

IBM - IBM Lotus Protector for Mail Security

Continuously ICSA Labs Certified Since:

Sep 2008

Subject to Daily Spam Effectiveness Testing?

Yes

Next Complete Battery of ICSA Labs Tests:

Oct 2009

Subject to Daily "Ham" False Positives Testing?

Yes

Daily August 2009 Scores

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Ham = 2579 Spam = 22421 EF = 99.6% FP = 0
2 Ham = 2468 Spam = 22532 EF = 99.3% FP = 0	3 Ham = 2526 Spam = 22474 EF = 99.4% FP = 0	4 Ham = 2489 Spam = 22511 EF = 99.6% FP = 0	5 Ham = 2446 Spam = 22554 EF = 99.5% FP = 0	6 Ham = 2562 Spam = 22438 EF = 99.5% FP = 0	7 Ham = 2562 Spam = 22438 EF = 99.6% FP = 0	8 Ham = 2462 Spam = 22538 EF = 99.6% FP = 0
9 Ham = 2475 Spam = 22525 EF = 99.7% FP = 0	10 Ham = 2575 Spam = 22425 EF = 99.8% FP = 0	11 Ham = 2513 Spam = 22487 EF = 99.6% FP = 0	12 Ham = 2445 Spam = 22555 EF = 99.1% FP = 0	13 Ham = 2521 Spam = 22479 EF = 99.7% FP = 0	14 Ham = 2564 Spam = 22436 EF = 99.7% FP = 0	15 Ham = 2522 Spam = 22478 EF = 99.7% FP = 0
16 Ham = 2449 Spam = 22551 EF = 99.8% FP = 0	17 Ham = 2431 Spam = 22569 EF = 99.7% FP = 0	18 Ham = 2533 Spam = 22467 EF = 99.7% FP = 0	19 Ham = 2414 Spam = 22586 EF = 99.6% FP = 0	20 Ham = 2538 Spam = 22462 EF = 99.8% FP = 0	21 Ham = 2506 Spam = 22494 EF = 99.8% FP = 0	22 Ham = 2485 Spam = 22515 EF = 99.8% FP = 0
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Cumulative Aug 2009

Total Ham Sent = 77,715
Total Spam Sent = 697,285
Total Messages = 775,000

Total Ham Not Delivered
0

Total Spam Delivered
2,342

Spam Effectiveness
99.7%

False Positives
0.000%

Characteristics of August Spam Test Set

- Totaled 12,480,549 e-mail;
- Contained unique e-mail message bodies;
- Was destined for a domain for which the device expects to receive e-mail;
- Had RFC-compliant FROM and TO addresses.

Live Anti-Spam Testing

ICSA Labs is still a few weeks away from truly live testing. As an interim step, anti-spam products are tested with spam e-mail that is no more than 5.5 to 6 hours old.

Top 10 Countries Sending Spam

ICSA Labs has been publishing a weekly list of the top 10 countries where spam originates. This list is published each week on Tuesday and announced via our RSS feeds. We now post the Top 10 lists from the previous two weeks for comparison purposes.

Not a Lot of Wiggle Room

Recall that ICSA Labs began enforcing the false positive testing requirements again on August 17. With only 1 in 100,000 false positives permitted, it doesn't take long for products to violate that testing requirement.

ICSA Labs is questioning whether or not that requirement is too unreasonable and suggests renewed examination of it by consortium members and the public.