

Re: Recommended IMAP server?

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Hi,

I find myself needing to implement IMAP on FreeBSD. Any suggestions on the "preferred" IMAP server?

It appears that we have three "main" IMAP daemons in ports: `imap-wu`, `cyrus-imapd`, and `courier-imap`. I need to pick one. My mail system uses `Sendmail+sasl2` and `milter-greylis`. I want to stick as close to a "stock" FreeBSD as possible, so I'm not into reading users from LDAP or anything like that.

It seems that `imap-wu` lets you synch up to `/var/mail/username`, but only that.

Courier uses `maildir`, which means installing `procmail` and having a `.procmailrc` for every account.

It appears that `cyrus-imap23` uses its own delivery agent to build a `maildir`-like structure.

Does this pretty much summarize my choices, or are there other things I should be aware of before implementing any of these on FreeBSD?

IMHO the first question I need to answer :

Have you any IMAP-Server yet, and if it so and if this server use mbox format, can you change this to Maildir.

If you cannot use other format instead mbox, you already have you answer.
It's `uw-imap`.

Many peoples tell you `uw-imap` is very suck. Maybe it's true, maybe the code is not clean, but I'm running `uw-imap` for small groups (<1000 account) very fine and without any problem.

If you can use Maildir, don't use `UW-Imap`. Because mbox is not scalable. You can use on very large with Maildir.

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Cyrus-*imap* is for lots of lots of account, because there using something like Database for storage and indexing. You can have two servers automatically synchronised etc... But Cyrus-*Imap* is more complexe than other.

I don't known Dovecot. I've using *courier-*imap** and work very fine. You don't need *procmail* for *courier-*imap**. You can use *procmail* but it's not needed.

The perf is very good with *courier-*imap** (vs *uw-*imap** where the perf is very poor when the number of mail increase).

Regards.

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