

# Re: Non English Spam

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----- Original Message -----

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Also this means that later filtering on the first Received field is double work: You already accepted the mail based on that information.

In short: Writing header filtering rules for the Received field is simply waste of time and proof of inefficiency.

I agree with this but unfortunately the real world often screws this up.

For example, SpamCop is one of the most effective blacklists on the Internet because of it's high user participation. Unfortunately, it repeatedly blocks yahoomail, craigslist, and ebay because spammers hate it and try to stuff it up so as to get people to stop using it.

As a result, you cannot use Spamcop to reject at the HELO. Instead you have to post-filter the mail and do your spamcop lookups, so you can exempt domains like ebay that are legitimate.

Just as Sendmail, Postfix is not designed for spam filtering. Postfix provides simple filtering mechanisms, keeping it simple postfix provides an effective and reliable MTA that doesn't suffer the track record of security bugs Sendmail does.

When the native filters does not suffice you can combine with any number of "policy services": External filtering mechanisms such as postgrey,

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spam assassin etc. This design is clean, reliable and easy to manage.

Same for Sendmail, you can use filters to add all this stuff in. Or you can do it in the local delivery agent.

OP requested a way to filter away the spam in foreign character sets because for some reason these were not caught by Spam Assassin or procmail. I gave a solution that solves that problem, and I mentioned the problem of false negatives for this list.

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