
Subject: 95% Spam?

Posted by [Dave Camenisch](#) on Sun, 02 Jan 2005 05:31:13 GMT

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What are your experiences?

-- Dave

Totals:

Messages filtered:	1889 (100.0%)
blocked:	1726 (91.4% of 1889)
passed:	163 (08.6% of 1889)
Messages not filtered:	0 (00.0%)
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Total	1889 (100%)

Detailed filtering results:

Accept/deliver	83 (04.4%)
Accept/deliver (skip size exceeded)	8 (00.4%)
Delete (unexpected client disconnect)	930 (49.2%)
Attachment Filter:	
Reject/delete	453 (24.0%)
(Messages with MIME violations: 399)	
(Number of attachments blocked: 143)	
Spam Trap:	
Accept/delete	75 (04.0%)
F-Prot Anti Virus:	
Reject/delete	21 (01.1%)
SpamAssassin:	
Accept/deliver (marked as junk)	72 (03.8%)
Reject/delete	247 (13.1%)
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Total	1889 (100%)

Traffic Limiting:

Host/helo connection count exceeded	36
Recipient reject count exceeded	34

Subject: Re: 95% Spam?

Posted by [support](#) on Sun, 02 Jan 2005 12:54:00 GMT

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Dave Camenisch wrote:

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The high spam percentage is caused by the many client disconnects. To see if there is anything you can do, check the log if these disconnects are caused by one of your servers (a secondary MX trying to relay mail to the primary MX). But this is better discussed in this thread:

http://www.byteplant.com/forum/read.php?f=1&i=320&t=320#reply_320

In the largest of the sites we are maintaining, unexpected disconnects are usually at about 3%, and the spam to ham ratio is about 50 - 50 (the average now is 75% spam to 25% ham). This depends a lot on how "well-known" your mail addresses are.

Usually, the number of spam messages is the same, while ham messages are usually less on weekends or holidays. Because of this the spam percentage is higher on weekends.