How to configure Exim to relay mail to remote SMTP server on Debian and Ubuntu

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I'm required to do some mail relaying on a Debian Linux host which should use a remote mail server to relay its mails.

Until so far I've had not much experience with **exim** as I prefer using qmail, whever a mail server is needed. However since now only a relaying was necessery and exim is the default installed MTA on Debian, I've decided to use **exim** to take care of the SMTP mail relaying.

After a bit of reading it happened **configuring exim to relay via remote SMTP server** is more than easy!

All I had to do is run the command:

debian-relay:~# dpkg-reconfigure exim4-config

Next in the Ncruses interface to appear:
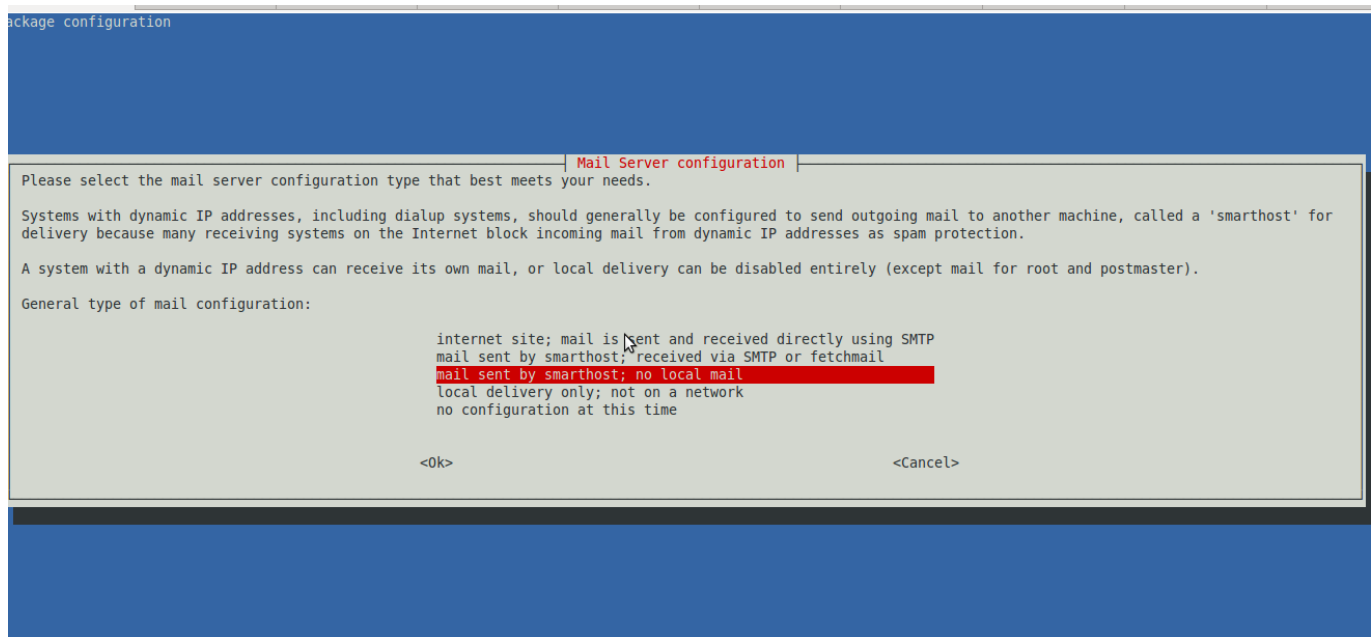
I had to choose the option:

mail sent by smarthost; no local mail

Next a dialog appears asking for:
System mail name:
Therein it's necessery to type in the hostname of the remote SMTP to be used for mail relay.

Next dialog asks for:

IP-addresses to listen on for incoming SMTP connections:

and I left it with **127.0.0.1** however if exim is supposed to be visible from external network one might decide to put in real IP address there.

Pressing **OK** leads to the next dialog:

Other destinations for which mail is accepted:

I decided to leave this blank as I don't want to accept mail for any destinations.

Next pane reads:

Visible domain name for local users:

I've typed inside my smtp relay server e.g.:

smtp.myrelaymail.com

Further comes:

IP address or host name of the outgoing smarthost:

There once again I typed my mail relay host **smtp.relaymail.com**

The next config screen is:

Keep number of DNS-queries minimal (Dial-on-Demand)?

On any modern Linux host the default answer of **No** is fine.

Following prompt asked if I want to:

Split configuration into small files?

I've decided not to tamper with it and choosed **No**

Afterwards mail relaying works like a charm thx God ;)