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Subject: How to test the SA rules I wrote?

Posted by [iyuvalk](#) on Sun, 26 Feb 2006 04:57:24 GMT

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Hi!

I wrote some new SA rules in order to detect some new SPAM messages and they don't seem to work correctly, how can I test them? I heard that I can use a command line option called --lint but how exactly should I do that?

The rule I wrote is this:

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rawbody      Obfuscation_1      /N
description  Obfuscation_1      detects messages that have tags for hiding info with an
invalid css display value
```

Thanks,  
Yuval.

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Subject: Re: How to test the SA rules I wrote?

Posted by [Heidner](#) on Sun, 26 Feb 2006 20:00:15 GMT

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spamassassin documents are in the /program files/no spam today/sa/doc directory on the pc. The spamassassin.html includes some tips on running and testing

--lint is intended to verify that the rules are syntactically correct. Not that they work. You would need to create an example e-mail (or have captured one) that you can feed into it and see the results.

You can test with:

-t, --test-mode            Pipe message through and add extra report to the bottom

and --debug if necessary

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Subject: Re: How to test the SA rules I wrote?

Posted by [iyuvalk](#) on Tue, 28 Feb 2006 04:56:43 GMT

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Hi again!

I tried running the --lint option and received this:

[1540] warn: config: cannot open /usr/share/spamassassin/user\_prefs.template: No such file or directory  
[1540] warn: config: failed to create default user preference file C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\.spamassassin/user\_prefs  
[1540] warn: config: no configuration text or files found! please check your set up

Is this normal (when using the version of SpamAssassin that comes with NST)?

Thanks  
Yuval.

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Subject: Re: How to test the SA rules I wrote?

Posted by [iyuvalk](#) on Tue, 28 Feb 2006 05:49:35 GMT  
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Hi again,

I forgot to specify where the rules are located by using "-c".... \$-;  
Silly me.....

Sorry,

Yuval.

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