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MTA Comparison Overview

A first, vendor-neutral look at five widely used Mail Transfer Agents — what each one is built for, how it's licensed, and who tends to pick it. Useful for narrowing your shortlist before a deeper, requirements-based comparison.

MTA	Licensing model	Deployment	Best fit for	Known for
PowerMTA	Volume-based license	Self-hosted	High-volume senders wanting granular delivery controls	Performance & configuration depth
Halon	Volume-based license	Self-hosted	In-house engineering teams wanting scriptable routing	Flexibility through scripting
GreenArrow	Server-based license	Self-hosted	Senders wanting strong delivery features with a built-in front end	Feature completeness out of the box
KumoMTA	Open source - Sponsorships tiers/Billion/year	Self-hosted	Technical teams wanting a modern, actively developed MTA	Modern architecture, active development
Postfix	Open source	Self-hosted	Simple sending needs, or full control over a lightweight base	Simplicity and ubiquity

This overview reflects publicly available product positioning as of July 2026 and is not exhaustive. Momentum, MailerQ, and cloud-based options (e.g. Amazon SES, SparkPost, Mailgun) are covered separately — ask us if you'd like those included in your comparison.

What this overview doesn't cover

Pricing, performance benchmarks, and support quality vary meaningfully by sending volume, region, and contract terms, and change over time — a static sheet goes stale fast. Rather than publish numbers that may already be out of date, we compare current, vendor-confirmed terms against your specific requirements when we work with you directly.

Want the shortlist scored against your own requirements?

We compare volume, budget, compliance needs, and your team's technical depth against every major MTA — including current pricing and licensing — and hand you a written recommendation. A free MTA selection call takes 30 minutes.

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