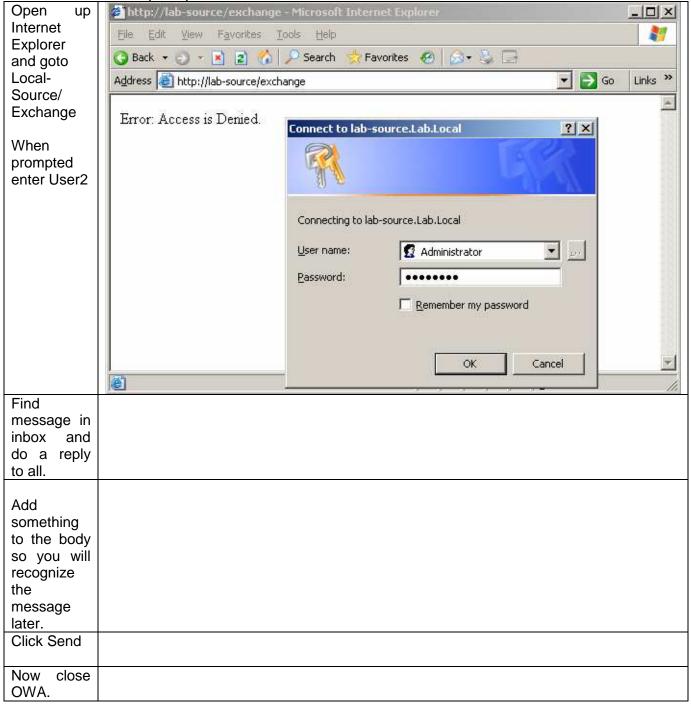
# LAB 2. Restoring Exchange

Now we Are Going to Restore All of Exchange database.

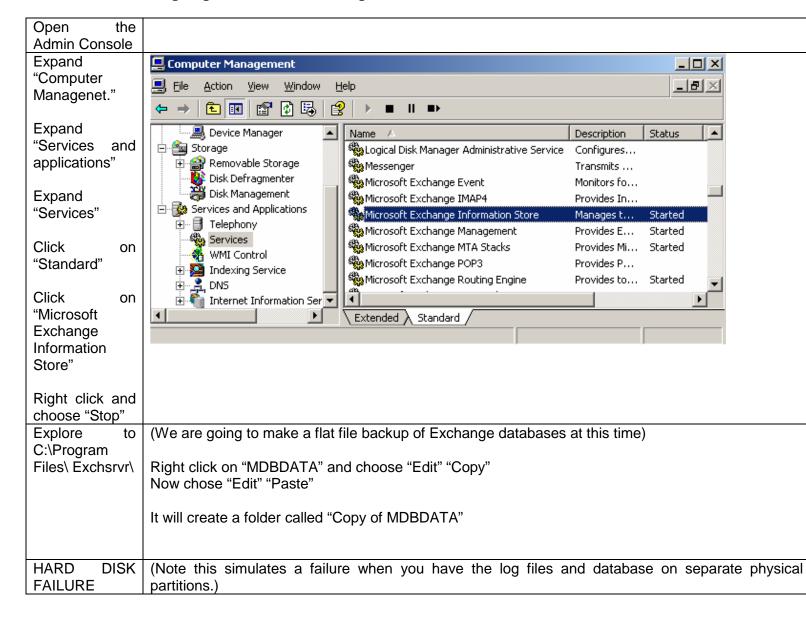
In this section we are going to create an email and send it to one of the users.

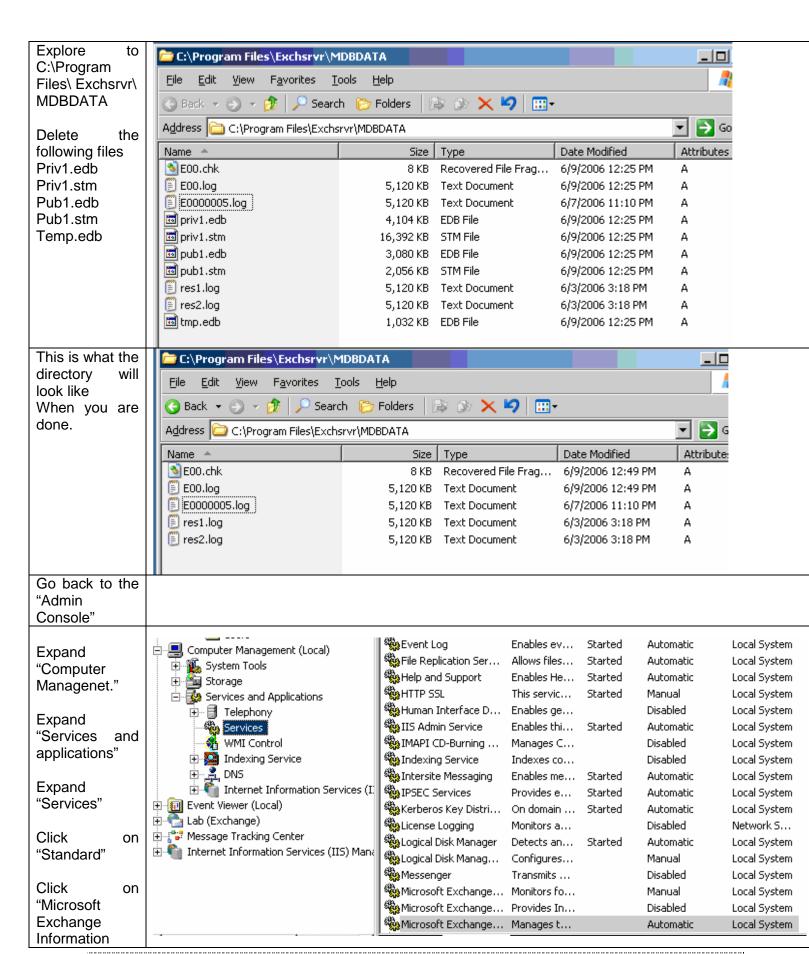
We are going to simulate an emergency by deleting the databases but not the log files. (It is assumed you keep the log files on a different Physical Partition.)

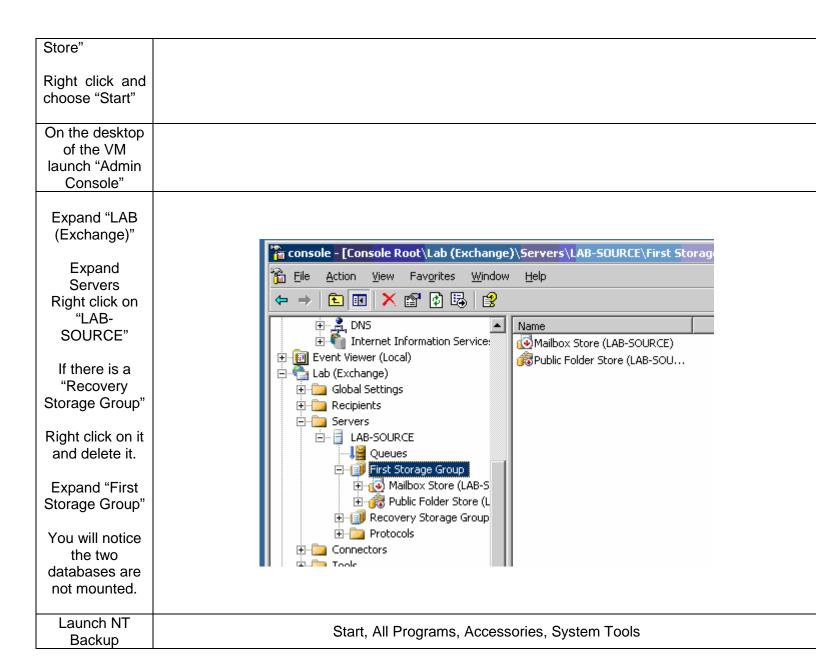
The we will open up a users mailbox and see the mail is still there.

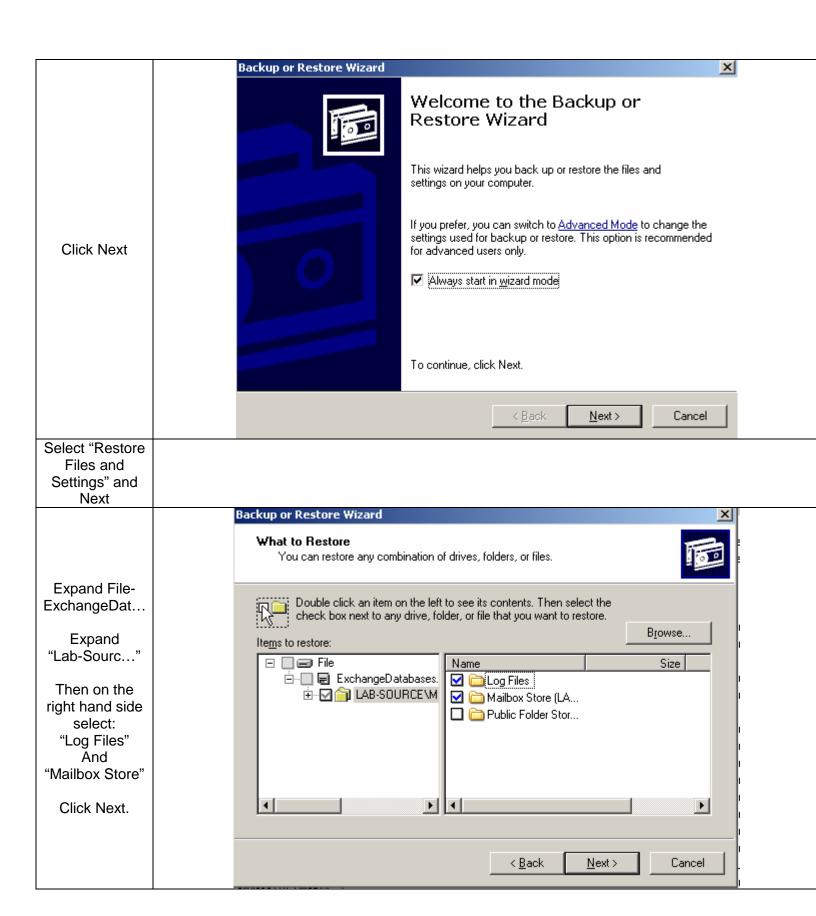


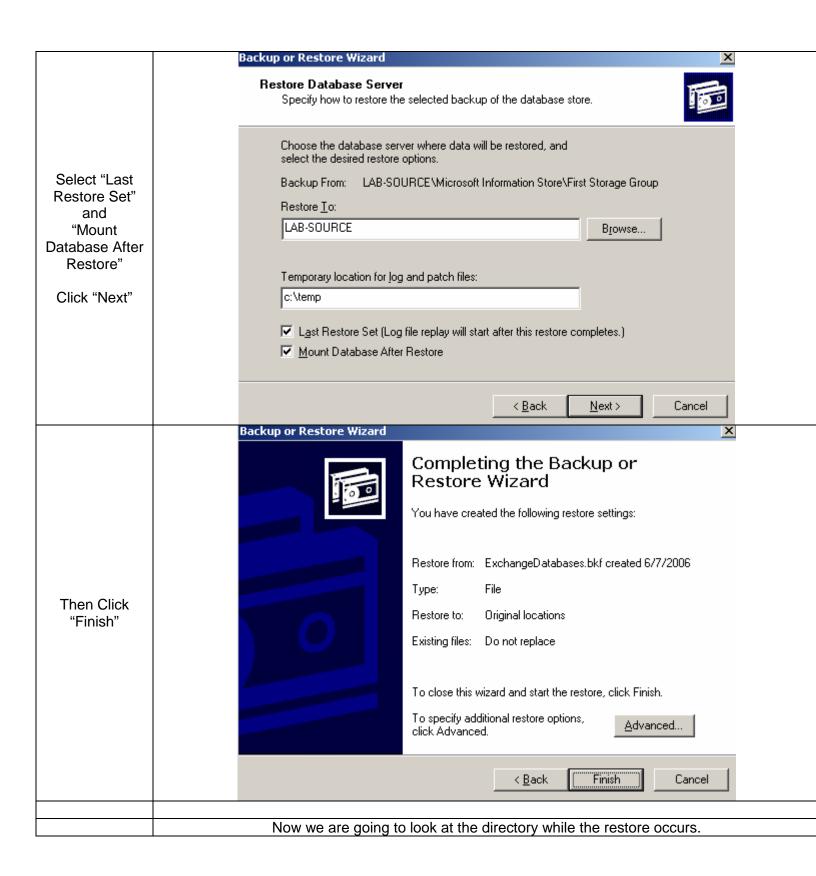
#### Now we are going to delete the Exchange Databases.

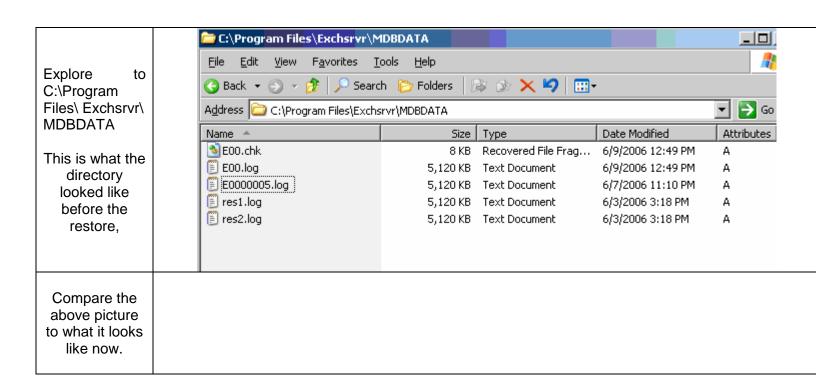








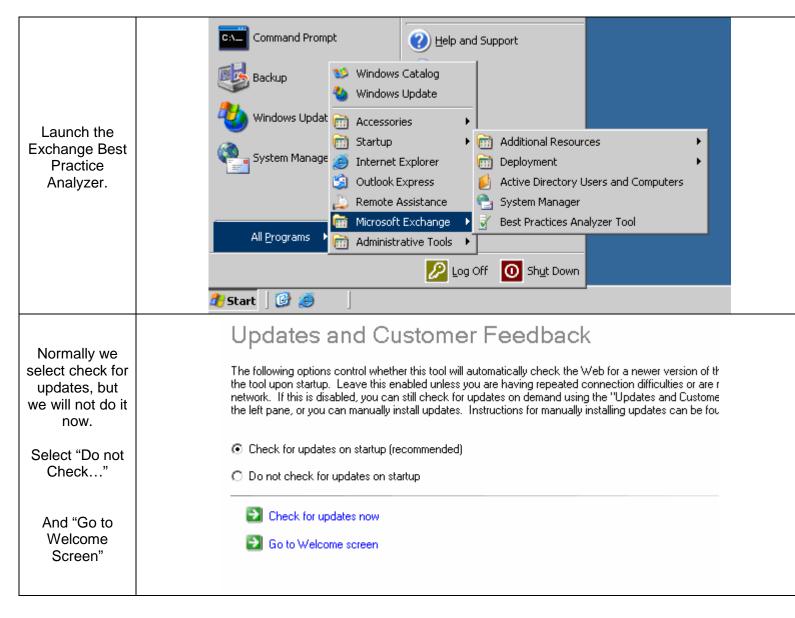




# LAB 3: Exchange Best Practice Analyzer

In this lab we will use the Exchange Best practice analyzer to look at the Exchange environment and look for problems.

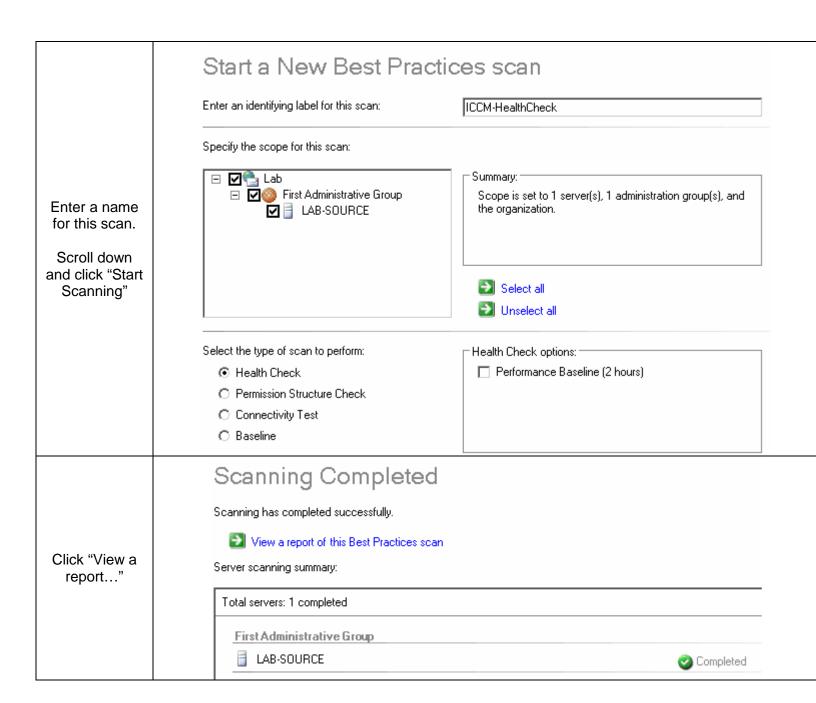
I am going to assume you can download it from Microsoft's site and install it.

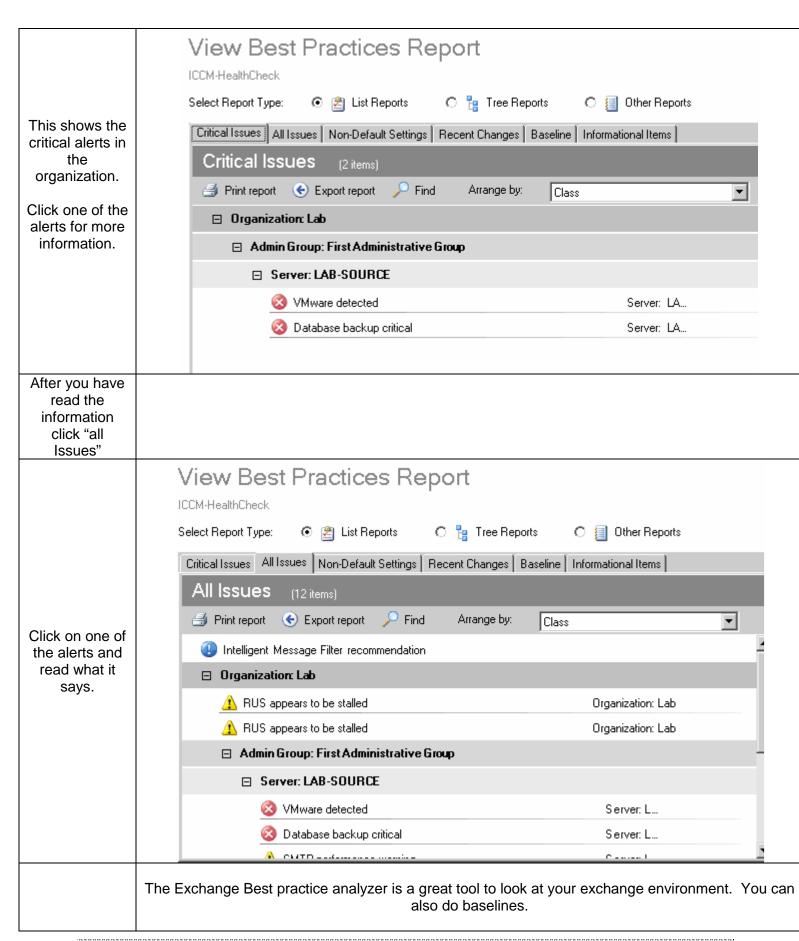


### Welcome to the Exchange Server Best Practices Analyzer This tool will examine a single Exchange server, all servers in an Administration Group, or all servers in a deployment. Configuration information will then be gathered and examined from several sources (for example, Active Directory, WI registry, and the metabase) and verified for correctness. Click "Select Options for a When the gathering and analysis process is complete, a list of issues will be presented, arranged by severity. For eac new scan" the tool provides descriptions of what the problem is and how it can be fixed. You can either begin a new scan at this point or examine a report of a scan already run. Select options for a new scan. Select a Best Practices scan to view. Connect to Active Directory The Exchange Server Best Practices Analyzer must have read access to Active Directory. By default the tool will use the currently logged-on account, and will automatically find and connect to a suitable global catalog server. The account tha you are logged on with will also need administrator or equivalent access to each Exchange server. If you are running the Exchange Server Best Practices Analyzer in a different domain or want to specify a different global Select catalog server for the tool to connect to, enter the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) of the global catalog server here: "Connect to the active ..." Active Directory Server: LAB-SOURCE To run the Exchange Server Best Practices Analyzer under different accounts, click "Show advanced login options."

Show advanced login options

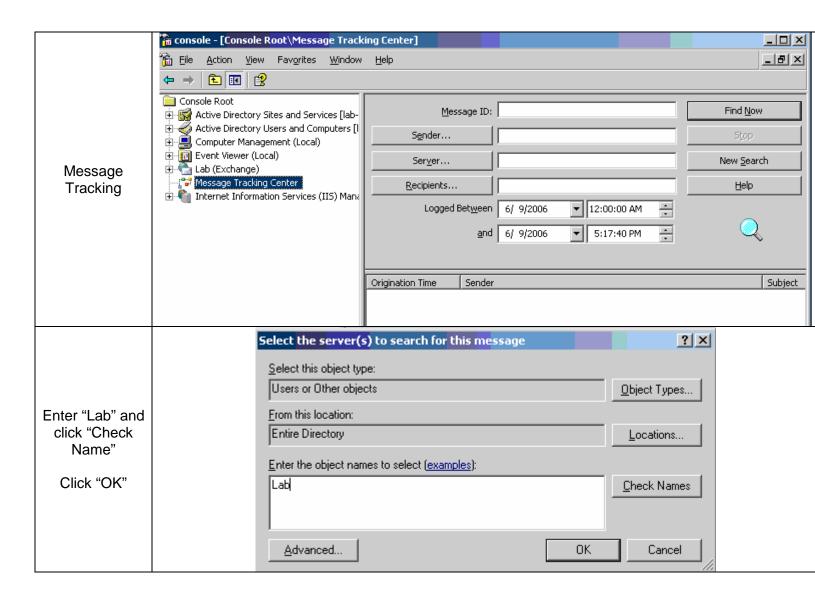
Connect to the Active Directory server

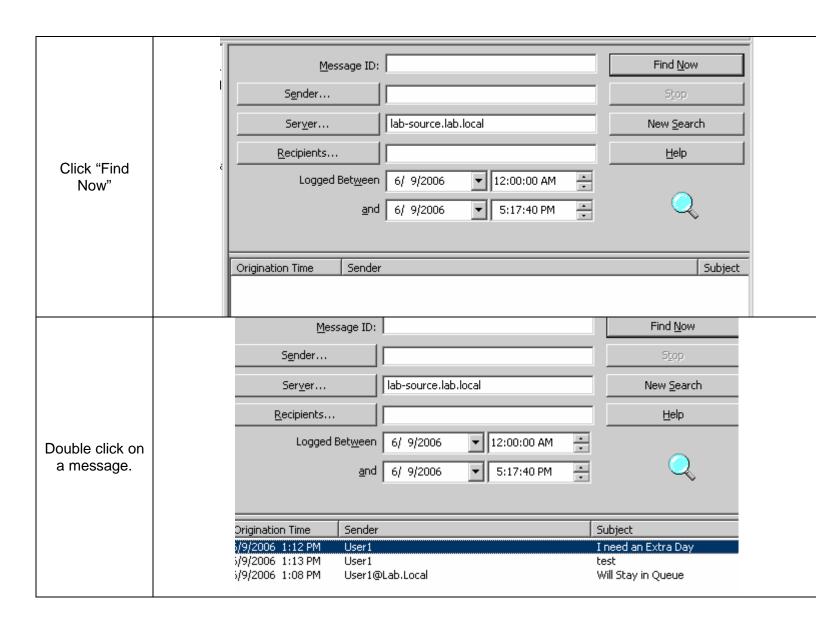




# LAB 4: Troubleshooting

In this lab we will use the Message Tracking to follow messages to see where they pass through the system.





SMTP Protocol Log.

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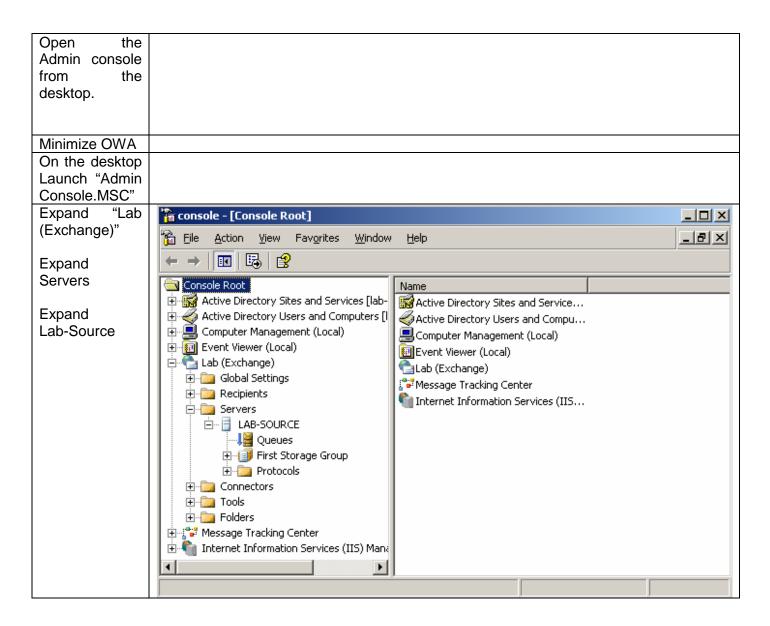
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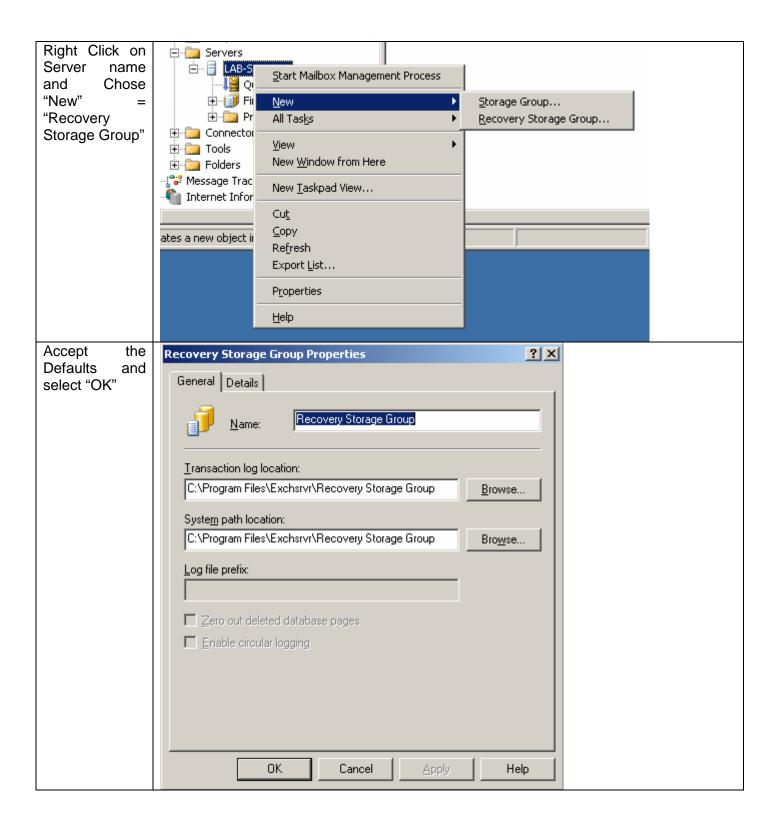
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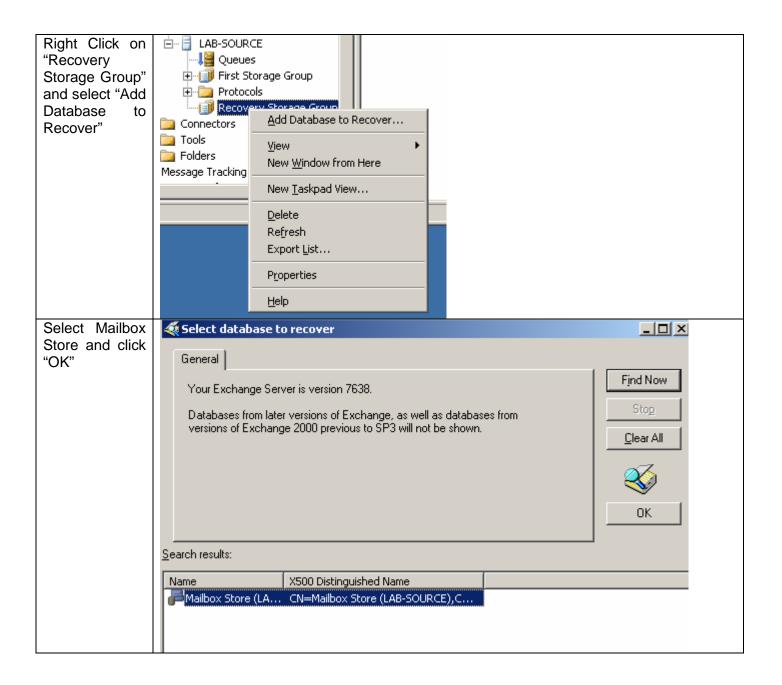
#### **Extra Items**

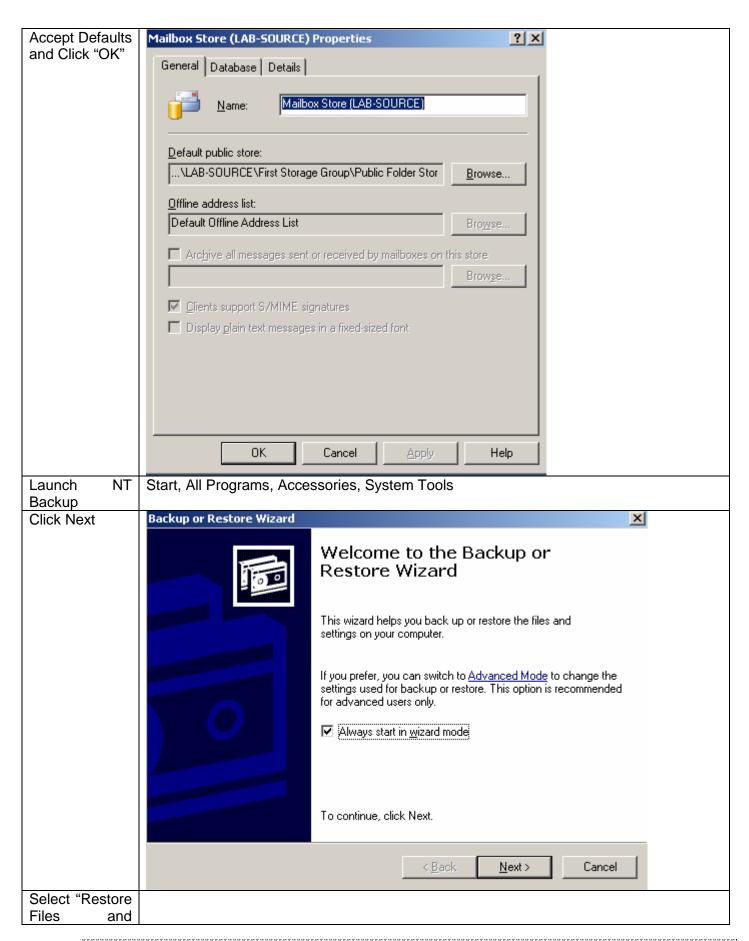
Section 1 Using Recovery Storage Groups to recover an individual message. (Warning the restrictions for this are very specific.)

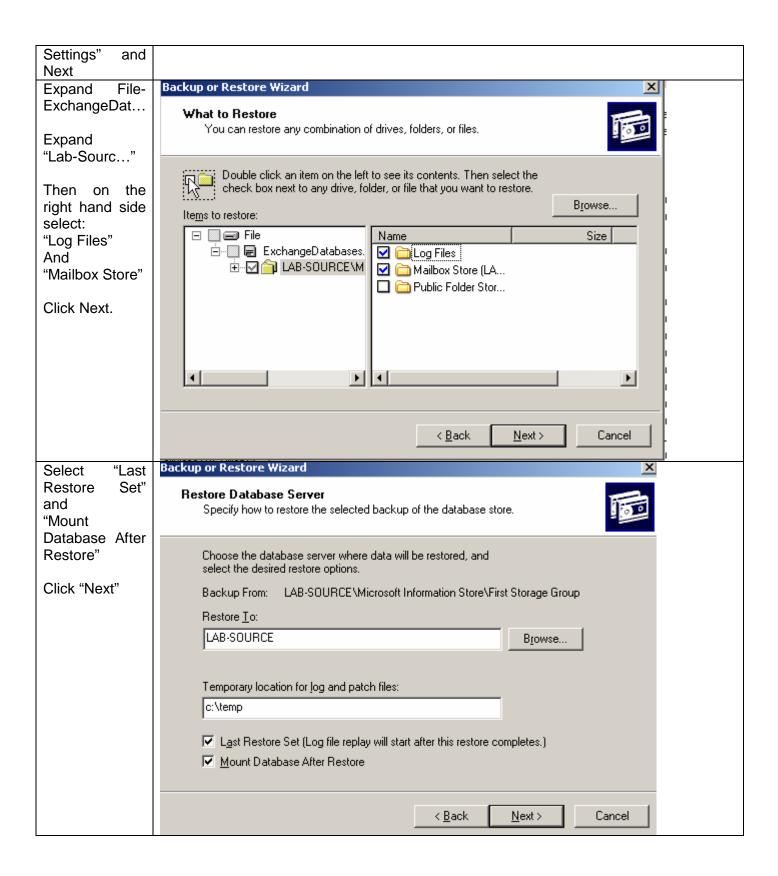
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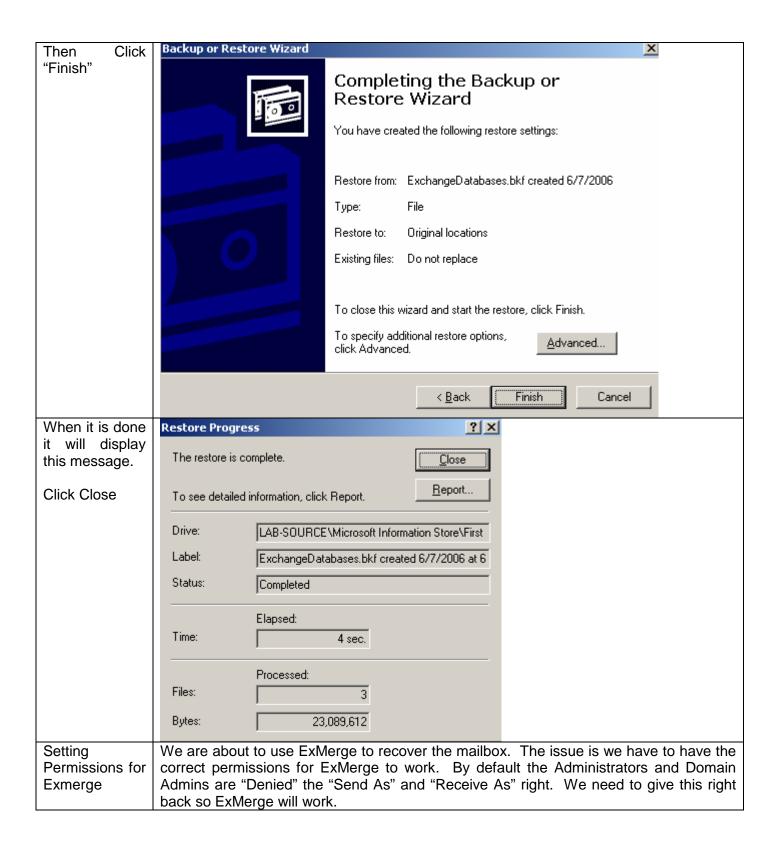


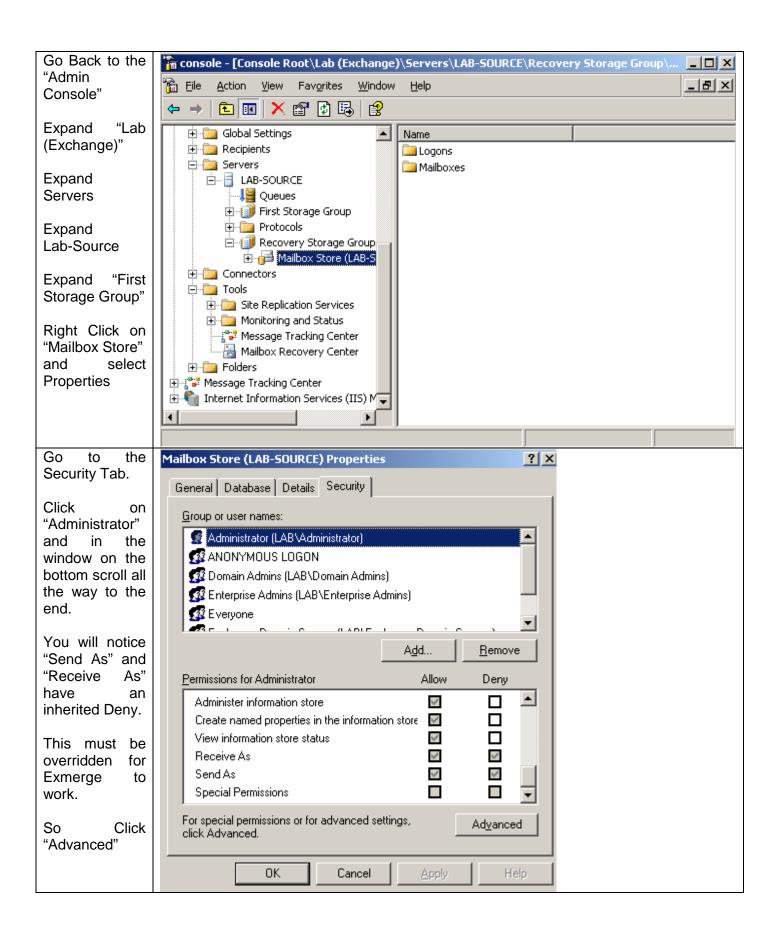


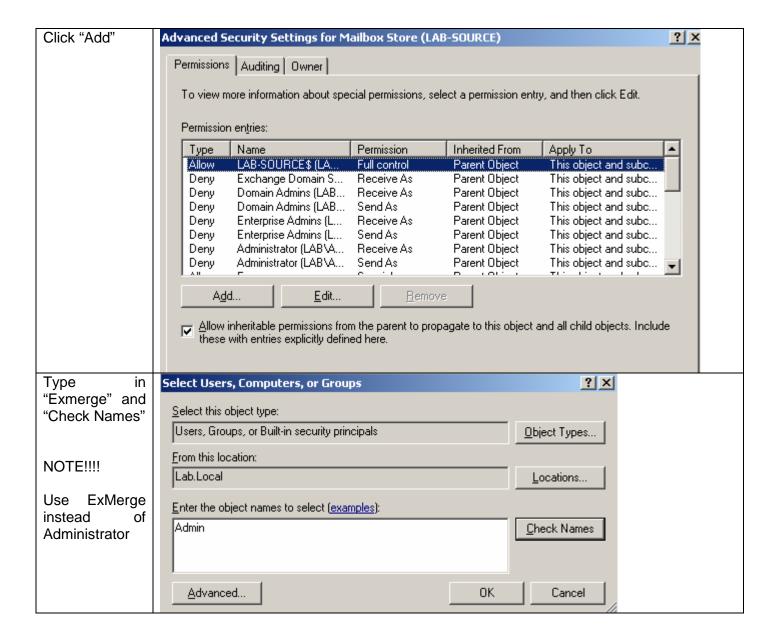


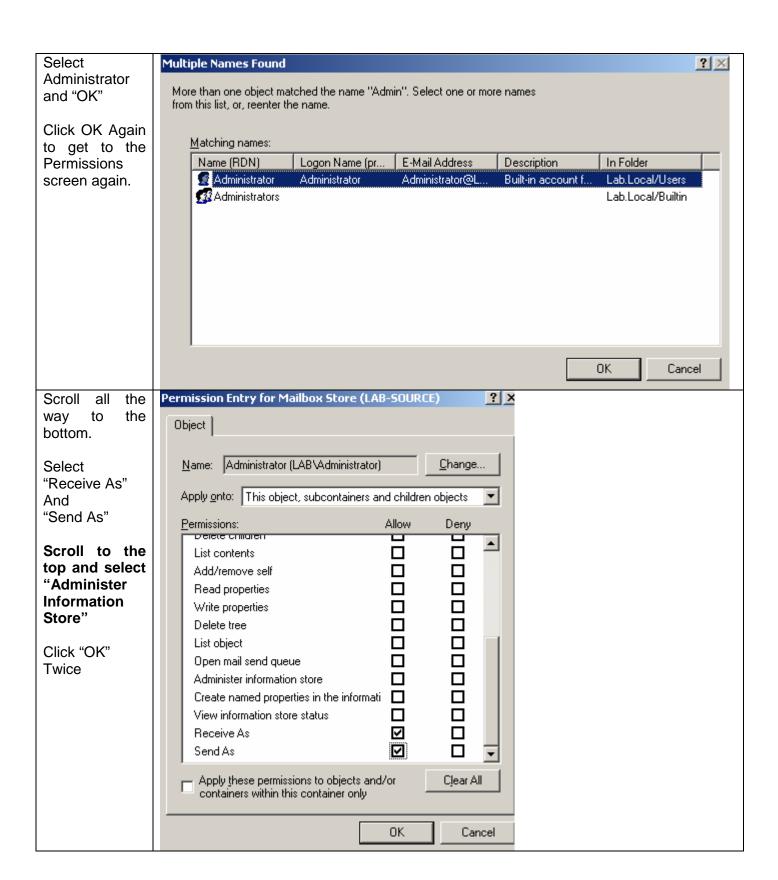


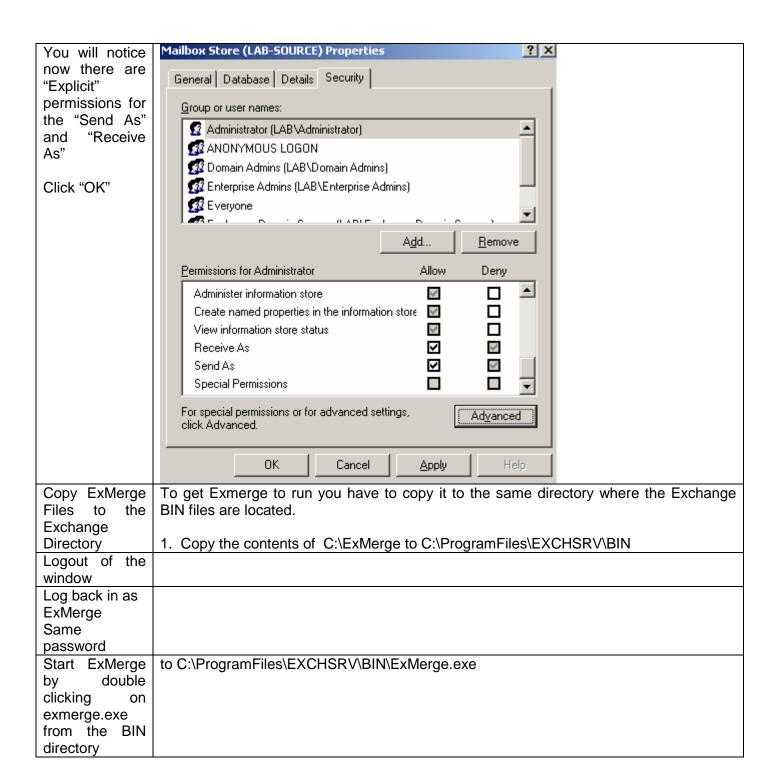












#### Click Next Microsoft Exchange Mailbox Merge Wizard Procedure Selection For Time Please select the procedure you would like to perform purposes we are going to do "One Step Procedure" Extract and Import (One Step Procedure) This function will extract data from a mailbox on the source server, into an Where the data intermediate .PST file, and then import the data from the .PST file into the same will be mailbox on the destination server. The mailbox should have the same container path on the destination server. extracted and imported in a After importing data into a mailbox, delete the intermediate .PST file. single step. Extract or Import (Two Step Procedure) Usually you do This function will allow you to either: the "Two Step 1. Extract messages and folders, from server based mailboxes, into Personal Folders. Procedure" 2. Import messages and folders from Personal Folders (.PST files) into server based mailboxes. Click Next Enter "LAB-Source" Source Server into the Please enter the name of the Microsoft Exchange server from which you would like Exchange to extract data. Server Name Field Profile information for the source server: Microsoft Exchange Server Name: Click Next. LAB-Source Optional Information: If a DC is specified, only users Domain Controller (DC) Name: in the domain containing the DC will be available. (faster) Port Number for LDAP queries: (default is 389) If a DC is not specified, the Global Catalog will be queried for users in all domains, (slower), To configure the message selection criteria, click on Options. Options. Microsoft Exchange Mailbox Merge Wizard To set the Destination Destination Server Server. Please enter the name of the Microsoft Exchange server into which you would like to import data Enter "LAB-Source" Profile information for the destination server into Microsoft Exchange Server Name: the Exchange LAB-Source Server Name Optional Information Field Domain Controller (DC) Name: If a DC is specified, only users in the domain containing the Click Next. DC will be available. (faster) If a DC is not specified, the Port Number for LDAP queries: (default is 389) Global Catalog will be queried for users in all domains. (slower).

