

Re: Delivery reports – non–delivery

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Those can be one of 4 things:

- 1) Some spammer is sending the original messages and using your e–mail address as the sender.
- 2) Someone else has a PC infected with a virus and the virus is sending itself as the original message and using your e–mail address as the sender.
- 3) The message is the virus itself, pretending to be a returned mail.
- 4) Your PC is infected with a virus and it has been sending itself. And this is really a returned mail that your PC sent.

In cases 1, 2, and 3 above, the messages are not coming from your PC and are not going through your e–mail account. There's nothing you can do to prevent anyone from sending an e–mail with your e–mail address as the From header, just as you can't prevent anyone from sending a postal mail and putting your name and address as the return address. At this point all you can do is filter out the messages. Your ISP may offer some filtering at the mail server.

To make sure that case 4 above is not the cause, you should check your PC with an updated anti–virus program.

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Mike - http://pages.prodigy.net/michael_santovec/techhelp.htm
"Tim Healy" <Timelyuk@aol.com> wrote in message
news:0a9f01c49b38\$551a0920\$a401280a@phx.gbl...
> For the past few days I have received e-mails such as the
> following:
> Subj: Delivery reports about your e-mail
> From:smompo@teleline.es (I don't recognise this sender)
> To: my e-mail address
> Text: The original message was received at Wed.15 Sep 2004
> 10.58:48 +0200 from teleline.es [115.187.135.155]
>
> ----The following addresses had permanent fatal errors ---
> <timelyuk@aol.com>
> End of message
> Can anyone help by explaining what this means ?
> I continue to receive other e-mail OK