



CASE STUDY

Cornerstone Systems

Rock Solid Transportation Systems

Email Archiving with Professional Archive Manager for Exchange



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Rodger Paxton, Network Administrator and responsible for email management at CORNERSTONE Systems. www.cornerstone-systems.com

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Professional Archive Manager for Exchange

The email archive engine that guarantees fast return on investment.
Compatible with MS Exchange Server 2000/2003/2007.

Professional Archive Manager for Exchange offers tamper-proof, long-term storage of emails with easy retrieval capabilities and full-text searching. Unlike traditional storage methods, it is interactive, enabling users to access and retrieve archived email messages at any time, immediately and transparently. **Professional Archive Manager for Exchange** pulls an email from the MS-Exchange Store and leaves behind a link in the same spot. This link is also registered in a relational database (ORACLE or MS-SQL Server) and serves as a reference to the new actual storage location.

About Cornerstone Systems

Cornerstone Systems provide transportation logistic solutions by preparing inventive plans and carrying out accurate, time critical conveyance. The proper equipment and skilled staff are supplied to organize and handle the collection and delivery of particular goods.

Cornerstone base their business around their employees, their motto reads 'Our business are our people'. By using advanced technologies, professional staff and reliable vendors, Cornerstone forms strong relationships with their customer base. Their internal structure is based around advanced communication activity between employees and clients that guarantees successful outcomes. Business activities are time sensitive and require pinpoint accuracy for the appropriate equipment and personnel to assemble in a specific location at a specific time to perform a specific task. If critical time frames between employees, vendors and clients are lost then delays and cancellations could jeopardize the projects entirety.

Some examples of Cornerstone's special projects:

Pirates of the Caribbean II & III
(Transportation of ships, props, material)

Naval Landing Craft
(Transportation of 13 LCM8 Boats)

Classic Car Rally
(Transportation of 10 trailer loads of 1928/29 Bentleys)

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The Challenge

Managing the MS Exchange environment was the main dilemma facing Cornerstone and is a common motive to implement an email archiving solution. The exchange store had risen to 180GB which was causing major difficulties with system performance, backing up and restoring items.

The risk of system downtime was an escalating concern at Cornerstone, with the store rising to over 180GB, it was time for affirmative action to prevent system failure or data loss. The second challenge was to ensure the users were not disrupted in their everyday email activities by this implementation. Some archiving products require the user to open a new interface to view their email client which is an unfortunate necessity for the user. Cornerstone wanted the ordinary user not to be affected by the back-end email archiving but have the opportunity for some super users to have access to archiving features from the Outlook client.

Project Overview

Organization: Cornerstone Systems
Industry: Transportation
Challenge: Handling an overwhelming Exchange store and preventing a downtime period
Solution: **Professional Archive Manager for Exchange** economical storage management functionality and automated user transparency accessibility.

Professional Archive Manager for Exchange was installed onto MS Windows 2003 environment with Active/Passive cluster. The designated storage media used was NAS (Network Attached Storage). This configuration is a fairly common **Professional Archive Manager for Exchange** scenario and set-up for a SMB.

The Solution : email archiving with Professional Archive Manager for Exchange

Effective Storage Management

Cornerstone Systems chose **Professional Archive Manager for Exchange** to reduce the amount of data passing through the MS Exchange server. **Professional Archive Manager for Exchange** immediately cut the store in half and gave Cornerstone peace of mind that the server performance could sustain the data throughput. The advantage carried through to the end user as they experienced a better system performance in their Outlook client with mail transfer rates.

The stability of the exchange environment was much improved with the installation as the threat of crashing was dramatically reduced. One ROI will be the cost savings of updating new storage media instead of new MS Exchange servers. **Professional Archive Manager for Exchange** uses long term and short term storage media to store the data, keeping it away from the Exchange server.

Conclusive User Transparency

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Cornerstone required an email archiving solution that would allow various super users the opportunity to manually utilize the archiving features but not disrupt the email functionality for the ordinary user.

Professional Archive Manager for Exchange allows the administrator to give multiple manual archiving rights to exclusive users. With the use of an MS Outlook Add-In, the Administrator can allow or deny every user various archiving rights such as: manual archive, restore, full-text search and view versions. For example, an Administrator could create a new mailbox user for audit inspection purposes and only assign the user with full-text search and view versions functionality.

For the majority of common users, the back-end archiving at Cornerstone Systems will have no affect on them. Archiving with **Professional Archive Manager for Exchange** is a completely user transparent solution for the everyday employee; they will not need to learn or adjust to a new email client.

For super users the manual archiving features delegated to them are rolled out without any individual workstation installs or training needed. Internal policy manages how the super users are able to use the archiving features allocated to them which most likely will be for a specific cause, i.e. manual archive for users that occasionally receive very large sized emails.

The project was completed very quickly with the ROI for Cornerstone being realized much earlier than expected. After evaluating the product for thirty days, Cornerstone was more than happy to purchase the permanent license key and secure their exchange environment.

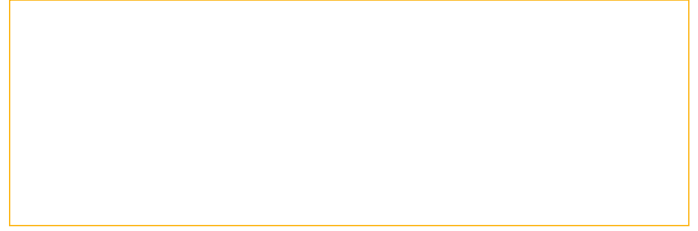
Implementation & Maintenance

“With **Professional Archive Manager for Exchange**, I KNOW that I will receive excellent support EVERY time I need it.”

Installing **Professional Archive Manager for Exchange** at Cornerstone caused minimal stress for the parties involved. With every implementation of **Professional Archive Manager for Exchange** software, the client is given the opportunity of three install methods; manually by the administrator (without Metalogix assistance), remotely with help from the Metalogix Support team or a technician can be hired for onsite installation (enterprise implementations).

Cornerstone decided to give the Metalogix Support technicians access to their servers and let them install **Professional Archive Manager for Exchange** remotely. While the Metalogix technicians implemented the software they explained in-depth how and why they were configuring the set-up in that certain way. By doing this, the Cornerstone staff could understand the workings of the software and how it is integrated into the existing environment. The “teach while you install” method of implementing the software encourages the administrator to learn the particulars of the configuration in order for them to maintain and upgrade the product proficiently in the future.

“The implementation was a breeze. I basically gave the Metalogix techs access to my servers and they did all the work, explaining in depth what they were doing and why.”



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