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# **MODERN DELAY-TOLERANT EMAIL**

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# 1 | Introduction - Chapter

## 1.1 Email Protocol

- **MUA (Mail User Agent):** Also known as the email client, used by end users to send and receive emails.
- **MSA (Mail Submission Agent):** Receives emails from the MUA and forwards them to the MTA.
- **MTA (Mail Transfer Agent):** Transfers email between servers.
- **MDA (Mail Delivery Agent):** Delivers the email to the recipient's mailbox.
- Note: Dovecot refers to the MDA as **LDA (Local Delivery Agent)**.

Table 1.1: Common Email Protocols and Their Port Numbers

Protocol	Description	Port
<b>IMAP</b>	Internet Message Access Protocol	143
<b>IMAPS</b>	IMAP over SSL/TLS	993
<b>POP3</b>	Post Office Protocol v3	110
<b>POP3S</b>	POP3 over SSL/TLS	995
<b>SMTP</b>	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol	25
<b>SMTPS</b>	SMTP over SSL/TLS	465

### 1.1.1 STARTTLS Support

**STARTTLS** is a command that upgrades a plaintext connection to a secure one using SSL/TLS, without changing the default ports. It can be used with:

- IMAP on port 143
- POP3 on port 110
- SMTP on port 25

## 1.2 Email Server

```
docker-compose up -d

# Send email

docker exec -it mail1 bash

echo "Hello from mail1" | mail -s "Test Email" user1@mail.2.com

docker exec -it mail2 bash

cat /var/mail/user1

# Reply email

echo "Reply from mail2" | mail -s "Test Reply" user1@mail.1.com

cat /var/mail/user1

docker-compose down -v
```

Listing 1.1: Run Email Server Using Docker

## 1.3 Simulate the Network

0. WSL2 cannot be used because tc is not supported.
1. Use wbitt/network-multitool as the base image for the delay-server.
2. Create two distinct Docker networks and configure other containers (e.g., mail1, mail2) to use the delay-server as their default gateway by modifying their internal

routing tables.

3. On the delay-server, apply iptables MASQUERADE rules for traffic routed between the networks, and add network delay to its interfaces using tc.
4. In the client containers (e.g., mail1, mail2), update their /etc/hosts files to resolve hostnames of other services to their respective IP addresses across the different networks.
5. Give priority to resolving domain names with the local hosts file by setting smtp host lookup = native.
6. Create transport maps to prevent Postfix from looking up MX records.

## 1.4 Email Server Solution

Feature	maddy	Mailcow	iRedMail	Mail-in-a-Box
Deployment	Docker	Docker Compose	Manual	Manual
MTA	maddy	Postfix	Postfix	Postfix
Mail Storage	maddy	Dovecot	Dovecot	Dovecot
User Storage	File / SQLite / Postgres / MySQL	MySQL	MySQL / Postgres / LDAP	SQLite
Security Auth	DKIM / SPF / DMARC	DKIM / SPF / DMARC / 2FA / SSL	DKIM / SPF / DMARC	DKIM / SPF / DMARC / SSL
Antispam	(Rspamd)	Rspamd	SpamAssassin	SpamAssassin
Antivirus	(ClamAV)	ClamAV	ClamAV	ClamAV
Content Filter	(Sieve)	Sieve	Amavisd	Amavisd
Admin Panel	(listmonk)	Web Panel	iRedAdmin	Web Panel
Webmail	(Roundcube)	SOGGo	Roundcube / SOGGo	Roundcube
Desktop Client	(Thunderbird)	(Thunderbird)	(Thunderbird)	(Thunderbird)
Bulk/Lists	(listmonk)	Groups (built-in)	(Mailman)	Aliases / Forward

Table 1.2: Comparison of mail system components and recommended technologies

## **2 | Literature Review**

### **2.1 Materials**

### **2.2 Synthetic Procedures**

#### **2.2.1 Parameters Varied**

### **2.3 Characterisation Techniques**

#### **2.3.1 A**

#### **2.3.2 B**

#### **2.3.3 C**

#### **2.3.4 D**

#### **2.3.5 Subsection**

Paragraph As specified in (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), the Bundle Protocol defines...

Subparagraph

### **2.3.6 Subsection**

#### **Subsubsection**

## **3 | Experimental Methods**

### **3.1 Materials**

### **3.2 Synthetic Procedures**

#### **3.2.1 Parameters Varied**

### **3.3 Characterisation Techniques**

#### **3.3.1 A**

#### **3.3.2 B**

#### **3.3.3 C**

#### **3.3.4 D**

## 4 | Results and Discussion



## 5 | **Conclusions and Future Work**

## 6 | Figures, Tables, Referencing

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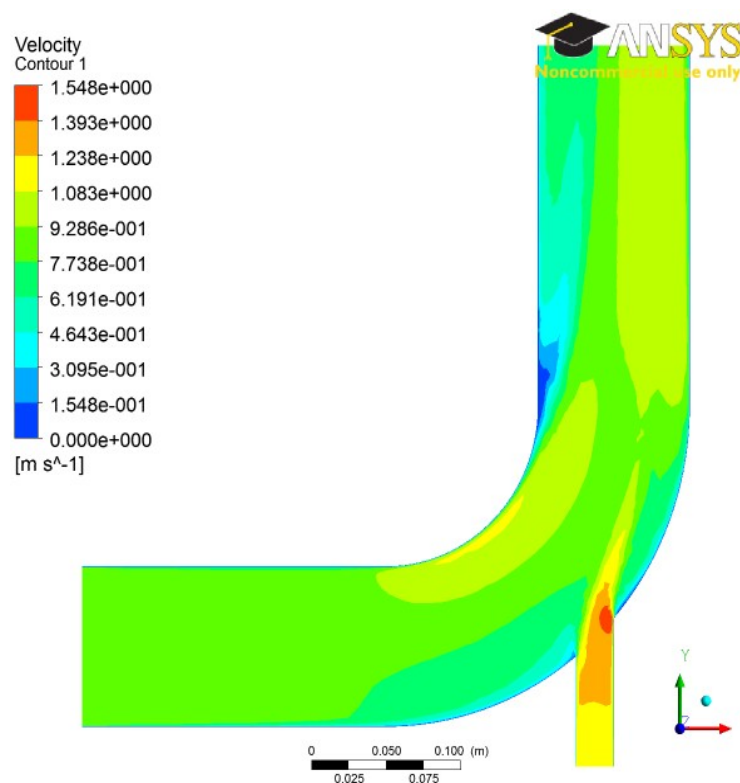


Figure 6.1: Velocity distribution on the mid-plane for an inlet velocity for case 1.

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\caption{The effects of treatments X and Y on the four groups studied.}
\label{tab:treatments}
\centering
\begin{tabular}{l l l}
\toprule
\textbf{Groups} & \textbf{Treatment X} & \textbf{Treatment Y} \\ \midrule
1 & 0.2 & 0.8 \\
2 & 0.17 & 0.7 \\
3 & 0.24 & 0.75 \\
4 & 0.68 & 0.3 \\
\bottomrule
\end{tabular}
\end{table}
```

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\text{trm{div}}(\underline{u}) = \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} + \frac{\delta v}{\delta y} + \frac{\delta w}{\delta z} = 0
\label{sampleequation}
\end{equation}
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$$\text{div}(\underline{u}) = \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} + \frac{\delta v}{\delta y} + \frac{\delta w}{\delta z} = 0 \quad (1)$$

## 6.4 Referencing published work

It is important to give appropriate credit to other people for the work that they have shared through publications. In fact, you must sign a declaration in your report stating that you understand the nature of plagiarism. As well as avoiding plagiarism, citing results or data from the literature can strengthen your argument, provide a favourable

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comparison for your results, or even demonstrate how superior your work is.

There are many styles to reference published work. For example, the parenthetical style (which is also called the *Harvard style*) uses the author and date of publication (e.g. “Smith and Jones, 2001”). There is also the Vancouver style (or the *citation sequence style*), which is used in this document. In the Vancouver style, the publications are cited using bracketed numbers which refer to the list in the References section at the end of the report. The references are listed in the order that they are cited in the report. A variant is *name sequence style*, in which the publications are referenced by number, but the list is arranged alphabetically. The following paragraph shows the use of the Vancouver style:

Several studies have examined the sound field around tandem cylinders generated by flow(11, 12), while other investigations have focused on the effect of an applied sound field on the flow(13). Papers from conference proceedings(14), books(15) and technical reports(16) can be dealt with in the same style.

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- the referencing style used throughout the document is consistent;
- all material used or discussed in the text is properly cited;
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## 7 | L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, or more properly “L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>”, is a very useful document processing program. It is very widely used, widely available, stable and free. Famously, T<sub>E</sub>X, upon which L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X is built, was originally developed by the eminent American mathematician Donald Knuth because he was tired of ugly mathematics books (17). Although it has a learning curve (made much less forbidding by online tools and resources – see below), it allows the writer to concentrate more fully on the content, and takes care of most everything else.

While it can be used as a word processor, it is a *typesetting* system, and Knuth’s idea was that it could be used to produce beautiful looking books:

*L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X is a macro package which enables authors to typeset and print their work at the highest typographical quality, using a predefined, professional layout.<sup>1</sup>*

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X has great facilities for setting out equations and a powerful and very widely supported bibliographic system called BibT<sub>E</sub>X, which takes the pain out of referencing.

Three useful online resources make L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X much better:

- (1) An excellent online L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X environment called “Overleaf” is available at <http://www.overleaf.com> and runs in a modern web browser. It’s got this template available – search for a TCD template. Overleaf can work in conjunction with Dropbox, Google Drive and, in beta, GitHub.

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<sup>1</sup>This is from Oetiker et al. (18). Did we mention that you should minimise your use of footnotes?

- (2) Google Scholar, at <http://scholar.google.com>, provides BibTeX entries for most of the academic references it finds.
- (3) An indispensable and very fine introduction to using L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X called “*The not so short introduction to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2 $\epsilon$* ” by Oetiker et al. (18) is online at <https://doi.org/10.3929/ethz-a-004398225>. Browse it before you use L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X for the first time and read it carefully when you get down to business.

Other tools worth mentioning include:

- Draw.io – an online drawing package that can output PDFs to Google Drive – see <https://www.draw.io>.



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# A1 | Appendix

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## A1.1 Appendix numbering

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