

Apache SpamAssassin report to Board for March 2024

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 of a bug fix release 4.0.1 is in progress.

Issues for the board: None

Membership Data:

Apache SpamAssassin was founded 2004-06-01 (20 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.

This past quarter has seen the dev mailing list have a lower volume of email discussion, offset by increased volume mirrored from development activity on the Bugzilla bug database with minor bugs and fixes leading up to the 4.0.1 release.