

# amavisd-new a Mac OS X HOWTO

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## 1. - Introduction and Prerequisites

If you are using OS X 10.2 you'll need to first upgrade your installation of Perl to 5.8 or higher.

If you don't want to build Perl from source, you can grab an installer from Aron Faby's site at:

<http://www.serverlogistics.com/downloads-jag.php#perl>.

Also note that if you have Perl support enabled in Apache under Mac OS X Server 10.2.x, you must disable it, as Faby's Perl 5.8 is not compatible with Apple's supplied Perl modules.

Download the Perl updater and double-click to install.

The files included in the Macintosh tarball provide a way to start the service without logging in as well as a way to manually start, stop and reload the service.

Setting up the user/group. (10.3.x can use method a or b)

a).

```
% sudo dscl localhost -create /NetInfo/root/Groups/mailtransport
% sudo dscl localhost -create /NetInfo/root/Groups/mailtransport gid 30
% sudo dscl localhost -create /NetInfo/root/Users/mailtransport
% sudo dscl localhost -create /NetInfo/root/Users/mailtransport uid 30
% sudo dscl localhost -create /NetInfo/root/Users/mailtransport gid 30
% sudo dscl localhost -create /NetInfo/root/Users/mailtransport shell /bin/tcsh
% sudo dscl localhost -create /NetInfo/root/Users/mailtransport home /tmp
% sudo dscl localhost -create /NetInfo/root/Users/mailtransport passwd ""
```

b). (10.2.x only)

```
% sudo niutil -create . /groups/mailtransport
% sudo niutil -createprop . /groups/mailtransport gid 30
% sudo niutil -create . /users/mailtransport
% sudo niutil -createprop . /users/mailtransport uid 30
% sudo niutil -createprop . /users/mailtransport gid 30
% sudo niutil -createprop . /users/mailtransport shell /bin/tcsh
% sudo niutil -createprop . /users/mailtransport home /tmp
% sudo niutil -createprop . /users/mailtransport passwd ""
```

Setting up the folders.

```
% sudo mkdir /var/amavis
% sudo mkdir /var/amavis/tmp
```

```
% sudo mkdir /var/amavis/db
% sudo chown -R mailtransport:mailtransport /var/amavis
% sudo chmod -R 750 /var/mailtransport
% sudo mkdir /var/virusmails
% sudo chown mailtransport:mailtransport /var/virusmails
% sudo chmod 750 /var/virusmails
% sudo touch /var/amavis/whitelist_sender
```

## 2. - Getting the archives

Download amavisd-new.

The official URLs for these libraries are:

```
amavisd-new
http://www.ijs.si/software/amavisd/
```

You can choose to download either Gzipped (.gz or .tgz extensions) or Bzipped (.bz2 extension) archives, since the latter are smaller. In any case, I advise to locally compute and compare MD5 checksums, if the distribution home lists them. You do that by executing:

```
% md5 <filename>
```

## 3. - Unpacking the archives

With all archives in the same directory, do:

```
% ls *.gz | xargs -n 1 tar zxvf
```

Now for a little cleanup.

```
% sudo rm -r *.gz
```

## 4. - Installing amavisd-new with SpamAssassin

```
% cd ../amavisd
```

Next we need to move the files to their working locations.

```
% sudo cp amavisd.conf-sample /etc/amavisd.conf
```

```
% sudo chown root /etc/amavisd.conf
```

```
% sudo chmod 0644 /etc/amavisd.conf
```

```
% sudo cp amavisd /usr/bin/
```

```
% sudo chown root /usr/bin/amavisd
```

```
% sudo chmod 0755 /usr/bin/amavisd
```

Now we need to get some perl modules installed. CPAN makes this easy, but we will have to force one or two of them to go. I haven't come across any problems with this in testing, but do keep an eye on things. Also, when you are installing these perl modules you may run across dependencies that you don't have installed yet. Please respond in the affirmative when it asks you if you want them installed too.

```
% sudo perl -MCPAN -e shell
```

Now you are in the CPAN system. You will then type in the next four commands which will install the modules. Some of these modules may ask if you want to install the dependencies, say "yes" to this.

```
cpan> install Archive::Tar Archive::Zip BerkeleyDB Compress::Zlib Convert::UULib Digest::MD5
```

```
cpan> install IO::Stringy Mail::ClamAV Mail::Internet Mail::SpamAssassin MIME::Base64 MIME::Parser
```

```
cpan> install Net::SMTP Net::Server Time::HiRes Unix::Syslog Digest::SHA1  
cpan> force install Convert::TNEF Net::SMTP
```

Finally exit out of CPAN.

```
cpan> quit
```

**If you experience problems building any of the perl modules, you probably have CPAN configured to not follow dependancies and any module that requires another module to be installed will fail to install, reconfigure your perl to prompt for dependent modules rather than ignore them.**

You now need to edit your amavisd config file. This file contains a huge number of options that will pretty much determine your spam and virus policies for your server. You should familiarize yourself with this file so that you get the desired results from this system. It's rather well commented so you shouldn't need to mess with it too much.

In Section I you'll need to change

`$MYHOME` to `"/var/amavis"`

`$mydomain` to your main e-mail domain.

`$myhostname` to your FQDN.

`$daemon_user` should be set to `"mailtransport"`

`$daemon_group` should be set to `"mailtransport"`

`$pid_file` to `"$MYHOME/amavisd.pid"`

`$lock_file` to `"$MYHOME/amavisd.lock"`

`$unix_socketname` to `"$MYHOME/amavisd.sock"`

Section II and III you can leave alone.

Section IV will require you to make some decisions. This section determines what happens when an e-mail is determined to be a spam or virus e-mail. Here you can specify the notification templates for what your bounce messages say. More importantly you an

determine what you'll do with spam and virus e-mails.

The final destiny variables are what you are interested in here. By default amavisd will bounce all spam back to the sender. You may find that this clogs up your mail system attempting to be nice to spammers. If that's the case you can set this to D\_DISCARD which will effectively delete the mail in question.

You will also want to set your \$virus\_admin and \$spam\_admin settings where the respective notifications will be sent.

The quarantine settings allow you to specify where the spam and virus e-mails will be stored. If you are interested in keeping the e-mails you can direct them to an e-mail address or folder, otherwise you can set these to "undef" which will delete the mails.

Section V sets up white and black lists for amavis. Use these to add in any domains that you know are good or bad.

Section VI you can leave alone.

Section VII is where you specify when e-mail is tagged as spam, the sa\_tag levels determine when to quarantine spam mails and when to kill them.

Section VIII & IX you can leave alone.

Now we can edit the Postfix files, first you need to add the following lines to /etc/postfix/main.cf it will tell Postfix to run amavisd as a content filter before delivery.

```
#
# =====
# amavisd
# =====
#
content_filter=smtp-mailtransport:[127.0.0.1]:10024
```

Now add the following to /etc/postfix/master.cf:

```
#
# =====
# amavisd
# =====
#
smtp-mailtransport unix - - y - 2 smtp
    -o smtp_data_done_timeout=1200
    -o smtp_send_xforward_command=yes
    -o disable_dns_lookups=yes
127.0.0.1:10025 inet n - y - - smtpd
    -o content_filter=
    -o local_recipient_maps=
    -o relay_recipient_maps=
    -o smtpd_restriction_classes=
    -o smtpd_client_restrictions=
    -o smtpd_helo_restrictions=
    -o smtpd_sender_restrictions=
    -o smtpd_recipient_restrictions=permit_mynetworks,reject
    -o mynetworks=127.0.0.0/8
    -o strict_rfc821_envelopes=yes
    -o smtpd_error_sleep_time=0
    -o smtpd_soft_error_limit=1001
    -o smtpd_hard_error_limit=1000
    -o receive_override_options=no_header_body_checks
```

## 5. - Installing the Startup

Move the "AMAVIS" folder to "/System/Library/StartupItems/".

```
% sudo mv AMAVIS /System/Library/StartupItems/
```

```
% sudo chown root:admin /System/Library/StartupItems/AMAVIS/*
```

```
% sudo chmod 0755 /System/Library/StartupItems/AMAVIS/AMAVIS
```

**Note:** You can also place the folder in /Library/StartupItems/

Open /etc/hostconfig with an editor and insert the following line:

```
"AMAVIS=-YES-"
```

With the flag set to "-YES-", the service will be enabled at startup.

If you wish to disable auto startup at any time, set "AMAVIS=-NO-" in /private/etc/hostconfig and it will disable this service and prevent manually starting it.

With the service enabled, you can start, stop and reload the service manually at any time from terminal with one of the following commands:

```
% sudo SystemStarter start "AMAVIS"
```

```
% sudo SystemStarter stop "AMAVIS"
```

```
% sudo SystemStarter restart "AMAVIS"
```

A safety has been built in preventing you from starting the service if you have disabled it in the /private/etc/hostconfig file.

The grand finally is to start the service and restart postfix.

```
% sudo SystemStarter start "AMAVIS"
```

**Note:** Additional patch files may be included in the Macintosh archive 'Macintosh.tar.gz' for advanced/modified features, please see included 'README' for related information.