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Subject: Sorting the last few emails...

Posted by [davidc](#) on Fri, 22 Dec 2006 12:25:22 GMT

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I've recently installed NST and its great, blocking about 89% of all email traffic. There are still a few emails getting through - does anyone have recommendations on how to deal with these?

I've got the email server set to only allow existing email addresses etc.

Thanks

David

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Subject: Re: Sorting the last few emails...

Posted by [Heidner](#) on Fri, 22 Dec 2006 20:47:37 GMT

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1) Look at the scores for the spam e-mails that make it through. The scoring information is included in the headers of the e-mails.

2) Make adjustments based on YOUR observations of the most common reasons why mail is making it through. You can make adjustments to both NST -- and the spamassassin rules (see the doc directory in the "SA" folder of NST).

3) You can make spamassassin more effective in some cases by scoring some items higher - for example I put higher scores on e-mails with dates in the future, or e-mails that are on the RBL's.

4) The default scores that NST and spamassassin setup are normally pretty good - spamassassins are based on a large database of spams they have assembled -- but you can still improve it for your needs by some tuning. Don't be afraid to experiment.

There are also additional tools that various users have contributed to the NST effort -- check the user contribution library...

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