

This is the process for combining different Home and New mailbox directories in Pegasus Mail.

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Assumptions:

Home mailbox location is: C:\PMAIL\Mail
New mailbox location is: C:\PMAIL\Mail\Admin

I suggest reading the entire document before starting so that you have an understanding of what you are about to do. The assumptions about paths are noted above. If your paths are different, use this as a guide, making the appropriate adjustments to paths.

These are the steps to confirm that the assumptions about entries that exist in the PMAIL.USR and PMAILCFG files are appropriate for this process.

- Shut down Pegasus Mail
- Use a file explorer to look in C:\PMAIL\Mail for a file named PMAIL.USR.
 - If it exists, open it with a text editor and confirm that it contains this entry:
A;Admin;Mail Administrator
 - If it does not exist, STOP. This procedure will not work.
- Use a file explorer to look in C:\PMAIL\Programs for a file named PMAIL.CFG.
 - If it does not exist, STOP! This procedure will not work.
 - If it exists, open it with a text editor and confirm that it contains a path that looks like either C:\PMAIL\Mail\~8 or C:\PMAIL\Mail\~N (case is irrelevant). Warning: Be extremely careful not to make any changes to this file. One errant character or space will corrupt it (you might want to make a copy of it and open the copy).

Below is the remainder of the process. Nothing here is difficult. I have included the steps that I would perform to double check myself. I have also included steps that will make recovery easy should anything go wrong.

- Make sure Pegasus Mail is shut down.
- Make a backup copy of the entire C:\PMAIL\Mail directory
- Move all files that are in C:\PMAIL\Mail except PMAIL.USR to C:\PMAIL\Mail\Admin. In the case of duplicates, keep the latest version.
- Confirm that the C:\PMAIL\Mail directory contains only the PMAIL.USR file and the Admin directory.
- Edit the PMAIL.INI file and change the working home mailbox location path from C:\PMAIL\MAIL to C:\PMAIL\MAIL\Admin. The correct entry should look like this:
Working home mailbox location = C:\PMAIL\MAIL\Admin
- While in the PMAIL.INI file do a search for "Home mailbox location" entries. They should all be blank (nothing to the right of the equal sign). Note: There will be one in the [General] section and one in each identity section (if you have any).

- As a double check, start at the top and do a search down for "[C:\PMAIL](#)". You should only find these two entries:
 - Working home mailbox location = C:\PMAIL\MAIL\Admin
 - New mailbox location = C:\PMAIL\MAIL\Admin
- Save PMAIL.INI and close the text editor.
- Delete STATE.PMJ from C:\PMAIL\MAIL\Admin. This file stores the position and size of all previous windows but it also contains paths that might conflict with the changes made so far. You will need to resize and position windows but I believe that will be the only inconvenience resulting from this process.
- Start Pegasus Mail in offline mode to prevent checks for new mail until you have confirmed everything is OK. To do this, add the -O option to the command line or copy/paste this command line into a Run window:
 - C:\PMAIL\PROGRAMS\WINPM-32.EXE -O
- If it starts up OK, look at the content of the 'Info' button in Help > About Pegasus Mail to confirm that the paths for the Home and New Mailbox locations are the same. Test functionality by navigating through some folders and lists. Check the POP3 and SMTP definitions to insure that they are correct.

To recover in the event that something seems terribly wrong:

- Shut it down
 - Move the entire C:\PMAIL\Mail directory to different location
 - Put the backup copy of \Mail in its place.
- Saving the failed \Mail directory is solely for the purpose of trying to determine what went wrong should you wish to try to figure that out.