

Postfix configuration (mail to root)

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I'm having problems with sending emails to root on my machines at work. My mail setup is a little strange, I suppose, but not too weird, I think :-)

I defer all sending of email. Postfix uses a relayhost of localhost:2300 and my user has a cronjob that sets up an ssh tunnel to a remote host, my.remote.host, that I use to actually send the email. (This setup is to avoid the exchange mail server that is used at the office. I've had A LOT of problems with it and its administrators.) The current setup works fine for sending to external addresses, but not for sending to local ones, e.g. to root.

```
% /usr/lib/sendmail root << EOF
Subject: hello
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hello
EOF
% mailq
2B62F4B9DD 335 Fri Sep 29 15:07:41 magnus@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
(deferred transport)
root@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
```

This is how I've configured it:

```
% cat /etc/mailname
my.remote.host
% egrep '^root' /etc/aliases
root: magnus
% hostname -f
my.local.host
```

My /etc/postfix/main.cf contains the following:

```
myhostname = my.local.host
myorigin = /etc/mailname
mydestination = my.local.host, localhost
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How do I configure this so that emails for root are sent to magnus@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx rather than root@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx?

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And, why are mails sent by the user magnus recorded as sent from magnus@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx?

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