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Posted by [J.D. Smith](#) on Thu, 21 Oct 1999 07:00:00 GMT
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I changed it to spawn "Mail", since on the Linux and Solaris systems I checked on, this was simply a link to "mail", or a link to the same program as "mail".

Anyone see a problem with this?

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