

Dovecot and Resolvconf issues

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Dear list,

It seems the new update of the stable flavour messed up things a bit, as a result our mailserv after update has certain issues.

We lost our mailserv after hard drive malfunction, however managed to save configs. But these configs with new debian wouldn't work.

Mailserv before the failure was a sarge system updated to etch via aptitude dist-upgrade. Mailserv with new hardware is brand new revision of etch.

1. Dovecot package

New dovecot wouldn't start with old config file, because parameter names are different. When we edit the new config file in analogy with the old version, dovecot (imap/pop3) would not permit login of mail clients (Evolution, etc):

Error sending username: -ERR Plaintext authentication disabled.

Yes, it is disabled in the configuration, but in old configuration is disabled and login works.

Nothing we did improved the situation, so we had to downgrade dovecot to sarge version.

But our system is etch and new updates may overlap current version of software and we may lose our server again.

2. Resolvconf

So far, we manipulated our network settings for the server through /etc/resolv.conf – where we supply a list of DNS servers to be queried.

The new system has that file, manipulated by the program resolvconf, and any changes we put there are being wiped out periodically. man resolvconf has no solution and we are stuck, because we rely on another host for DNS.

You may have noticed that I seldom post here and never complained, but these changes are too dramatic and not documented (after reading all info at dovecot website and wiki, we are certain that our config is allright).

Please, if you have solution to these issues, share them with us because otherwise our mailserv is working perfectly well and we would like to

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keep it.

Best regards

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