

## Re: Reprocessing sendmail failed messages

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Kris,

thanks for your attempts, but I'm not sure you understand what I mean...

I cannot run a queue manually on these messages because sendmail thinks they are permanent errors. So any queue runs on these messages produce nothing.

On this box we don't run a sendmail daemon. We only relay mail to another server when the sendmail daemon gets called. That is why those messages are in the clientmqueue dir instead of the regular mqueue dir.

My real issue is that I now have these bunch of messages that won't get processed, because sendmail assumes they are permanent failures.

The q files are named with a capital Q in front of them, is this why they are ignored ?

Is there any one who knows how to revert and re-submit these messages ???

Thanks,

Tim.

Kris Anderson wrote:

--- Tim Traver <tt-list@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi All,

ok, I know this isn't the right list, but I've already tried the sendmail group, and no response, so I'm hoping that there might be some sendmail gurus on this list that can help me...

After a temporary DNS outage, several machines that we run have email messages on them that sendmail attempted to relay to our mail cluster, but failed because they could not find the host name of the

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server they were relaying to.

So, now, I have hundreds of messages in the clientmqueue directory that are marked as having permanent fatal errors. The top of the d file looks like this :

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----- The following addresses had permanent fatal
errors -----
i...@xxxxxxxxxxxxx
(reason: 550 Host unknown)
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----- Transcript of session follows -----
550 5.1.2 i...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Host unknown (Name
server:
xxxx.xxxxxxxx.com: host not found)
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I see that there are many of these message that are important, and want to save and send them.

Is there a way to get sendmail to re-attempt to send these messages ? I think it just ignores them right now because of those lines.

Any help would be greatly appreciated,

Tim.

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Hey there Tim,

Found this with google.

<http://lists.freebsd.org/pipermail/freebsd-questions/2004-June/049850.html>

A Dr Matthew had this answer (read full text to see what's up but here's a snippet)

If you end up with a load of messages stuck in /var/spool/clientmqueue, you've got a similar problem with not running

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a MSP queue daemon. The case is exactly analogous, except that the sendmail flags are in /var/spool/clientmqueue/sm-client.pid and should read:

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/usr/sbin/sendmail -L sm-msp-queue -Ac -q30m
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and you need to set 'sendmail\_msp\_queue\_flags' in /etc/rc.conf to override them.

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Hope that helps.

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