

# MailScan 2.0 for Linux Mail Servers

\$373 (for a 1 year 10 mailbox licence)



In the May/June issue I reviewed the eScan Security Suite, which, to my mind, is by far one of the best anti-virus applications available. It is, therefore, with great enthusiasm that I approached this application. MailScan for Linux servers (there are versions available for other server types) is an anti-virus application for mail servers that monitors your incoming and outgoing email. Once you have installed it, MailScan is accessible via a web interface and is very easy to configure.

The main screen gives you an overview of the system status and the services currently running in MailScan.

There are three services included in MailScan: Mail Server, Spam Server, and Anti-Virus Server, each of which can be stopped and restarted. Each service also features a complete log file, which is accessible from the main screen.

The main screen can also indicate the number of emails in the queue (with the ability to flush the queued emails) as well as the number of emails in quarantine. You are also able to send various test emails directly from MailScan, which is useful if you want to run checks on the rules that you created.

In the Mail Options tab there are various settings pertaining to your email server, which you can adjust, including the ability to limit users' mailbox sizes and the size of each email.

Another useful feature is the capacity to add a list of blacklisted domains and users: the Connection requests from these domains and users will be rejected. There are various email forwarding and relaying options and, more impressively, the developer of this application has in-

cluded a POP before SMTP relay control. In other words, if it is enabled, users will be able to access and send emails via this mail server from anywhere, as the mail server will not need SMTP authentication before it receives email. Be warned, however, that this might pose certain security issues.

The Content Filter included in MailScan is comprehensive. You are able to exclude emails to and from certain domains, while all of the other emails will be checked against a very long, customisable, phrase table. The table includes various words and phrases that will be blocked, as they may present a security risk, or indicate spam email.

I also liked the fact that you are able to create custom alerts, which will be emailed to users of your network, should a message that was sent to them be blocked.

The network administrator will can also receive a copy of this alert.

The most important aspect of any mail server is its anti-virus application.

MailScan obviously features this capability and, as with the Content Filter, you are able to exclude emails sent to and from certain domains,

as well as block various mail attachments. This list is, again, customisable. The Virus Filter will also block file attachments with multiple extensions (these are guaranteed to be malicious) and include custom alerts. Network administrators can set how often MailScan should check for virus definition updates.

MailScan for Linux is a great application. If you are running a mail server it might be a good idea to check this one out. MailScan is also available for various other operating systems and mail servers. RVDB

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