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Posted by [Dan C](#) on Mon, 01 Dec 2014 19:27:43 GMT

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Overall Mail's performance is improved, as long as I stay away from big mailboxes. Those still take 30s to a minute to view.

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Posted by [Bruce Johnson](#) on Mon, 01 Dec 2014 20:11:05 GMT
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Posted by [ROBERT H. BAUCOM](#) on Mon, 01 Dec 2014 21:58:41 GMT

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What everyone is telling you is true . I keep the same computer you have - Offline to Handle my Finances. That way there's no danger of anyone hacking into my accounts or password lists ... or stealing data.

Though I'm using a mid 2012 APPLE Pro Tower with Yosemite OS 10.10.1 ... I can only recommend getting a unit that will at least run the Maverick OS.

IN FACT, I suggest you just stay with Maverick, the Calendar is simpler to make alerts and considering other features dropped in Yosemite. PLUS, Yosemite is BUTT UGLY. The Safari

Icon is moronically, dimwitted, as is the contacts icon. BUT, I love Apple Mail.

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Subject: Re: Apple Mail questions
Posted by [Dan C](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2014 19:28:31 GMT
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ppfft. They'll pry my ppc macs out of my cold dead hands.
(not to be confused with my saying the same thing about Eudora a few years ago).

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The transition from the standard unix mailbox to the proprietary index with separate message files occurred in Leopard. That's why I now got an additional 100,000+ files on me drive.

I see now that Apple has changed their file format/set-up three times, during the transitions to Leopard, Lion, and Mountain Lion. That's got me thinking: The older versions of Mail do not run on newer versions of the OS. So how are people and businesses (with a legal requirement) handling this inability to read their backups and archives?

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Posted by [Bruce Johnson](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2014 20:47:22 GMT

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<<http://www.emaculation.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=5757>>

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I suspect it's not 'stashing' them anywhere, but decoding them out of the mail message source at runtime. IAC I cannot find any place attachments are saved separately in my mail stores, just .emlx files, which contain the raw email source with a .plist appended to the end for book-keeping purposes. Mail doesn't work like Eudora splitting attachments away from messages like that.

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I could have sworn I saw that the other day when I looked :-(Guess I'm wrong. I found a \$30 application that says they can do this.

You might try using 'smart' mailboxes.

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Mail used to have that option; but it no longer does, mainly because it just increases the total spam load on the system because the 'from' address is rarely the real place it came from.

To be honest, I've never really like client-side mail rules; I always had the luxury of being able to set up server-side ones. Note: if you use your iCloud email address you can set the rules on the iCloud server, which will filter email before it goes to your devices:

< <http://www.macworld.com/article/2046147/five-icloud-email-tricks-you-probably-missed.html>>

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Two GMail POP account. Might be willing to convert it to IMAP, maybe. Two other POPs also.

My interest in the rules is not spam related. Apple Mail's built-in spam filtering is doing just fine; missed none and only one false positive so far.

My interest in the rules is for mailing list sorting.

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