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Subject: Learning spam error  
Posted by [jlong](#) on Wed, 07 Dec 2005 15:36:31 GMT  
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I get this error; at least I think it is an error.

Learned tokens from 62 message(s) (5461 message(s) examined)  
locker: safe\_unlock: unlink failed: db\bayes.lock

Another problem I am having is when I upgraded a couple versions ago the learn spam process takes an extremely long time to finish. Before it would run in about less than a minute, now it takes about 30 minutes!

Also more spam than usual is slipping through.

Thanks

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This is the command I am using to teach the spam software.  
C:\Program Files\No Spam Today!>sa\sa-learn -C sa\ruleset --showdots --spam --mb  
ox c:\spam

I use mozilla thunderbird to get the messages to learn. I am using nst version 2.3.3.2

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Subject: Bump  
Posted by [jlong](#) on Mon, 12 Dec 2005 16:09:23 GMT  
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Any Ideas.  
Also what does it mean when it says the following

Learned tokens from 62 message(s) (5461 message(s) examined)

More importantly this (5461 message(s) examined)

Thanks

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Subject: Re: Bump  
Posted by [support](#) on Tue, 13 Dec 2005 13:25:41 GMT  
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>Learned tokens from 62 message(s) (5461 message(s) examined)  
> locker: safe\_unlock: unlink failed: db\bayes.lock

See if this file is present (the path db\bayes.lock points to a file in a subdirectory of your installation).

If the file exists, it can be safely deleted, it seems sometimes SpamAssassin is unable to do this by itself.

Leftover lock files may occur along with expiry problems, see the maintenance section of the manual for more information.

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The mbox you fed into sa-learn contained 5461 messages. Most of them were duplicates (same message ID), and only 62 messages were learned.

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Subject: Re: Learning spam error  
Posted by [jlong](#) on Tue, 13 Dec 2005 16:09:15 GMT  
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How can I get rid of the 5,000+ old messages. This seems to be slowing down the learning process. Once I teach the software I delete the messages from thunderbird.

Thanks

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Subject: Re: Learning spam error  
Posted by [Heidner](#) on Wed, 14 Dec 2005 07:52:48 GMT  
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You are not emptying the spam mailbox inbetween learning sessions... so it is building up. Spam assassin will look at every item in the mbox and if has seen a mail previously it will ignore it. So you need to empty your spam mail box after exporting and learning it.

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Subject: Re: Learning spam error  
Posted by [jlong](#) on Wed, 14 Dec 2005 16:21:18 GMT  
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I am using thunderbird, and everytime I learn the spam I delete and empty the trash. The account that I connect to is only setup for handling spam mail that has made it through. Where would

these messages be stuck?

I move the spam from the pop account folder to a local folder in thunderbird. For example right now there are only 44 messages in the spam Local Folder in thunderbird.

Then I move the local folder to a seprate folder like this.

```
cd\  
cd spam  
del spam  
del spam.*  
cd\  
cd profile\mail\local folders\  
copy spam.msf c:\spam  
copy spam c:\spam  
cd\  
pause
```

Here is the learn-spam.bat file

```
rem learns an mbox mail folder as spam  
rem  
rem replace spam.mbox with the name of the mail folder to learn  
rem execute this batch in installation directory
```

```
sa\sa-learn -C sa\ruleset --showdots --spam --mbox c:\spam
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```
pause
```

Thanks for the help on this,

John

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Subject: Re: Learning spam error  
Posted by [jlong](#) on Wed, 14 Dec 2005 16:36:02 GMT  
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Apparently once you delete the mail from a folder you have to right click on it and select "Compact This Folder" in order for it to completely purge the old stuff??? Why thunderbird does this I don't know. Seems like a potential security risk, or maybe a way to retrieve accidentally deleted e-mail? Maybe it is a bug in the version I have. I will check for updates to thunderbird.

After figuring this out it now learns in less than a minute again!!!

Thanks for all of your help.