# Spam Filter Using Machine Learning Techniques

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Abstract: Email spam or garbage email (undesirable email "more often than not of a business nature conveyed in mass") is one of the real issues of the today's conveying money Internet, related harm to organizations and irritating individual clients. Among the methodologies created to stop spam, separating is an essential and well known one. Regular uses for mail channels incorporate sorting out approaching email and evacuation of spam and PC infections. A less regular utilize is to assess active email at a few organizations to guarantee that workers follow fitting laws. Clients may likewise utilize a mail channel to organize messages, and to sort them into envelopes in view of topic or other criteria. Mail channels can be introduced by the client, either as isolated projects, or as a component of their email program (email customer). In email programs, clients can make individual, "manual" channels that at that point naturally channel mail as indicated by the picked criteria. In this paper, we introduce an overview of the execution of five regularly utilized machine learning strategies in spam separating. Most email projects now additionally have a programmed spam separating capacity.

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# I. INTRODUCTION

As of late, messages have turned into a typical and imperative medium of correspondence for most Internet clients. Nonetheless, spam, otherwise called spontaneous business/mass email, is a worst thing about email correspondence. Spam is generally contrasted with paper garbage mail. However the distinction is that garbage mailers pay a charge to circulate their materials, while with spam the beneficiary or ISP pays as extra transmission capacity, circle space, server assets, and lost efficiency. In the event that spam keeps on developing at the present rate, the spam issue may end up plainly unmanageable sooner rather than later.

A review evaluated that more than 70% of today's business messages are spam [1]; accordingly, there are numerous difficult issues related with developing volumes of spam, for example, filling clients' letter drops, inundating imperative individual mail, squandering storage room and correspondence transfer speed, and expending clients' an ideal opportunity to erase all spam sends. Spam sends change fundamentally in substance and they generally have a place with the accompanying classifications: cash making tricks, fat misfortune, enhance business, sexually unequivocal, make companions, specialist organization commercial, etc.[2], One case of a spam mail is appeared as Date: Mon, 12 Dec 2012 14:16:44 -0500 From: Ramadan Faraj<Ramadan\_faraj@yahoo.com> Subject: Those young people taking the position you deserve because you lack a Degree? To: XXX <xxx@yahoo.com> Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1

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Fig. 1. An example of a spam mail.

Email clients invest and expanding measure of energy perusing message and choosing whether they are spam or not and classifying them into envelopes. Email specialist organizations might want to diminish clients from this weight by introducing server-based spam channels that can characterize messages as spam consequently. [3] Spam sifting characterization due the accompanying reasons:

**Consistently changing** – Spam is continually changing as spam on new points develops. Likewise, spammers endeavor to make their messages as indistinct from honest to goodness email as could be expected under the circumstances and change the examples of spam to thwart the channels. [4]

**False positives issue** – false positives are just inadmissible; in this manner the prerequisites on the spam channel are extremely demanding.

**OCR computational cost** – the OCR computational cost in content installed in pictures good with the gigantic measure of messages dealt with day by day by server-side channel. [4]

**The utilization content darkening systems** – Spammers are applying content clouding systems to pictures (see Fig. 2.), to make OCR frameworks ineffectual without trading off human comprehensibility. [5]

#### 1.1 What is Spam?

Spam is spontaneous and undesirable email from a more interesting that is sent in mass to extensive mailing records, typically with some business nature conveyed in mass.

Some would contend that this definition ought to be limited to circumstances where the collector is not particularly chosen to get the email – this would prohibit messages searching for work or positions as research understudies for example. This trouble in definition shows that the definition relies on upon the collector and fortifies the case for customized spam sifting.



Fig. 2. An example of a spam mail.

**1. 2 Structure of an E-mail:** Notwithstanding the body message of an email, an email has another part called the header. The occupation of the header is to store data about the message and it contains many fields, for instance, following data about which a message has passed:

Gotten: creators or people assuming liability for the message.

**From:** meaning to demonstrate the encompass address of the genuine sender instead of the sender utilized for answering.

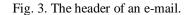
**Return-Path:** one of a kind of ID of this message.

Message-ID: organization of substance .

**Content-Type:** organization of substance and so forth Fig. 3 illustrates an example of the header in an e-mail.

From zsuthiongie@invitation.sms.ac Fri Mar 11
18:02:00 2017
Return-Path: <zsuthiongie@invitation.sms.ac></zsuthiongie@invitation.sms.ac>
Received: from smtp57.sms.ac (localhost [127.0.0.1])
by mail.nutn.edu.tw (8.12.10+Sun/8.12.9) with
ESMTP id
j2BA1v5t010627
for <cclai@mail.nutn.edu.tw>; Fri, 11 Mar 2017</cclai@mail.nutn.edu.tw>
18:01:59 +0800
(CST)
X-Authentication-Warning: mail.nutn.edu.tw: iscan
owned process
doing -bs
Received: from LOCALHOST (unknown
[10.1.4.231])
by smtp57.sms.ac (Postfix) with SMTP id
01EFE3825B

for <cclai@mail.nutn.edu.tw>; Fri, 11 Mar 2017</cclai@mail.nutn.edu.tw>
05:00:47 -0500
(EST)
SUBJECT: zsuthiongie(3rd request)
To: cclai@mail.nutn.edu.tw
CONTENT-TYPE: text/plain
Message-Id:
<20050311100047.01EFE3825B@smtp57.sms.ac>
Date: Fri, 11 Mar 2017 05:00:47 -0500 (EST)
From: zsuthiongie@invitation.sms.ac
Content-Length: 441
Status: R



**1.3 Spam Filtering :** Spam separating in Internet email can work at two levels, an individual client level or a venture level (see Figure 4). An individual client is ordinarily a man working at home and sending and getting email by means of an ISP. Such a client who wishes to distinguish and channel spam email introduces a spam separating framework on her individual PC. This framework will either interface specifically with their current mail client operator (MUA) (all the more for the most part known as the mail peruser) or all the more normally will go about as a MUA itself with full usefulness for forming and accepting email and for overseeing letter boxes.

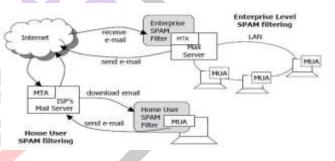


Fig. 4. Alternatives for spam filtering in Internet e mail.

Endeavor level spam sifting channels mail as it enters the inward system of a venture. The product is introduced on the mail server and connects with the mail exchange operator (MTA) characterizing messages as they are gotten. Spam email, which is distinguished by the endeavor spam channel, will be arranged as a spam message for all clients on that system. Spam can be sifted at an individual level on a LAN too. An arranged client can channel spam locally as it is downloaded to their PC on the LAN by introducing a fitting framework.

By far most of current spam separating frameworks utilize govern based scoring strategies. An arrangement of guidelines is connected to a message and a score amasses in view of the tenets that are valid for the message. Frameworks normally incorporate many standards and these guidelines should be refreshed frequently as spammers adjust substance and conduct to maintain a strategic distance from the channels. Frameworks additionally fuse list-based methods where messages from distinguished clients or areas can be consequently blocked or permitted through the channel.

On the off chance that the score for an email surpasses a limit, the email is delegated spam. Restricted learning

capacities are starting to show up in frameworks, for example, Mozilla and the MacOS X Mail program yet these frameworks are still in their earliest stages. Credulous Bayes is by all accounts the procedure of decision for adding a learning ability to business spam sifting frameworks.

The design of spam separating is appeared in Fig. 5. Right off the bat, the model will gather singular client messages which are considered as both spam and authentic email. Subsequent to gathering the messages the underlying change process will start. This model incorporates introductory change, the UI, highlight extraction and determination, email information grouping, and analyzer area. Machine learning calculations are utilized finally to prepare and test whether the requested email is spam or honest to goodness.

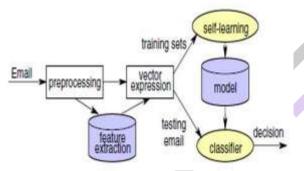


Fig.5. The process of spam filtering

### **II. SPAM TECHNIQUES**

In the event that an advertiser has one database containing names, addresses, and phone quantities of forthcoming clients, they can pay to have their database coordinated against an outside database containing email addresses. The organization at that point has the way to send email to people who have not asked for email, which may incorporate people who have purposely withheld their email address [6]

**2.1. Image spam :** Picture spam is a jumbling strategy in which the content of the message is put away as a GIF or JPEG picture and shown in the email. This keeps content based spam channels from distinguishing and blocking spam messages. Picture spam was allegedly utilized as a part of the mid 2000s to publicize "pump and dump" stocks.[7]

Frequently, picture spam contains counter-intuitive, PC produced content which essentially disturbs the peruser. In any case, new innovation in a few projects attempt to peruse the pictures by endeavoring to discover message in these pictures. They are not extremely precise, and some of the time sift through guiltless pictures of items like a crate that has words on it.

A more up to date method, in any case, is to utilize a vivified GIF picture that does not contain clear content in its underlying edge, or to bend the states of letters in the picture (as in CAPTCHA) to maintain a strategic distance from identification by OCR devices.

**2.2. Blank spam :** Clear spam will be spam without a payload commercial. Frequently the message body is missing out and out, and the title. Still, it fits the meaning of

spam on account of its temperament as mass and spontaneous email.

Clear spam might be begun in various ways, either deliberate or inadvertently:

1. Blank spam can have been sent in a catalog reap assault, a type of word reference assault for social affair legitimate locations from an email specialist co-op. Since the objective in such an assault is to utilize the skips to separate invalid locations from the substantial ones, spammers may forgo most components of the header and the whole message body, and still finish their objectives.

2. Blank spam may likewise happen when a spammer overlooks or generally neglects to include the payload when he or she sets up the spam run.

3. Often clear spam headers seem truncated, recommending that PC glitches may have added to this issue—from ineffectively composed spam programming to breaking down transfer servers, or any issues that may truncate header lines from the message body.

4. Some spam may give off an impression of being clear when in reality it is most certainly not. A case of this is the VBS.Davinia.B email worm[8] which engenders through messages that have no headline and seems clear, when in reality it utilizes HTML code to download different records.

**2.3. Backscatter spam :** Backscatter is a reaction of email spam, infections and worms, where email servers accepting spam and other mail send bob messages to a blameless gathering. This happens on the grounds that the first message's envelope sender is produced to contain the email address of the casualty. A vast extent of such email is sent with a manufactured From: header, coordinating the envelope sender. Since these messages were not requested by the beneficiaries, are considerably like each other, and are conveyed in mass amounts, they qualify as spontaneous mass email or spam. In that capacity, frameworks that create email backscatter can wind up being recorded on different DNSBLs and be infringing upon network access suppliers' Terms of Service.

#### **III. THE ALGORITHMS**

This segment gives a short review of the hidden hypothesis and usage of the calculations we consider. We should examine the Naïve Bayesian classifier, the k-NN classifier, the neural system classifier and the bolster vector machine classifier.

**3.1 Naïve Bayes Classifier:** The Naive Bayes classifier is a straightforward factual calculation with a long history of giving shockingly precise outcomes. It has been utilized as a part of a few spam order studies [9, 10, 11, 12], and has progressed toward becoming to some degree a benchmark. It gets its name from being founded on Bayes' control of restrictive likelihood, consolidated with the "innocent" supposition that all contingent probabilities are free [13].

Gullible Bayes classifier looks at all of the case vectors from both classes. It computes the earlier class probabilities as the extent of all occasions that are spam (Pr[spam]), and not-spam (Pr[notspam]). At that point (expecting paired characteristics) it gauges four restrictive probabilities for each quality: Pr[true|spam], Pr[false|spam], Pr[true|notspam], and Pr[false|notspam]. These evaluations are ascertained in view of the extent of occasions of the coordinating class that have the coordinating an incentive for that property.

To arrange a case of obscure class, the "guileless" variant of Bayes' manage is utilized to gauge first the likelihood of the occasion having a place with the spam class, and after that the likelihood of it having a place with the not-spam class. At that point it standardizes the first to the aggregate of both to deliver a spam certainty score in the vicinity of 0.0 and 1.0. Take note of that the denominator of Bayes' manage can be overlooked on the grounds that it is counteracted in the standardization step. As far as usage, the numerator has a tendency to get very little as the quantity of traits develops, on the grounds that such a variety of modest probabilities are being duplicated with each other. This can turn into an issue for limited exactness drifting point numbers. The arrangement is to change over all probabilities to logs, and perform expansion rather than augmentation. Note likewise that restrictive probabilities of zero must be stayed away from; rather a "Laplace estimator" (a little likelihood) is utilized.

Note that utilizing double characteristics in the occasion vectors makes this calculation both less difficult and more proficient. Likewise, given the predominance of inadequate example vectors in content grouping issues like this one, double credits offer the chance to execute exceptionally noteworthy execution advancements. Fig.6. presents the Naive Bayes preparing and characterization calculations utilized.

Naive Bayes Training Algorithm:

priorProbSpam = proportion of training set that is spam priorProbNotSpam = proportion of training set that is not spam

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For each attribute i:
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probT rueSpam[i] = prop. of spams with attribute i true probF alseSpam[i] = prop. of spams with attribute i false probT rueNotSpam[i] = prop. of not-spams with attribute i true

probF alseNotSpam[i] = prop. of not-spams with attribute i false

Naive Bayes Classification Algorithm: probSpam = priorProbSpam probNotSpam = priorProbNotSpam

For each attribute i:

if value of attribute i for message to be classified is true: probSpam = probSpam × probT rueSpam[i] probNotSpam = probNotSpam × probT rueNotSpam[i] else: probSpam = probSpam × probF alseSpam[i] probNotSpam = probNotSpam × probF alseNotSpam[i]

spamminess = probSpam/(probSpam + probNotSpam)

Fig 6: Naive Bayes training and classification algorithms.

#### **3.2 Support Vector Machine**

Bolster vector machines (SVMs) are generally new strategies that have quickly picked up prevalence in view of the fantastic outcomes they have accomplished in a wide

assortment of machine learning issues, and on the grounds that they have strong hypothetical underpinnings in measurable learning hypothesis [14].

Bolster vector machine (SVM) calculations separate the ndimensional space portrayal of the information into two locales utilizing a hyperplane. This hyperplane dependably augments the edge between the two areas or classes. The edge is characterized by the longest separation between the cases of the two classes and is registered in view of the separate between the nearest occasions of both classes to the edge, which are called supporting vectors [15]. Rather than utilizing direct hyperplanes, numerous usage of these calculations utilize alleged piece capacities. These portion capacities prompt non-straight characterization surfaces, for example, polynomial, outspread or sigmoid surfaces [16]. Formal definition - More formally, a bolster vector machine develops a hyperplane or set of hyperplanes in a high-or unbounded dimensional space, which can be utilized for order, relapse, or different assignments. Instinctively, a great partition is accomplished by the hyperplane that has the biggest separation to the closest preparing information purposes of any class (supposed utilitarian edge), since all in all the bigger the edge the lower the speculation blunder of the classifier.

**3.3 Artificial Neural Networks :** A simulated neural system (ANN), more often than not called neural system (NN), is a scientific model or computational model that is enlivened by the structure or potentially useful parts of organic neural systems. A neural system comprises of an interconnected gathering of manufactured neurons, and it forms data utilizing a connectionist way to deal with calculation. As a rule an ANN is a versatile framework that progressions its structure in view of outer or inner data that courses through the system amid the learning stage. Present day neural systems are non - straight factual information displaying devices. They are generally used to model complex connections amongst sources of info and yields or to discover designs in information.

By definition, a "neural system" is an accumulation of interconnected hubs or neurons. See fig. 7. The best-known case of one is the human mind, the most unpredictable and modern neural system. On account of this cranial-based neural system, we can settle on exceptionally fast and solid choices in portions of a moment. [17]

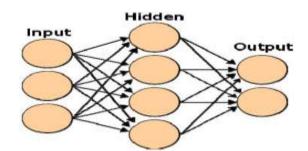


Fig.7. an artificial neural network is an interconnected group of nodes, akin to the vast network of neurons in the human brain.

Spam exhibits a one of a kind test for conventional sifting innovations: both regarding the sheer number of messages (a huge number of messages day by day) and in the expansiveness of substance (from explicit to items and administrations, to back). Add to that the way that today's monetary texture relies on upon email correspondence – which is similarly expansive and abundant and whose topic logically covers with that of many spam messages – and you have a genuine test.

How it functions - Since a neural system depends on example acknowledgment, the hidden preface is that each message can be measured by an example. This is spoken to underneath in Fig. 8. Each plot on the diagram (otherwise called a "vector") speaks to an email message. In spite of the fact that this 2-D illustration is an over-disentanglement, it imagines the guideline utilized behind neural systems.

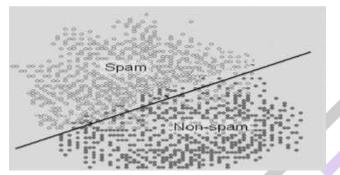


Fig.8. Distinctive patterns of good and spam messages cluster into relatively distinct groups

To distinguish these examples, the neural system should first be "prepared". This preparation includes а computational investigation of message substance utilizing huge delegate tests of both spam and non-spam messages. Basically the system will "learn" to perceive what we people mean by "spam" and "non-spam". To help in this procedure, we initially need a reasonable, brief meaning of "spam": Spam, n., email sent in mass where there is no immediate assention set up between the beneficiary and the sender to get email sales. U.B.E. (Spontaneous Bulk Email) is another acronym for spam that adequately typifies this definition. To make preparing sets of spam and non-spam messages, each email is painstakingly checked on as per this basic, yet prohibitive meaning of spam. In spite of the fact that the normal client regularly considers every undesirable email as "spam", messages that verge on "requested" (it was likely asked for sooner or later by the client) ought to be dismisses by and large. Cases of these might incorporate email sent from effectively conspicuous areas, for example, Amazon.com or Yahoo.com. A decent saving to take after here is: "if all else fails, toss it out". So also, non-spam email ought to be limited to individual email interchanges between people or gatherings, and keep away from any types of mass mailings, paying little mind to whether they were requested or not. Once these sets have been assembled and affirmed, the neural system is prepared for preparing. The ANN framework now preprocesses each email in the separate preparing sets to decide precisely which of these important words are found in each spam email, and which of these words are found in the non-spam email. Next, the ANN is prepared to perceive certain blends or examples of fascinating or significant words to recognize spam, or on the off chance that it sees different mixes, to distinguish nonspam.

The counterfeit neural system utilizes an arrangement of complex numerical conditions to play out this sort of calculation.

As some spam and non-spam messages will frequently "share" attributes, a reasonable qualification can't generally be made. By the "non-spam" plots or vectors that wind up in the "spam" bunch and the other way around. In this "hazy area" lies the potential for false positives.

After the preparation is finished, the ANN can now be utilized to check live-stream email. Each message is filtered to recognize important words, which are then prepared by the ANN. In the event that the ANN again observes certain sorts of blends of word utilization demonstrating a likelihood of spam, it will report spam, alongside likelihood esteem. Taking after the case in Fig. 9, if the vector or plot registered for the message arrived over the isolating line, it would be considered "spam". Its likelihood or certainty level would rely on upon the relative separation far from the line. To boost identifications while maintaining a strategic distance from false positives, a very much composed heuristics motor will suit diverse affectability edges, or levels of forcefulness, in recognizing spam. This means the cut-off or separating point amongst spam and non-spam can be balanced so that the probability of a false positive match will be significantly lessened. This can be found in Fig. 9 beneath.

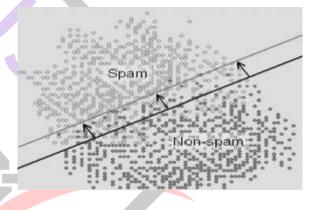


Fig.9. The sensitivity threshold can be adjusted to avoid the "grey" area.

At the end of the day, the further far from the focal isolating line amongst ham and spam email bunches, the lower the shot of false positive recognitions. Note in Fig. 9 that there are far less non-spam vectors or examples over the new cutoff or partitioning line.

3.4 K-closest neighbor classifier : The k-closest neighbor (K-NN) classifier is viewed for instance based classifier, that implies that the preparation reports are utilized for examination instead of an express classification portrayal, for example, the classification profiles utilized by different classifiers. All things considered, there is no genuine preparing stage. At the point when another archive should be ordered, the k most comparable reports (neighbors) are found and if sufficiently expansive extents of them have been relegated to a specific class, the new record is additionally appointed to this classification, generally not. Furthermore, finding the closest neighbors can be revived utilizing customary ordering techniques. To choose whether a message is honest to goodness or not, we take a gander at the class of the messages that are nearest to it. The examination between the vectors is a constant procedure. This is the possibility of the k closest neighbor calculation: **Stage1. Preparing:** 

Store the preparation messages.

#### Stage2. Sifting:

Given a message x, decide its k closest Neighbors among the messages in the preparation set. On the off chance that there are more spam's among these neighbors, characterize given message as spam. Generally characterize it as real mail.

We ought to note that the utilization of an ordering strategy keeping in mind the end goal to diminish the season of correlations incites a refresh of the example with a multifaceted nature O(m), where m is the specimen measure. As the majority of the preparation cases are put away in memory, this system is likewise alluded to as a memory-based classifier [24]. Another issue of the introduced calculation is that there is by all accounts no parameter that we could tune to decrease the quantity of false positives. This issue is effectively settled by changing the characterization manages to the accompanying l/k run the show:

In the event that 1 or more messages among the k closest neighbors of x are spam, order x as spam, generally arrange it as real mail.

The k closest neighbor run has discovered wide use when all is said in done arrangement errands. It is likewise one of only a handful few generally predictable characterization rules.

3.5 Artificial Immune System classifier method : Natural invulnerable System has been effective at securing the human body against a huge assortment of remote pathogens. A part of the resistant framework is to shield our bodies from irresistible operators, for example, infections, microscopic organisms, growths and different parasites. On the surface of these specialists are antigens that permit the recognizable proof of the attacking operators (i.e., pathogens) by the insusceptible cells and atoms, therefore inciting a resistant reaction Recognition in the invulnerable framework is performed by lymphocytes. Every lymphocyte communicates receptor atoms of one specific shape on its surface (called counter acting agent). An expand hereditary instrument including combinatorial relationship of various quality portions underlies the development of these receptors. The general invulnerable reaction includes three transformative strategies: quality library advancement creating viable antibodies, negative choice taking out wrong antibodies and clonal choice cloning great performing antibodies.

In quality library development, antibodies perceive antigens by the corresponding properties that have a place just with antigens, not self-cells. Along these lines, some learning of antigen properties is required to create skillful antibodies. Due to this developmental self-association handle, in spam administration the quality libraries go about as documents of data on the best way to recognize usually watched antigens. An essential imperative that the insusceptible needs to fulfill is not to assault self-cells. Negative choice wipes out unseemly and juvenile antibodies which tie to self. Clonal antibodies choice clones performing admirably. Interestingly, antibodies performing gravely vanish after a given lifetime. Along these lines, as indicated by at present existing antigens, just the fittest antibodies survive. Likewise, rather than having the predefined data about

particular antigens, it sorts out the fittest antibodies by collaborating with the present antigens. The above depiction is utilized as a part of the accompanying calculation [18]:

Artificial Immune System algorithm (an email message m)

For (each term t in the message) do { If (there exists a detector p, based on base String r, matches with t) then { If (m is spam) then { Increase r's spam score by s-rate; } else { Increase r's ham score by ns-rate; } else { If (m is spam) then { If (detector p recognizes t and edmf (p, t) >threshold) then { The differing characters are added to its corresponding entry in the library of character generalization rules; } else { A new base string t is added into the library of base strings;

Decrease the age of every base string by a-rate;

Fig.10. Artificial Immune System algorithm (an email message m).

## **IV.CONCLUSIONS**

Spam is turning into an intense issue to the Internet people group, undermining both the trustworthiness of the systems and the profitability of the clients. In this paper, we propose five machine learning strategies for hostile to spam separating.

In this paper we talked about the issue of spam and gave an outline of learning based spam sifting systems. There is no regular meaning of what spam is, yet the greater part of the sources concur that the center element of the wonder is that spam messages are spontaneous. Spam causes various issues of both sparing and moral nature, which brings about specific in the endeavors of administrative definition and preclusion of spam.

The most mainstream and very much created way to deal with hostile to spam is learning based separating. The present cutting edge incorporates many channels in view of different grouping procedures connected to various parts of email messages.

Email sifting is the handling of email to arrange it as indicated by determined criteria. Regularly this alludes to the programmed handling of approaching messages, however the term likewise applies to the intercession of human insight notwithstanding hostile to spam strategies, and to active messages and in addition those being gotten. Email separating, programming inputs email. For its yield, it may go the message through unaltered for conveyance to the client's post box, divert the message for conveyance somewhere else, or even discard the message. Some mail channels can alter messages amid handling.

All in all, we can state that the field of hostile to spam assurance is at this point develop and very much created. At that point a question emerges, why our inboxes are still frequently loaded with spam? Reactivity of spammers assumes a part most likely, thus does the perplexing way of spam information. However, one more issue not to be thought little of here is that we more often than not don't secure against spam in all the accessible ways. At the end of the day, one point which ought to dependably be recalled by server heads and end clients is that the counter spam innovations ought to be composed and created, as well as conveyed and utilized.

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