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There are three main components that work together within SmarterMail: the Web Interface, the Windows Service, and the SmarterMail Web Server.

### Web Interface

The Web Interface is a browser based administration platform that installs on a single server and supports administration of domains and email accounts as well as email account access by end users. End users are able to access and use their accounts via web mail (email account access using a web browser) or a desktop application (e.g. Outlook or Outlook Express, or Qualcomm's Eudora).

### Windows Service

The SmarterMail Service is the backbone of SmarterMail. Running as a Windows Service, it controls data storage and retrieval, protocol services, and administrative functions. SmarterMail will not function without this service installed and running.

### SmarterMail Web Server

The SmarterMail Web Server installs with the SmarterMail Web Interface "right out of the box". This Web Server gives users and administrators access to the SmarterMail Web Interface from the Internet by utilizing the IP address assigned to the local machine.

NOTE: After installing SmarterMail, it is recommended that the Web Interface be moved from the SmarterMail Web Server to Microsoft IIS (if available) for more stability and security. For step-by-step instructions on how to make SmarterMail run under IIS, see Running Web Interface under IIS help topic.