

question about my .muttrc and mutt

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I have been working on debugging my print services. I have made several posts to this list on that subject. Several of you have suggested that this or that thing that I was complaining about worked fine on their system. So I decided to install a fresh copy of Debian with a view to testing in a whole new clean environment.

Now comes the details of a strange issue with mutt. Of course, I did not wipe my system clean and install all new. What I really did was to free up a partition that is big enough (7G) to hold a generous Debian system, reformat it and install on that. My /home was already in a partition by itself, and my various personal projects were in other partitions where I could easily arrange to keep them all untouched. And I did preserve them all and mount them in the new installation. My original root partition became a subdirectory in the new system. The new root directory was already accessible from the old root as a subdirectory, but now with very different size and contents.

At the end of yesterday evening, I had a second installation of Sarge that contained the same software as the original. But with the same /home. But its not so. Mutt behaves differently in the two. For example, in one installation my posts to this list are listed as "To: debian-user..." and in the other they are listed as "From: pecondon ..." Why? My reading of the man page is that mutt configuration is all done in ~/.muttrc and that there is not a master config file in /etc. Am I mistaken? Where is another that mutt config is stored? What is the source of this difference in behavior?

Of course, I don't really care about such a petty detail of mutt configuration, but it is absolute proof that I don't have control over the configuration of my environment, and I need control if I am ever to solve my print problems where my queries to this list frequently get "It works for me." as a response.

I need help, please.

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