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Subject: Learning ham

Posted by [mtoth](#) on Tue, 05 Sep 2006 18:21:23 GMT

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I'm currently evaluating NoSpamToday! server.

SPAM).

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Posted by [support](#) on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 11:13:02 GMT

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If you are sure that

- 1) the mail address is not reachable from the Internet
  - 2) your users only submit ham messages to this account
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- it might work. However, it will be difficult to meet criteria 2 and 3.

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The short answer is "No".

The long answer is that learning the changed headers does so much harm to the Bayes database that the all-over effect is detrimental to overall spam checking effectiveness.

To find more on this topic, there are some links below:

SpamAssassin Wiki:

<http://wiki.apache.org/spamassassin/ResendingMailWithHeaders>

Contribution Area/ IMAP2mbox:

<http://www.byteplant.com/support/nospamtoday/contrib>

FAQ/Whitepapers:

<http://www.byteplant.com/support/nospamtoday/howtolearnsipam.html>

<http://www.byteplant.com/support/nospamtoday/howtolearnexchange.html>

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Posted by [mtoth](#) on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 17:17:08 GMT

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1) the mail address is not reachable from the Internet

The mail address is not reachable from internet. I have added a subdomain in our internal DNS server and the mail address used for ham is using that sub domain. The MX record for that subdomain point to the NoSpamToday server.

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Yes, of course but I think I can educate some of the users to handle this correctly.

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Posted by [support](#) on Fri, 08 Sep 2006 07:32:55 GMT

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No, because sa-learn will ignore the spam report.