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I have a home network that consists of a couple winXP workstations, one shuttle cube server running freebsd 5.3 for hosting some webpages and email (2.4 gig celeron, 512 meg ram, 40 gig hard drive) and an old gateway P75 running freebsd 5.3 that runs samba. I use that gateway box to be the network backup device. All the computers are connected to a linksys router (the shuttle cube is dmz'd). Right now I do a nightly tar.gz of the home,var and etc directory on the shuttle cube to the gateway box. In about a month I'll be bringing home an IBM 205VL server (850 celeron, 256 meg ram and two 40 gig hard drives) to replace the gateway box.

I would like to know, in general, how people would configure that IBM server to do a little more than just store simple backups from the shuttle cube server. Really I would like a situation where if the shuttle cube died, I could just dmz the IBM box to serve the webpages and email that the shuttle cube does. It's not a "mission critical" situation, but I just want to be able to come home from work the night of a failure and without alot of work, swap the boxes.

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