

# Symig

A more unixy way of dealing with mail, in Git

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Over a synchronization primitive that robustly handles conflicts?

# Git

## Repository structure

Almost what you want it to be...

```
archive/
  1970-01-01_00:00:00_jane.doe@example.org_Hello_nonce.eml
drafts/
sent/
symig.deliver
symig.indexing
symig.sieve
1971-01-01_00:00:00_jane.doe@example.org_Hello_nonce.eml
1972-01-01_00:00:00_jane.doe@example.org_Hello_nonce.eml
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- ▶ All delivery work happens against that commit snapshot.

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- ▶ Script decides message format and target path (e.g. `inbox/`, `archive/`, etc).

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- ▶ On conflict, retry on the new ref head; no rebases, no merges.

## Symig daemon

- ▶ Accept Internet Mail over LMTP/SMTP
- ▶ Use a resolve table to recursively expand aliases and resolve recipients
- ▶ For each recipient, deliver to its corresponding Git repository.

## Client utilities

`symig-unpack` unpacks selected parts from a MIME message

`symig-header` reads headers from a MIME message

`symig-index` indexes a mail repository

`symig-find` finds emails from the index

`symig-find-unpack` finds an email from the index and unpacks

`symig-find-header` finds an email from the index and reads headers

`symig-attach` attaches an attachment to a MIME message, converting the MIME message into a multi-part MIME message if necessary

`symig-threads` uses the index to find emails in the same thread as the provided one.

`symig-compose` create a new message based on a template, optionally adding References and In-Reply-To headers from the Message-ID of an existing message

Only the basics implemented at the moment but growing!

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