

Mail Server in the DMZ question

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Been trying to puzzle through a firewall layout here involving E-Mail. Would have thought this was a more common kind of scenario, but I haven't been able to Google me up an answer to this one.

At present I have an SMTP server (Postfix) in my DMZ that is simply re-routing mail into my secure network. This is a less than optimal setup simply due to having to allow traffic from the DMZ into my secure network without a proceeding request for that data.

I want to have all the mail held on the server in the DMZ, then have it be pulled into the secure network for all my users by some means.

Originally I thought I could just setup a multi-drop box, pull in the mail with Fetchmail, then have it delivered to my internal server for processing. Seems that there are way too many pitfalls for this setup to reasonably support all my users.

I then looked into configuring the DMZ server to hold all mail, then release on an ETRN request. From what I've read on this I'm really no better off, as I still have to allow port 25 requests into my secure network.

Thanks,

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"In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice.

In practice, there is."

- Yogi Berra

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