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Subject: Skip anti virus filter

Posted by [jmc](#) on Fri, 19 May 2006 08:42:36 GMT

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Is there a possibility to skip the last filter if the mail is detected as spam?

Thanks for you answer.

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Subject: Re: Skip anti virus filter

Posted by [support](#) on Fri, 19 May 2006 08:59:43 GMT

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We recommend this NoSpamToday! filter chain:

- 1) Attachment Blocker
  - 2) Delay Filter
  - 3) AntiVirus Filter
  - 4) SpamAssassin Filter
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Subject: Re: Skip anti virus filter

Posted by [jmc](#) on Fri, 19 May 2006 10:11:16 GMT

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It would be nice to have the option to skip the anti-virus test as the spam mail is not distributed anyhow. This would free some server resources.

Filter chain could be broken and filter skipped, depending from the result of previous filter. Might it be an option for the next update?

Thanks for answering.

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Subject: Re: Skip anti virus filter  
Posted by [Heidner](#) on Sat, 20 May 2006 18:29:15 GMT  
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You could move the spam filter check in front of the anti-virus check. That would act as you have requested. (as you apparently have done) If identified as spam you should be able to set the filter to reject-delete and it would not be checked by the anti-virus software.

But there are reasons for checking before doing the spam check. One is that some of the ant-virus programs (CLAM-AV for example) can follow URL's in the e-mail and detect phishing and links to trojan sites. This stops the mail before even spam checking it.

Also there is always a concern that at some point in time a hacker exploit might be created for spamassassin that allows the remote execution by a virus or worm. Not likely to happen - but checking the e-mail with anti-virus software first significantly reduces that possibility of that happening.

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