

# Filtering Viruses

## Does [SpamAssassin](#) filter email-borne viruses as well as spam?

No. [SpamAssassin](#) is focussed on identifying spam, and not viruses. The mechanism of scanning for viruses is different, and software tailored for virus scanning is much much better at this task. You may be interested in [ClamAV](#), a GPL virus scanner. There is a third-party plugin for [SpamAssassin](#) to call ClamAV and add a score based upon its result (see [CustomPlugins](#)).

Alternatively, an easy way to use the ClamAV daemon with [procmail](#) is to add this to your procmailrc file:

```
# Scan for viruses
:0
VIRUS=|clamscan --no-summary --stdout -

:0fw
* VIRUS ?? ^.*: \/. * FOUND
| formail -b -f -t -I "X-Clamav-Status: Yes, $MATCH"

:0Efw
| formail -b -f -t -I "X-Clamav-Status: No"
```

This will add "X-Clamav-status: yes" to any message that's found to have a virus. Since "clamscan" uses the daemon, you'll need to enable ScanMail, S canArchive and StreamSaveToDisk in clamav.conf