



QMVC

Qmail Mail and Virus Control

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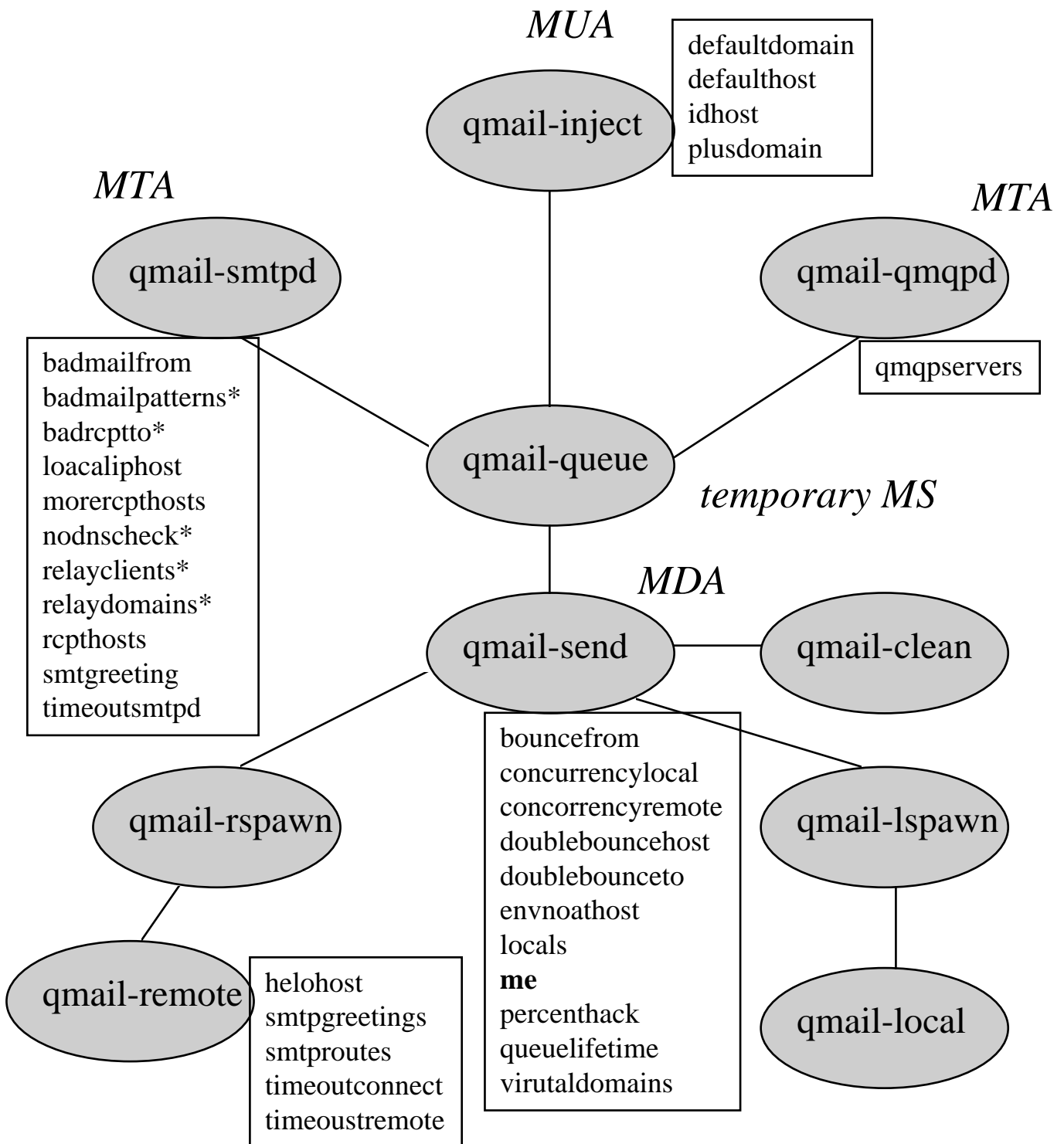
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QMVC what ?



QMAIL - The MTA



E-Mail Situation Today and in Future

- Currently, 10 % of all E-Mails have an attachment (mostly MIME)
- 1% of E-Mails are virus infected; this rate is probably increasing
- Virus-Bombs becoming a thread for ISPs:
 - Web sites are scanned for E-Mail addresses (mailto:) and serve as targets for infected mails send with high frequency
 - The same happens to well known E-Mail addresses (info@domain.com or postmaster@domain.com).
- For Qmail, some anti-virus tools are available:
 - Qmail-Scanner
 - AMaVis
 - Kaspersky Lab AVP
 - OdeiaVir
- It is necessary, not only to protect for virus mails but additionally to understand their "sources" and "sinks"

QMVC Design Principles

- *qmvc* works uni-directional; only E-Mails to be locally delivered will be checked
- *qmvc* runs with stock Qmail, no patches have to be applied
- *qmvc* does not interfere with Qmail's standard delivery process and queueing
- *qmvc* depends solely on the *qmail-local* mechanism
- No PERL interpreter needed, just C-binaries and the Korn-Shell
- *qmvc* runs with minimal permissions
- QMVC scales well up 100 000 E-Mails / day (assumptions: i386/1GHz CPU, 512 MB mem, 10% attachments, 1% viruses, 3 AV scanners mutually used)

QMVC Features

- *qmvc* supports Qmail's (and vpopmail) *virtualdomains* with different security profiles
- *qmvc* comes with standard E-Mail filter:
 - Subject: Line
 - Body-Text
 - Attached file names
 - Attached file types (mime)
 - Null-Sender Mails (without SMTP Sender)

☞ E-Mails identified by at least one criterion are called ***Badmails***
- (Mutually) Supported Anti-Virus Scanners:
 - F-Secure, Sophos, NAI/McAfee, Trend-Micro,
 - CA/InoculateIT
- Incident Messages to administrators, recipient, and (multilingual) to sender (on demand)
- Detected Badmails or infected Mails may be kept or forwarded
- Easy Administration:
 - On-the-fly configuration
 - Minimal logging, easily parseable
 - On-time reporting functionality (incident messages)
 - Excellent analysis tools (Virulator)
 - Automated updates of virus patterns
- QMVC protects (automatically) from Virus-Bombers

QMVC No-Features

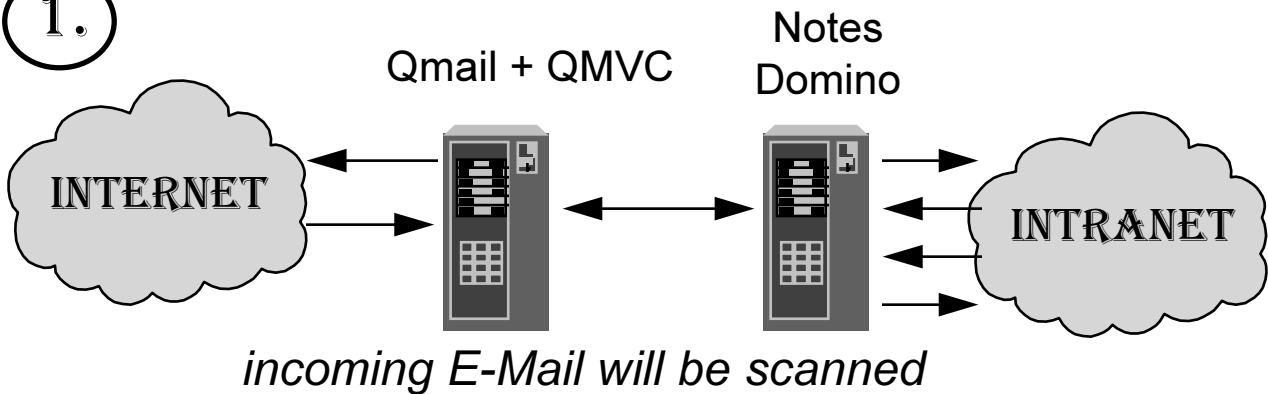
- *qmvc* does not apply an
 - "X-Virus-Checked:" Header field to the processed E-Mail; it's simply stupid
- *qmvc* does not try to un'tar, un'pack, or un'zip the identified MIME attachments
 - it's the task of the AV scanners to look into the archives
- *qmvc* does not block tar-ed, pack-ed, or zip-ed E-Mails even if the archive contains a file to be filtered
 - it's not forseen to completely block E-Mail traffic, rather to control it
- *qmvc* will never kill Qmail or stop Qmail from receiving
 - the maximum is a (deferred) delivery, until the situation is cleaned (eg. file system full)

QMVC Dependencies

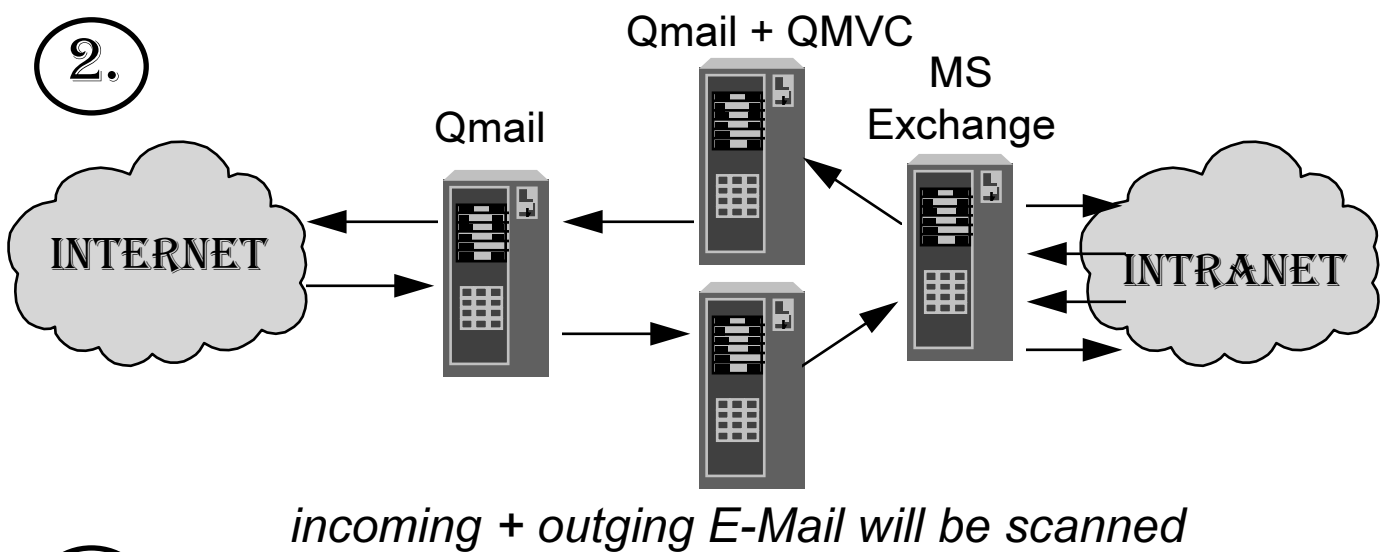
- QMAIL (1.03)
- William Bextor qtools (0.55) - E-Mail parser
- Sam Varshavchik's Maildrop (1.3.7) - MIME parser *reformime*
- File (3.3.7) utility - identifying MIME files
- Korn-Shell
- PERL for analysis routines (Virulator, qmvlog2html)
- (SPAMCONTROL patch)
- AV Scan-Engines
 - F-Secure *fsav*
 - Sophos *sweep*
 - NA/McAfee *uvscan*
 - Trend-Micro *vscan*
 - CA InoculateIT (*inocumd*)

Application Studies

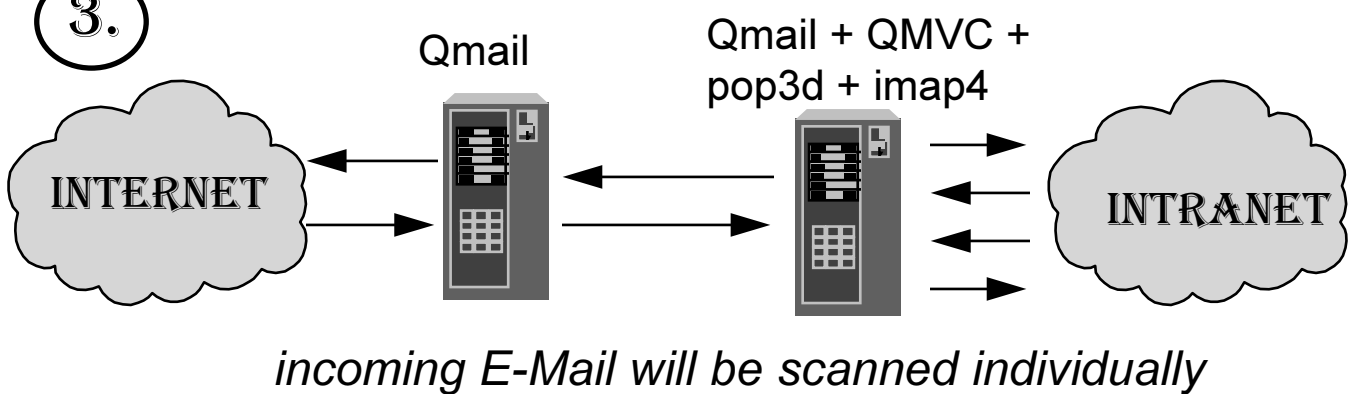
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Virus Scanning

Product	Version	Path	Library	Size (byte)	Pattern file	Size
Sophos Sweep	3.51	/usr/local/bin/sweep		105.256	ver_dat + *.ide	1.981.687 + X
McAfee UVSCAN	4.12	/usr/local/uvscan/uvscan		120.831	scan.dat	1.687.421
Trend Micro VSCAN	3.1	/etc/iscan/vscan	VSAPI 5.5	23.632 + 981.180	lpt\$vpn*	5.264.044
CA InoculateIT	6.0	/usr/local/inoculate/inocucmd		901.484	virsig.dat	1.185.484

- Virus Scanning is resource consumptive in particular if several AV Scan Engines are used mutually
 - the executable,
 - the necessary libraries, and
 - the pattern files
 have to be loaded into memory for each file.
- *qmvc* allows by-passing of AV Scan Engines if a Badmail conditions is met or one Engine has already identified a virus in the mail

Incident Reporting

- QMVC creates (on demand) Incident Reports in case of badmail and/or infected mail to:
 - Anti-Virus Guards
 - Badmail Guards
 - (the targeted) Recipient
 - Sender
- Incident Reports to the Sender may be multi-lingual (depending on the domain-suffix).
- All messages can be customized by means of templates

Date: 9 Jan 2002 16:37:48 -0000
From: qmvc@orion.fehnet.de
Subject: Infected E-Mail
To: erwin@orion.fehnet.de

>>>>>>>>> In der an Sie gerichteten E-Mail
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Absender / Subject

Erwin Hoffmann <feh@fehcom.de> / TESTMAIL

wurde im Anhang ein Virus entdeckt.
Die E-Mail wird daher nicht an
Sie gestellt.

Virus-Information:

McAfee: Found the W32/Goner@MM virus !!!

Found the W32/SirCam@MM virus !!!

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Trend Micro: *** Found virus JOKE_GESCHENK in file
/var/tmp/qmvc.3021/content/geschenk.exe

*** Found virus WORM_SIRCAM.A in file
/var/tmp/qmvc.3021/content/GF112.doc.com

*** Found virus WORM_SIRCAM.A in file
/var/tmp/qmvc.3021/content/FOLHA2001.xls.com

Falls Sie Fragen hierzu haben,
konsultieren Sie unseren
Anti-Virus-Beauftragten:

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QMVC Logging

- **qmvc** writes two different log files:
 - qmvc.log - well structured, easy parsable one-line action log file
 - qmvc.rep - report file, in case of badmails and/or virus mails
- **qmvcl2html** transforms qmvc.log into HTML format
- The "Virulator" correlates both logs and gives a accurate description of the corrent badmail and virus mail situation

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qmvc Pid:94761|20011106 09:22:47|cgi-mailer-bounces@kundenserver.de|gisela.wohlrabe@wdr.de|E:0+S:0+O:0+R:0+A:0|RC:0|09:22:47
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qmvc Pid:95171|20011106 09:22:52|qmvc@smtp01.wdr.de|Verkehr@wdr.de|E:0+S:0+O:0+R:0+A:0|RC:0|09:22:53
qmvc Pid:95357|20011106 09:22:57|Andrea.Roeltgen@taskarena.net|karin.schueller@wdr.de|E:0+S:0+O:0+R:0+A:0|RC:0|09:22:58
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QMVC Development

- Currently QMVC 1.3.7 is available
- With Version 1.4.x an enhanced log-format will be introduced
- With Version 2.x the *qmvc* executable has to be rewritten in C (djb-c) and the auxiliar routines shall be embedded