

Project Mailing Lists

Every project has a default set of core mailing lists.

The despots of a project are the moderators of all lists and will receive administrative messages from time to time from the [ezmlm](#) list management system.

announce@project.codehaus.org

Messages sent to the **announce@** address get automatically copied to the **dev@** and **user@** lists. Additionally, a blog entry is added to the [Haus News](#) blog.

user@project.codehaus.org

The **user@** list is intended for user-based discussions of the project.

dev@project.codehaus.org

The **dev@** list is intended for developer-centric discussions of project implementation, direction, and management. Using [addcommitter](#) to add a committer to a project will also cause the user's **@codehaus.org** address to be subscribed to the **dev@** list.

scm@project.codehaus.org

The **scm@** list receives [source change notifications](#) and [Jira change notifications](#). Some of the membership of this list is automatically handled using the normal project management tools to control committer access. Using [addcommitter](#) to add a committer to a project will also cause the user's **@codehaus.org** address to be subscribed to the **scm@** list.

despots@project.codehaus.org

The **despots@** list acts as a central point-of-contact for all despots of a project. All of the membership of this list is automatically handled using the normal project management tools to control despot privileges. Using [adddespot](#) to add a despot to a project will also cause the user's **@codehaus.org** address to be subscribed to the **despots@** list.

List info

Information about a particular mailing list can be printed with

```
/usr/local/despots/bin/listinfo --project  
project --list listname
```

List Archives

If your archives appear to suck, make sure you are using the new archive system. In your `~project/haus.d/httpd.conf`, ensure that your **archive.project.codehaus.org** site has a single RewriteRule as:

```
RewriteRule ^/(.*)$  
http://archive.codehaus.org/yourproject/$1  
[p,qa,l]
```

where **yourproject** is your project name, of course

Administration

All administration can be done through email, though command-line tools are also available.

Handling Moderation

When a moderation request is generated, typically due to a non-subscriber attempting to post a message, the despots will receive an email with instructions. Most moderation is handled simply by replying to the appropriate address(es).

Replying to the **-reject** address will reject the message that requires moderation. You can simply ignore the moderation request and the message will be implicitly rejected after a while.

Replying to the **-accept** address will accept this message (and **only** this message) for posting to the list.

Replying to the **-allow** address will add the sender's address to a *whitelist* so he can continue to post without moderation in the future. He is **not** subscribed to the list. This is useful to allow postings from [Jira](#), [Confluence](#) or SCM modules mailing commits messages to a list.

Adding addresses that can post

Most likely you want your lists to be set up so that only subscribers can post. In this case, if you want to allow certain addresses to post without being subscribed use the following command:

```
ezmlm-sub  
/home/projects/PROJECT/lists/<LIST>/allow  
name@domain
```

 Please note that ezmlm commands are available usually to [uberdespots](#) only. Normally you would use [addsubscriber](#), [removesubscriber](#), etc.

Bouncing messages from unsubscribed posters

In the default configuration, messages from unsubscribed users are send to the moderators. If you want to bounce them right away you'll have to edit the `editor` file in the list directory. Replace this line

```
| /usr/local/bin/ezmlm/ezmlm-gate
' /home/projects/PROJECT/lists/LIST'
' /home/projects/PROJECT/lists/LIST'
' /home/projects/PROJECT/lists/user/digest'
' /home/projects/PROJECT/lists/LIST/allow'
' /home/projects/PROJECT/lists/LIST/mod'
```

with these ones:

```
| /usr/local/bin/ezmlm/ezmlm-issubn
' /home/projects/PROJECT/lists/LIST'
' /home/projects/PROJECT/lists/LIST/digest'
' /home/projects/PROJECT/lists/LIST/allow'
' /home/projects/PROJECT/lists/LIST/mod' || {
echo "Sorry, only subscribers
may post to this list. If you are a
subscriber, please forward this message to
LIST-owner@PROJECT.codehaus.org to get
your new address included. (#5.7.2)"; exit
100; }
| /usr/local/bin/ezmlm/ezmlm-send
' /home/projects/PROJECT/lists/LIST'
```

Note that the only linebreaks are before the | character. If in doubt have a look at the Neo mailing lists.

Changing the allowed message size

To change the maximum allowed message size edit the `msgsize` file in the list directory. If it exists it is assumed to contain `max:min`, where `max` is the maximum size in bytes of an acceptable message body, and `min` the corresponding minimal size. Either will be ignored if zero or omitted. If the `ezmlm-reject` command line specifies the list directory, messages not meeting the size criteria are rejected. Default is `30000:2`.