

# ImportantInitialConfigItems

Items that are required for optimal operation of [SpamAssassin](#)

- `internal_networks` - especially for ISPs with mail submission MTAs, this is essential to avoid false positives on customer mail

Items that are *\*not\** required but beneficial

- `use_bayes` - to turn on and off the Bayesian subsystem entirely
- `rewrite_header`, `add_header` - These options affect the way messages are tagged as spam or non-spam. This makes it easy to identify incoming mail.
- `ok_locales` - If you expect to receive mail in non-ISO-8859 character sets (ie. Chinese, Cyrillic, Japanese, Korean, or Thai) then set this.
- `dns_available` - specify if DNS is available for network testing (accepts: yes, no, test).

Items that are often tweaked but unnecessary

- `required_hits` - set the score required for [SpamAssassin](#) to flag a message as spam (default 5).