Established in 1996 in New Zealand, Digital Integration was formed out of the need for internet capable messaging for small businesses running on Novell Networks.

At that time, internet access in many parts of the world was becoming common, but was still very expensive and slow dial up connections were commonplace.   At the same time, standards based e-mail was becoming popular amongst small businesses who did not have the need or could not afford the overheads demanded by large scale mail systems, yet they still had network servers and many users to deliver internet messaging to. Novell NetWare was the most common reliable file and print server available for these small companies but there were very few options for a native NetWare e-mail application apart from GroupWise which really only catered for large numbers of users. NetWare for small business went part of the way to accommodating these small businesses, but it still required the network infrastructure of a larger user base so was frequently bypassed for simple per-user dial up methods instead.

i-MailDS was originally built as a bridge component for GroupWise to allow these companies to use their small business edition of GroupWise, but send and collect mail to and from the internet over a server based dial up connection on a scheduled basis.

Very shortly after i-MailDS was released, the demand for a simpler e-mail system that users were familiar with at home (Netscape, Outlook, Eudora etc.) saw full mail server capabilities added to the core product, and i-MailDS became a very popular choice for e-mail services on Novell networks. Users could now simply use their preferred e-mail client and i-Mail provided high speed internal mail along with low cost dial up internet connectivity.

After being Yes! tested and approved, and winning an award for excellence by Novell, i-MailDS became a staple 3rd party offering on the NetWare landscape.

Looking into the future, Windows and linux have risen to be the predominant network server applications used by businesses today, and Digital Integration will continue to develop and deliver its products for these platforms.