

# StartUsing

## Want to start using SpamAssassin?

SpamAssassin runs on a server, and filters spam before it reaches your mailbox. It has been used by nearly every known mail delivery system. Install it yourself today...

### I run a mail server

- [UsedViaProcmail](#): Using Procmail with SpamAssassin
- Make use of other anti-spam projects: [DnsBlocklists](#) (using DNSBLs), [UsingDcc](#), [UsingRazor](#), and [UsingPyzor](#).
- [IntegratedInMta](#): built into the whole mail-delivery process in the Mail Transfer Agent (sendmail, Exim, Postfix, etc.)
- [UsingSiteWide](#): more about using SpamAssassin site-wide
- [SpamAssassin with Qmail-Scanner](#) - Integrate SA into Qmail-Scanner on a Linux PLESK server.
- [Spam folder with Procmail](#) - Use procmail to filter spam into a separate folder server-wide.

### I have an account on a server

- [SingleUserUnixInstall](#): single-user installation on a typical Unix account
- [UsedViaProcmail](#): run from the traditional UNIX .procmailrc file
- [MailProxy](#): as a proxy server
- Run against a [RemotelmapFolder](#)
- Run against a Remote POP3 Mailbox using disspam <http://gentoo-portage.com/mail-filter/disspam> .

### I have an account on a server, spamassassin is already running but I don't like how it decides what is spam and what is ham

1. examine X-Spam headers in several emails to see how spamassassin is evaluating them
  - on a shared server with a web interface like cPanel:
    - use the spamassassin panels to view the current configuration.
    - RECORD ALL settings on the various panels.
  - with shell access:
    - `~/spamassassin/user_prefs` contains the user customization configuration.
    - `cp ~/spamassassin/user_prefs ~/spamassassin/user_prefs_original`
2. Make a small adjustment to the score on one of the rules.
  - Additional information regarding user\_prefs can be found at
  - <http://real-world-systems.com/docs/spamassassinConf.html>
3. Go back to step 1

### Can I just buy something?

- Sure. Many commercial [ThirdPartySoftware](#) products use SpamAssassin internally.

### Can I use SpamAssassin on other systems

- On Mac OS X: [UsingOnOsx](#)
- On Mac OS X Server: [SpamAssassin\\_on\\_Mac\\_OS\\_X\\_Server](#)
- On Windows: [UsingOnWindows](#)

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- [ImportantInitialConfigItems](#) - A brief list of configuration options you should set when you first install.