

# Re: OT: Spam filters

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krw wrote:

In article <[jC%ai.13423\\$2v1.12000@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:jC%ai.13423$2v1.12000@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>, [notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) says...

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[john@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:john@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
wrote:

On  
8  
Jun,

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21:35,

Joerg

<notthisjoerg...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote:

Has  
anyone  
figured  
out  
how  
to  
"un-train"  
a  
spam  
filter  
when  
it  
becomes  
too  
strict?  
Mine  
now  
catches  
all  
email  
from  
a  
certain  
project,  
despite  
the  
fact  
that  
the  
sender  
is  
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the  
address  
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and  
junk  
mail  
controls  
are  
set  
to

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exclude  
any  
email  
from  
senders  
that  
are.

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Regards,  
Joerg

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I  
gave  
up  
on  
useless  
filters  
so  
now  
pay  
a  
small  
amount  
each  
month  
for  
spam  
filtering  
at  
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ISP.  
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months.  
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suspecting  
that  
each  
email  
is  
manually  
read  
before  
forwarding!.

I'll look into  
that but  
could only  
do it if they  
send the  
spam  
marked for  
an  
automatic  
path to the  
waste  
basket. I  
need to be  
able to look  
because  
there will be  
the  
occasional  
miscatch.

My ISP marks spam with a tag. I then filter that into the wastebasket. I manually empty the wastebasket (about 2000 spams) once a week. My ISP only misses about 1% of the spam, so it's not all that hard to manually sort that. Oh, I also have a few filters to filter out anything with funny characters in the subject line.

That sounds good, I'll have to inquire. As

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long as they send everything it'll be fine. Some spammers became really good, they concoct subject lines that sound like they are from an engineer. Such as "DA converter problem" and stuff like that.

They offer two options, throw spam away at the ISP or have it tagged and also allow user filters at the server. Their tag is \*very\* good. They must do something other than look at the contents so I use it along with filters to eliminate things like Chinese, at the server. Why I can't have stuff they catch as well as set my own filters at the server, I don't know.

Since you seem to be on an AT&T server that might work for me as well. I am one of those legacy customers on the old Pacific Bell domain which now belongs to AT&T.

My email is, yes. It's the AT&T Business Internet service (not ATT Worldnet); <http://www.attglobal.net/>. AT&T bought me from ibm.net in 2000, or so. Dunno about high-speed Internet from them though. I use my cable company for connectivity.

Yep, that's a different ballgame. I am on the SBC server and a couple other providers. But they might offer some filtering as well.

A phenomenon I don't quite understand is subject and text in Russian. Maybe there are enough Russian speakers in the US that 0.1% of recipients can read it. Of which 0.001% would ever do so, meaning they probably hope that at least one of them will take a glimpse. What a sad life.

Why Chinese? I can't read Unicode.

I wouldn't be able to filter that out because some of my clients produce in China. Emails from there can contain Chinese sections, especially if I am

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copied on a problem they tried to solve internally at first.

In the subject?

No but spam is more nasty these days. I get a few where the subject looks "normal" and then there is foreign language in the text. I can only understand if it's German or Dutch and it is clearly spam. Some meds or some cell phone deals is peddled, for example.

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Regards, Joerg

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