

# UsingMutt

This document is horrible, don't use it. The examples directory included with [SpamAssassin](#) includes procmail. Just use that. If your .procmailrc isn't processed, fix your mail server software instead of resorting to running formail, deleting your inbox, then running mutt once.

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This is how I use Mutt and procmail. Whether it is the accepted way I don't know but it '**works**' for me.

in the .forward file I have;

```
"|/usr/bin/procmail f | exit 75 #myusername"
```

```
#2) "|IFS=' ' && exec /usr/bin/procmail f | exit 75 #myusername"
```

For some reason the accepted line (#2) wouldn't work, I don't know if it's because I use exim as mta or what but the line above that did work.

**I have an executable file that calls Mutt, in that file I have;**

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```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
formail -s procmail < /var/spool/mail/myusername
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rm /var/spool/mail/myusername
```

```
mutt -y
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Check man mutt to figure out the -y option.

**In the .muttrc you need the following lines;**

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```
set folder=$HOME/mail #Make sure this directory exists
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```
mailboxes =almost-certainly-spam
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```
mailboxes =from #optional
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```
mailboxes =mbox
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```
mailboxes =probably-spam
```

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You'll notice these mailboxes match a couple of the mailboxes in the .procmailrc file. **REMEMBER**, every time you change a mailbox in the .procmail file you have to make the same change in the .muttrc file.

Here's what I have in the .procmailrc file;

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```
PATH=/usr/bin:/bin:/usr/local/bin:
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MAILDIR=$HOME/mail # You'd better make sure it exists
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```
DEFAULT=$MAILDIR/mbox #this is the default mailbox in the .muttrc file.
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```
LOGFILE=$MAILDIR/from
```

```
LOCKFILE=$HOME/.lockmail
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```
# The lock file ensures that only 1 spamassassin invocation happens
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# at 1 time, to keep the load down.
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```
#
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```
:0fw: spamassassin.lock
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```
/usr/bin/spamassassin
```

```
# Mails with a score of 15 or higher are almost certainly spam (with 0.05%
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```
# false positives according to rules/STATISTICS.txt). Let's put them in a
```

$$:0:$$

- ```
# /dev/null
```

# All mail tagged as spam (eg. with a score higher than the set threshold)

# is moved to "probably-spam".

:0:

- ^X-Spam-Status: Yes

probably-spam #this is the mailbox in the .muttrc file

```
# Work around procmail bug: any output on stderr will cause the "F" in "From"
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# to be dropped. This will re-add it.

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LOG="*** Dropped F off From_ header! Fixing up. "
```

:0 fhw

```
sed -e '1s/^/F/'
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If you have questions I don't mind answering if I can. Write me at the email address at the top of the page.

And yes I know this page is ugly. 😊