

## Re: SPAM Filter

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On Mon, 06 Sep 2004 07:42:34 +0200, UNIX admin wrote:

> *I was left with the belief that the cause of the illness \*are\* the  
> spammers.*

The spam problem would not exist if it was not successful in parting fools from their money. Where do you think the spammers get their motivation?

> *You can't 'fix' them, but you can prevent their spam. Going  
> to a blackhole list, they just find another open relay, so it's a  
> constant game of catching up with them. Except that the spammers are  
> always a step ahead. So then you're not fighting the problem  
> proactively, but reactively.*

We are discussing the filtration of spam at ISP level, not on one's own personal mail server. Even 0.1% false positives in your recommended filter is unacceptable. And I am damn sure that I will not sieve through over 6000 filtered messages per day to determine which were false positives.

Blackhole listing will not remove the spam problem entirely and had you paid attention to my first comment you would have seen that I claimed only 90% or more rejection of spam. I can, if you wish, document that from the maillog on the server.