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In article <[fcd2fc13.0403120110.2f260c7c@posting.google.com](mailto:fcd2fc13.0403120110.2f260c7c@posting.google.com)>, frisk@complex.is says...

> N. Miller <[nsm@blackhole.aosake.net](mailto:nsm@blackhole.aosake.net)> wrote in message news:<[MPG.1ab9a61ae53470fe989dbf@msnews.microsoft.com](mailto:MPG.1ab9a61ae53470fe989dbf@msnews.microsoft.com)>...

> > the F-Prot for DOS on demand scanner called by Mercury Mail as a task,

> I am a bit surprised to hear that anyone is using our DOS version for  
> that purpose. It should probably work in most cases though, but it is  
> probably a bit slow – may be OK for a private end-user, though.

Just a couple of hobby domains, two users.

> Note that the DOS version has certain limitations – for example it has  
> problems with long file (and directory) names under NT and XP. This  
> is  
> not a flaw in the DOS version as such – any other DOS application has  
> the same limitations. (And of course the F-PROT Windows version and  
> the Windows command-line version do not have those limitations)

Running on Windows ME.

> Anyhow, just be aware of any potential problems, if you use the  
> program for something it was never intended to handle.

It seems to do the job, but my Norton subscription is due to run out in a month. I will see if there is something out there which is better suited to working with a mail server that doesn't cost an arm and a leg.

Just for showing how 'busy' the server is:

Mercury/32 v4.01a statistical report, Wed Mar 10 15:50:31 2004

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Mercury Core Process:

Total messages processed 86 (0)

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I believe that would include incoming SMTP, the POP3 fetches, and outgoing SMTP combined.

I wouldn't be trying it with a real load. I was using F-Prot for DOS as a weekly verification of what the resident on access scanner was doing. When the other user started receiving Klez infected email, I found links online which described how to call F-Prot for DOS as a Mercury Mail AV Policy. It is supposedly better to have a proper SMTP scanning engine, but I don't know if any are available at an affordable price (under \$99 per year, for me).

But it works the wa