
Subject: What black lists does NST use

Posted by [eastwood](#) on Wed, 27 Apr 2005 11:57:03 GMT

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I had a email that got tagged as spam and the header showed it had come from a blacklisted ip, it looked like this :

```
tests=AWL,BAYES_99,  
DNS_FROM_AHBL_RHSBL,  
HTML_80_90,  
HTML_MESSAGE,  
SPF_HELO_SOFTFAIL,  
USER_IN_WHITELIST  
autolearn=no version=3.0.2
```

I traced the IP address of th sender back as I guesses the line that says
DNS_FROM_AHBL_RHSBL means the ip is blacklisted

But

I cant find a record for the IP address by looking at dnsstuff.com or spam cop.

Where does NST do its blacklist lookup?

Thanks

Subject: Re: What black lists does NST use

Posted by [support](#) on Wed, 27 Apr 2005 15:05:22 GMT

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Look in SpamAssassin report for the mail, or in SpamAssassin's rules.

The blacklist in this case is dnsbl.ahbl.org. The score of this rule is less than 0.3, so I think the main contributors to the overall score are BAYES_99 and SPF_HELO_SOFTFAIL.

Subject: Re: What black lists does NST use

Posted by [eastwood](#) on Wed, 27 Apr 2005 15:29:58 GMT

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what is a SPF_HELO_SOFTFAIL

is there a place I can find what all these different types mean exactly...

Subject: Re: What black lists does NST use

Posted by [support](#) on Wed, 27 Apr 2005 17:31:42 GMT

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As I said, you can search for the rule names (like SPF_HELO_SOFTFAIL) in the sa\ruleset subdirectory of your installation (find files containing this word). It is simpler to look at the text explanations in the SpamAssassin's report added to the mail in question.

Good places to look for information are also the SpamAssassin home page, and the SpamAssassin Wiki:

<http://spamassassin.apache.org>

In this case, SPF (Sender Policy Framework) has its very own website:

<http://spf.pobox.com/>
