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Context

- Email distribution lists at MIT
- Mailman (managed list service) vs. Moira (simple email distribution) lists

Answer

If you are comfortable using the Athena command line

On Athena, you can run `blanche` to enumerate the members of an `mit.edu` email list. If it is a Mailman list you will see a single member, pointing at the Mailman server:

```
% blanche LISTNAME
LISTNAME@mailman.mit.edu
```

Here's an actual example of a Mailman announcement list:

```
% blanche rt-announce
rt-announce@mailman.mit.edu
```

If you are comfortable using the Moira web interface

If you're using the [Moira web application \(http://mit.edu/moira/\)](http://mit.edu/moira/), you can look up the list members using that instead. Below is a screen shot showing the output of the same example used above:

