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Posted by [jeffreytflansburg](#) on Tue, 08 Jun 2004 17:39:52 GMT

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Posted by [support](#) on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 14:29:42 GMT

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One reason may be, that SpamAssassin remembers which mail messages it's learnt already (either using sa-learn or by auto-learning), and will not re-learn those messages again, unless you use the --forget option. You can run sa-learn with the -D option to find out more.

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Posted by [InforMed Direct](#) on Wed, 16 Jun 2004 08:04:32 GMT

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MSG files are binary Outlook format messages and AFAIK, aren't supported by the learner.

From discussions elsewhere on here (check the thread "Is the learner working"), I know of two solutions:

1. Ask users to move spam into a special mailbox
2. Periodically, download these messages into Outlook Express
3. Use DBXTRACT (freeware) to extract the messages into EML format
4. Run the learner on these EML files

As above except use Mozilla as the email client to download the messages from Exchange - it has the functionality to export directly. We use the former route so can't comment exactly on the later.

Cheers, Rob.

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Subject: Re: sa learn  
Posted by [Heidner](#) on Sun, 03 Jul 2005 05:32:46 GMT  
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If you are using the full Microsoft Outlook with exchange OR another imap4 mail server - you could use the program I contributed "imap2mbox", it will logon to your mail server, open up the mailbox and export the entire mailbox to a "mbox" format file that can be read by spam assassin.

On my network - I've created a public folder that any mail receipt can drag and drop their spam or copy examples of ham. Then I have scripts that run early morning that pickup the spam and ham to learn them... automatically.