

BayesAccuracy

How Accurate is [SpamAssassin](#)'s Bayes implementation?

[This paper](#), by Gordon Cormack and Thomas Lynam of the University of Waterloo, details tests performed to measure accuracy rates of various open-source spam filters.

It compares the various modes of using [SpamAssassin](#)'s Bayes implementation, then compares [SpamAssassin](#)'s Bayes against other popular open source pure-learning spam filters (Bogofilter, Spambayes, [SpamProbe](#), DSPAM, and CRM-114). [SpamAssassin](#) consistently does well, and is among the lowest in false positives (as of the July 1 2004 revision).

See page 12, 'Classification Performance - Pure Learning Filters', in particular.