

## Re: Opening 300MB sent mail file

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- *From:* magikman <[mailing.lists@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:mailing.lists@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)>
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george@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

What's a workable method of opening a 300MB file that I saved several years ago ? It's from Mozilla's email client, and it was an unorganized Sent Mail file. It's one huge concatenated set of emails. When I've tried to open it so far, I see 100% memory usage right away, but after long waits (half an hour) progress appears to slow to a crawl. When I most recently tried to open it with Mozilla-Thunderbird, I could read the beginning of the file (starting in 1998 !) but the screensaver came on before it opened all the way, and that seems to put the kibosh on finishing ...

I have also tried OpenOffice, AbiWord, Mozilla-Firefox as well, with about the same result.

My system has 500MB of memory and 10GB of free disk space that I can be sure of.

Are there any debian app's which can handle this file ?

It appears to be plain text ... with embedded jpg's and pdf's of course.

Thanks,  
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You could start out by turning off the screensaver. :)

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