How to change the SMTP port from 25 to 26?

Step 1. Click on Start > Programs > Microsoft Exchange > Then click on “System Manager”

Step 2. Click on “Servers” > YOUR-SERVER-NAME >> Protocols >> SMTP >> Default SMTP Virtual Server.
(Please note: If the administrative group is present, then follow the below path: Administrative Groups >> YOUR-ADMINISTRATIVE-GROUP >> Servers >> YOUR-SERVER-NAME >> protocols >> SMTP >> Default SMTP Virtual Server)

Step 3. Now open properties of Default SMTP Virtual server by right clicking and selecting properties:

Once the property window opens up, click on General tab, under this click on “Advanced” button.

Then click on “Edit’ button.
Then in “TCP port” change the default value of port 25 to 26, and then click on “OK” button. Again click on “OK” button and then click on “Apply” button.

Then restart the “Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)” from services.msc or you can stop and start the Default Virtual SMTP server from Exchange system manager.

Once this is done make sure you telnet to the port and get the response from the telnet command stating the server is ready.

Click on Start menu of windows/run and in the box type: cmd
Then in the DOS screen type:

telnet <ip address> 26

You should get the response of Microsoft Exchange 2003 SMTP that it is listening. Then Telnet to port 25 and make sure that, no service is running on this port.

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Step 2. Then click on “Server Configuration” and then Right click on Receive Connectors and click on properties.

Step 3. Then click on Network Tab, and edit the Local IP so you can change the port.
Step 4. Under “Port to Use” change the port number to 26 and click ok. Same has to be done with “Windows SBS Fax Sharepoint receive SBS 2008”

Note:

Please ensure that you telnet to all the IP’s and port 26 listed in Exchange 2007. As shown in the above image, it is defined bind to 192.168.0.2. It might happen that “Windows SBS Fax Sharepoint receive SBS 2008” has a 127.0.0.1 (localhost) IP defined, you have to make sure Both the IP’s are bound.

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