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Subject: License Counting

Posted by [glasairnz](#) on Tue, 05 Jul 2005 09:38:17 GMT

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Hi

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pam@abc.com  
pamela@abc.com  
pam.smith@abc.com  
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Note that this is just one user. The problem is when people use each one of these slightly different email addresses, the license counter counts them as separate users.

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This means that pam with anything after it is acceptable, but NoSpamToday still counts separate licenses for all of the different forms of pam. This makes sense as \*@abc.com also counts separately.

I would like the system to be able to differentiate between counting licenses from \*@abc.com (which is good) and pam\*@abc.com (which is bad).

Your comments would be appreciated.

Thanks

Mike

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Subject: Re: License Counting

Posted by [support](#) on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 08:57:56 GMT

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As NoSpamToday! is a transparent proxy, it can not tell which recipient addresses are mailboxes and which are aliases, so it counts each recipient address your mail server accepts against the license count.

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [glasairnz](#) on Thu, 07 Jul 2005 09:27:12 GMT  
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As a product enhancement it would be really great if the licence counter was connected to list of valid addresses. These could be read from MS Exchange or read simply from a file, or even easier maintained in a list within NST. As it is the license counter does not reliably count licenses.

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [Mario Konst](#) on Tue, 29 Nov 2005 09:49:16 GMT  
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I agree with Mike,

At this moment we restart the service (and therefore the count) at a daily basis. We use 1000 licenses. As we're bombarded with spam using mailadress generators 1000 licenses are not nearly enough for about 150 users. If NST were to be directory enabled (get list of

mailaddresses/users with LDAP), it would be a tremendous improvement.

Mario Konst

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [Mario Konst](#) on Tue, 29 Nov 2005 13:52:22 GMT  
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followup: Does anybody know how to stop and start NSt from within a batchfile? This way we don't have to remember to restart NST manually, just set and forget.

Mario Konst

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [Mario Konst](#) on Thu, 01 Dec 2005 13:21:22 GMT  
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Found it. The service is used under the name "No Spam Today! Service" (found it in the registry). So batchfile stopping/starting "No Spam Today! Service" will do the trick.

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [Heidner](#) on Mon, 19 Dec 2005 06:55:29 GMT  
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Which version of exchange are you using? 5.5, 2000? or newer?

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [Mario Konst](#) on Mon, 03 Apr 2006 12:37:34 GMT  
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Exchange 2000 advanced server.

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [blockpaddy](#) on Thu, 04 May 2006 10:40:22 GMT  
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if you have 150 users and only allow 1 valid email address per user then you shouldn't need anything like 1000 licenses. Just specify the correct recipient addresses in NST.  
You are just making it easier for spammers to reach you  
if for instance: your preferred email

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is:  
johnjames bloggs@x

but you also accept  
jbloggs@x  
and  
jjbloggs@x  
etc then you are giving the spambots a bigger target

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [Heidner](#) on Fri, 05 May 2006 21:58:18 GMT  
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But if you have a small network and only license for 10, 20 or 100 users... it can be a problem. In part because the spam trap addresses also are counted in your license count.

so if you spam trap with names like:

webmaster@mydomain.x

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [ScubaCat](#) on Tue, 16 May 2006 16:19:34 GMT  
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Know what I'd appreciate? If they'd not count "root@\*", "postmaster@\*", and "abuse@\*". I don't really use these, but have to allow them to accept mail in order to be compliant for whitelisting on systems like hotmail and yahoo. Hence, I lose about 12 of 50 licenses for addresses I don't really want to use in the first place.

Note that I still find NST to be a great deal and intend to use it for the foreseeable future; this is merely a suggestion :)

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [Heidner](#) on Sat, 20 May 2006 18:30:44 GMT  
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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [ScubaCat](#) on Sat, 20 May 2006 22:21:55 GMT  
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Right, and that's multiplied for every domain name hosted, too..

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [support](#) on Mon, 22 May 2006 10:39:05 GMT  
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Heidner wrote:

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> postmaster not counted in the license count. Some of those  
> names are RFC recommend names that should be allowed through  
> on all e-mail servers.

Please note that the "postmaster" recipient address is not counted against the license and that the "abuse" address will be excluded in one of the next releases.

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [Heidner](#) on Tue, 23 May 2006 15:59:37 GMT  
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Thanks...

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [ScubaCat](#) on Tue, 23 May 2006 16:12:44 GMT  
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"root" would be nice, too. That's the only other one that's required, yet hardly anyone uses for practical purposes.

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [leachii](#) on Wed, 09 Aug 2006 20:49:04 GMT  
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Perhaps adding "administrator" also, as it is a Microsoft required address.

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [lleafii](#) on Thu, 10 Aug 2006 20:49:18 GMT  
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I would also like to note, I have tested both the abuse and postmaster addresses, they did count against the license limits when setup in my SMTP configuration, when I do not add them, the email does not go through, please assit.

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [ScubaCat](#) on Thu, 10 Aug 2006 20:58:57 GMT  
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I'm not sure I agree that "administrator" is necessary. However, I would appreciate "root", "postmaster", and "abuse" not counting. They're of no practical use to me other than to meet the necessary standard.

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [Steve Hunter](#) on Thu, 24 Aug 2006 10:54:42 GMT  
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Instead of accepting any email with a false address to your domain and having your exchange server generate the bounce message, why not have the exchange server reject them on the SMTP connection? If you do this, the license count will not get bumped as NST recognises that the message wasn't accepted.

To do this, go to Exchange System Manager -> Global Settings -> Message Delivery -> Recipient Filtering tab and tick the "Filter recipients who are not in the Directory" box.

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Subject: Re: License Counting  
Posted by [mseitl](#) on Wed, 06 Sep 2006 10:42:45 GMT  
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Quote:

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Because in Exchange2000 there is no such tab!

Best Regards

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