

Re: Email recommendations

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On Mon, October 30, 2006 4:51 pm, tech@xxxxxxxx wrote:

I get a LOT of corrupt mailboxes. Just 187 mailboxes and daily problems. It's always the same error in the log files: "-ERR Unable to process From lines (envelopes), change recognition modes."

I've done some research and don't know any more about where the problem lives than I did before. I know that some From: lines are missing the colon, but I don't know why. Can anyone recommend a more forgiving popper or MTA? I'm running QPOP 2.53 and Sendmail 8.13.6.

If this is your own server, I'd recommend switching to Postfix and using Maildir for message storage. The problem with mbox format message stores is that only 1 process can be writing to the file, which stores *all* messages for a folder. If you are receiving a new message while deleting an existing one, all kinds of nasty things can happen.

If you need POP3 (I'd recommend going with IMAP instead) then look at Courier, Dovecot, or Cyrus. They provide nice, fast, stable, Maildir-support with POP3 and IMAP daemons that access the same folders.

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