

**NAME**

Mail::Message::Field::Address – One e-mail address

**INHERITANCE**

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Mail::Message::Field::Address
  is a Mail::Identity
  is a User::Identity::Item
```

**SYNOPSIS**

```
my $addr = Mail::Message::Field::Address->new(...);

my $ui    = User::Identity->new(...);
my $addr = Mail::Message::Field::Address->coerce($ui);

my $mi    = Mail::Identity->new(...);
my $addr = Mail::Message::Field::Address->coerce($mi);

print $addr->address;
print $addr->fullName;    # possibly unicode!
print $addr->domain;
```

**DESCRIPTION**

Many header fields can contain e-mail addresses. Each e-mail address can be represented by an object of this class. These objects will handle interpretation and character set encoding and decoding for you.

Extends “DESCRIPTION” in Mail::Identity.

**OVERLOADED**

overload: **boolean**

The object used as boolean will always return true

overload: **string \$comparison**

Two address objects are the same when their email addresses are the same.

overload: **stringification**

When the object is used in string context, it will return the encoded representation of the e-mail address, just like **string()** does.

**METHODS**

Extends “METHODS” in Mail::Identity.

**Constructors**

Extends “Constructors” in Mail::Identity.

**\$obj->coerce( <STRING|\$object>, %options )**

Try to coerce the \$object into a Mail::Message::Field::Address. In case of a STRING, it is interpreted as an email address.

The %options are passed to the object creation, and overrule the values found in the \$object. The result may be undef or a newly created object. If the \$object is already of the correct type, it is returned unmodified.

The \$object may currently be a Mail::Address, a Mail::Identity, or a User::Identity. In case of the latter, one of the user’s addresses is chosen at random.

**Mail::Message::Field::Address->new( [\$name], %options )**

Inherited, see “Constructors” in Mail::Identity

**\$obj->parse(STRING)**

Parse the string for an address. You never know whether one or more addresses are specified on a line (often applications are wrong), therefore, the STRING is first parsed for as many addresses as possible and then the one is taken at random.

**Attributes**

Extends “Attributes” in Mail::Identity.

`$obj->address()`

Inherited, see “Attributes” in Mail::Identity

`$obj->charset()`

Inherited, see “Attributes” in Mail::Identity

`$obj->comment( [STRING] )`

Inherited, see “Attributes” in Mail::Identity

`$obj->description()`

Inherited, see “Attributes” in User::Identity::Item

`$obj->domain()`

Inherited, see “Attributes” in Mail::Identity

`$obj->language()`

Inherited, see “Attributes” in Mail::Identity

`$obj->location()`

Inherited, see “Attributes” in Mail::Identity

`$obj->name( [$newname] )`

Inherited, see “Attributes” in User::Identity::Item

`$obj->organization()`

Inherited, see “Attributes” in Mail::Identity

`$obj->phrase()`

Inherited, see “Attributes” in Mail::Identity

`$obj->username()`

Inherited, see “Attributes” in Mail::Identity

**Collections**

Extends “Collections” in Mail::Identity.

`$obj->add($collection, $role)`

Inherited, see “Collections” in User::Identity::Item

`$obj->addCollection( $object | <[$type], %options> )`

Inherited, see “Collections” in User::Identity::Item

`$obj->collection($name)`

Inherited, see “Collections” in User::Identity::Item

`$obj->parent( [$parent] )`

Inherited, see “Collections” in User::Identity::Item

`$obj->removeCollection($object|$name)`

Inherited, see “Collections” in User::Identity::Item

`$obj->type()`

Mail::Message::Field::Address->type()

Inherited, see “Collections” in User::Identity::Item

`$obj->user()`

Inherited, see “Collections” in User::Identity::Item

**Searching**

Extends “Searching” in Mail::Identity.

`$obj->find($collection, $role)`

Inherited, see “Searching” in User::Identity::Item

**Accessors**`$obj->encoding()`

Character-set encoding, like 'q' and 'b', to be used when non-ascii characters are to be transmitted.

**Access to the content**`$obj->string()`

Returns an RFC compliant e-mail address, which will have character set encoding if needed. The objects are also overloaded to call this method in string context.

example:

```
print $address->string;
print $address;          # via overloading
```

**DIAGNOSTICS**

Error: \$object is not a collection.

The first argument is an object, but not of a class which extends User::Identity::Collection.

Error: Cannot coerce a \$type into a Mail::Message::Field::Address

When addresses are specified to be included in header fields, they may be coerced into Mail::Message::Field::Address objects first. What you specify is not accepted as address specification. This may be an internal error.

Error: Cannot load collection module for \$type (\$class).

Either the specified \$type does not exist, or that module named \$class returns compilation errors. If the type as specified in the warning is not the name of a package, you specified a nickname which was not defined. Maybe you forgot the 'require' the package which defines the nickname.

Error: Creation of a collection via \$class failed.

The \$class did compile, but it was not possible to create an object of that class using the options you specified.

Error: Don't know what type of collection you want to add.

If you add a collection, it must either be a collection object or a list of options which can be used to create a collection object. In the latter case, the type of collection must be specified.

Warning: No collection \$name

The collection with \$name does not exist and can not be created.

**SEE ALSO**

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