HERMES Mail is cleared for take-off!

9 messages

Nick Werner-Matavka <n.theodore.matavka.files@gmail.com>   31 March 2022 at 15:20
To: Eudora for Windows <eudora-win@hades.listmoms.net>, Eudora-Dev <eudora-dev@hades.listmoms.net>

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Those of you whose faith in us persisted for all these years, on
behalf of Team HERMES, please accept my deepest gratitude. We have not
forgotten you—especially not those of you who contributed your time or
hard-earned cash to the cause. At the inception of this project, we
solemnly undertook to send each and every one of our backers
electronic copies of the alpha and beta releases of HERMES Mail 8.0
"Aurora" as soon as those milestones were met; this is a commitment we
did not make lightly, and one we fully intend to honour. Those of you
who now intend to contribute, or to make a further contribution, we
will reward similarly; details on how this is to be done are
forthcoming.

Getting HERMES Mail into saleable condition, as detailed above, is our
prime priority. Our second, after the initial alpha (test) build is
released to our backers, will be under-the-bonnet feature improvements
and additions; but we will never stray from the basic framework that
made Eudora such a joy to use in the first place. All these are
surmountable obstacles; the primary check on our progress to date has
been the psychological difficulty inherent in recruiting people in the
light of the foregoing, particularly during the time of Covid.

The human aversion to the risk of a "sunk cost trap" is natural,
reasonable, and foreseeable, though that did not make it any less of a
disappointment. A secondary, internal obstacle soon arose, waxing with
every month that dragged by and every deadline missed: namely, a sense
of despair that the project would ever get off the ground, much less
fly. Part of this stemmed ultimately from the legal action before the
Federal Court of Canada in relation to Covid benefits in-lieu-of-pay;
the case seemed interminable for procedural reasons, which was
dispiriting, to say the least.

Looking toward the more distant future, the greatest hurdle ahead of
us is now strictly monetary. Last year, when it became manifest that
HERMES Mail was tenable as a going concern, I absorbed the cost of the
Stingray toolkit from my personal funds, notwithstanding the
litigation. The balance of our crowdfunded start-up capital, all five
thousand dollars and change, was wholly swallowed by the overhead:
keeping the lights on and the fires burning while we spun our wheels
was becoming too expensive for comfort.

With all this in mind, I have decided to bite the bullet and pass the
metaphorical hat around one more time. On behalf of Team HERMES, I ask
that you take a look at this screenshot
(https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n83aJMoXl0kfDqPbts4h7RfVnDcpsyj0/view?usp=sharing),
think long and hard about whether or not this effort could do with
your support, and do whatever you judge best under the circumstances.
As always, I welcome comment and constructive criticism.

-- Nicholas Edward Werner-Matavka
- on behalf of Team HERMES.

Robert Czernkowski <robertcz@gmail.com>   31 March 2022 at 23:53
To: Eudora-Dev <eudora-dev@hades.listmoms.net>
Cc: Nick Werner-Matavka <n.theodore.matavka.files@gmail.com>

Excellent news, I had despaired at the lack of progress.
Could you please tell us how we may donate?

Robert
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Robert Czernkowski, PhD, BCom(Hons), FCPA FIPA CA

Richard N. Merchant via Eudora-Dev <eudora-dev@hades.listmoms.net>   31 March 2022 at 20:13
Reply-To: Eudora-Dev <eudora-dev@hades.listmoms.net>
To: Eudora-Dev <eudora-dev@hades.listmoms.net>
Cc: "Richard N. Merchant" <richard.merchant@ubc.ca>

I am personally impressed by the persistence of the Hermes/Eudora team (through some significant hurdles and
barriers)!   Well done.

You do not provide information as to how one can further one's donation to the program.   Please let us know about that!

Best regards

Richard

At 2022-03-31 04:11 PM, Jack Jackson via Eudora-Win wrote:
   [CAUTION: Non-UBC Email]

   The following message was sent by Nick.

   Any discussion of this should take place on the eudora-dev list.
   [Quoted text hidden]
   (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n83aJMoXl0kfDqPbts4h7RfVnDcpsyj0/view?uspsharing),
   [Quoted text hidden]

David Lewin <david@lewinsdlondon.org.uk>   1 April 2022 at 02:27
To: Nick Werner-Matavka <n.theodore.matavka.files@gmail.com>
Cc: Nick Werner-Matavka via Eudora-Dev <eudora-dev@hades.listmoms.net>

At 20:20 31/03/2022, Nick Werner-Matavka via Eudora-Dev wrote:
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Hi Nick!   How nice to hear from you. I was one of your early and old contributor.

I have never forgotten your words

> Date: Sun, 16 Sep 2018 02:04:37 +0200
> Subject: Re: TLS v1.2 not available in Eudora 7.1.0.9
> To: Eudora for Windows <eudora-win@hades.listmoms.net>
> From: Nick Werner-Matavka <nematavka@teksavvy.com>
> Reply-To: Eudora for Windows <eudora-win@hades.listmoms.net>
> List-ID: Eudora for Windows <eudora-win.cartel.listmoms.net>
> X-Gazelle-Message-ID: lists/cartel/eudora-win/messages/20180915/message-0006/
> X-Message-To: [david@lewinsdlondon.org.uk]
> X-Spam-Status: No, score=4.3
> X-Spam-Score: 43
> X-Spam-Bar: ++++
> X-Ham-Report: Spam detection software, running on the system "orion.hosting-online.net",
> has NOT identified this incoming email as spam. The original
> message has been attached to this so you can view it or label
> similar future email. If you have any questions, see
> root\@localhost for details.
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> Content preview: At 09:36 PM 8/24/2018, you wrote: >At 03:25 PM 8/24/2018 Almost
>   Heaven Group wrote: >> Wouldn't be nice to see Eudora come back alive, too?
>   I'm waiting >> patiently. I know there are people working to
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> Content analysis details: (4.3 points, 5.0 required)
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> pts rule name   description
> ---- --------------------- --
> 0.2 HEADER_FROM_DIFFERENT_DOMAINS From and EnvelopeFrom 2nd level mail
>   domains are different
> 0.5 KAM_NUMSUBJECT   Subject ends in numbers excluding current years
> 1.0 KAM_LAZY_DOMAIN_SECURITY Sending domain does not have any
>   anti-forgery methods
> 2.5 FORGED_MUA_EUDORA   Forged mail pretending to be from Eudora
> X-Spam-Flag: NO
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> At 09:36 PM 8/24/2018, you wrote:
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>>> Wouldn't be nice to see Eudora come back alive, too? I'm waiting patiently. I know there are people working
>>> towards that more so now than in the last decade.
>
> Just wait a few months :)

well for "few months" we now read " few Years

As you know, I am totally non-technical, I do not really understand what your modern product will bring compared with the faithful old mare that is Eudora.   I just so love her because like an old elephant she never forgets a thing.

Maybe one day I will learn what you have added to Eudora to fan new life into her. Can I, as a total ignoramous user help in any way?

Sincerely

David Lewin
London

Fabio Bontadina <fabio.bontadina@swild.ch>   1 April 2022 at 07:58
To: n.theodore.matavka.files@gmail.com

Hello
great news, thank you for your effort!
Please provide infos how to further support you - and if you can: a date when we might have a running version?
Please think at UTF-8 support, which is one of our main problems.

Thank you and best wishes, Fabio

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Pete Maclean <pete@maclean.com>   1 April 2022 at 15:52
To: Nick Werner-Matavka <n.theodore.matavka.files@gmail.com>

I am not happy about your making this announcement without checking with me first.

I consider it irresponsible that you do so without our having an agreement that the work I have done will be released by Team HERMES.

And I am outraged that you have publicly exposed a screenshot that shows details of both my personal and business emails. Please remove this from public view as soon as you can.

Pete Maclean

At 08:20 PM 3/31/2022, you wrote:

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Nick Werner-Matavka <n.theodore.matavka.files@gmail.com>   2 April 2022 at 05:09
To: Pete Maclean <pete@maclean.com>

I was trying to boost engagement so that if and when we do give a
timeline of release (or something more formal), we're ready to go
without first having to spend time building social media, eMail, and
marketing buzz. Purely an announcement that it is in the pipeline and
that it is *in principle* possible to release the product first. I
was given to understand that you had OKed me to share such kudos as
may be forthcoming, and a big part of that is preparing people
psychologically for what will happen in the future.

I did not intend to release embargoed information ahead of time, and
would not have, if there was any hint of your embargoing it (i.e. "we
might want to hold this back").

You're right.

I immediately revoked access to it as soon as you raised this issue.
My most sincere apologies.
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----- END TECO SIGNATURE BLOCK -----
(Don't forget: ^ in TECO means just that, and $ means press the Esc key!)

Pete Maclean <pete@maclean.com>   2 April 2022 at 07:17
To: Nick Werner-Matavka <n.theodore.matavka.files@gmail.com>

Thank you for this response.

An update: Message-composition is now fully working. The painting of the toolbars is still not
working but I have made substantial progress in understanding why.

Pete

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Phyllis Murdock <redwrydr@gv.net>   30 April 2022 at 16:01
Reply-To: Eudora-Dev <eudora-dev@hades.listmoms.net>
To: Eudora-Dev <eudora-dev@hades.listmoms.net>

Hi there,
Where do we contribute?
Phyllis

At 12:20 PM 3/31/2022, you wrote:
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