

Fully spam/virus filtered mail, and reliable outbound relay

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[Why these 3 newsgroups: these have been my hangouts over the years, and I know that spam filtering issue comes up frequently. Now that I have the ability to demonstrate that spam is not really a problem any more, I wish to share with people in my field/industry...]

I am considering offering email services from my servers at pc9.org. This might be of interest to people who are dissatisfied with their ISP's mail services -- too slow/unreliable, trouble sending mail due to ISP being listed on spam blocklists, or too many viruses/sending being received.

pc9.org has triple-homed connectivity from a data centre in California. Our server is not listed on any spam blocklists. Incoming+outgoing mail is aggressively filtered for viruses (no executable attachments allowed).

If you want to try out the mail services there is currently NO COST during this testing phase. Contact jb@users.pc9.org (accounts will not be given to everyone). The account will cost you nothing until June 30. After that, fees will likely be \$5/month for an account.

Here is what I currently offer:

- + POP3 mailbox (over SSL only), 20 MByte storage
- + Authenticated SMTP for relaying (over SSL only), small volumes only
- + SpamProbe or SpamBayes trainable spam filter, through a web interface. This way, you configure your own account to eliminate what you consider spam. Honestly, this is the most powerful spam filtering technology available today. After 50 – 100 messages of manual training, the filter can automatically differentiate spam from non-spam with high accuracy.

FILTERING: I stress that * you * train the filter for your own account. This means that you teach it over time what's spam, and what's not. When properly trained it's unlikely that legitimate messages will be caught. My own experience is only 1 false positive in 2000 emails.

An ideal user for these services would be someone who needs to reliably send mail but who is dissatisfied with their ISP's mail relay.

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Someone who gets too many viruses or spam, and dreams of an inbox that would only contain legitimate messages. You could forward your existing account@yourisp to account@users.pc9.org and pick up your mail from your filtered mailbox on our servers. The filters work best if you get a decent volume of both spam and non-spam.

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