

Re: Linux bandwidth monitoring

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The muse whacked Jenda Mudron over the head on 22 Jul 2005 and caused hir to enscribe <dbq47b\$kkc\$1@domitilla.aioe.org>:

> *Thank You for the reply.*

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> *I have spamassassin running on my mail server, but what happens is I have a procmail rule that blocks out attachments for eg: zip files.*

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> *then what it does is sends out a autoreply to the sender stating he sent a zip file and it is not allowed. But viruses come onto the server with forged headers and the server sends the autoreply to somebody that did not send the e-mail.*

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> *Any other suggestions ?*

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For this very reason, sending auto-replies is a Bad Thing. Virus and spam checkers should just reject the Email with an error message that indicates to the sender why it was rejected. If you have users who routinely need to get .zip attachments, their corespondents should be whitelisted.

If you are not running spamassassin until after the SMTP transaction has completed, you should just drop the message into a spam folder and notify the recipient so s/he can (a) manually check the attachment and/or (b) notify the sender if it is legit.

Every time a new virus that fakes From: headers comes out, I get hundreds of bogus "we rejected your message" autoreplies from clueless mail servers. It is really irritating.

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