

Re: Can someone recommend a product?

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Larry Coon wrote:

I don't even know what this feature is actually called, but I've seen it in several places. It's the one where the web site shows a word or a string graphically, and the user has to enter that string before the site will allow them to proceed. For instance, ticketmaster.com uses it to make sure it's a person buying tickets and not a bot.

Does someone make a similar product that installs as an extension to Exchange Server? Ideally, it would:

— If an e-mail comes in, the server replies with an e-mail asking the sender to enter a string as described above.

— If the user enters the string, the e-mail is sent to the recipient's inbox. If not, then it's discarded.

— Once a sender has verified him/her self in this manner, he/she won't be asked again.

— The admin can pre-load addresses, domains, etc., that will be automatically white-listed.

Can anyone point me to such a product? Or if many exist, recommend a specific one?

Thanks!

I know earthlink is working like this now.

I don't know of a product that does this for mail servers.

However, there is an email server that can do very similar things for you. It's called Postfix www.postfix.org. It's a very popular product on unix/linux servers. It's used a lot as a gateway MTA. It scans for viruses, spams, all sorts of system checks like what you describe above.

Since it runs on unix/linux, it's very stable and isn't prone to security/virus problems. It's security record is one

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of the best in the industry. I did work at AIG (insurance company) with 2 postfix servers running on solaris. Load-balanced with dns round-robin. Approx 3 million emails per month.

Postfix scanned for viruses and spams, then relayed 'clean' emails to exchange, lotus and groupwise servers. AIG is a big company, they have all sorts of systems running internally.

Running virus scans and spam checks on gateway running postfix costs much less \$\$ than adding similar products to exchange. It all depends on how many users you have.

Postfix = free, unix (solaris) or linux (redhat, suse, ubuntu) = free.
spam filter = free (spamassassin), antivirus = free (clamav) or you can get commercial grade (very good one) for \$299 per year for up to 6000 users – www.centralcommand.com

This costs much less \$\$ than similar things on exchange. Postfix is very flexible – can talk to ldap (it talks perfectly to active directory, edirectory).

hope this helps,

Oskar

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