

Re: mail server recommendations?

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>From: Cody Baker [mailto:cody@wilkshire.net]

>Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2004 12:21 AM

>To: freebsd-isp@freebsd.org

>Subject: Re: mail server recommendations?

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>Hello,

> I put my personal recommendation in to qmail. I have 10 + servers

>running qmail, some with 3000+ users. We use vpopmail for a mysql based

>single UID/GID solution. For POP3 access we're using the integrated

>qmail-pop3d, and courier-IMAP for IMAP. Virus scanning / MIME-magic is

>done via qmail-scanner and clamscan. Many people chose to use

>qmail-scanner with spamassassin as spam-gateway, although we've chosen

>to implement it with some custom scripting in the general area of

>qmail-local. I am particularly fond of qmail because once it's setup

>it's very easy to use, and is ROCK solid. I

Hi Cody,

You are correct as this is my experience also. The real problem is that it works so well I have forgotten a lot as I don't have to meddle with anything.

For our twist, we installed a Brracuda Networks gateway in front of our MTA's and off-loaded the spam and virus stopping work, so qmail purrs.

Dee

t may not have been updated

>in years, but that's because there really hasn't been a call for it; it

>was rock solid and secure years ago and still is. The longevity is

>wonderful. I've installed qmail on machines years ago, and still

>haven't had the need to reinstall/update qmail. We've had machines

>which have been traveled from freebsd 4.1 to freebsd 4.9 through years

>of make worlds, but qmail is running on the same, identical, and secure

>source it was in the beginning. It does have a lot of patches, and yes,

>the documentation on some of the patches is lacking in places. At the

>same time there's a patch for almost anything you can imagine, so you

>don't have to wait for the developers of your favorite alternative MTA

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>to incorporate the requested feature. One of the things I like the most
>about qmail is its incredible scalability. Qmail on a system of 4 users
>will run quietly and out of your way with a relatively small footprint.
>If your 4 users divide and multiply to 40, 400, 4,000, or 40,000 you can
>keep using qmail and it will keep up with you and your fans. Some
>really big names in mail use Qmail, "Yahoo! mail, Network Solutions,
>Verio, etc." according to qmail.org. Qmail is a tweaker's MTA, I
>haven't come across a mail situation yet where qmail hasn't had some
>appropriate place in the configuration. It's modular, so you can pick
>and chose the parts you want, remove, replace, or rearrange the others.

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>I've heard good things about combining it with postfix, although I can't
>claim to have attempted this myself.

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>Thank you,
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>Cody Baker
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>Arie Kachler wrote:

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>> Hi Michael,
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>> I've researched mail systems myself for quite some time now. We
>> currently use Sendmail + a custom pop3 server. We don't use system
>> accounts. Sendmail is showing its age, mostly in the way it scales.
>> It's difficult to integrate with any database backend. LDAP is your
>> only solid option, but I'm no fan of LDAP.
>> We are about to migrate from Sendmail and have considered Qmail and
>> Postfix. Qmail is great. The only reason we did not choose it is
>> because most features are patches of different authors and the quality
>> and documentation of the patches varies. It makes us a little nervous
>> to patch so much.
>> So we've decided on Postfix+mysql+courier-*imap*. Postfix seems to have
>> everything we're looking for: security, speed, sql backend, no system
>> accounts, and quotas. We're still testing it, but it seems to behave
>> very well under heavy loads.
>> Regarding virus and spam filtering, we are doing it on Sendmail boxes
>> now, which simply forward to other servers for pickup via pop. That
>> will not change when we migrate since milter works well and there is
>> no need for a sql backend on these boxes.
>> We never looked at Exim. Some people like it. We just never got around
>> to it so I can't give you any information on it.

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>> Hope the info helps.
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>> Arie Kachler

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>>> *Hi folks,*
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>>> *I've already tried Google, and found a lot of discussions that are*
>>> *either a) old, or b) don't quite match our requirements. So:*
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>>> *I'm looking for a decent solution for a mail server software package.*
>>> *We need SASL, IMAP, pop3ssl, antivirus, and mime-type filtering. In*
>>> *an ideal world, we'd have the ability to create mail accounts without*
>>> *creating user accounts.*
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>>> *I have to admit that I'm partial to sendmail simply for the milter*
>>> *interface that lets me plug in, say, MIMEDefang, clamav, and all sorts*
>>> *of other nifty stuff.*
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>>> *What are people using these days? What sucks the least? Any opinions*
>>> *from folks who have been there welcome.*
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>>> *Thanks,*
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