

Re: Postfix configuration (mail to root)

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On Fri, Sep 29, 2006 at 20:07:18 +0300, Andrei Popescu wrote:

Magnus Therning <magnus@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

This is how I've configured it:

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% cat /etc/mailname  
my.remote.host
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% hostname -f  
my.local.host
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Maybe I'm wrong, but it seems to me that /etc/mailname should also be 'my.local.host'

But then I can't send emails because a lot of servers out there do a lookup on the server name in the envelope header and my.local.host is on a private LAN and can't be looked up.

Basically, the setup I want is:

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root and other local accounts are delivered locally  
non-local accounts are forwarded to the relayhost
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To have the latter work I need to make sure that the envelope header contains an address with a domain that can be looked up on the internet. That's what I get by sticking my.remote.host in /etc/mailname. However, that seems to screw up local delivery :-(

I can't see that this is a very unique situation, AFAICS that is exactly what Internet With Smart Host is when I run 'dpkg-reconfigure postfix'.

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