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Subject: Antivirus Filtering

Posted by [mhcomp](#) on Tue, 15 Jan 2008 20:24:33 GMT

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We have our NoSpamToday for Servers set to reject/redirect to a Spam account within Exchange 2003. This account is then checked by someone from a Workstation. Somehow viruses are getting past the Antivirus check the NoSpamToday should be doing causing much concern on the Workstation when her antivirus program scans the email and finds a virus!!!

What could be the problem. I have checked everything and even sent the eicar test string which got deleted by NoSpamToday is instructed to do so. I have got the latest version installed 3.0.5.1

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Subject: Re: Antivirus Filtering

Posted by [support](#) on Wed, 16 Jan 2008 17:48:21 GMT

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Virus checkers in NST are configured to scan messages only, so if you just reject/redirect the message, it will be forwarded to the spam account with the virus still intact.

If you have a virus checker that supports an option to sanitize messages, you can experiment with the AV filter settings, but it is probably much simpler to just reject/delete virus messages.

False positives with virus filters are far less common than with spam filters.

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Subject: Re: Antivirus Filtering

Posted by [mhcomp](#) on Tue, 22 Jan 2008 01:49:09 GMT

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I think you may of misunderstood.

To clarify, Antivirus checking in NST is indeed set to reject/delete. If an incoming message gets marked as Spam by the DNSBL filter which is set to reject/redirect surely the Antivirus should still check the message for viruses before redirecting it to the Spam account.

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Subject: Re: Antivirus Filtering

Posted by [support](#) on Wed, 23 Jan 2008 13:51:26 GMT

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OK, I see your point, and you're right, this is not expected behaviour.

Please send your noSPAMtoday.cf file to [nstsupport@byteplant.com](mailto:nstsupport@byteplant.com) so we can have a look at what's going on. Please add examples of this thing happening (ie. log file snippets), OS version

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information, and NoSpamToday! version information.

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Subject: Re: Antivirus Filtering  
Posted by [mhcomp](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2008 10:43:38 GMT  
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Is there any way of extending the number of old log files that NST keeps to say 5 instead of 1 ?

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Posted by [support](#) on Fri, 25 Jan 2008 10:40:46 GMT  
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You can use the task scheduler to rename log files, or change the logging settings so that a log file lasts more than one day.

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Subject: Re: Antivirus Filtering  
Posted by [mhcomp](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 20:26:19 GMT  
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My apologies for not getting back to you before.

Another customer of mine has had a similar occurrence where the email marked as Spam by SpamAssassin has not been virus checked until it reached the clients Microsoft Outlook program where it was duly Quarantined.

I noted this time that the email had an attachment which was another email. That attached email contained an attachment which was an executable (exe) which was a trojan.

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Posted by [support](#) on Wed, 07 May 2008 09:25:05 GMT

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Please check the manuals of your antivirus software to find out more about the scanning options.

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