

CIA Lab Assignment:
Mail Transfer Agents (1)
THIS IS THE OLD CONFIGURATION, Please check the new one below.

I work with Adrien and Shahrukh. My part is *Postfix*.

Question 1. As per usual, explain everything you have done in your log, and how.

To Install Postfix I will follow a tutorial on

"<https://www.digitalocean.com/community/tutorials/how-to-install-and-configure-postfix-on-ubuntu-16-04>"

(a) First make sure that your system does not contain a pre-installed version of the MTA of your choice, if so, remove it before you continue.

```
kotaiba@bristol:~$ whereis postfix  
postfix:
```

Postfix is not installed.

(b) Make sure the source code is retrieved from a secure location. Use the official website for the MTA of your choice.

Postfix official website is "<http://www.postfix.org/>"

```
kotaiba@bristol:~$ sudo DEBIAN_PRIORITY=low apt-get install postfix
```

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First I check which version I installed in order to get

```
kotaiba@bristol:/etc/postfix$ postconf -d | grep mail_version  
mail_version = 3.1.0  
milter_macro_v = $mail_name $mail_version
```

(d) There are a number of options that you will have to enter before compilation, so that the functionality can be compiled into the program. Make sure the basic install holds all the necessary functionality. Show the options you configured.

These are the settings that I used:

1- General type of mail configuration?: Internet Site

2- System mail name: bristol.prac.os3.nl

3- Root and postmaster mail recipient: kotaiba

4- Other destinations to accept mail for: ~~LaTeX render failed~~ cat main.cf

See /usr/share/postfix/main.cf.dist for a commented, more complete version


Debian specific: Specifying a file name will cause the first # line of that file to be used as the name. The Debian default # is /etc/mailname. #myorigin = /etc/mailname

smtpd_banner = *LaTeX render failed*mail_name (Ubuntu) biff = no

appending .domain is the MUA's job. append_dot_mydomain = no

Uncomment the next line to generate "delayed mail" warnings #delay_warning_time = 4h

readme_directory = no

TLS parameters smtpd_tls_cert_file=/etc/ssl/certs/ssl-cert-snakeoil.pem
smtpd_tls_key_file=/etc/ssl/private/ssl-cert-snakeoil.key smtpd_use_tls=yes
smtpd_tls_session_cache_database = btree:{data_directory}/smtp_scache

See /usr/share/doc/postfix/TLS_README.gz in the postfix-doc package for # information on enabling SSL in the smtp client.

smtpd_relay_restrictions = permit_mynetworks permit_sasl_authenticated defer_unauth_destination
myhostname = bristol.studlab.os3.nl alias_maps = hash:/etc/aliases alias_database =
hash:/etc/aliases myorigin = /etc/mailname mydestination = *LaTeX render failed* sudo postconf -e
'home_mailbox= Maildir/' </code>

set home_mailbox variable to Maildir/ which will create a directory structure under that name within the user's home directory.

Second, set the location of the virtual_alias_maps table. This table maps arbitrary email accounts to Linux system accounts.

```
kotaiba@bristol:/etc/postfix$ sudo postconf -e 'virtual_alias_maps=
hash:/etc/postfix/virtual'
```

Question 3.

(a) Add a local account on your experimental machine and make sure that the MTA can deliver mail to it. Show the required configuration.

to do that we edit the /etc/postfix/virtual, and add the following:

```
postmaster@bristol.prac.os3.nl kotaiba
test@bristol.prac.os3.nl kotaiba
```

On the left, you can list any addresses that you wish to accept email for. Afterwards, the Linux user you'd like that mail delivered to.

Now, apply the mapping:

```
kotaiba@bristol:/etc/postfix$ sudo postmap /etc/postfix/virtual
```

Now, we have to setting up the Environment to Match the Mail Location:

We should make sure our MAIL environmental variable is set correctly before we install a client. Because the client will inspect this variable to figure out where to look for user's mail.

```
kotaiba@bristol:/etc/postfix$ echo 'export MAIL=~/.Maildir' | sudo tee -a /etc/bash.bashrc | sudo tee -a /etc/profile.d/mail.sh
```

Now, we Install and Configure the Mail Client:

In order to interact with the mail being delivered, we will install the s-nail package.

```
kotaiba@bristol:/etc/postfix$ sudo apt-get install s-nail
```

Now we have to adjust a few settings, we add to /etc/s-nail.rc the following:

```
set emptystart
set folder=Maildir
set record=+sent
```

This will allow the client to open even with an empty inbox. It will also set the Maildir directory to the internal folder variable and then use this to create a sent mbox file within that, for storing sent mail.

Now, we have to initialize the directory structure:

The easiest way to create the Maildir structure within our home directory is to send ourselves an email.

```
kotaiba@bristol:/etc/postfix$ echo 'CIA' | mail -s 'CIA' -Sno record kotaiba
Can't canonicalize "/home/kotaiba/Maildir"
```

This is normal and will only show during this first message.

let's check to make sure the directory was created by looking for our ~/.Maildir directory:

```
kotaiba@bristol:/etc/postfix$ ls -R ~/.Maildir
/home/kotaiba/Maildir:
cur new tmp

/home/kotaiba/Maildir/cur:

/home/kotaiba/Maildir/new:
1506857367.V801I200105M385002.bristol 1506857394.V801I200109M308424.bristol
1506857374.V801I200108M890398.bristol

/home/kotaiba/Maildir/tmp:
```

Perfect, It looks like our mail has been delivered.

```
kotaiba@bristol:/etc/postfix$ mail
s-nail version v14.8.6. Type ? for help.
"/home/kotaiba/Maildir": 3 messages 3 new
>N 1 Mail Delivery Syst Thu Jan 1 01:00 68/2293 Undelivered Mail
Returned t
N 2 Mail Delivery Syst Thu Jan 1 01:00 69/2325 Undelivered Mail
Returned t
```

```
N 3 kotaiba Thu Jan 1 01:00 14/452 CIA
?
```

The first 2 email was type, so lets look at the 3rd one:

```
? 3
[-- Message 3 -- 14 lines, 452 bytes --]:
From kotaiba@bristol.prac.os3.nl Thu Jan 1 01:00:00 1970
Date: Sun, 01 Oct 2017 13:29:54 +0200
To: kotaiba@bristol.prac.os3.nl
Subject: CIA
Message-Id: <20171001112954.4A800520D9F@bristol.studlab.os3.nl>
From: kotaiba@bristol.prac.os3.nl (kotaiba)

CIA
```

(b) Add to your log an email received by this account. Do not forget the full headers!

First, Sending Mail with the Client:

I write my message content in "test_message" file.

```
kotaiba@bristol:~$ cat ~/test_message | mail -s 'Test CIA email subject
line' -r UserTest test@bristol.prac.os3.nl
```

This will send message from "test@bristol.prac.os3.nl" to me with "Test CIA email subject line" subject.

Let's check the inbox now :

```
kotaiba@bristol:~$ mail
s-nail version v14.8.6. Type ? for help.
"/home/kotaiba/Maildir": 5 messages 5 new
>N 5 UserTest@bristol.p Thu Jan 1 01:00 16/542 Test CIA email subject
line
? 5
```

Open it:

```
[-- Message 5 -- 16 lines, 542 bytes --]:
From UserTest@bristol.prac.os3.nl Thu Jan 1 01:00:00 1970
Date: Sun, 01 Oct 2017 13:44:04 +0200
From: UserTest@bristol.prac.os3.nl
To: test@bristol.prac.os3.nl
Subject: Test CIA email subject line
Message-Id: <20171001114404.71355520D96@bristol.studlab.os3.nl>

Hello CIA Assignment,

This is a test. Please confirm receipt!
```

© Also make sure that any email intended for postmaster@<city>.prac.os3.nl is delivered to this account. Show the full email as delivered to the new account and the required configuration.

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AFTER DONE ALL OF THE PREVIOUS STEPS I DISCOVER THAT I DID A LOT OF MISTAKES AND I DONT WANT TO PROCEED WITH IT, SO IT WILL BE REALLY HARD TO FIX. SO NOW I WILL START AGAIN FROM THE BEGINNING :(:'(.__

before I start, lets delete everything related to Postfix

```
kotaiba@bristol:~$ sudo apt-get purge postfix
```

Question 1.

(a) First make sure that your system does not contain a pre-installed version of the MTA of your choice, if so, remove it before you continue.

```
kotaiba@bristol:~$ whereis postfix
postfix:
kotaiba@bristol:~$ postfix
-bash: postfix: command not found
```

(b) Make sure the source code is retrieved from a secure location. Use the official website for the MTA of your choice.

According to <http://www.postfix.org> this is the official site for Amsterdam-Netherlands source.

University of Utrecht:

<ftp://ftp.cs.uu.nl/mirror/postfix/postfix-release/official/postfix-3.2.3.tar.gz>

```
kotaiba@bristol:~$ wget
ftp://ftp.cs.uu.nl/mirror/postfix/postfix-release/official/postfix-3.2.3.tar
.gz
--2017-10-01 14:56:39--
ftp://ftp.cs.uu.nl/mirror/postfix/postfix-release/official/postfix-3.2.3.tar
.gz
      => 'postfix-3.2.3.tar.gz'
Resolving ftp.cs.uu.nl (ftp.cs.uu.nl)... 131.211.31.189
Connecting to ftp.cs.uu.nl (ftp.cs.uu.nl)|131.211.31.189|:21... connected.
Logging in as anonymous ... Logged in!
==> SYST ... done.      ==> PWD ... done.
```

```

==> TYPE I ... done. ==> CWD (1) /mirror/postfix/postfix-release/official
... done.
==> SIZE postfix-3.2.3.tar.gz ... 4390567
==> PASV ... done. ==> RETR postfix-3.2.3.tar.gz ... done.
Length: 4390567 (4.2M) (unauthoritative)

postfix-3.2.3.tar.gz      100%[=====>]      4.19M
23.1MB/s      in 0.2s

2017-10-01 14:56:39 (23.1 MB/s) - 'postfix-3.2.3.tar.gz' saved [4390567]

```

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First, lets download the Wietse's PGP key that sign this package and Import it.

```

kotaiba@bristol:~$ wget
ftp://ftp.cs.uu.nl/mirror/postfix/postfix-release/wietse.pgp
--2017-10-01 15:03:15--
ftp://ftp.cs.uu.nl/mirror/postfix/postfix-release/wietse.pgp
=> 'wietse.pgp'
Resolving ftp.cs.uu.nl (ftp.cs.uu.nl)... 131.211.31.189
Connecting to ftp.cs.uu.nl (ftp.cs.uu.nl)|131.211.31.189|:21... connected.
Logging in as anonymous ... Logged in!
==> SYST ... done. ==> PWD ... done.
==> TYPE I ... done. ==> CWD (1) /mirror/postfix/postfix-release ... done.
==> SIZE wietse.pgp ... 9281
==> PASV ... done. ==> RETR wietse.pgp ... done.
Length: 9281 (9.1K) (unauthoritative)

wietse.pgp      100%[=====>]      9.06K  -
--KB/s      in 0.003s

2017-10-01 15:03:16 (3.06 MB/s) - 'wietse.pgp' saved [9281]

```

Import the key:

```

kotaiba@bristol:~$ gpg --allow-weak-digest-algos --import wietse.pgp
gpg: key 80CA15A7: "Wietse Venema <wietse@porcupine.org>" not changed
gpg: WARNING: digest algorithm MD5 is deprecated
gpg: please see https://gnupg.org/faq/weak-digest-algos.html for more
information
gpg: key C12BCD99: public key "Wietse Venema <wietse@porcupine.org>"
imported
gpg: key D5327CB9: public key "wietse venema <wietse@porcupine.org>"
imported
gpg: Total number processed: 3
gpg:      imported: 2 (RSA: 2)
gpg:      unchanged: 1

```

```
gpg: no ultimately trusted keys found
```

Now, Verifying the File's Signature:

The Signed package signature.

```
kotaiba@bristol:~$ wget
ftp://ftp.cs.uu.nl/mirror/postfix/postfix-release/official/postfix-3.2.3.tar
.gz.sig

--2017-10-01 14:58:49--
ftp://ftp.cs.uu.nl/mirror/postfix/postfix-release/official/postfix-3.2.3.tar
.gz.sig
      => 'postfix-3.2.3.tar.gz.sig'
Resolving ftp.cs.uu.nl (ftp.cs.uu.nl)... 131.211.31.189
Connecting to ftp.cs.uu.nl (ftp.cs.uu.nl)|131.211.31.189|:21... connected.
Logging in as anonymous ... Logged in!
==> SYST ... done.      ==> PWD ... done.
==> TYPE I ... done.    ==> CWD (1) /mirror/postfix/postfix-release/official
... done.
==> SIZE postfix-3.2.3.tar.gz.sig ... 280
==> PASV ... done.      ==> RETR postfix-3.2.3.tar.gz.sig ... done.
Length: 280 (unauthoritative)

postfix-3.2.3.tar.gz.sig 100%[=====>]          280  -
--KB/s      in 0.002s

2017-10-01 14:58:50 (141 KB/s) - 'postfix-3.2.3.tar.gz.sig' saved [280]
```

```
kotaiba@bristol:~$ gpg --allow-weak-digest-algos --verify
postfix-3.2.3.tar.gz.sig postfix-3.2.3.tar.gz
gpg: Signature made Sun 24 Sep 2017 02:37:53 PM CEST using RSA key ID
C12BCD99
gpg: WARNING: digest algorithm MD5 is deprecated
gpg: please see https://gnupg.org/faq/weak-digest-algos.html for more
information
gpg: Good signature from "Wietse Venema <wietse@porcupine.org>"
gpg: WARNING: This key is not certified with a trusted signature!
gpg:          There is no indication that the signature belongs to the
owner.
Primary key fingerprint: FF 96 4A 8C 96 88 7C 6E  A4 EF AD BF 48 34 E1 BB
```

As we see above the Keys and Signatures are valid.

(d) There are a number of options that you will have to enter before compilation, so that the functionality can be compiled into the program. Make sure the basic install holds all the necessary functionality. Show the options you configured.

I checked postfix-3.2.3/README_FILES files in order to see options with configuration and I picked TLS from it.

Now, according the TLS_README and http://www.postfix.org/TLS_README.html#build_tls I will Compile the Postfix with TLS option.

First make the Makefile with TLS option:

```
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo make makefiles CCARGS="-DUSE_TLS"
AUXLIBS="-lssl -lcrypto"
[sudo] password for kotaiba:
make -f Makefile.in MAKELEVEL= Makefiles
(echo "# Do not edit -- this file documents how Postfix was built for your
machine."; /bin/sh makedefs) >makedefs.tmp
No <db.h> include file found.
Install the appropriate db*-devel package first.
Makefile.in:31: recipe for target 'Makefiles' failed
make: *** [Makefiles] Error 1
Makefile:22: recipe for target 'makefiles' failed
make: *** [makefiles] Error 2
```

It gave me this error so now I have to "Install the appropriate db*-devel package first." Which is the Berkley db.

```
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo apt-get install libdb-dev
```

Now the "sudo make makefiles CCARGS="-DUSE_TLS" AUXLIBS="-lssl -lcrypto" command works.

Now, we install:

```
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ chmod +x postfix-install
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo ./postfix-install
```

Unfortunately, It didn't work, it gave me "Remember, "postfix" needs a dedicated user and group id."

So I have to add it.

```
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo useradd postfix
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo passwd postfix
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo groupadd postdrop
```

Now we run:

```
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo ./postfix-install
```

Now it works.

Question 2. Most of the options for an MTA can be found in a configuration file that will be loaded when the MTA starts. It is recommended to start with an example configuration that looks a lot like what you need for now. Show how you adapt it to your needs.

I added the following configuration to /etc/postfix/main.cf:

```
myhostname = bristol.prac.os3.nl
alias_maps = hash:/etc/aliases
alias_database = hash:/etc/aliases
mydestination = $myhostname, bristol.prac.os3.nl, localhost.prac.os3.nl, ,
localhost
myorigin = /etc/mailname
virtual_alias_maps = hash:/etc/postfix/virtual
mynetworks = 127.0.0.0/8 [::ffff:127.0.0.0]/104 [::1]/128
mailbox_size_limit = 0
recipient_delimiter = +
inet_interfaces = all
```

Now, we complete the configuration: First, I will use the Maildir format, which separates messages into individual files that are then moved between directories based on user action.

```
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo postconf -e 'home_mailbox= Maildir/'
```

set home_mailbox variable to Maildir/ which will create a directory structure under that name within the user's home directory.

Second, set the location of the virtual_alias_maps table. This table maps arbitrary email accounts to Linux system accounts.

```
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo postconf -e 'virtual_alias_maps=
hash:/etc/postfix/virtual'
```

Question 3.

(a) Add a local account on your experimental machine and make sure that the MTA can deliver mail to it. Show the required configuration.

First add a local account "os3":

```
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo useradd os3
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo passwd os3
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
```

Now we add to /etc/postfix/virtual the following:

```
kotaiba@bristol.prac.os3.nl kotaiba
os3@bristol.prac.os3.nl os3
```

We can apply the mapping:

```
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo postmap /etc/postfix/virtual
```

Now we start the Postfix:

```
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo postfix start
postfix/postfix-script: starting the Postfix mail system
```

Now we to make sure our MAIL environmental variable is set correctly. The client will inspect this variable to figure out where to look for user's mail.

```
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ echo 'export MAIL=~/.Maildir' | sudo tee -a
/etc/bash.bashrc | sudo tee -a /etc/profile.d/mail.sh

export MAIL=~/.Maildir
```

Last this to do is install Mail Client 'mailutils':

```
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo apt-get install mailutils
```

(b) Add to your log an email received by this account. Do not forget the full headers!

First let's send an email:

```
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ echo "Hello from the other side" | mail -s
"Testing Email OS3" os3@bristol.prac.os3.nl
```

© Also make sure that any email intended for postmaster@<city>.prac.os3.nl is delivered to this account. Show the full email as delivered to the new account and the required configuration

Added the following to /etc/postfix/virtual:

```
postmaster@bristol.prac.os3.nl os3
```

Now, restart the Postfix:

```
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo postmap /etc/postfix/virtual
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo newaliases
kotaiba@bristol:~/postfix-3.2.3$ sudo systemctl restart postfix
```

Till this step everything goes well, but after that I couldn't check my mail because it's always empty.

After, full credits to Mick for helping to detect the problems and solve them one by one me.

So now let's specify what was the problems:

The problems was in the main.cf file, below is the previous configuration:

```
mydestination = $myhostname, bristol.prac.os3.nl, localhost.prac.os3.nl, ,
localhost
myorigin = /etc/mailname
```

The new configuration:

```
mydestination = $myhostname
```

```
myorigin = $myhostname
```

In addition to another problem which is my `"/home/kotaiba/Maildir"` was a file instead of directory for my inbox.

```
kotaiba@bristol:~$ rm Maildir
kotaiba@bristol:~$ mkdir Maildir
```

Now, lets The full email to `"postmaster@bristol.prac.os3.nl"` for 'os3' user:

Send mail log:

```
kalachkar@desktop-15:~$ telnet bristol.studlab.os3.nl 25
Trying 2001:610:158:1046:145:100:104:163...
Trying 145.100.104.163...
Connected to bristol.studlab.os3.nl.
Escape character is '^]'.
220 bristol.prac.os3.nl ESMTP Postfix
ehlo test@bristol.nl
250-bristol.prac.os3.nl
250-PIPELINING
250-SIZE 10240000
250-VRFY
250-ETRN
250-ENHANCEDSTATUSCODES
250-8BITMIME
250 DSN
mail from: test@bristol.nl
250 2.1.0 Ok
rcpt to: postmaster@bristol.prac.os3.nl
250 2.1.5 Ok
data
354 End data with <CR><LF>.<CR><LF>
Subject: Test Dogs
Dogs Dogs Dogs
.
250 2.0.0 Ok: queued as 6204A520216
quit
221 2.0.0 Bye
Connection closed by foreign host.
```

Log file:

```
Oct  3 15:04:56 bristol postfix/smtpd[29275]: connect from
desktop-15.students.os3.nl[145.100.102.145]
Oct  3 15:05:41 bristol postfix/smtpd[29275]: 6204A520216:
client=desktop-15.students.os3.nl[145.100.102.145]
Oct  3 15:05:57 bristol postfix/cleanup[29278]: 6204A520216: message-id=<>
Oct  3 15:05:57 bristol postfix/qmgr[896]: 6204A520216:
from=<test@bristol.nl>, size=259, nrcpt=1 (queue active)
```



```
check_relay_domains
relay_domains = $mydestination
foix.prac.os3.nl
brest.prac.os3.nl
```

Then, in /etc/postfix/transport file, I added the following:

```
grenoble.prac.os3.nl smtp:[mail.grenoble.prac.os3.nl]
```

Source:

1- https://www.akadia.com/services/postfix_mx_backup.html

6. Shutdown your MTA, send a mail to your domain and show

```
sudo service postfix stop
```

(a) The email is delivered to one of your colleagues.

The Email Delivered to Tim :

This result from Tim MTA:

```
2017-10-05 11:39:18 1e02cV-0005Ka-42 == kotaiba@bristol.prac.os3.nl
R=dsnlookup defer (-1): host lookup did not complete
```

Test 1

```
tzalinger 1000 1000
<tzalinger@grenoble.prac.os3.nl>
1507196347 0
-ident tzalinger
-received_protocol local
-body_linecount 1
-max_received_linelength 36
-auth_id tzalinger
-auth_sender tzalinger@grenoble.prac.os3.nl
-allow_unqualified_recipient
-allow_unqualified_sender
-local
XX
1
kotaiba@bristol.prac.os3.nl
```

```
209P Received: from tzalinger by grenoble.prac.os3.nl with local (Exim 4.89)
(envelope-from <tzalinger@grenoble.prac.os3.nl>)
id 1e02cV-0005Ka-42
for kotaiba@bristol.prac.os3.nl; Thu, 05 Oct 2017 11:39:17 +0200
037F From: tzalinger@grenoble.prac.os3.nl
032T To: kotaiba@bristol.prac.os3.nl
016 Subject: Test 1
```

```
053I Message-Id: <Ele02cV-0005Ka-42@grenoble.prac.os3.nl>
038 Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2017 11:39:15 +0200
```

Note: I will add Adrien Log later since I tried with him.

(b) The email is delivered to your MTA when you turn it back on.

```
Return-Path: <kalachkar@os3.nl>
X-Original-To: kotaiba@bristol.prac.os3.nl
Delivered-To: kotaiba@bristol.prac.os3.nl
Received: from brest.studlab.os3.nl (brest.studlab.os3.nl [145.100.104.106])
    by bristol.prac.os3.nl (Postfix) with ESMTP id 99230520E6F
    for <kotaiba@bristol.prac.os3.nl>; Mon,  9 Oct 2017 15:12:41 +0200
(CEST)
Received: from mail.serv.os3.nl (mail.serv.os3.nl [145.100.96.25])
    by brest.studlab.os3.nl (8.15.2/8.15.2) with ESMTP id v96FBQi3031712
    for <kotaiba@bristol.prac.os3.nl>; Fri,  6 Oct 2017 17:11:26 +0200
Received: from webmail.os3.nl (mail.serv.os3.nl [IPv6:2001:610:158:960::25])
    by mail.serv.os3.nl (Postfix) with ESMTP id 2369D17AA2F
    for <kotaiba@bristol.prac.os3.nl>; Fri,  6 Oct 2017 14:43:07 +0200
(CEST)
Received: from 2001:610:158:1023:54ee:1f85:63d5:c319
    (SquirrelMail authenticated user kalachkar)
    by webmail.os3.nl with HTTP;
    Fri,  6 Oct 2017 14:43:08 +0200
Message-ID: <d34005daa2fe67cfcbf6cc6ffca5dfb8.squirrel@webmail.os3.nl>
Date: Fri,  6 Oct 2017 14:43:08 +0200
Subject: Test Backup
From: kalachkar@os3.nl
To: kotaiba@bristol.prac.os3.nl
User-Agent: SquirrelMail/1.4.22
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit
X-Priority: 3 (Normal)
Importance: Normal

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Question 7. Choose a console mail client that is available in the Ubuntu repositories, install it and configure it to read mail for the account added before.

I will choose to install mutt:

```
sudo apt-get install mutt
```

Test Mutt:

```
y:Send  q:Abort  t:To   c:CC   s:Subj  a:Attach file  d:Descrip  ?:Help
```

```
From: kotaiba <kotaiba@bristol.prac.os3.nl>
To: tzalinger@grenoble.prac.os3.nl
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: test
Reply-To:
Fcc: ~/sent
Mix: <no chain defined>
Security: None

-- Attachments
- I      1 /tmp/mutt-bristol-1000-6153-186392254220
[text/plain, 7bit, us-ascii, 0.1K]
```

(a) Where does the client store read emails?

in file ~/Maildir

(b) In what format?

in Maildir format which is "a worldwide used e-mail storage format. It is structured as a structured folder, which allows emails to be stored, moved or deleted while maintaining integrity. Each e-mail is provided with a unique name and stored as a separate file."

Source:

1- <https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maildir>

Question 8. Briefly explain

(a) what mail queues your mail server uses,

Postfix contains the following queue's:

```
1- incoming
2- active
3- deferred
4- maildrop
5- hold
```

(b) what is their purpose:

The "hold" queue:

The "hold" queue plays little role in Postfix performance, and monitoring of the "hold" queue is typically more closely motivated by tracking spam and malware, than by performance issues.

The "Incoming" queue:

The name says it all, the queue for incoming email. The emails will stay here until they are ready to be processed by the cleanup service.

Maildrop:

Messages that are being submitted to be send, but have not yet been processed. The single treaded "pickup" service will pick these messages up one by one and move them to be processed.

Deferred:

Where the messages go that were released from the hold queue. Als if a message was failed to be delivered, it will be placed into this deferred queue.

Active queue:

Emails that are ready to be sent off onto the nets. Mind you this doesn't necessarily mean that the messages are in the process of being send.

© where are they located on your machine and

All the queues can be found in /var/spool/postfix/

to prove it:

```
kotaiba@bristol:/var/spool/postfix$ ll
total 84
drwxr-xr-x 21 root      root      4096 Oct 11 11:25 ./
drwxr-xr-x  7 root      root      4096 Oct 10 21:35 ../
drwx----- 2 postfix  root      4096 Oct 13 15:53 active/
drwx----- 2 postfix  root      4096 Oct 10 14:07 bounce/
drwx----- 2 postfix  root      4096 Oct  1 16:00 corrupt/
drwx----- 2 postfix  root      4096 Oct  1 16:00 defer/
drwx----- 2 postfix  root      4096 Oct  1 16:00 deferred/
drwxr-xr-x  2 root      root      4096 Apr 13  2016 dev/
drwxr-xr-x  2 root      root      4096 Oct 10 20:50 etc/
drwx----- 2 postfix  root      4096 Oct  1 16:00 flush/
drwx----- 2 postfix  root      4096 Oct  1 16:00 hold/
drwx----- 2 postfix  root      4096 Oct 13 15:53 incoming/
drwxr-xr-x  2 root      root      4096 Apr 13  2016 lib/
drwx-wx--T  2 postfix  postdrop 4096 Oct 13 15:53 maildrop/
drwxr-xr-x  2 opendkim postfix 4096 Oct 13 14:22 opendkim/
drwxr-xr-x  2 root      root      4096 Oct 13 15:53 pid/
drwx----- 2 postfix  root      4096 Oct 16 01:16 private/
drwx--s---  2 postfix  postdrop 4096 Oct 16 01:02 public/
drwx----- 2 postfix  root      4096 Oct  1 16:00 saved/
drwx----- 2 postfix  root      4096 Oct  1 16:00 trace/
drwxr-xr-x  3 root      root      4096 Oct  1 16:55 usr/
```

(d) how can you interact with them?

Display a list of queued mail, deferred and pending:

We use:

```
kotaiba@bristol:/usr/local/etc/nsd$ mailq
Mail queue is empty
```


OR

```
kotaiba@bristol:/usr/local/etc/nsd$ postqueue -p  
Mail queue is empty
```

View message (contents, header and body) in Postfix queue:

Assuming the message has the ID XXXXXXXX (you can see the ID form the QUEUE)

```
postcat -vq XXXXXXXXXX
```

Tell Postfix to process the Queue now

```
postqueue -f
```

OR

```
postfix flush
```

Delete all queued mail

```
postsuper -d ALL
```

Delete differed mail queue messages (The ones the system intends to retry later)

```
postsuper -d ALL deferred
```

Source:

- 1- <http://www.tech-g.com/2012/07/15/inspecting-postfixs-email-queue/>
- 2- <https://www.wirehive.com/5-top-tips-reviewing-postfix-mail-queue/>
- 3- http://www.postfix.org/QSHAPE_README.html#queues