

## Re: [Newbie] Howto setup mailserver??

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Martin Latos wrote:

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- > *I would still recommend sendmail ... it is a standard for MTA isn't it ?*
- > *It's in default installation for a reason.*
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I've seen two reasons given –

1 Theo does not like the license, he considers it to be free (the way the gmail one was not) but it has some limitations he does not like. I've seen posts from the man himself to this effect. How this will be affected by the licence rationalisation being carried out by the OSI remains to be seen.

2. Reputedly Theo will not accept anything that is incompatible with sendmail.cf. And sendmail.cf is the biggest part of the learning curve.

There is also the issue that changing the default is a major problem for existing installations due to changes in config files. This is probably at the root of 2 above. New installations are another matter though.

Some Linux distributions are now using postfix as the default (SuSE certainly and I suspect Mandriva do so too) so changes may happen. A lot depends on whether we get a new rash of security incidents with Sendmail, there've been none for nearly 2 years now, but any really nasty ones may well prompt a review of the situation with many FLOSS packagers (after all quite a few dumped WU-ftp for proftpd after the last rash of security incidents).