

# Apache SpamAssassin report to Board for September 2023

## ## Description:

SpamAssassin is a mail filter to identify spam. The project provides a framework/engine and regular rule updates that reflect the changing nature of spam email seen in the wild. Updated rules are generated through a combination of hand crafted contributions and automated processing of spam and anonymized processed non-spam that are contributed by volunteers.

## ## Project Status:

Project state: Ongoing with low to moderate activity

Primary focus for development is now ongoing maintenance bug fixes to the recently released 4.0.0.

Preparation has begun of a bug fix release 4.0.1.

Issues for the board: None

## ## Membership Data:

Apache SpamAssassin was founded 2004-06-01 (19 years ago)  
There are currently 32 committers and 14 PMC members in this project.  
The Committer-to-PMC ratio is roughly 2:1.

Community changes, past quarter:

- No new PMC members. Last addition was Paul Stead on 2021-03-23.
- No new committers. Last addition was Paul Stead on 2018-09-12.

## ## Project Activity:

Last release: Apache SpamAssassin version 4.0.0 on 17 December 2022.

We maintain online rule updates that are continuously updated through a combination of developer contributions and automated processing via our mass-check facility.

## ## Community Health:

Maintenance of our rule update infrastructure, developer community submissions for rule update testing, and our dev and user mailing lists, are continuing smoothly.