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Joerg notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx posted to sci.electronics.design:

David Brown wrote:

Joerg wrote:

Ecnerwal wrote:

In article
<zibPi.1418\$Pv2.1280@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,
Joerg
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wrote:

AFAIK no spam filter and
that's really important these
days.

Your mail service provider might provide
some – Mine used to
provide a great mode where they would flag
stuff they thought was
spam, and send it all downstream where I
could filter it. Now
it's either no filtering, or filtering on their
system – they
dumbed it down. Still, I find that a bunch of
positive filters
(pull off mail from real people you

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commonly email) and negative filters (the various popular spam words/misspellings) does a pretty good job on spam. I've used Eudora for decades, and never got into the paid version with spam filter (nor the ad version until after they stopped running ads, though it still brings up an annoying gray square).

Can't do that, I get mail from several servers into one.

You can use a local spam filter pop3 proxy – popfile is, I believe, one of the most popular. I used it before I started using spamassasin on our server.

<http://popfile.sourceforge.net/>

If you have a Linux box available, I'd recommend setting up a proper mail server – dovecot is easy, and you can use fetchmail to collect email from a variety of pop3 boxes. That way you have your email on a secure system, available from any email client you want on any PC (via IMAP). When your client OS goes bonkers, or you find a new email program you like, or want to access the same email from a different machine, you have no problem.

Release (if it ever happens) of the open source equivalent seems to be glacial.

Won't do much good if it then just sits there or gets folded into Thunderbird.

I doubt if Eudora will get merged with Thunderbird, but I also doubt

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that it will see much progress as open source. You can't expect a development community to form around a product just by posting a link to the code on your website – Qualcomm are going to have to work much harder if they want to get some developer momentum behind it. At the moment, most people interested in working with open source email programs are looking at Thunderbird, Evolution, or KMail – developers will need a good reason to start working with Eudora.

What I've seen of spam filters on other people's systems, and when exploring other mailers and not liking them enough to change has not been impressive.

Mozilla (the old integrated suite) works very well with its spam filters. But they've discontinued that a long time ago and like with any good software I keep hanging on. IME changing software when it wasn't absolutely needed just brought extra fluff and grief. Just like with this Thunderbird.

Thunderbird works fine for most people – I don't know what's causing your problems, but clearly it's not a common issue (since you found nothing in your searches).

I did find a lot but only people having the very same problem, no solutions taht worked. After I uninstalled Norton it now works. Sort of, still sluggish.

Norton is a virus/trojan. It does not uninstall cleanly let alone completely either. You need a registry cleaner. Check www.mvps.org and dts-l.org for worthwhile ones.

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