



SmarterMail is here!

Ever wanted the functionality of an Exchange or Hosted Exchange server but always found it too expensive? Well now there is an affordable alternative with all the same features of an Exchange server. It's called SmarterMail and its available now from ISOCNET!

What is SmarterMail?

SmarterMail first and foremost is for email. Email can be set up to pop into an email client such as Outlook or Outlook Express, or it can be used right from the web mail. Unlike Exchange, SmarterMail has good spam filtering built into it. There are no more worries about getting a lot of spam that could potentially cause network problems from spam containing viruses or other malware in an Exchange environment, or having to setup mail filtering elsewhere and complicating the email setup.

Like Outlook using an Exchange server, SmarterMail has a calendar feature, tasks, notes and contacts. These can also be shared with others and synced with Outlook if need be. In fact you can easily sync with Outlook on multiple PCs.

So for customers wanting the benefits of an Exchange server without the high costs involved, and with extra flexibility and accessibility, SmarterMail is definitely a great alternative.

Check out our SmarterMail videos at <http://support.isoc.net/SupportPages.asp?PageID=50>

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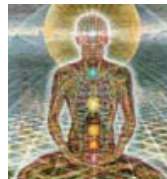
"Frank and myself wish to thank you for the many years of great service. We will recommend you to anyone in need of your services."



Annette S.

Words of Wisdom

You got to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there.



Yogi Berra

What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the master calls a butterfly.

Richard Bach

But goodness alone is never enough. A hard cold wisdom is required too, for goodness to accomplish good. Goodness without wisdom invariably accomplishes evil.

Robert Heinlein

Adding Stationery in Outlook Express

You can dress up your Outlook Express 6 communication by adding the look of stationery. A touch of color and some graphics can do wonders for visually boring e-mail. To use the Outlook Express stationery feature, just follow these steps:

1. In the Outlook Express main window, click the arrow on the Create button.
2. Select a stationery option listed in the menu that appears, or choose the Select Stationery command to get more choices.
3. In the Select Stationery dialog box that appears, select stationery from the list.
4. Click OK to apply the stationery to the new message.
5. With a new, reply, or forwarded message open, you can apply stationery by using either of these methods: Choose Format-->Apply Stationery, and then click a stationery to apply. Choose More Stationery to access the Select Stationery dialog box.

If you have applied stationery and decide that you don't want to use it anymore, just click the arrow on the Create button and select No Stationery from the drop-down menu.

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Word of the Day

Gnutella

A system that allows users to share files with one another in a truly distributed manner. Unlike the sharing software created by Napster, Gnutella does not rely on a central server (instead, it relies on distributed indexes).



Creating a Restore Point

When your computer's ailing, System Restore provides a magical way to go back in time to when your computer was feeling better. System Restore works by taking a daily snapshot of your computer's settings as well as an automatic snapshot before you install a new computer part.

The problem is finding that one, magic restore point that makes everything better. Windows XP simply slaps a date onto its automated System Restore points along with the boring name System Checkpoint; it doesn't say, "This restore point is just after you installed Berzerkeroids -- and everything still ran fine!"

To maximize System Restore's potential, create your own restore points with your own labels. Here's how:

1. When your computer's running especially well, call up System Restore by going to the Start menu's All Programs menu. From there, pop open the Accessories menu and then the System Tools menu, where you find System Restore. The Welcome to System Restore window appears.
2. Choose Create a Restore Point and then click Next.

3. When Windows asks you to describe your new restore point, type in something that helps you remember why you made the restore point. For instance, type in "Nothing has crashed for a week -- if only my computer could always run this smoothly!" You needn't add the date in your description because Windows automatically gives it a date stamp.
4. Click the Create button, and you're done.

By creating your own restore points on good days, you'll know immediately which ones to use.

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Finding Out Any Color's Hex Code

Every color can be defined as a mixture of red, green, and blue (RGB). Monitors display colors in RGB, and hexadecimal notation gives you a way to convey a color's RGB values to a Web browser. If you know a color's hexadecimal code (often called a hex code for short), you have all you need to use that color in your HTML page.

Hexadecimal notation uses six characters -- a combination of numbers and letters -- to define the amount of red, green, and blue in any color.

Of course, you can't just wave your magic wand and come up with the hex code for any color. But that doesn't mean that you can't find out through less magical means. Color converters follow a precise formula that changes a color's standard RGB notation into hexadecimal notation. Because you have better things to do with your time than compute hex codes, you have several options for finding out the code for your color of choice, none of which require you to use a calculator:

- **On the Web:** A good source for hexadecimal color charts is at [Hypersolutions](#). You simply find a color you like, and type the hex code listed next to it into your HTML.
- **Using a converter:** If you already know the RGB percentages for a particular color, you can plug them into an online converter to get the hexadecimal equivalent. For example, the RGB percentages for nice sky blue are 159, 220, and 223. Plug those into the converter, and you get the equivalent hex code #9FDCDF.
- **Using image-editing software:** Many image-editing applications, such as Adobe Photoshop or Jasc Paint Shop Pro, display the hexadecimal notation for any color. Even Microsoft Word's color picker shows you hex codes for colors in an image.

If you have an image you like that you want to use as a color source for your Web page, open the image in your favorite editor and find out what the colors' hex codes are.

Unlike the more familiar decimal system that uses base-ten numbers to represent all possible numbers, the hexadecimal system uses base 16.

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