

Outlook Sux (Was: [2.6 patch] dpt_i2o fix for deadlock condition)

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From: Adrian Bunk [<mailto:bunk@stusta.de>] writes:

>> *There must still be a way to tell outlook to make the type something
>> useful, rather than application/octet–stream. maybe if the extension*

>> *was .patch.txt it would do something smarter.*

> *Patches in Attachments aren't nice, but better than corrupted patches.*

:–)

Part of the problem is cut–n–paste engines on M\$ and preservation of content, the other part of the problem is the MUA making up it's own rules on what constitutes a text document. It is not the MTA, sendmail is blameless.

> *It's unfortunate, but bitching on the people who are somehow forced to*

> *use crappy email clients is IMHO not a good idea.*

We could always require that if a patch is done as an attachment, that if it is smaller than 2K and/or at the submitters option, it also be present as in–line content for code review convenience?

Thanks for that defense, I appreciate it. I am trapped in corporate policy and MIS monitoring requirements. I have tried to make our MIS department miserable over this issue, the sheer quantity of attempts to mitigate is boggling and is still open. If I was paranoid, I'd almost believe that M\$ specifically decided to ignore RFC822 and all it's children just to make it an impossible tool to use for submitting Linux patches.

Now, if *someone* had an idea how I could configure Outlook 2002 to properly produce in–line patches *that* would earn my eternal gratitude (or a single stay at Hotel Salyzyn when visiting the Orlando Mouse House ;–>). Outlook 2003 gets worse still by corrupting attachments (!) and I thus reverted back to 2002.

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Sincerely -- Mark Salzyn

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