

Why Anti-Spam is needed?

E-mail has become the subject of much abuse, in the form of spamming and e-mail worm programs. Both flood the in-boxes of E-mail users with junk e-mails, wasting their time and money, and often carrying offensive, fraudulent, or damaging content. The SecPoint Anti SPAM module is used to **stop e-mail abuse** and ensure E-mail continues to be usable in the face of these threats.

The continuing increase in spam has resulted in rapid growth in the use of *spam filter* solutions. This spam filtering solution examines incoming email, separating spam from genuine email messages. Unwanted e-mail can be filtered at the desktop, the network email server/email gateway, or the Internet Service Provider's email gateway. A way of handling the problem for the whole network is the use of a hardened e-mail security appliance designed to intercept both spam and viruses.

SecPoint has chosen to use the award winning SpamAssassin Spam Filter solution. This is a very strong Anti-Spam engine with more than 97% catch rate of Spam. SpamAssassin has been rated one of the best Anti-Spam engines in the world.

Reasons an Anti-Spam appliance might be selected instead of software-only solutions could include:

- The customer prefers to buy hardware rather than software.
- Ease of installation.
- Operating system requirements (e.g. company policy requires Linux, but software is not available under this Operating System).
- Independence of existing hardware.

How does the Anti-Spam Module works?

Many techniques and configurations are combined to ensure the highest catch rate and lowest amount of false positives.

- Pointing system that counts all words in a mail and giving it points the user can fine tune the point level as well.
- Official black lists – The user can choose to enable a high amount of black lists different language preferences.
- Manual fine tuning and configuration based on your network setup.
- Individual user login to manage the Spam Quarantine.
- Monthly updates to the latest SpamAssassin versions.