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Joerg notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx posted to sci.electronics.design:

Jim Thompson wrote:

On Fri, 12 Oct 2007 22:19:09 -0700, JosephKK <joseph\_barrett@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Joerg notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx posted to sci.electronics.design:

David Brown wrote:

Joerg wrote:

Ecnerwal wrote:

In article <zibPi.1418\$Pv2.1280@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Joerg <notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

AFAIK  
no  
spam  
filter  
and  
that's

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really  
important  
these  
days.

Your  
mail  
service  
provider  
might  
provide  
some

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Mine  
used  
to  
provide  
a  
great  
mode  
where  
they  
would  
flag  
stuff  
they  
thought  
was  
spam,  
and  
send  
it  
all  
downstream  
where  
I  
could  
filter  
it.  
Now  
it's  
either  
no  
filtering,  
or  
filtering  
on  
their  
system

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they  
dumbed  
it  
down.  
Still,  
I  
find  
that  
a  
bunch  
of  
positive  
filters  
(pull  
off  
mail  
from  
real  
people  
you  
commonly  
email)  
and  
negative  
filters  
(the  
various  
popular  
spam  
words/misspellings)  
does  
a  
pretty  
good  
job  
on  
spam.  
I've  
used  
Eudora  
for  
decades,  
and  
never  
got  
into  
the  
paid  
version  
with

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spam  
filter  
(nor  
the  
ad  
version  
until  
after  
they  
stopped  
running  
ads,  
though  
it  
still  
brings  
up  
an  
annoying  
gray  
square).

Can't do  
that, I get  
mail from  
several  
servers into  
one.

You can use a local spam  
filter pop3 proxy – popfile  
is, I  
believe, one  
of the most popular. I used it  
before I started using  
spamassassin on our server.

<http://popfile.sourceforge.net/>

If you have a Linux box  
available, I'd recommend  
setting up a  
proper mail server –  
dovecot is easy, and you can  
use fetchmail  
to collect  
email from a variety of pop3  
boxes. That way you have  
your

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email on a secure system,  
available from any email  
client you  
want on any PC (via  
IMAP). When your client  
OS goes bonkers, or you  
find a new  
email program you like, or  
want to access the same  
email from a  
different machine, you have  
no problem.

Release  
(if  
it  
ever  
happens)  
of  
the  
open  
source  
equivalent  
seems  
to  
be  
glacial.

Won't do  
much good  
if it then  
just sits  
there or gets  
folded  
into  
Thunderbird.

I doubt if Eudora will get  
merged with Thunderbird,  
but I also  
doubt  
that it will see much  
progress as open source.  
You can't expect  
a development community  
to form around a product  
just by posting  
a link to the code on your

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website – Qualcomm are going to have to work much harder if they want to get some developer momentum behind it.

At the moment, most people interested in working with open source email programs are looking at Thunderbird, Evolution, or KMail – developers will need a good reason to start working with Eudora.

What I've seen of spam filters on other people's systems, and when exploring other mailers and not liking them enough to change has not been impressive.

Mozilla (the old integrated suite) works very well

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with its  
spam filters.  
But they've  
discontinued  
that a long  
time ago  
and  
like with  
any good  
software I  
keep  
hanging on.  
IME  
changing  
software  
when it  
wasn't  
absolutely  
needed just  
brought  
extra  
fluff and  
grief. Just  
like with  
this  
Thunderbird.

Thunderbird works fine for  
most people – I don't know  
what's  
causing your problems, but  
clearly it's not a common  
issue  
(since you found nothing in  
your searches).

I did find a lot but only people having the  
very same problem, no  
solutions taht worked. After I uninstalled  
Norton it now works.  
Sort of, still sluggish.

Norton is a virus/trojan. It does not uninstall cleanly let alone  
completely either. You need a registry cleaner. Check  
[www.mvps.org](http://www.mvps.org) and [dts-l.org](http://dts-l.org) for worthwhile ones.

There is a Symantec-specific uninstaller for corrupt installations.

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If you're having problems go to their website to get it.

One also should not forget that a company that would secretly do stuff causing damage down the road can be held liable in court. At least in the US. Typically that ends in a class action and that's the absolute nightmare for any corporation. So they can't do anything really bad.

You need some complaints, someone with the savvy to make a case that a jury can understand, and some technical experts to respond to the defense, and some luck. Oh, and a lawyer willing to go way out on a financial and reputation limb for a small chance of a large payoff.