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FreeBSD send mail with attachments from command line / shell prompt

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Q. I need to send few reports everyday as a mail attachment. I'm using FreeBSD 6.2 server. How do I send mail from a command line or a shell script?  ^[1]

A. You can easily send email attachment using mutt mail client. It works from command line or a shell prompt. However mutt is not installed by default. You need to install mutt command. mutt command also works under [UNIX and Linux like commands](#) ^[2].

Install mutt under FreeBSD

Mutt is a small but very powerful text based program for reading electronic mail under unix operating systems, including support color terminals, MIME, and a threaded sorting mode.

Use pkg_add command for installing software package distributions. Type the following command to install mutt:

```
# pkg_add -v -r mutt
```

Alternatively, you can use FreeBSD ports collections:

```
# cd /usr/ports/mail/mutt
# make install clean
```

FreeBsd command line mail attach with mutt

Send reports.tar.gz file to vivek@gmail.co.in

```
$ mutt -s "Reports" -a reports.tar.gz vivek@gmail.co.in
```

OR

```
$ mutt -s "Subject" -a reports.tar.gz vivek@gmail.co.in < /tmp/mail-message.txt
```

Where,

- **-a file** : Attach a file to your message using MIME.
- **-s subject** : Specify the subject of the message.

For multiple file attachments use -a for each file:

```
$ mutt -s "Subject" -a file1.tar.gz -a file2.tar.gz vivek@gmail.co.in
```

For more information read mutt command man page.

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