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Subject: So Sloooow

Posted by [billwill](#) on Thu, 13 May 2004 16:47:02 GMT

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I've installed the trial edition of No Spam today For Workstations and it is running as described, but it is incredibly slow!

It is taking around 30 to 60 or more seconds to process each email even though they are only typically 3 to 8 kilobytes big.

With my typical load of 500 or so spam messages perday this will mean that it could take 8 hours to get to a critical email. This is not practical!

I use Outlook Express in the ordinary way with a POP server at an ISP and have a 512 KBPS broadband link. Normal download of a batch of email say 100 messages is only a few minutes.

Is this slow behavior normal, or is it sluggish while in trial mode or what? At this speed it will not be sensible for me to buy it, nor to recommend it to my clients.

FYI: I notice in task manager that spamassassin.exe is running at low priority, but nonetheless it is still getting over 45% (typically 88%) of the CPU. It is not possible to increase the priory in task manager for more than one shot as it appears to be called afresh for each message.

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Later

I uninstalled it and reinstalled without the additional rulesets in case that was the cause of the problem, but it does not make a significant difference, just a little quicker I think, but not quick enough. These are ordinary messages that were saved on the server, though most of the spam had been deleted from the server using the Outlook Express facility to delete from server when deleted from client.

Log extract (note the interval between mail messages):

May 13, 2004, 18:03:12 No Spam Today! for Workstations V1.0.3.3 Trial starting ...

May 13, 2004, 18:03:12 Version Build Date: Mon, Apr 5, 2004

May 13, 2004, 18:03:12 Key Creation Date:

May 13, 2004, 18:03:12 Registration Date: Thu, May 13, 2004

May 13, 2004, 18:03:12 OS version: Windows XP

May 13, 2004, 18:03:12 Physical Memory: 256MB

May 13, 2004, 18:03:12 DetailedLogging=0

May 13, 2004, 18:03:12 MaxLogFileSize=10000000

May 13, 2004, 18:03:12 IncomingPort=110

May 13, 2004, 18:03:12 DNSServer=192.168.252.80

May 13, 2004, 18:03:12 HideProgress=0

May 13, 2004, 18:03:12 MaxSpamSize=200000

May 13, 2004, 18:03:12 No Spam Today! for Workstations V1.0.3.3 Trial listening on 127.0.0.1 port 110

May 13, 2004, 18:04:32 Session 0: incoming non-spam mail

May 13, 2004, 18:04:45 Session 0: incoming non-spam mail  
May 13, 2004, 18:04:59 Session 0: incoming non-spam mail  
May 13, 2004, 18:05:17 Session 0: incoming non-spam mail  
May 13, 2004, 18:05:30 Session 0: incoming non-spam mail  
May 13, 2004, 18:05:48 Session 0: incoming non-spam mail  
May 13, 2004, 18:06:02 Session 0: incoming non-spam mail

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