NAME

smtp - Postfix SMTP+LMTP client

SYNOPSIS

smtp [generic Postfix daemon options]

DESCRIPTION

The Postfix SMTP+LMTP client implements the SMTP and LMTP mail delivery protocols. It processes message delivery requests from the queue manager. Each request specifies a queue file, a sender address, a domain or host to deliver to, and recipient information. This program expects to be run from the **master**(8) process manager.

The SMTP+LMTP client updates the queue file and marks recipients as finished, or it informs the queue manager that delivery should be tried again at a later time. Delivery status reports are sent to the **bounce**(8), **defer**(8) or **trace**(8) daemon as appropriate.

The SMTP+LMTP client looks up a list of mail exchanger addresses for the destination host, sorts the list by preference, and connects to each listed address until it finds a server that responds.

When a server is not reachable, or when mail delivery fails due to a recoverable error condition, the SMTP+LMTP client will try to deliver the mail to an alternate host.

After a successful mail transaction, a connection may be saved to the **scache**(8) connection cache server, so that it may be used by any SMTP+LMTP client for a subsequent transaction.

By default, connection caching is enabled temporarily for destinations that have a high volume of mail in the active queue. Connection caching can be enabled permanently for specific destinations.

SMTP DESTINATION SYNTAX

SMTP destinations have the following form:

domainname

domainname:port

Look up the mail exchangers for the specified domain, and connect to the specified port (default: **smtp**).

[hostname]

[hostname]:port

Look up the address(es) of the specified host, and connect to the specified port (default: **smtp**).

[address]

[address]:port

Connect to the host at the specified address, and connect to the specified port (default: **smtp**). An IPv6 address must be formatted as [**ipv6**:address].

LMTP DESTINATION SYNTAX

LMTP destinations have the following form:

unix:pathname

Connect to the local UNIX-domain server that is bound to the specified *pathname*. If the process runs chrooted, an absolute pathname is interpreted relative to the Postfix queue directory.

inet:hostname

inet:hostname:port

inet:[address]

inet:[address]:port

Connect to the specified TCP port on the specified local or remote host. If no port is specified, connect to the port defined as **lmtp** in **services**(4). If no such service is found, the **lmtp_tcp_port** configuration parameter (default value of 24) will be used. An IPv6 address must be formatted as **[ipv6**:address].

SECURITY

The SMTP+LMTP client is moderately security–sensitive. It talks to SMTP or LMTP servers and to DNS servers on the network. The SMTP+LMTP client can be run chrooted at fixed low privilege.

STANDARDS

RFC 821 (SMTP protocol)

RFC 822 (ARPA Internet Text Messages)

RFC 1651 (SMTP service extensions)

RFC 1652 (8bit-MIME transport)

RFC 1870 (Message Size Declaration)

RFC 2033 (LMTP protocol)

RFC 2034 (SMTP Enhanced Error Codes)

RFC 2045 (MIME: Format of Internet Message Bodies)

RFC 2046 (MIME: Media Types)

RFC 2554 (AUTH command)

RFC 2821 (SMTP protocol)

RFC 2920 (SMTP Pipelining)

RFC 3207 (STARTTLS command)

RFC 3461 (SMTP DSN Extension)

RFC 3463 (Enhanced Status Codes)

RFC 4954 (AUTH command)

RFC 5321 (SMTP protocol)

RFC 6531 (Internationalized SMTP)

RFC 6533 (Internationalized Delivery Status Notifications)

DIAGNOSTICS

Problems and transactions are logged to **syslogd**(8). Corrupted message fi les are marked so that the queue manager can move them to the **corrupt** queue for further inspection.

Depending on the setting of the **notify_classes** parameter, the postmaster is notified of bounces, protocol problems, and of other trouble.

BUGS

SMTP and LMTP connection caching does not work with TLS. The necessary support for TLS object passivation and re–activation does not exist without closing the session, which defeats the purpose.

SMTP and LMTP connection caching assumes that SASL credentials are valid for all destinations that map onto the same IP address and TCP port.

CONFIGURATION PARAMETERS

Before Postfi x version 2.3, the LMTP client is a separate program that implements only a subset of the functionality available with SMTP: there is no support for TLS, and connections are cached in–process, making it ineffective when the client is used for multiple domains.

Most smtp_xxx confi guration parameters have an lmtp_xxx "mirror" parameter for the equivalent LMTP feature. This document describes only those LMTP-related parameters that aren't simply "mirror" parameters.

Changes to **main.cf** are picked up automatically, as **smtp**(8) processes run for only a limited amount of time. Use the command "**postfix reload**" to speed up a change.

The text below provides only a parameter summary. See **postconf**(5) for more details including examples.

COMPATIBILITY CONTROLS

ignore_mx_lookup_error (no)

Ignore DNS MX lookups that produce no response.

smtp_always_send_ehlo (yes)

Always send EHLO at the start of an SMTP session.

smtp_never_send_ehlo (no)

Never send EHLO at the start of an SMTP session.

smtp_defer_if_no_mx_address_found (no)

Defer mail delivery when no MX record resolves to an IP address.

smtp_line_length_limit (998)

The maximal length of message header and body lines that Postfi x will send via SMTP.

smtp_pix_workaround_delay_time (10s)

How long the Postfi x SMTP client pauses before sending ".<CR><LF>" in order to work around the PIX fi rewall "<CR><LF>.<CR>>LF>" bug.

smtp_pix_workaround_threshold_time (500s)

How long a message must be queued before the Postfi x SMTP client turns on the PIX fi rewall "<CR><LF>.<CR><LF>" bug workaround for delivery through fi rewalls with "smtp fi xup" mode turned on.

smtp_pix_workarounds (disable_esmtp, delay_dotcrlf)

A list that specifi es zero or more workarounds for CISCO PIX fi rewall bugs.

smtp_pix_workaround_maps (empty)

Lookup tables, indexed by the remote SMTP server address, with per-destination workarounds for CISCO PIX fi rewall bugs.

smtp_quote_rfc821_envelope (yes)

Quote addresses in Postfi x SMTP client MAIL FROM and RCPT TO commands as required by RFC 5321.

smtp_reply_filter (empty)

A mechanism to transform replies from remote SMTP servers one line at a time.

smtp_skip_5xx_greeting (yes)

Skip remote SMTP servers that greet with a 5XX status code.

smtp_skip_quit_response (yes)

Do not wait for the response to the SMTP QUIT command.

Available in Postfi x version 2.0 and earlier:

smtp_skip_4xx_greeting (yes)

Skip SMTP servers that greet with a 4XX status code (go away, try again later).

Available in Postfi x version 2.2 and later:

smtp_discard_ehlo_keyword_address_maps (empty)

Lookup tables, indexed by the remote SMTP server address, with case insensitive lists of EHLO keywords (pipelining, starttls, auth, etc.) that the Postfi x SMTP client will ignore in the EHLO response from a remote SMTP server.

smtp_discard_ehlo_keywords (empty)

A case insensitive list of EHLO keywords (pipelining, starttls, auth, etc.) that the Postfi x SMTP client will ignore in the EHLO response from a remote SMTP server.

smtp generic maps (empty)

Optional lookup tables that perform address rewriting in the Postfi x SMTP client, typically to transform a locally valid address into a globally valid address when sending mail across the

Internet.

Available in Postfi x version 2.2.9 and later:

smtp_cname_overrides_servername (version dependent)

When the remote SMTP servername is a DNS CNAME, replace the servername with the result from CNAME expansion for the purpose of logging, SASL password lookup, TLS policy decisions, or TLS certificate verification.

Available in Postfi x version 2.3 and later:

lmtp_discard_lhlo_keyword_address_maps (empty)

Lookup tables, indexed by the remote LMTP server address, with case insensitive lists of LHLO keywords (pipelining, starttls, auth, etc.) that the Postfi x LMTP client will ignore in the LHLO response from a remote LMTP server.

lmtp_discard_lhlo_keywords (empty)

A case insensitive list of LHLO keywords (pipelining, starttls, auth, etc.) that the Postfi x LMTP client will ignore in the LHLO response from a remote LMTP server.

Available in Postfi x version 2.4.4 and later:

send cyrus sasl authzid (no)

When authenticating to a remote SMTP or LMTP server with the default setting "no", send no SASL authoriZation ID (authzid); send only the SASL authentiCation ID (authcid) plus the authcid's password.

Available in Postfi x version 2.5 and later:

smtp_header_checks (empty)

Restricted **header_checks**(5) tables for the Postfi x SMTP client.

smtp_mime_header_checks (empty)

Restricted **mime_header_checks**(5) tables for the Postfi x SMTP client.

smtp nested header checks (empty)

Restricted **nested_header_checks**(5) tables for the Postfi x SMTP client.

smtp_body_checks (empty)

Restricted **body_checks**(5) tables for the Postfi x SMTP client.

Available in Postfi x version 2.6 and later:

tcp windowsize (0)

An optional workaround for routers that break TCP window scaling.

Available in Postfi x version 2.8 and later:

smtp_dns_resolver_options (empty)

DNS Resolver options for the Postfi x SMTP client.

Available in Postfi x version 2.9 and later:

smtp_per_record_deadline (no)

Change the behavior of the smtp_*_timeout time limits, from a time limit per read or write system call, to a time limit to send or receive a complete record (an SMTP command line, SMTP response line, SMTP message content line, or TLS protocol message).

smtp_send_dummy_mail_auth (no)

Whether or not to append the "AUTH=<>" option to the MAIL FROM command in SASL-authenticated SMTP sessions.

Available in Postfi x version 2.11 and later:

smtp_dns_support_level (empty)

Level of DNS support in the Postfi x SMTP client.

Available in Postfi x version 3.0 and later:

smtp_delivery_status_filter (\$default_delivery_status_filter)

Optional filter for the **smtp**(8) delivery agent to change the delivery status code or explanatory text of successful or unsuccessful deliveries.

smtp_dns_reply_filter (empty)

Optional fi lter for Postfi x SMTP client DNS lookup results.

MIME PROCESSING CONTROLS

Available in Postfi x version 2.0 and later:

disable mime output conversion (no)

Disable the conversion of 8BITMIME format to 7BIT format.

mime_boundary_length_limit (2048)

The maximal length of MIME multipart boundary strings.

mime_nesting_limit (100)

The maximal recursion level that the MIME processor will handle.

EXTERNAL CONTENT INSPECTION CONTROLS

Available in Postfi x version 2.1 and later:

smtp send xforward command (no)

Send the non-standard XFORWARD command when the Postfi x SMTP server EHLO response announces XFORWARD support.

SASL AUTHENTICATION CONTROLS

smtp_sasl_auth_enable (no)

Enable SASL authentication in the Postfi x SMTP client.

smtp_sasl_password_maps (empty)

Optional Postfi x SMTP client lookup tables with one username:password entry per remote host-name or domain, or sender address when sender-dependent authentication is enabled.

smtp_sasl_security_options (noplaintext, noanonymous)

Postfi x SMTP client SASL security options; as of Postfi x 2.3 the list of available features depends on the SASL client implementation that is selected with **smtp_sasl_type**.

Available in Postfi x version 2.2 and later:

smtp_sasl_mechanism_filter (empty)

If non-empty, a Postfi x SMTP client filter for the remote SMTP server's list of offered SASL mechanisms.

Available in Postfi x version 2.3 and later:

smtp_sender_dependent_authentication (no)

Enable sender-dependent authentication in the Postfi x SMTP client; this is available only with SASL authentication, and disables SMTP connection caching to ensure that mail from different senders will use the appropriate credentials.

smtp_sasl_path (empty)

Implementation—specific information that the Postfix SMTP client passes through to the SASL plug—in implementation that is selected with **smtp_sasl_type**.

smtp_sasl_type (cyrus)

The SASL plug-in type that the Postfi x SMTP client should use for authentication.

Available in Postfi x version 2.5 and later:

smtp_sasl_auth_cache_name (empty)

An optional table to prevent repeated SASL authentication failures with the same remote SMTP server hostname, username and password.

smtp_sasl_auth_cache_time (90d)

The maximal age of an smtp_sasl_auth_cache_name entry before it is removed.

smtp_sasl_auth_soft_bounce (yes)

When a remote SMTP server rejects a SASL authentication request with a 535 reply code, defer mail delivery instead of returning mail as undeliverable.

Available in Postfi x version 2.9 and later:

smtp_send_dummy_mail_auth (no)

Whether or not to append the "AUTH=<>" option to the MAIL FROM command in SASL-authenticated SMTP sessions.

STARTTLS SUPPORT CONTROLS

Detailed information about STARTTLS confi guration may be found in the TLS_README document.

smtp_tls_security_level (empty)

The default SMTP TLS security level for the Postfi x SMTP client; when a non-empty value is specified, this overrides the obsolete parameters smtp_use_tls, smtp_enforce_tls, and smtp_tls_enforce_peername.

smtp_sasl_tls_security_options (\$smtp_sasl_security_options)

The SASL authentication security options that the Postfi x SMTP client uses for TLS encrypted SMTP sessions.

smtp_starttls_timeout (300s)

Time limit for Postfi x SMTP client write and read operations during TLS startup and shutdown handshake procedures.

smtp_tls_CAfi le (empty)

A fi le containing CA certifi cates of root CAs trusted to sign either remote SMTP server certifi cates or intermediate CA certifi cates.

smtp_tls_CApath (empty)

Directory with PEM format Certification Authority certificates that the Postfix SMTP client uses to verify a remote SMTP server certificate.

smtp_tls_cert_fi le (empty)

File with the Postfi x SMTP client RSA certifi cate in PEM format.

smtp_tls_mandatory_ciphers (medium)

The minimum TLS cipher grade that the Postfi x SMTP client will use with mandatory TLS encryption.

smtp_tls_exclude_ciphers (empty)

List of ciphers or cipher types to exclude from the Postfi x SMTP client cipher list at all TLS security levels.

smtp_tls_mandatory_exclude_ciphers (empty)

Additional list of ciphers or cipher types to exclude from the Postfi x SMTP client cipher list at mandatory TLS security levels.

smtp tls dcert file (empty)

File with the Postfi x SMTP client DSA certifi cate in PEM format.

smtp_tls_dkey_fi le (\$smtp_tls_dcert_fi le)

File with the Postfi x SMTP client DSA private key in PEM format.

smtp_tls_key_fi le (\$smtp_tls_cert_fi le)

File with the Postfi x SMTP client RSA private key in PEM format.

smtp_tls_loglevel (0)

Enable additional Postfi x SMTP client logging of TLS activity.

smtp_tls_note_starttls_offer (no)

Log the hostname of a remote SMTP server that offers STARTTLS, when TLS is not already enabled for that server.

smtp_tls_policy_maps (empty)

Optional lookup tables with the Postfi x SMTP client TLS security policy by next–hop destination; when a non–empty value is specified, this overrides the obsolete smtp tls per site parameter.

smtp_tls_mandatory_protocols (!SSLv2, !SSLv3)

List of SSL/TLS protocols that the Postfi x SMTP client will use with mandatory TLS encryption.

smtp_tls_scert_verifydepth (9)

The verification depth for remote SMTP server certificates.

smtp_tls_secure_cert_match (nexthop, dot-nexthop)

How the Postfi x SMTP client verifies the server certificate peername for the "secure" TLS security level.

smtp tls session cache database (empty)

Name of the file containing the optional Postfi x SMTP client TLS session cache.

smtp_tls_session_cache_timeout (3600s)

The expiration time of Postfi x SMTP client TLS session cache information.

smtp_tls_verify_cert_match (hostname)

How the Postfi x SMTP client verifies the server certificate peername for the "verify" TLS security level.

tls_daemon_random_bytes (32)

The number of pseudo-random bytes that an **smtp**(8) or **smtpd**(8) process requests from the **tlsmgr**(8) server in order to seed its internal pseudo random number generator (PRNG).

tls high cipherlist (ALL:!EXPORT:!LOW:!MEDIUM:+RC4:@STRENGTH)

The OpenSSL cipherlist for "HIGH" grade ciphers.

tls_medium_cipherlist (ALL:!EXPORT:!LOW:+RC4:@STRENGTH)

The OpenSSL cipherlist for "MEDIUM" or higher grade ciphers.

tls_low_cipherlist (ALL:!EXPORT:+RC4:@STRENGTH)

The OpenSSL cipherlist for "LOW" or higher grade ciphers.

tls_export_cipherlist (ALL:+RC4:@STRENGTH)

The OpenSSL cipherlist for "EXPORT" or higher grade ciphers.

tls_null_cipherlist (eNULL:!aNULL)

The OpenSSL cipherlist for "NULL" grade ciphers that provide authentication without encryption.

Available in Postfi x version 2.4 and later:

smtp_sasl_tls_verified_security_options (\$smtp_sasl_tls_security_options)

The SASL authentication security options that the Postfi x SMTP client uses for TLS encrypted SMTP sessions with a verified server certificate.

Available in Postfi x version 2.5 and later:

smtp_tls_fi ngerprint_cert_match (empty)

List of acceptable remote SMTP server certificate fingerprints for the "fingerprint" TLS security level (smtp_tls_security_level = fingerprint).

smtp_tls_fi ngerprint_digest (md5)

The message digest algorithm used to construct remote SMTP server certificate fingerprints.

Available in Postfi x version 2.6 and later:

smtp_tls_protocols (!SSLv2, !SSLv3)

List of TLS protocols that the Postfi x SMTP client will exclude or include with opportunistic TLS encryption.

smtp_tls_ciphers (medium)

The minimum TLS cipher grade that the Postfi x SMTP client will use with opportunistic TLS encryption.

smtp_tls_eccert_fi le (empty)

File with the Postfi x SMTP client ECDSA certifi cate in PEM format.

smtp_tls_eckey_fi le (\$smtp_tls_eccert_fi le)

File with the Postfi x SMTP client ECDSA private key in PEM format.

Available in Postfi x version 2.7 and later:

smtp_tls_block_early_mail_reply (no)

Try to detect a mail hijacking attack based on a TLS protocol vulnerability (CVE-2009-3555), where an attacker prepends malicious HELO, MAIL, RCPT, DATA commands to a Postfi x SMTP client TLS session.

Available in Postfi x version 2.8 and later:

tls_disable_workarounds (see 'postconf -d' output)

List or bit-mask of OpenSSL bug work-arounds to disable.

Available in Postfi x version 2.11 and later:

smtp_tls_trust_anchor_fi le (empty)

Zero or more PEM-format fi les with trust-anchor certifi cates and/or public keys.

smtp_tls_force_insecure_host_tlsa_lookup (no)

Lookup the associated DANE TLSA RRset even when a hostname is not an alias and its address records lie in an unsigned zone.

tls dane trust anchor digest enable (yes)

RFC 6698 trust–anchor digest support in the Postfi x TLS library.

tlsmgr_service_name (tlsmgr)

The name of the **tlsmgr**(8) service entry in master.cf.

Available in Postfi x version 3.0 and later:

smtp tls wrappermode (no)

Request that the Postfi x SMTP client connects using the legacy SMTPS protocol instead of using the STARTTLS command.

OBSOLETE STARTTLS CONTROLS

The following configuration parameters exist for compatibility with Postfi x versions before 2.3. Support for these will be removed in a future release.

smtp_use_tls (no)

Opportunistic mode: use TLS when a remote SMTP server announces STARTTLS support, otherwise send the mail in the clear.

smtp_enforce_tls (no)

Enforcement mode: require that remote SMTP servers use TLS encryption, and never send mail in the clear.

smtp_tls_enforce_peername (yes)

With mandatory TLS encryption, require that the remote SMTP server hostname matches the information in the remote SMTP server certificate.

smtp tls per site (empty)

Optional lookup tables with the Postfi x SMTP client TLS usage policy by next-hop destination and by remote SMTP server hostname.

smtp_tls_cipherlist (empty)

Obsolete Postfi x < 2.3 control for the Postfi x SMTP client TLS cipher list.

RESOURCE AND RATE CONTROLS

smtp_destination_concurrency_limit (\$default_destination_concurrency_limit)

The maximal number of parallel deliveries to the same destination via the smtp message delivery transport.

smtp_destination_recipient_limit (\$default_destination_recipient_limit)

The maximal number of recipients per message for the smtp message delivery transport.

smtp_connect_timeout (30s)

The Postfi x SMTP client time limit for completing a TCP connection, or zero (use the operating system built—in time limit).

smtp helo timeout (300s)

The Postfi x SMTP client time limit for sending the HELO or EHLO command, and for receiving the initial remote SMTP server response.

lmtp_lhlo_timeout (300s)

The Postfi x LMTP client time limit for sending the LHLO command, and for receiving the initial remote LMTP server response.

smtp_xforward_timeout (300s)

The Postfi x SMTP client time limit for sending the XFORWARD command, and for receiving the remote SMTP server response.

smtp_mail_timeout (300s)

The Postfi x SMTP client time limit for sending the MAIL FROM command, and for receiving the remote SMTP server response.

smtp_rcpt_timeout (300s)

The Postfi x SMTP client time limit for sending the SMTP RCPT TO command, and for receiving the remote SMTP server response.

smtp data init timeout (120s)

The Postfi x SMTP client time limit for sending the SMTP DATA command, and for receiving the remote SMTP server response.

smtp_data_xfer_timeout (180s)

The Postfi x SMTP client time limit for sending the SMTP message content.

smtp data done timeout (600s)

The Postfi x SMTP client time limit for sending the SMTP ".", and for receiving the remote SMTP server response.

smtp_quit_timeout (300s)

The Postfi x SMTP client time limit for sending the QUIT command, and for receiving the remote SMTP server response.

Available in Postfi x version 2.1 and later:

smtp mx address limit (5)

The maximal number of MX (mail exchanger) IP addresses that can result from Postfi x SMTP client mail exchanger lookups, or zero (no limit).

smtp_mx_session_limit (2)

The maximal number of SMTP sessions per delivery request before the Postfi x SMTP client gives up or delivers to a fall–back relay host, or zero (no limit).

smtp_rset_timeout (20s)

The Postfi x SMTP client time limit for sending the RSET command, and for receiving the remote SMTP server response.

Available in Postfi x version 2.2 and earlier:

lmtp_cache_connection (yes)

Keep Postfi x LMTP client connections open for up to \$max_idle seconds.

Available in Postfi x version 2.2 and later:

smtp_connection_cache_destinations (empty)

Permanently enable SMTP connection caching for the specified destinations.

smtp_connection_cache_on_demand (yes)

Temporarily enable SMTP connection caching while a destination has a high volume of mail in the active queue.

smtp_connection_reuse_time_limit (300s)

The amount of time during which Postfi x will use an SMTP connection repeatedly.

smtp_connection_cache_time_limit (2s)

When SMTP connection caching is enabled, the amount of time that an unused SMTP client socket is kept open before it is closed.

Available in Postfi x version 2.3 and later:

connection cache protocol timeout (5s)

Time limit for connection cache connect, send or receive operations.

Available in Postfi x version 2.9 and later:

smtp_per_record_deadline (no)

Change the behavior of the smtp_*_timeout time limits, from a time limit per read or write system call, to a time limit to send or receive a complete record (an SMTP command line, SMTP response line, SMTP message content line, or TLS protocol message).

Available in Postfi x version 2.11 and later:

smtp connection reuse count limit (0)

When SMTP connection caching is enabled, the number of times that an SMTP session may be reused before it is closed, or zero (no limit).

SMTPUTF8 CONTROLS

Preliminary SMTPUTF8 support is introduced with Postfi x 3.0.

smtputf8_enable (yes)

Enable preliminary SMTPUTF8 support for the protocols described in RFC 6531..6533.

smtputf8 autodetect classes (sendmail, verify)

Detect that a message requires SMTPUTF8 support for the specified mail origin classes.

TROUBLE SHOOTING CONTROLS

debug_peer_level (2)

The increment in verbose logging level when a remote client or server matches a pattern in the debug_peer_list parameter.

debug peer list (empty)

Optional list of remote client or server hostname or network address patterns that cause the verbose logging level to increase by the amount specified in \$debug peer level.

error_notice_recipient (postmaster)

The recipient of postmaster notifications about mail delivery problems that are caused by policy, resource, software or protocol errors.

internal_mail_filter_classes (empty)

What categories of Postfi x-generated mail are subject to before-queue content inspection by non_smtpd_milters, header_checks and body_checks.

notify classes (resource, software)

The list of error classes that are reported to the postmaster.

MISCELLANEOUS CONTROLS

best_mx_transport (empty)

Where the Postfi x SMTP client should deliver mail when it detects a "mail loops back to myself" error condition.

confi g_directory (see 'postconf -d' output)

The default location of the Postfi x main.cf and master.cf confi guration fi les.

daemon_timeout (18000s)

How much time a Postfi x daemon process may take to handle a request before it is terminated by a built–in watchdog timer.

delay_logging_resolution_limit (2)

The maximal number of digits after the decimal point when logging sub-second delay values.

disable_dns_lookups (no)

Disable DNS lookups in the Postfi x SMTP and LMTP clients.

inet interfaces (all)

The network interface addresses that this mail system receives mail on.

inet protocols (all)

The Internet protocols Postfi x will attempt to use when making or accepting connections.

ipc_timeout (3600s)

The time limit for sending or receiving information over an internal communication channel.

lmtp_assume_fi nal (no)

When a remote LMTP server announces no DSN support, assume that the server performs final delivery, and send "delivered" delivery status notifications instead of "relayed".

lmtp tcp port (24)

The default TCP port that the Postfi x LMTP client connects to.

max idle (100s)

The maximum amount of time that an idle Postfi x daemon process waits for an incoming connection before terminating voluntarily.

max_use (100)

The maximal number of incoming connections that a Postfi x daemon process will service before terminating voluntarily.

process_id (read-only)

The process ID of a Postfi x command or daemon process.

process_name (read-only)

The process name of a Postfi x command or daemon process.

proxy_interfaces (empty)

The network interface addresses that this mail system receives mail on by way of a proxy or network address translation unit.

smtp_address_preference (any)

The address type ("ipv6", "ipv4" or "any") that the Postfi x SMTP client will try fi rst, when a destination has IPv6 and IPv4 addresses with equal MX preference.

smtp bind address (empty)

An optional numerical network address that the Postfi x SMTP client should bind to when making an IPv4 connection.

smtp bind address6 (empty)

An optional numerical network address that the Postfi x SMTP client should bind to when making an IPv6 connection.

smtp_helo_name (\$myhostname)

The hostname to send in the SMTP HELO or EHLO command.

lmtp lhlo name (\$myhostname)

The hostname to send in the LMTP LHLO command.

smtp_host_lookup (dns)

What mechanisms the Postfi x SMTP client uses to look up a host's IP address.

smtp_randomize_addresses (yes)

Randomize the order of equal-preference MX host addresses.

syslog_facility (mail)

The syslog facility of Postfi x logging.

syslog_name (see 'postconf -d' output)

The mail system name that is prepended to the process name in syslog records, so that "smtpd" becomes, for example, "postfi x/smtpd".

Available with Postfi x 2.2 and earlier:

fallback_relay (empty)

Optional list of relay hosts for SMTP destinations that can't be found or that are unreachable.

Available with Postfi x 2.3 and later:

smtp_fallback_relay (\$fallback_relay)

Optional list of relay hosts for SMTP destinations that can't be found or that are unreachable.

Available with Postfi x 3.0 and later:

smtp_address_verify_target (rcpt)

In the context of email address verification, the SMTP protocol stage that determines whether an email address is deliverable.

SEE ALSO

generic(5), output address rewriting

header_checks(5), message header content inspection

body_checks(5), body parts content inspection

qmgr(8), queue manager

bounce(8), delivery status reports

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