
Subject: Processing Mail with IDL
Posted by [hahn](#) on Mon, 01 Jul 1996 07:00:00 GMT
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Norbert

Subject: Re: Processing Mail with IDL
Posted by [trond](#) on Thu, 04 Jul 1996 07:00:00 GMT
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In article <4r91if\$hdK@rs18.hrz.th-darmstadt.de>,
Norbert Hahn <hahn@hrz.th-darmstadt.de> wrote:

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if you're on a unix system, I can't see any problems with
letting IDL slurp up your /usr/mail/hahn and sort things out.
But why use a spanner to hammer in a nail? I would do it all
in perl.

trond

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