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When using thunderbird as mailto handler xdg-email translates mailto uris into an 'thunderbird -compose' argument. While to, cc and bcc values are properly enclosed in single quotes this is not the case for subject or body. This breaks functionality and allows to use all thunderbird -compose arguments within a mailto uri, e.g.

```
xdg-email 'mailto:test@example.com?subject=Test,attachment=~/.thunderbird/profiles.ini,message=/home/test/test.txt'
```

translates into

```
thunderbird -compose to='test@example.com', ' ,subject=Test,attachment=~/.thunderbird/profiles.ini,message=/home/test/test.txt
```

with working attachment and message. (And, yes, ~ expands to the home directory.)

This is different from [Issue 177](#) where the handling of attachments is intended. Here it is not.

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Activity



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Proposed fix: stop treating thunderbird separately and trust in thunderbird's mailto handling.

Edited by [Marco Kühnel](#) 3 months ago



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Oh, I see: that would break xdg-email --attach for thunderbird again (as in the merge request for issue 177).



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Well, xdg-email --attach is already broken for other e-mail clients with different behaviour of command line and mailto attachments, e.g. Claws: Both claws-mail --compose test@example.com --attach /home/test/test.pdf and claws-mail 'mailto:test@example.com?attach=/home/test/test.pdf' attach the file but the latter only with a notification. So does xdg-email --attach in this case which is not the command line behaviour of Claws, so it is broken.

As far as I see xdg-email's purpose is to implement the thunderbird command line and use mailto uris for all other clients. I do not like this break of symmetry, so I would stick to my proposal and "break" --attach for thunderbird.



Gabriel Corona @randomstuff · 3 months ago

I believe a CVE should be requested for this.



Gabriel Corona mentioned in merge request [158](#) 3 months ago

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