



The Mail Server for
IT Professionals

Product Feature Comparison

Axigen Mail Server 7.x vs. MS Exchange 2003/2007

“ Axigen Mail Server is a very nice, simple, easy to use solution, without having to spend too much money. It is simple to administer, the webmail interface is very nice indeed. [...] The documentation is good, clear and concise. The quick install guide does exactly what it says it does. [...] I feel Axigen is definitely worthy of a look.

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“ [Axigen's] management interface, which uses a web browser, can operate both locally and remotely. Although simple to use, it provides access to all aspects of the software's operation and allows the administrator to fine-tune the configuration to suit individual requirements. [...] Axigen's software is a comprehensive and scalable product that's well worth consideration by any organisation looking to operate its own mail server.

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Product	AXIGEN Mail Server	Microsoft Exchange Server
Version	7.x	2003/2007
Personal Organizer		
Public address book	✓	✓
Synchronization of contacts	✓	✓
Contacts folder	✓	✓
Calendaring	✓	✓
Real-time reminders	✓	✓
Journals	✓	✓
Tasks	✓	✓
iCal (Webcal) access to calendar and tasks	✓	✓
Groupware and Collaboration		
Shared contacts / address books	✓	✓
Shared mail folders	✓	✓
Shared calendaring	✓	✓
Shared tasks	✓	✓
Shared free/busy status	✓	✓
Shared public folders	✓	✓
Mailbox-level permissions	✓	✓
Send email in another user's name	✓	✓
Offline mode (offline caching)	✓	✓
WebMail		
Availability	✓ (via supported browsers)	✓ (via Outlook Web Access)
Shared contacts / address books	✓	✓
Shared mail folders	✓	✓
Shared calendaring	✓	✓
Shared tasks	✓	✓
Rules and filters	✓	✓
Calendaring	✓	✓
Real-time reminders	✓	✓
Tasks	✓	✓
Spell Checker	✗ (browser add-ons provide this)	✓
Multi-lingual	✓	✓
Customizable	✓	✓
Drag-and-drop functionality	✗	✓ (only from IE)
Out of Office Notification	✓	✓
HTML Composer	✓ (all supported browsers)	✓ (only from IE)
Per domain WebMail look-and-feel <i>Important for hosting companies looking to preserve their customers' own look-and-feel</i>	✓	✗
Mobile Email		
Push Email	✓ (as add-on)	✓
Over-the-air synchronization of Email, Calendar, Contacts and Tasks <i>On Nokia Symbian mobile phones, Apple iPhone, Sony Ericsson smart phones, Windows Mobile® compatible devices</i>	✓ (as add-on; see Axigen website for complete list of supported mobile devices)	✓ (see Microsoft website for complete list of supported mobile devices)
Mobile WebMail Interface	✓	✓

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Version	7.x	2003/2007
Security		
Built-in messaging firewall capabilities	✓	✗
Built-in advanced proxy capabilities	✓	✗
Built-in advanced acceptance rules	✓	✗
Built-in advanced routing capabilities	✓	✗
Internal user access scheme	✓	✓
LDAP authentication	✓	✓
Other/system authentication (CRAM-MD5, LOGIN, PLAIN, DIGEST-MD5 and GSSAPI)	✓	✓
SSL (hardware)	✗	✗
SSL (software)	✓	✓
ActiveDirectory authentication	✓	✓
Antivirus		
Free antivirus	ClamAV	No free anti-virus supported
Optional antivirus plugin	✓ (see Axigen website for complete list of supported plugins)	✓ (see Microsoft website for complete list of supported plugins)
Attachment filtering	✓ (through Outlook client)	✓ (through Outlook client)
Multiple antivirus program support	✓	✗
Milter Protocol Interface	✓	✗
Anti-spam		
Optional anti-spam plugin	✓ (see Axigen website for complete list of supported plugins)	✓ (see Microsoft website for complete list of supported plugins)
Multiple anti-spam program support	✓	✗
Free anti-spam	SpamAssasin	No free third-party anti-spam supported
Relay Protection	✓	✓
Caller ID	✗	✓
SPF	✓	✓
Domain Keys	✓	✓
Intelligent Spam Identification and Filter	✓ (Bayesian filtering using SpamAssassin)	Intelligent Message Filter w/ SmartScreen technology
Public Blacklist support	✓	✓
Custom Blacklists	✓	✓
Advanced Custom Whitelists	✗	✗
Directory Harvest Protection	✗	✓
Remote/ Onsite administration		
User Account Classes	✓	✓ (from AD)
Delegated Administration	✓ (as add-on)	✓ (from AD)
Multiple logs	✓	✓
Virtual servers	✓	✓
CLI (Command Line interface)	✓	✓
Web interface	✓	✗
GUI application	✗	Windows
Generic Migration Tool	✓ (IMAP based)	✗ (manual formatting and import)
Report module	✓ (over 100 personalized reports and graphics)	✗ (basic text info)
Admin control over user-defined filters <i>The admin can override user-defined filters without having to login with users' credentials</i>	✓	✗

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Local and Remote Email Access		
Microsoft Outlook 2003/2007	✓ (with groupware access via Axigen Outlook Connector)	✓
Standard Email Clients - via IMAP <i>Outlook Express, Mozilla Thunderbird, Apple Mail etc.</i>	✓	✓
WebMail Interface	✓	✓
Mobile WebMail Interface	✓	✓
Microsoft® Exchange ActiveSync® <i>Mail for Exchange, Apple Mail, Microsoft Outlook Mobile</i>	✓ (via Microsoft® Exchange ActiveSync® Connector)	✓
Message Handling		
Multiple domains	✓	✓
List server / mailing lists	✓	✗
Priority email delivery	✓	✓
Delayed Delivery	✓	✓
POP3 download	✓	✓
ETRN	✗	✓
Aliases	✓	✓
Temporary Aliases	✓	✗
Quotas	✓	✓
Replace/remove offensive words in message	✓	✗
User Directory		
Internal database	✓	✗
Apple/LDAP Open Directory	✓	✗
Active Directory synchronization <i>Active Directory User Management Console</i>	✓	✓
Services		
SMTP regular / SSL	✓	✓
POP3 regular / SSL	✓	✓
IMAP4 regular / SSL	✓	✓
SNMP configurable/monitorable	✓	✓
WebMail regular / secure	✓/✓	✓
ESMTP support	✓	✓
MAPI Connector	✓	✓
FTP server	✓	✓
Archiving	✓ (integration with third-party software)	✓
Configurable POP3/IMAP/SMTP greeting message (banner)	✓	✓
Storage		
Technology	Proprietary – UltraStorage™	Microsoft proprietary datastore
Search optimized storage	✓	✓
Size optimized storage	✓	✓
Multithreaded	✓	✓
Multi-recipients message storage optimization	✓	✗
Programming/Scripting		
Includes source	✗	✗
Own API and SDK	✓	✓
Own scripting/batch language	✓	✗

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Supports external scripting/batch language	✗	✓
Milter Protocol Interface	✓	✗
Scalability		
Clustering	✓ (as add-on)	✓ (Enterprise edition only)
Mail backup and restore	✓	✓
Automatic creation of users from Directory	✓	✓
Server Supported Operating Systems		
Windows	✓ (Windows Server 2003/2008)	✓ (Windows Server 2000/2003/2008, Windows Vista)
Linux	✓	✗
BSD	✓	✗
Solaris	✓	✗
Mac	✗	✓
Supported Architectures		
X86	✓	✓
X86_64 (32bit emulation)	✓	✓
SPARC	✓ (Solaris 10)	✗
PPC	✓ (Fedora 8)	✗
Virtualization		
Virtuozzo EZ Templates	✓	✓
VMWare Appliance	✓	✓
Supported Web Browsers		
Internet Explorer	✓	✓
Firefox	✓	✓ (only from IE)
Safari	✗	✓ (only from IE)
Technical Support		
Commercial support available	✓	✓
24x7 Support	✓ (1 year included)	✓ (additional cost)
Forum support	✓	✓
Free telephone support	✗	✗
Mailing list support	✓	✗
KB support	✓	✓
Service-level agreement offerings available	✓ (24x7 First, Premium, Gold) starting from 25% per year	✓ (per incident support fees)
Licensing		
Pricing	Per user/mailbox	Per user/CAL + upfront server cost
Servers	Not limited	1 server
Domains/Groups	Not limited	Max 5 or 50
Lists	Not limited	N/A
OS licensing	Free Licensing of Linux / Unices See Windows Server 2003/2008 licensing	See Windows Server licensing
License duration	Perpetual	Perpetual
Maintenance	Included in support program	only in SA (>60% of license price for 2 years) or OVS program (annual rental fee with buy out option)

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Price		
25 users	\$660	\$ 2,374 [\$ 699 (standard ed.) + \$ 1,675 for 25 users (\$67/user)] 15–25% savings w/ Open License]
100 users	\$1380	\$ 7,399 [\$ 699 (standard ed.) + \$ 6,700 for 100 users (\$67/user)] 15–25% savings w/ Open License]

<i>For further details, please visit:</i>	<u>AXIGEN Website</u>	<u>Exchange Server Website</u>
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