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Lab tests reveal Microsoft Exchange 5.5's e-mail performance leadership

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Microsoft GEM welcomes independent test results: provides clear guidance for Middle East organisation

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Based on results of an independent laboratory test on E-mail and messaging applications conducted by a leading authority on information technology in the USA, ZD (Ziff-Davis) Labs, Microsoft GEM (Gulf & Eastern Mediterranean) today announced that Microsoft Exchange 5.5 outperformed Lotus Notes/Domino R5 due to its superior speed, efficiency and drastically reduced costs of ownership. The complete test results can be found at <http://www.zdnet.com/zdlabs/stories/main/0.8829.2352352.00.html>.

"This is the first independent test of its kind to be conducted on the two leading messaging and collaboration tools and we are extremely pleased with the results of the test, proving that Exchange 5.5 is the best product in its field," said Murad Lakhdir, product marketing manager at Microsoft GEM. "Exchange 5.5 already provides Gulf organisations with powerful messaging and collaboration capabilities that increase user productivity, eliminate downtime due to application errors and drastically reduce costs of ownership and administration, and these tests give clear guidance to the many companies moving to messaging solutions for their business."

Microsoft GEM continues to provide guidance in the deployment of Exchange 5.5, already a regional market leader among medium to large companies. The test results stated that Exchange 5.5 was "far more responsive and productive" in comparison with Domino R5 and that the products superior performance was evident in a number of test categories.

Exchange 5.5 outperformed Domino R5 in the following key areas:

- Exchange Server 5.5 provides faster e-mail message delivery: Its maximum message throughput is up to 277 percent higher than that of Domino R5.
- Exchange 5.5 reduces system delays and increases user productivity: Its response time is up to 23 times faster than Domino R5 during periods of peak system loading.
- Exchange 5.5 decreases total cost of ownership: Its scalability was three times that of Domino R5 (based on the number of users the system was able to adequately serve during peak loads).
- Exchange 5.5 reduces administration costs: It took six minutes to create 15,000 new user accounts, compared with 25 hours for Domino R5.
- Exchange 5.5 further reduces hardware costs: It used approximately 97 percent less disk space than Domino R5 when creating user accounts.

"All tests conducted by ZD Labs were based on real-world e-mail scenarios and were done using standard SMTP, POP and IMAP Internet protocols, which means that Exchange's performance is ideal

for Internet and business to business messaging within organisations. Microsoft Exchange 5.5 empowers organisations with a dependable, scalable and cost effective means to communicate and share ideas," said Lakhdhir. "As companies in the region embrace the powerful new ways of working and doing business which the Internet, email and messaging open up, it is important for them to have access to clear, factual and independent tests such as this."

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