Implementing AXIGEN at SILVAROM

SILVAROM Company Profile
SILVAROM is a privately owned joint-stock company with extensive experience in the furniture industry. It is one of Romania's top furniture producers and exporters, with over 20 distributors country-wide and exports to several European and Asian markets.

Microsoft Exchange 5.5 vs AXIGEN
SILVAROM initially used the Microsoft Exchange 5.5 mail server, for a number of about 50 mailboxes and POP3 email connections. The decision to switch to the Linux-based AXIGEN Mail Server came as a result of the company's need for an enhanced control over the e-mail communication and for specialized technical support and software maintenance, all comprised in a cost-effective and time-saving new messaging solution.

The complete technical assistance provided throughout the AXIGEN installation, configuration and account migration stages was also a major reason to choose AXIGEN. The change from Microsoft Exchange 5.5 to AXIGEN Mail Server was performed under the close supervision of the AXIGEN tehnical support team which provided the necessary expertise for fast installation and data migration. Switching to AXIGEN, migration included, only took a day.

Benefits of the AXIGEN Implementation

➢ Enhanced Administration and Configurability
AXIGEN integrates SMTP/IMAP/POP3/WebMail/List server services installed by simply running an executable file. Its modular structure entails a superior management of system resources, while also providing the possibility to enable or disable any of the services, according to the current needs. The AXIGEN modules can access and operate on the same resources or entities simultaneously (for example, the access of the IMAP and WebMail modules to the same mailbox).

The AXIGEN administration is efficiently structured and can be performed using the axigen.cfg text file, the Web administration interface (WebAdmin) or the Command Line interface (CLI). The WebAdmin interface from AXIGEN is easily configurable and can be accessed from any operating system through the Internet browser; unlike the Microsoft Exchange 5.5 which requires connecting on the server and then running the administration interface directly from it.

➢ Effective Planning and Mobility
As compared to Microsoft Exchange 5.5, AXIGEN Mail Server features an easier to manage WebMail interface enabling the SILVAROM employees to access their e-mail messages at all times, even when they are out of the office, and to also configure certain settings without system administrators' help. As long as they have an Internet connection, they can simply login to the AXIGEN WebMail and perform their daily email activities regardless of their location.

The WebMail interface is available in 15 languages, including Romanian, which makes it even easier for SILVAROM email users to take full advantage of its configuration options. The user-friendly interface enables SILVAROM employees to easily customize their WebMail account, to manage current contacts or adding new ones, to create message filters and rules such as auto-responders etc.

The Business Edition of the AXIGEN Mail Server also includes a Personal Organizer that can be accessed from the WebMail interface and the Microsoft Outlook email client. The Personal Organizer is very useful as it provides effective tools for organizing employees' daily activities and tasks: calendar and journal functions, task lists, tasks delegation etc.

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System administrators can also configure a set of Public Folders where the SILVAROM employees can access email messages in the same place and at the same time, thus enabling them to view or publish important email announcements, general interest information for all the email users within the company.

> ➤ **Secure E-mail Traffic**

AXIGEN provides sysadmins with highly effective ways to secure the email communication, with proven results in preventing spam and viruses, as well as other security threats such as unauthorized connections and impersonating issues.

AXIGEN can be integrated with over 15 antivirus and antispam commercial applications. In addition, as compared to Microsoft Exchange 5.5, AXIGEN also integrates directly with Open Source antivirus and antispam applications such as: ClamAV, as antivirus, and SpamAssassin, as antispam. These powerful applications do not imply any additional costs besides the AXIGEN license itself and can be fully activated and configured from the AXIGEN WebAdmin interface.

> ➤ **Low Acquisition and Maintenance Costs**

Before switching to AXIGEN, SILVAROM used the Microsoft Exchange 5.5 email server. The Exchange messaging solution was running on a Windows NT 4.0 operating system for which Microsoft had already stopped providing technical support and updates for more than 2 years. Moreover, any plan to migrate from Exchange 5.5 implied from the start an update of the Windows operating system as well, which would have eventually resulted in a significant cost increase, exceeding the price of the Exchange Server license itself.

SILVAROM was thus looking for an alternative messaging solution, both cost-effective and yielding the highest level of speed and security. AXIGEN represented the answer: Linux is an Open Source operating system, available for free, while the AXIGEN license has a low acquisition cost and also includes subsequent product updates. As long as they have a valid AXIGEN license, SILVAROM benefits from the new functionalities by simply installing the new AXIGEN version, and without any additional costs.

Premium Support, the technical support package chosen by SILVAROM, provides the company with high priority technical assistance, available 24/7, by email, phone and Web. The supplied technical support services cover the installation, configuration or migration to AXIGEN, as well as the software maintenance, product updates and technical issues, on-demand integration with other antivirus and antispam applications etc.

About AXIGEN

Established in 2001, Gecad Technologies SA, member of the GECAD Group, is the vendor of AXIGEN, a messaging solution for professionals that ensures an efficient and secure worldwide communication environment and business growth for both service providers and companies of all sizes. Currently, AXIGEN is distributed internationally by over 160 partners from 80 countries and manages email traffic for more than 10,000 companies with 6 million end-users.

Our team of seasoned professionals, with 15 years of experience in messaging and IT security delivers cutting-edge products, by developing an innovative carrier-class technology based on proprietary architectures such as AXIGEN GrowSecureTM, AXIGEN SmartProcessingTM and AXIGEN UltraStorageTM. For more information, please visit: www.axigen.com