

KASPERSKY ANTI-SPAM 3.0

DEVELOPER'S STATEMENT: Kaspersky Anti-Spam is a comprehensive, productive and scalable antispam solution. It features real-time reaction on new spam and ideally fits corporation or ISPs Linux-based email gateway.

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Kaspersky Anti-Spam 3.0 is a software solution that may be installed on a Linux based mail server. This solution is designed to protect companies ranging from small and medium businesses to the larger corporations. This level of flexibility is made possible by the low system requirements, allowing for greater longevity from an existing mail server.

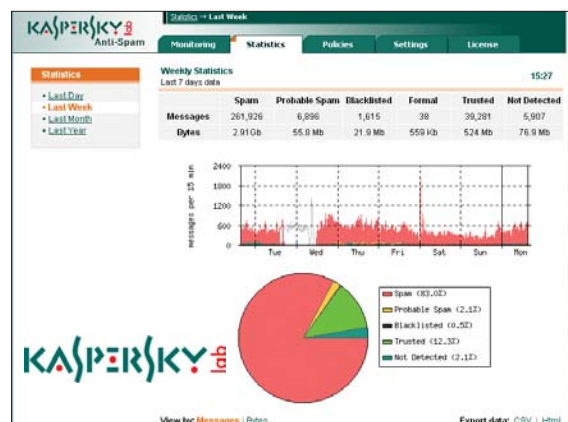
Further to this, Kaspersky Anti-Spam supports a wide range of Linux flavours, and may also be integrated into a variety of email systems including Sendmail, Postfix, Qmail, Exim and Comunigate Pro. With such a high degree of coverage available, Kaspersky Anti-Spam may allow a company to continue using their existing server instead of possibly having to upgrade or switch between mail servers.

The solution itself is available as a download, and can be purchased with a license for up to ten, twenty, fifty, or one hundred mailboxes. In turn the license key can be selected to run for either one year, or for two years. Also available with this product is a full range of online documentation in PDF format.

Installation of the product is carried out by an easy-to-use command line script. After the install script has finished, the user is given a number of tasks to perform in order for Kaspersky Anti-Spam to be correctly configured. These include the installation of the license key, the option of enabling automatic updates, and final integration into the mail server. This setup is very quick and can be carried out without shutting down the mail server, thus reducing, or possibly removing, any potential downtime. However Kaspersky does recommend picking a point when the mail server is least busy.

Further configuration of Kaspersky Anti-Spam is carried out using a web interface, running on a secure SSL connection on a non-standard port. The interface itself is very well designed with all the information easy to find and with clear descriptions for each option. This easy to use interface ensures a very short learning curve, further aiding the Administrator in getting the most from the tools provided by Kaspersky.

Five tabs are displayed along the top of the interface screen providing access to various categories such as Monitoring, Statistics, and Settings. Clicking on each of the links displays a further menu running down the left hand side containing sub categories relating to the



current page. All content on these pages is clearly displayed with any active content, such as edit buttons or hyperlinks, easily distinguishable.

Statistics and figures relating to mail traffic that has been processed by Kaspersky are tracked using the Statistics page. From within this page the Administrator can view data gathered over varying time frames such as the previous day, week, or month. This data is then further broken down by how the messages were classified, and displayed in a both a table and in a pie chart.

Considering the low system requirements, the performance of Kaspersky Anti-Spam is impressive. Messages that are received by the mail server are quickly scanned using the tools included within the solution, with virtually no impact in delivery times noticeable. The job of scanning these messages is handled by Kaspersky's SpamTest, this is a collection of scanning methods including DNS blacklists, signature databases, and linguistic heuristics.

Messages that are defined by Kaspersky as spam can be either rejected, redirected, deleted, or delivered. Spam messages that are delivered may be configured to prepend a tag to the Subject line, allowing for spam messages to be easily distinguished from genuine ones. Selecting to delete spam accepts the message before deleting it, this results in no notification of failure being sent to the sender and less impact on system resources.



Kaspersky Anti-Spam 3.0 has been awarded the Anti-Spam Premium Checkmark Certification.

THE VERDICT

Kaspersky Anti-Spam is a highly flexible solution that may be installed across a number of Linux based operating systems running a variety of mail servers. This level of flexibility, when coupled with the performance of the scanning and reporting tools available, provides a strong defense against spam.

