

Title (en)

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROXYING AND FILTERING ELECTRONIC MAIL

Title (de)

VERFAHREN UND VORRICHTUNG ZUR PROXYFUNKTION-ERZEUGUNG UND FILTERUNG VON ELEKTRONISCHEN POST

Title (fr)

PROCEDE ET APPAREIL PERMETTANT DE MANDATER ET DE FILTRER UN MESSAGE DE COURRIER ELECTRONIQUE

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Abstract (en)

[origin: GB2347053A] Email messages transmitted from a server via a mail transport protocol over an email network are passed through a proxy host 301, which is able to locally filter useful email from junk email by utilising a series of "scoring" metrics or by more explicit user configuration (killfiles), before passing the filtered mail on to the client user via the chosen mail transport protocol. The proxy server can produce logs and digests of processed junk email and send them by email or present them via a secure World Wide Web document to a system administrator for inspection, and also, for any message which cannot be conclusively scored as being junk, add it to a second per-user mailbox which can be inspected by the intended recipient at his discretion via a World Wide Web interface. The user can then inform the proxy definitively by World Wide Web fill-out form whether the message is junk or not, and email messages confirmed as being junk can then be removed automatically from all mailboxes held on the proxy.

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