

Re: SPAM

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Leythos wrote:

In article <OfednyzFHHA.1188@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, aka@masked&anonymous.es says...

Stop SPAM and other malware! Create two mail rules in OE.

First rule:

A. In "Select the conditions for your rule" click "Where the from line contains people", click "contains people", click Address Book, click the first name, shift-click the last, click "From" button, click OK.

B. In "Select the actions for your rule", click "Stop processing more rules". This will let everyone in your address book fall through to your Inbox.

C. Name the rule "Pass".

Second rule:

A. In "Select the conditions for your rule" click "For all messages"

B. In "Select the actions for your rule", click "Delete it".

C. Name the rule "Delete".

This deletes the unwanted emails to the Deleted Items folder; it doesn't permanently delete anything. You might want to set OE to delete the Deleted Items folder every time you close OE, but one disadvantage: You could have to close OE in a hurry sometimes before you have a chance to check for missed messages.

Advantages:

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1. No SPAM or other malware! No amount of filtering by sender or subject matter will prevent spammers; they use a different subject and address every few days. But this setup prevents ALL SPAM from fictitious addresses.
2. Few Viruses! Only viruses from those who have your email address in their address book.
3. The biggest advantage, after checking through subject lines in the Deleted Items folder, you can delete all the spam, etc. without viewing them. Right-click "Deleted Items", click "Empty Deleted Items folder". This way, short of viewing the first email in the list, no other email is actually opened.

Disadvantages:

1. You'll have to look in the Deleted Items folder for blocked email. If you find a mail you actually want, just drag it into the Inbox till you add that address to the Pass filter.
2. To add addresses to the filter, you'll have to edit it, click "contains people", click "Address Book" again, and add any new addresses. That can be an occasional nuisance, but otherwise you'll be creating many mail rules for SPAM.

You can create a SPAM folder and send the blocked emails there, rather than select the "Delete it" option. Occasionally look in the folder for missed mails, then delete the remainder to the "Deleted Items" folder. (Press Shift/Delete to bypass the Deleted Items folder.)

Or, you can download and use Mozilla Thunderbird that has an excellent, built-in spam feature.

Both your method and the previous persons methods fail to meet the stated requirement – the op doesn't want to have to DELETE spam.

With Thunderbird, to delete spam, all you have to do is close Thunderbird.

The only method is to get an ISP/Mail service that deletes/removes spam as soon as it arrives

Which may lead to not getting desired email.

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or to change email addresses, create a strong user name for account 1 and create a throw-away for account 2, use account 2 when providing info to questionable sites, user account 1 for providing info to trusted sites.

That used to work but the spammers have gotten smarter. I've gotten spam in email accounts that I have never used for anything!

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