

pop3d mailbox format

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Hi Managers,

SYS: Tru64 v5.1, exim v4.2, pop3d v2.53

Does anyone know in what format /usr/sbin/pop3d requires the mail spool file to be in?

I am trying to configure the MTA to spool emails into a single file. The man page says that the pop reads /usr/spool/mail and the MTA is writing the mails in one file per user in this directory. The mail.log is showing pop is reading the file:

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(v2.53) Servicing request from "mycomputer.domain.co.uk" at
+OK QPOP (version 2.53) at myserver.domain.co.uk starti
Received: "USER dermat"
+OK Password required for dermat.
Received: "pass xxxxxxxxx"
Creating temporary maildrop '/usr/spool/mail/.dermot.pop'
uid = 123, gid = 16
Checking for old .dermot.pop file
Old .dermot.pop file not found, errno (2)
+OK dermat has 0 messages (0 octets).
Received: "STAT"
0 message(s) (0 octets).
+OK 0 0
Received: "QUIT"
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The files exist:

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-rw----- 1 dermat mail 0 Sep 7 10:12 .dermot.pop
-rw----- 1 pop mail 473 Sep 7 11:40 dermat
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In my previous pop server the file had a "\1\1\1\1\n" prefix and suffix on each email. I believe this is called an MMDF format. I have recreated this format yet pop still doesn't seem to find any mails.

Any ideas? Should I try MBX? I would mean installing from source again so I would rather know before I go down this route.

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Thanx.

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