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On 2004-05-28, David Stockwell <winexpert@hotmail.com> wrote:

> *I created a userid and put a couple of emails out there. I've tried both
> imap and pop3 but both give an answer of 512. I have also removed the
> files via a normal remove on the server and then done the below and it
> always returns 512.*

The exit code from the program is in the upper byte of the value returned by `os.cmd()`. So the return code is 2. According to fetchmail's man page:

The exit codes returned by fetchmail are as follows:

[...]

2 An error was encountered when attempting to open a socket to retrieve mail. If you don't know what a socket is, don't worry about it --- just treat this as an 'unrecoverable error'. This error can also be because a protocol fetchmail wants to use is not listed in `/etc/services`.

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Yow! over in west
Philadelphia a puppy is
vomiting...