

Handbook of commands / queries used for configuring basic Postfix for our email server

In the handbook examples, we will assume that you have a bakery named CheezeKake and are configuring a self-hosted email service for its domain cheezekake.com, with email addresses of the form @cheezekake.com.

1. Install Postfix

```
sudo apt install postfix
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2. Select that you want to use emails over an Internet Site.

3. System mail name should be cheezekake.com

4. Inside the file /etc/postfix/main.cf,

a. **myhostname** should have the value cheezekake.com.

b. **mydestination** should have cheezekake.com as one of the values inside its comma separated list.

5. Save the file and restart Postfix

```
sudo systemctl restart postfix
```

6. Start the logs for activity on our email server.

```
sudo tail -f //var/log/mail.log &
```

7. Use sendmail to send an email to an address on Gmail.

```
sendmail john.doe@gmail.com  
This is a test mail.  
Ctrl D
```

8. Watch the logs for what happens to our email.

9. Copy the email address on the home page of <https://www.mail-tester.com>. Let's assume a.random.address@test.com

10. Send an email to address obtained from step 9.

```
sendmail a.random.address@test.com  
This is a test.  
Ctrl D
```

11. Click on 'Then check your score' button on mail-tester.com

12. See your deliverability score.