

**NAME**

postkick – kick a Postfix service

**SYNOPSIS**

**postkick** [**-c** *config\_dir*] [**-v**] *class service request*

**DESCRIPTION**

The **postkick(1)** command sends *request* to the specified *service* over a local transport channel. This command makes Postfix private IPC accessible for use in, for example, shell scripts.

Options:

**-c** *config\_dir*

Read the **main.cf** configuration file in the named directory instead of the default configuration directory.

**-v** Enable verbose logging for debugging purposes. Multiple **-v** options make the software increasingly verbose.

Arguments:

*class* Name of a class of local transport channel endpoints, either **public** (accessible by any local user) or **private** (administrative access only).

*service* The name of a local transport endpoint within the named class.

*request* A string. The list of valid requests is service-specific.

**DIAGNOSTICS**

Problems and transactions are logged to the standard error stream.

**ENVIRONMENT****MAIL\_CONFIG**

Directory with Postfix configuration files.

**MAIL\_VERBOSE**

Enable verbose logging for debugging purposes.

**CONFIGURATION PARAMETERS**

The following **main.cf** parameters are especially relevant to this program. The text below provides only a parameter summary. See **postconf(5)** for more details including examples.

**config\_directory** (see '**postconf -d**' output)

The default location of the Postfix **main.cf** and **master.cf** configuration files.

**application\_event\_drain\_time** (100s)

How long the **postkick(1)** command waits for a request to enter the Postfix daemon process input buffer before giving up.

**import\_environment** (see '**postconf -d**' output)

The list of environment parameters that a privileged Postfix process will import from a non-Postfix parent process, or name=value environment overrides.

**queue\_directory** (see '**postconf -d**' output)

The location of the Postfix top-level queue directory.

**FILES**

*/var/spool/postfix/private*, private class endpoints

*/var/spool/postfix/public*, public class endpoints

**SEE ALSO**

[qmgr\(8\)](#),

queue manager trigger protocol

[pickup\(8\)](#),

local pickup daemon

[postconf\(5\)](#),

configuration parameters

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