

# WhitelistFromRcvdAndTrust

## 'whitelist\_from\_rcvd' has stopped working. help!

In 2.60, we tightened up a possible hole that could have been exploited by spammers. Now, 'whitelist\_from\_rcvd' will only use data from headers inserted by relays that are 'trusted'.

For some users and some networks, this may result in whitelists not being used any more, if [SpamAssassin](#) cannot automatically infer the correct trusted relays for your network. In this case, you need to use the 'trusted\_networks' configuration setting.

For example, if your organization uses your ISP's MX, and picks up the mail from there, you will need to specify that host as 'trusted'; [SpamAssassin](#) will probably not be able to infer that automatically.

Documentation on 'trusted\_networks' can be found here:

[http://spamassassin.apache.org/doc/Mail\\_SpamAssassin\\_Conf.html](http://spamassassin.apache.org/doc/Mail_SpamAssassin_Conf.html)

Please note that "trust" in this case does not refer to whether the machine in question is trusted not to relay spam; it just refers to whether the machine is trusted not to forge headers or lie about a mail's originating IP address.

You can determine if a host is trusted by running a message which came via that host through "spamassassin -D", e.g.:

```
[copy message to "tstmsg"]
spamassassin -D -L -t < tstmsg > out 2>&1
grep trust out
debug: received-header: relay 62.245.239.18 trusted? no
debug: received-header: relay 217.228.247.64 trusted? no
```

In this case, both of the relays it came through are untrusted. If I wanted to trust 62.245.239.18, I would add this line to /etc/mail/spamassassin/local.cf :

```
trusted_networks 62.245.239.18
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