

Program for gathering and saving mail?

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I was wondering if there are any good programs for just gathering mail from a (remote) POP3 or IMAP server and saving them to a file?

Preferbly it should allow the server to sync itself every now and then to actually delete the messages that have been downloaded.

If it was possible to specify that only messages over a certain size, it would be great.

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I know 'fetchmail' may work, but I have some bad experiences with it... Last time I tried it, my mailbox overfilled, and instead of leaving my mail on the POP-server (as the RFC dictates POP *shall do* when something f.{3}s-up), it deleted it from the server, and bounced it to the senders... and since it was mostly mail-lists, I became rather unpopular for a while. So before I try 'fetchmail' again, I would like some tips...

- 1) Can I save to some file other than the mailbox?
- 2) Can I prevent bouncing?
- 3) Can I enforce the "leave if things go wrong" rule?
- 4) Can I specify the minimum size of the messages I want to download?
- 5) I know I can make 'fetchmail' disconnect every n-th message or every m-th byte to allow the server to delete... but how (what options and arguments)?

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I'll use 'fetchmail' if I have to, but are there any other good alternatives for a non-interactive mail-client for POP and/or IMAP?

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Also, are there any good (interactive) mail-clients that will allow me to download headers, pick some messages and have them downloaded locally -- and deleted remotely?

I've tried 'pine'... it works well, but I'm cursed with a very slow connection, and 'pine' just are too taxing on this connection with whatever it does when it gathers headers.

I've also used the mail-client in 'mozilla', but the "offline" stuff (which I understand I must use) confuses me...

I guess I'm after something like (yuck, bah) M\$ Outlook (Express), where you download headers, marks messages for retrieval later, start syncing/downloading and then wait. (Goes to shows you even a blind hen may find a grain)

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