
Subject: New filter type ?

Posted by [fonager](#) on Fri, 05 Nov 2004 09:55:53 GMT

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Hi there,

I run a mailserver in an environment, where we send out 30-40.000 emails a day, to different users of our websites - email addresses are up to 5 years old (since the user registered).

This obviously gives us a lot of trouble with "bouncing" emails, as many email addresses dont exist anymore, users inbox full and so on.

Today, these emails go into my Exchange Server 2003 store (right thru the NST proxy) - then I have som rules with puts these "returned" emails into a seperate folder, which I delete manually every 2 weeks.

But everyone familiar with Exchange, knows that this is a "heavy" and slow process.

Couldnt it be nice with a generic filter in NST, where you could query on each incoming email on the "generic values" like "subject", "from", "to", "body".

Then I could make a filter like this (inspired by the email rules in Outlook) :

if subject like "Undeliverable email" then accept/delete message!

This way my emails are "killed" on the incoming SMTP proxy level, instead of filling my Exchange Server 2003 store with emails I need to delete manually.

It takes quite some time to delete 150.000+ emails from one folder in Exchange Server 2003 :)

So, is this a good idea and any hope that a thing like this could be implemented on the SMTP (No Spam Today) level ?

Regards,
Tony Fonager

Netcoders ApS, Copenhagen, Denmark

Subject: Re: New filter type ?

Posted by [support](#) on Fri, 05 Nov 2004 13:31:11 GMT

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Good idea, to have a filter that allows some basic filtering, though it seems a bit drastic to never look at delivery failure notices. I put it on the list of features for evaluation.

Right now, you could use a SpamAssassin filter to classify delivery failures as spam.

MTAs that send you a mail delivery failure message usually use an empty sender address. You will find this in the envelope-sender field of NoSpamToday!'s Received header.

By adding a header rule that triggers on the proper Received: header, you can treat delivery failures the same way as spam. Set the spam score of this rule high enough, so it exceeds your reject delete threshold, and you will never see a delivery failure again.

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Posted by [fonager](#) on Fri, 05 Nov 2004 22:18:19 GMT

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1) It is MUCH easier for "normal" people like me, to filter out unwanted emails, according ie. text appering in the subject!

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Let me know what you think :)

Regards,
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Posted by [support](#) on Mon, 08 Nov 2004 17:44:09 GMT

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What might help is a tool to write SpamAssassin rules, with a GUI similar to Outlook. Again, an item for our list.

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Posted by [tiger1vic](#) on Mon, 08 Nov 2004 22:04:10 GMT
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You might also try Googling for "spamassassin rules gui" or something like that. It took me about 3 seconds to find a windows gui for SA at this url -- <http://www.openhandhome.com/saconf.html>

Can't say whether it's good or not, but give it a try.

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Last time I looked you could use this GUI to edit the local.cf file, but I don't think it can be used to create rules.

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Correct, it is only for setting up SA config - not for editing rules!