

# jails, cron and sendmail

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Hello,

I have the following problem: since I need and do not like any kind of smtp activity in my jails (there's no 127.0.0.1 in a jail, all services listen to the jails external interface), I put those lines into my /etc/rc.conf:

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sendmail_enable="NO"
sendmail_outbound_enable="NO"
sendmail_submit_enable="NO"
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this works fine: nothing listening on the jails interface... except that cron tries to deliver its status mails and fails.

While failing, sendmail seems to hog cpu and finally floods /var/spool/clientmqueue and /var/log/maillog.

My quick fix now is to replace /usr/libexec/sendmail/sendmail with /usr/bin/true in /etc/mail/mailler.conf, however: it seems problematic that cron insists on a mail sub system, when all it should do is execute stuff periodically. There should be an option to let it only log to a file.

For my jails this would make sense, too: I never read root's mails locally, anyway.

Am I missing the obvious solution here?

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