Post Office Protocol

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POP supports download-and-delete requirements for access to remote mailboxes (termed maildrop in the POP RFC's).[2] Although most POP clients have an option to leave mail on server after download, e-mail clients using POP generally connect, retrieve all messages, store them on the client system, and delete them from the server. Other protocols, notably the <u>Internet Message</u> Access Protocol (IMAP) provide more

features of message management to typical mailbox operations. A POP3 server listens on well-known port number 110 for service requests. Encrypted communication for POP3 is either requested after protocol initiation, using the STLS command, if supported, or by POP3S, which connects to the server using Transport Layer Security (TLS) or Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) on wellknown TCP port number 995.

Available messages to the client are fixed when a POP session opens the maildrop, and are identified by message-number local to that session or, optionally, by a unique identifier assigned to the

message by the POP server. This unique identifier is permanent and unique to the maildrop and allows a client to access the same message in different POP sessions. Mail is retrieved and marked for deletion by message-number. When the client exits the <u>session</u>, the mail marked for deletion is removed from the maildrop.

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POP1 was specified in <u>RFC 918</u> (1984), POP2 by <u>RFC 937</u> (1985).

POP3 มีต้นกำเนิดมาจาก<u>RFC 1081</u> (1988) ข้อกำหนดล่าสุดคือ<u>RFC 1939</u> , updated with an extension mechanism (<u>RFC</u> 2449) and an authentication mechanism in RFC 1734.

The original POP3 specification supported only an unencrypted USER/PASS login mechanism or Berkeley .rhosts access control. POP3 currently supports several authentication methods to provide varying levels of protection against illegitimate access to a user's email. Most are provided by the POP3 extension mechanisms. POP3 clients support **SASL** authentication methods via the AUTH extension. MIT Project Athena also produced a Kerberized version. RFC 1460 introduced APOP into the core protocol. APOP is a

challenge/response protocol which uses the MD5 hash function in an attempt to avoid replay attacks and disclosure of the shared secret. Clients implementing APOP include Mozilla Thunderbird, Opera Mail, Eudora, KMail, Novell Evolution, RimArts' Becky!, [3] Windows Live Mail, PowerMail, Apple Mail, and Mutt. RFC 1460 was obsoleted by RFC 1725, which was in turn obsoleted by RFC 1939.

POP4 exists only as an informal proposal adding basic folder management, multipart message support, as well as message flag management to compete

with IMAP; but its development has not progressed since 2003.^[4]

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An extension mechanism was proposed in RFC 2449 to accommodate general extensions as well as announce in an organized manner support for optional commands, such as TOP and UIDL. The RFC did not intend to encourage extensions, and reaffirmed that the role of POP3 is to provide simple support for mainly download-and-delete requirements of mailbox handling.

The extensions are termed capabilities and are listed by the CAPA command.

Except for APOP, the optional commands were included in the initial set of capabilities. Following the lead of ESMTP (RFC 5321), capabilities beginning with an X signify local capabilities.

STARTTLS

The STARTTLS extension allows the use of <u>Transport Layer Security</u> (TLS) or <u>Secure Sockets Layer</u> (SSL) to be negotiated using the *STLS* command, on the standard POP3 port, rather than an alternate. Some clients and servers instead use the alternate-port method, which uses TCP port 995 (POP3S).

SDPS

<u>Demon Internet</u> introduced extensions to POP3 that allow multiple accounts per domain, and has become known as *Standard Dial-up POP3 Service* (SDPS). [5] To access each account, the username includes the hostname, as *john@hostname* or *john+hostname*.

Google Apps uses the same method. [6]

Kerberized Post Office Protocol

In <u>computing</u>, local <u>e-mail clients</u> can use the **Kerberized Post Office Protocol** (**KPOP**), an <u>application-layer Internet</u>

standard protocol, to retrieve e-mail from a remote server over a TCP/IP connection. The KPOP protocol is based on the POP3 protocol with the differences that it adds Kerberos security and that it runs by default over TCP port number 1109 instead of 110. One mail server software implementation is found in the Cyrus IMAP server.

เปรียบเทียบกับ IMAP

- POP is a much simpler protocol, making implementation easier.
- POP mail moves the message from the email server onto your local computer, although there is usually an option to

leave the messages on the email server as well.

- IMAP defaults to leaving the message on the email server, simply downloading a local copy.
- POP treats the mailbox as one store,
 and has no concept of folders
- An IMAP client performs complex queries, asking the server for headers, or the bodies of specified messages, or to search for messages meeting certain criteria. Messages in the mail repository can be marked with various status flags (e.g. "deleted" or "answered") and they stay in the repository until explicitly removed by

the user-which may not be until a later session. In short: IMAP is designed to permit manipulation of remote mailboxes as if they were local. Depending on the IMAP client implementation and the mail architecture desired by the system manager, the user may save messages directly on the client machine, or save them on the server, or be given the choice of doing either.

The POP protocol requires the currently connected client to be the only client connected to the mailbox. In contrast, the IMAP protocol specifically allows simultaneous access by multiple clients and provides mechanisms for clients to detect changes made to the mailbox by other, concurrently connected, clients. See for example RFC3501 section 5.2 which specifically cites "simultaneous access to the same mailbox by multiple agents" as an example.

- When POP retrieves a message, it receives all parts of it, whereas the IMAP4 protocol allows clients to retrieve any of the individual MIME parts separately - for example retrieving the plain text without retrieving attached files.
- IMAP supports flags on the server to keep track of message state: for

example, whether or not the message has been read, replied to, or deleted.

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The APOP usage is a direct example from RFC 1939 page 19.

RFC 1939 APOP support indicated by <1896.697170952@dbc.mtview.ca.us> here:

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S: <wait for connection on
TCP port 110>
C: <open connection>
S: +OK POP3 server ready
<1896.697170952@dbc.mtview.
ca.us>
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C: APOP mrose
c4c9334bac560ecc979e58001b3
e22fb
S: +OK mrose's maildrop
has 2 messages (320 octets)
C: STAT
S: +OK 2 320
C: LIST
S: +OK 2 messages (320
octets)
S: 1 120
S: 2 200
S:
C:
     RETR 1
S: +OK 120 octets
S: <the POP3 server
sends message 1>
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S:
C:
     DELE 1
     +OK message 1 deleted
S:
C:
     RETR 2
     +OK 200 octets
S:
S: <the POP3 server
sends message 2>
S:
C:
     DELE 2
S:
     +OK message 2 deleted
C:
     QUIT
S:
     +OK dewey POP3 server
signing off (maildrop
empty)
C: <close connection>
S: <wait for next
connection>
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POP3 servers without the optional APOP command expect the client to log in with the USER and PASS commands:

C: USER mrose

S: +OK User accepted

C: PASS tanstaaf

S: +OK Pass accepted

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- Citadel/UX
- Courier Mail Server
- Cyrus IMAP server
- Dovecot

- Eudora Internet Mail Server
- HMailServer
- Ipswitch IMail Server
- Kerio Connect
- Mailtrag
- Nginx
- qmail-pop3d
- Qpopper
- RePOP
- UW IMAP
- WinGate
- Zimbra

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- RFC 937 POST OFFICE PROTOCOL
 VERSION 2
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 Extension for Simple
 Challenge/Response
- RFC 2384 POP URL Scheme
- RFC 2449 POP3 Extension
 Mechanism

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 POP3 and ACAP
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