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Is Your Office Still on an Old Exchange Server?

A lot of offices are still running their own Exchange server for email, without realizing it. This guide covers a few signs you're still on Exchange instead of Microsoft 365, why Microsoft ending support for Exchange Server 2016 and 2019 on October 14, 2025 matters, and what moving to Microsoft 365 involves at a high level.

A few **signs** you're still on Exchange

None of these show up if you're already on Microsoft 365, outlook dot com, or office dot com.

A server in the closet

A physical mail server, still humming away somewhere in your office.

Outlook asks for a server name

New computers or new hires need a server address, not just an email address, to set up Outlook.

Webmail at your own domain

You sign in at something like mail.yourcompany.com, or a hosting company's own login page.

Step by step

Why this **matters** right now

- ☐ Microsoft ended support for Exchange Server 2016 and 2019
October 14, 2025: no more security updates, ever
- ☐ New vulnerabilities are never patched
And attackers actively look for servers that are no longer getting updates
- ☐ Compliance and cyber-insurance questions
Many insurers and compliance frameworks expect software that's still supported
- ☐ Aging hardware, with no vendor support
If the server itself fails, there's no fix from Microsoft to fall back on

An unsupported mail server is a growing risk, not a one-time problem.

What moving to Microsoft 365 involves

- ☐ An assessment of what you have now
Mailboxes, users, domains and devices, so nothing gets missed
- ☐ A new Microsoft 365 tenant, built and licensed
Set up and ready before anything changes for your staff
- ☐ Your mail, calendars and contacts copied over
Done ahead of time, while everyone keeps working on the old system
- ☐ A cutover, with zero downtime
We'll show exactly how that works in our next video
- ☐ Outlook and phones set up afterward
A short, guided step for everyone on the team

Why Naples Computers

- ☐ A Microsoft Partner, hundreds of migrations
From Exchange, hosted mail, GoDaddy, Google Workspace and more
- ☐ Modern spam filtering, included in the move
We add N-able Mail Assure spam filtering as part of the migration
- ☐ Start with a migration assessment
Call 239-513-1960, and we'll tell you exactly what moving would involve for your office

Recap: old Exchange server?

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| ☐ Server in the closet, or a hosting company's webmail? | ☐ Growing security and compliance risk |
| ☐ Outlook asking for a server name? | ☐ Microsoft 365 moves with zero downtime |
| ☐ Support ended October 14, 2025 | ☐ Start with a migration assessment |

An unsupported mail server is a growing risk, not a one-time problem: no more security updates means new vulnerabilities are never patched. Moving to Microsoft 365 can happen with zero downtime. Call Naples Computers at 239-513-1960 for a migration assessment.



Still running your own Exchange server, or not sure?

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