Master server vs. slave server

Question

What does the master server do vs. just a normal server?

Answer

Master server:

- hosts frontend application (CrossBox client)
- proxies IMAP/SMTP/POP3 traffic to the correct slave (CrossBox MailProxify)
- enables one webmail/IMAP/SMTP/POP3 hostname for all users (no matter on what slave they are actually hosted)
- routes logins to the correct slave
- forwards backend/frontend updates to slaves
- delivers updates to iOS/Android users

Slave server:

- hosts backend (CrossBox server) and other services for accounts on that server
- stores data (emails, files, databases) for accounts on that server
- does all work for accounts on that server

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