Exim Cheat Sheet

Basics

Print a count of the messages in the queue:

exim -bpc

Print a listing of the messages in the queue (time queued, size, message-id, sender, recipient):

exim -bp

Print a summary of messages in the queue (count, volume, oldest, newest, domain, and totals):

exim -bp | exiqsumm

Print what Exim is doing right now:

exiwhat

Managing The Queue

Start a queue run:

exim -q -v

Start a queue run for just local deliveries:

exim -ql -v

Remove a message from the queue:

exim -Mrm <message-id>

Freeze a message:

exim -Mf <message-id>

Thaw a message:

exim -Mt <message-id>

Deliver a message, regardless:

exim -M <message-id>

Deliver a message, but only if the retry time has

been reached:

exim -Mc <message-id>

Finding Stuff

Use -f to search for a specific sender:

exiqgrep -f [luser]@domain

Use -r to search for a specific recipient: # exiqgrep -r [luser]@domain

Use -o to print messages older than the specified number of seconds.

exiggrep -o 86400 [...]

Use -y to print messages that are younger than the specified number of seconds.

exiggrep -y 3600 [...]

Use -s to match the size of a message with a regex. For example, 700-799 bytes:

exiggrep -s '^7..\$' [...]

Use -z to match only frozen messages:

exiggrep -z

Use -x to match only unfrozen messages.

exiggrep -x

Use -i to print just the message-id as a result of one of the above two searches:

exiqgrep -i [-r | -f] ...

Use -c to print a count of messages matching one of the above searches:

exiqgrep -c ...

Combo's

Remove all frozen messages:

exiqqrep -z -i | xarqs exim -Mrm