

# Advanced Mail

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# Introduction

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- ❑ SPAM vs. non-SPAM
  - Mail sent by spammer vs. non-spammer
- ❑ Problem of SPAM mail
  - Over 99% of E-mails are SPAM! Useless for mankind!
- ❑ SPAM detection?
  - Client-based detection
    - These methods actually are the **spammer detection** techniques.
    - Usually are cost-effective, which can easily reach over 95% accuracy with only few computational resources.
  - Content-based detection
    - These methods are the real **spam detection** techniques.
    - Usually are costly with less than 90% accuracy
      - Lots of training and computation spent on it.
  - Who is the winner? Client-based? Content-based? (or Spammer?)
  - Endless war between the administrators and spammers.

# Overview

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- ❑ The following techniques are some (new) tools for an administrator to fight with spammers:
  - Greylisting
    - A client-based method that can stop mails coming from some spamming programs.
  - SPF (Sender Policy Framework)
    - A client-based method to detect whether a client is authorized or not.
  - DKIM (DomainKey Identified Mail)
    - A content-based method to verify the source of a mail (with only few computation cost.)
    - Check a mail is modified or not

# Greylisting (1)

- ❑ <http://www.greylisting.org/>
- ❑ Greylisting is a client-based method that can stop mails coming from some spamming programs.
- ❑ Behavior of different clients while receiving SMTP response codes

Response Codes	2xx	4xx	5xx
Normal MTA	Success	Retry later	Give-up
Most Spamming Programs	Success	Ignore and send another	Give-up

- While spammers prefer to send mails to other recipients rather than keeping log and retrying later, MTAs have the responsibility of retring a deferred mail.

# Greylisting (2)

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## ❑ Idea of greylisting:

- Taking use of 4xx SMTP response code to stop steps of spamming programs.

## ❑ Steps:

- Pair (recipient, client-ip)
- Reply a 4xx code for the first coming of every (recipient, client-ip) pair.
- Allow retrial of this mail after a period of time (usually 5~20 mins).
  - Suitable waiting time will make the spamming programs giving up this mail.

# Greylisting (3)

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## ❑ Tool: mail/postgrey (port or package)

- A policy service of postfix.
- Daemon-based, like amavisd

## ❑ Configuration

- In /etc/rc.conf

```
postgrey_enable="YES"
```

- service postgrey start
- Run on TCP port 10023
- In main.cf

```
smtpd_recipient_restrictions = permit_mynetworks,  
                                permit_sasl_authenticated,  
                                reject_unauth_destination,  
                                check_policy_service inet:127.0.0.1:10023
```

- Reload Postfix

# Greylisting (4)

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- ❑ When a mail is reject by postgrey, you can find it in `/var/log/maillog`

```
450 4.2.0 <lctseng@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net>:  
Recipient address rejected: Greylisted,  
see http://postgrey.schweikert.ch/help/nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net.html
```

- ❑ Whitelist Configuration
  - `/usr/local/etc/postfix/postgrey_whitelist_clients`
  - `/usr/local/etc/postfix/postgrey_whitelist_recipients`

# Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

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- ❑ A client-based method to detect whether a client is authorized or not.
  
- ❑ <http://www.openspf.org>
- ❑ RFC 4408
  
- ❑ SPF in FreeBSD
  - mail/libspf, mail/libspf2



# Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

## – Is following mail questionable?

```
Delivered-To: lctseng@gmail.com
Received: by 10.129.125.135 with SMTP id y129csp250129ywc;
      Wed, 9 Mar 2016 22:29:43 -0800 (PST)
X-Received: by 10.50.59.212 with SMTP id b20mr1774964igr.30.1457...
      Wed, 09 Mar 2016 22:29:43 -0800 (PST)
Return-Path: <lctseng@cs.nctu.edu.tw>
Received: from demo1.nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net ([140.113.168.238])
      by mx.google.com with ESMTP id yq7si2678395igb.103.2016...
      for <lctseng@gmail.com>;
      Wed, 09 Mar 2016 22:29:43 -0800 (PST)
Received: from localhost (localhost [127.0.0.1])
      by demo1.nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net (Postfix) with SMTP id 49ECB27B
      for <lctseng@gmail.com>; Thu, 10 Mar 2016 14:27:21 +0800 (CST)
Message-Id: <20160310062726.49ECB27B@demo1.nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net>
Date: Thu, 10 Mar 2016 14:27:21 +0800 (CST)
To: lctseng@gmail.com
From: lctseng@cs.nctu.edu.tw
Subject: SPF Test

SPF TEST
```

# Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

## – SMTP trace

```
220 demo1.nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net ESMTP Postfix
HELO localhost
250 demo1.nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net
mail from: lctseng@cs.nctu.edu.tw
250 2.1.0 Ok
rcpt to: lctseng@gmail.com
250 2.1.5 Ok
DATA
354 End data with <CR><LF>.<CR><LF>
To: lctseng@gmail.com
From: Liang-Chi Tseng <lctseng@cs.nctu.edu.tw>
Subject: SPF Test
Message-ID: <56E10EC9.8050705@cs.nctu.edu.tw>
Date: Thu, 10 Mar 2016 14:16:00 +0800

SPF TEST
.
250 2.0.0 Ok: queued as 2962327B
```

收件匣

已加星號



lctseng@cs.nctu.edu.tw

寄給

Gmail 無法驗證這封郵件是否確實由 cs.nctu.edu.tw 網域 (而非垃圾內容發佈者) 寄出。

# Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

## – With SPF detection

```
Delivered-To: lctseng@gmail.com
Received: by 10.129.125.135 with SMTP id y129csp250129ywc;
      Wed, 9 Mar 2016 22:29:43 -0800 (PST)
X-Received: by 10.50.59.212 with SMTP id b20mr1774964igr.30.1457...
      Wed, 09 Mar 2016 22:29:43 -0800 (PST)
Return-Path: <lctseng@cs.nctu.edu.tw>
Received: from demo1.nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net ([140.113.168.238])
      by mx.google.com with ESMTP id yq7si2678395igb.103.2016...
      for <lctseng@gmail.com>;
      Wed, 09 Mar 2016 22:29:43 -0800 (PST)
Received-SPF: softfail (google.com: domain of transitioning
lctseng@cs.nctu.edu.tw does not designate 140.113.168.238 as permitted
sender) client-ip=140.113.168.238;
Authentication-Results: mx.google.com;
      spf=softfail (google.com: domain of transitioning
lctseng@cs.nctu.edu.tw does not designate 140.113.168.238 as permitted
sender) smtp.mailfrom=lctseng@cs.nctu.edu.tw
Received: from localhost (localhost [127.0.0.1])
      by demo1.nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net (Postfix) with SMTP id 49ECB27B
      for <lctseng@gmail.com>; Thu, 10 Mar 2016 14:27:21 +0800 (CST)
Message-Id: <20160310062726.49ECB27B@demo1.nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net>
To: lctseng@gmail.com
From: lctseng@cs.nctu.edu.tw
```

...

# Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

## – Other SPF Results

### ❑ Permitted

```
Received-SPF: pass (google.com: domain of
lctseng@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net designates 140.113.168.238 as permitted
sender) client-ip=140.113.168.238;
Authentication-Results: mx.google.com;
      spf=pass (google.com: domain of lctseng@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net
designates 140.113.168.238 as permitted sender)
smtp.mailfrom=lctseng@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net
```

### ❑ No SPF record found (neutral)

- But with DNS A record

```
Received-SPF: neutral (google.com: 140.113.168.238 is neither permitted
nor denied by best guess record for domain of
lctseng@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net) client-ip=140.113.168.238;
Authentication-Results: mx.google.com;
      spf=neutral (google.com: 140.113.168.238 is neither permitted nor
denied by best guess record for domain of
lctseng@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net)
smtp.mailfrom=lctseng@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net
```

# Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

## – The idea

- ❑ For a domain administrator, he can claim which mail server will be used in his environment.
  - Ex. For cs.nctu.edu.tw, {csmailer,csmailgate,csmail}.cs.nctu.edu.tw are the authorized mail servers.
    - Mails out from these servers are authorized mails (under control of administrator.)
    - Other mails might be forged and have higher probability to be SPAMs.
- ❑ SPF technique specifies all possible outgoing mail clients in the TXT record of DNS service to claim the authorized mail servers. `IN        TXT        "v=spf1 a mx ~all"`
- ❑ When destination MTA receives a mail, it will check the client ip:
  - For a mail out from authorized servers, it should be safe.
  - For a mail out from unauthorized servers, it might be forged.

# SPF Record Syntax

## – Mechanisms (1/2)

- ❑ all
  - Always matches
  - Usually at the end of the SPF record
- ❑ ip4 (**NOT ipv4**)
  - ip4: <ip4-address>
  - ip4: <ip4-network>/<prefix-length>
- ❑ ip6 (**NOT ipv6**)
  - ip6:<ip6-address>
  - ip6:<ip6-network>/<prefix-length>
- ❑ a
  - a
  - a/<prefix-length>
  - a:<domain>
  - a:<domain>/<prefix-length>

```
v=spf1 a mx ~all
```

# SPF Record Syntax

## – Mechanisms (2/2)

- ❑ mx
  - mx
  - mx/<prefix-length>
  - mx:<domain>
  - mx:<domain>/<prefix-length>
- ❑ ptr
  - ptr
  - ptr:<domain>
- ❑ exists
  - exists:<domain>
- ❑ include
  - include:<domain>
  - Also lookup record from <domain>
  - Warning: If the domain does not have a valid SPF record, the result is a **permanent error**. Some mail receivers will *reject* based on a **PermError**.

```
v=spf1 a mx ~all
```

# SPF Record Syntax

## – Qualifiers & Evaluation

### ❑ Qualifiers

- + Pass (default qualifier)
- – Fail
- ~ SoftFail
- ? Neutral

```
v=spf1 a mx ~all
```

### ❑ Evaluation

- Mechanisms are evaluated in order: (first match rule)
  - If a mechanism results in a hit, its qualifier value is used.
  - If no mechanism or modifier matches, the default result is "Neutral"
- Ex.
  - "v=spf1 +a +mx -all"
  - "v=spf1 a mx -all"

```
cs.nctu.edu.tw
```

```
"v=spf1 a mx  
a:csmailer.cs.nctu.edu.tw  
a:csmailgate.cs.nctu.edu.tw  
a:csmail.cs.nctu.edu.tw ~all"
```



# SPF Record Syntax

## – Evaluation Results

Result	Explanation	Intended action
Pass	The SPF record designates the host to be allowed to send	Accept
Fail	The SPF record has designated the host as NOT being allowed to send	Reject
SoftFail	The SPF record has designated the host as NOT being allowed to send but is in transition	Accept but mark
Neutral	The SPF record specifies explicitly that nothing can be said about validity	Accept
None	The domain does not have an SPF record or the SPF record does not evaluate to a result	Accept
PermError	A permanent error has occurred (eg. Badly formatted SPF record)	Unspecified
TempError	A transient error has occurred	Accept or reject

# SPF Record Syntax

## – Modifier

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### ❑ redirect

- redirect=<doamin>
- When mail server is outside from my domain
- The SPF record for domain replace the current record. The macro-expanded domain is also substituted for the current-domain in those look-ups.

### ❑ exp

- exp=<doamin>
- Explanation
- If an SMTP receiver rejects a message, it can include an explanation. An SPF publisher can specify the explanation string that senders see. This way, an ISP can direct nonconforming users to a web page that provides further instructions about how to configure SASL.
- The domain is expanded; a TXT lookup is performed. The result of the TXT query is then macro-expanded and shown to the sender. Other macros can be used to provide an customized explanation.

# Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

## – Example for Forged Headers

- ❑ On lctseng
- ❑ Envelop From: lctseng@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net
- ❑ Mail Headers
  - From: lctseng@cs.nctu.edu.tw Forged!
  - To: lctseng@gmail.com
- ❑ Related SPF Records:

<b>cs.nctu.edu.tw</b>	<b>nasa.lctseng.nasa.nctucs.net</b>
"v=spf1 a mx a:csmailer.cs.nctu.edu.tw a:csmailgate.cs.nctu.edu.tw a:csmail.cs.nctu.edu.tw ~all"	"v=spf1 a mx ~all"

# Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

## – Example for Forged Headers

```
220 demo1.nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net ESMTP Postfix
HELO localhost
250 demo1.nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net
mail from: lctseng@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net
250 2.1.0 Ok
rcpt to: lctseng@gmail.com
250 2.1.5 Ok
DATA
354 End data with <CR><LF>.<CR><LF>
To: lctseng@gmail.com
From: Liang-Chi Tseng <lctseng@cs.nctu.edu.tw>
Subject: SPF Test
Message-ID: <56E10EEE.8050705@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net>
Date: Thu, 10 Mar 2016 14:36:00 +0800

SPF TEST
.
250 2.0.0 Ok: queued as 2962327B
```

Pass!  
Only check “Envelope from”  
Only check last MTA’s IP

```
Received-SPF: pass (google.com: domain of
lctseng@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net designates 140.113.168.238 as permitted
sender) client-ip=140.113.168.238;
```

# SPF Record Syntax

## – Enable SPF Check in Postfix

❑ Install “postfix-policyd-spf-python”

❑ In main.cf

```
smtpd_recipient_restrictions =  
    ...  
    reject_unauth_destination,  
    check_policy_service unix:private/policyd-spf  
    ...  
policyd-spf_time_limit = 3600
```

❑ In master.cf

```
policyd-spf unix - n n - 0 spawn  
user=nobody argv=/usr/local/bin/policyd-spf
```

❑ Reload Postfix

❑ Result: mail from Gmail

```
Received-SPF: pass (demo1.nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net:  
domain of gmail.com designates 209.85.161.182 as permitted sender)  
client-ip=209.85.161.182; envelope-from=lctseng@gmail.com;  
helo=mail-yw0-f182.google.com;
```

# Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

## – SPF and Forwarding

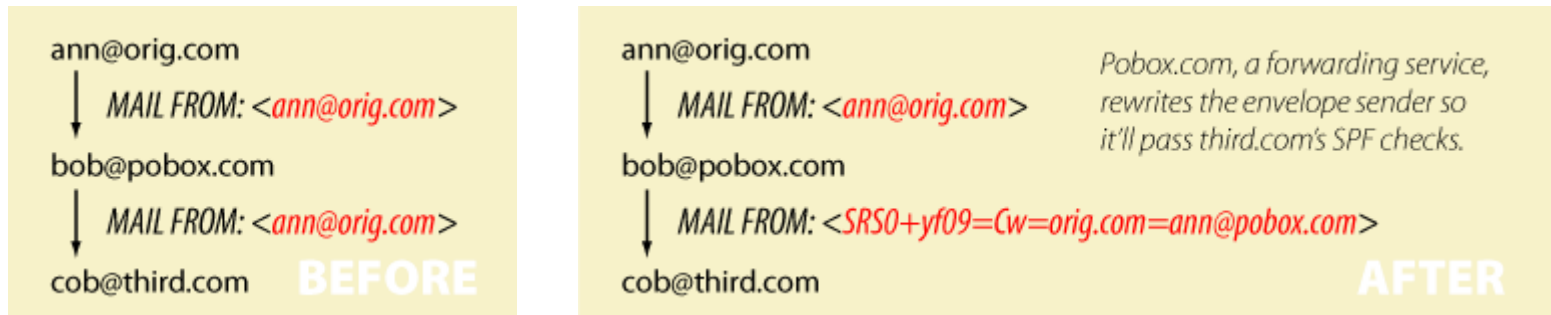
### ❑ Does SPF break forwarding?

- Yes, but only if the receiver checks SPF without understanding their mail receiving architecture.
- Forwarders should apply Sender Rewriting Scheme (SRS) to rewrite the sender address after SPF checks.
  - If receivers are going to check SPF, they should whitelist forwarders that do not rewrite the sender address from SPF checks.

[Ref] <http://www.openspf.org/FAQ/Forwarding>

### ❑ SRS: Sender Rewriting Scheme

- <http://www.openspf.org/SRS>



# Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

## – Forwarding Example

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- ❑ On Gmail (lwhsu.tw's account)
  - Envelop From: lwhsu.tw@gmail.com
- ❑ Mail Headers
  - From: lwhsu@cs.nctu.edu.tw
  - To: lwhsu@lwhsu.org
- ❑ On knight.lwhsu.org (lwhsu.org's mx)
  - ~lwhsu/.forward:  
liwenhsu@gmail.com
- ❑ Flow:
  - lwhsu.tw@gmail.com → lwhsu@knight.lwhsu.org → liwenhsu@gmail.com

Delivered-To: liwenhsu@gmail.com  
Received: by 10.229.81.4 with SMTP id v4cs221969qck;  
Sun, 10 May 2009 11:09:26 -0700 (PDT)  
Received: by 10.216.2.84 with SMTP id 62mr2907141wee.217.1241978964147;  
Sun, 10 May 2009 11:09:24 -0700 (PDT)  
Return-Path: <lwhsu.tw@gmail.com>  
Received: from knight.lwhsu.ckefgisc.org (lwhsusvr.cs.nctu.edu.tw [140.113.24.67])  
by mx.google.com with ESMTP id 24si6143118eyx.13.2009.05.10.11.09.22;  
Sun, 10 May 2009 11:09:23 -0700 (PDT)  
Received-SPF: neutral (google.com: 140.113.24.67 is neither permitted nor denied by domain  
of lwhsu.tw@gmail.com) client-ip=140.113.24.67;  
Authentication-Results: mx.google.com; spf=neutral (google.com: 140.113.24.67 is neither  
permitted nor denied by domain of [lwhsu.tw@gmail.com](mailto:lwhsu.tw@gmail.com))  
smtp.mail=lwhsu.tw@gmail.com;  
Received: by knight.lwhsu.ckefgisc.org (Postfix)  
id 47F571143E; Mon, 11 May 2009 02:09:21 +0800 (CST)  
Delivered-To: lwhsu@lwhsu.org  
Received: from an-out-0708.google.com (an-out-0708.google.com [209.85.132.243])  
by knight.lwhsu.ckefgisc.org (Postfix) with ESMTP id D832B11431  
for <lwhsu@lwhsu.org>; Mon, 11 May 2009 02:09:20 +0800 (CST)  
Received: by an-out-0708.google.com with SMTP id d14so1324869and.41  
for <lwhsu@lwhsu.org>; Sun, 10 May 2009 11:09:19 -0700 (PDT)  
Sender: lwhsu.tw@gmail.com  
Received: by 10.100.248.4 with SMTP id v4mr14373811anh.121.1241978954295; Sun,  
10 May 2009 11:09:14 -0700 (PDT)  
Date: Mon, 11 May 2009 02:09:13 +0800  
Message-ID: <ef417ae30905101109j5c7b27bcy70a5bcf6d58092ab@mail.gmail.com>  
Subject: test SPF  
From: Li-Wen Hsu <lwhsu@cs.nctu.edu.tw>  
To: lwhsu@lwhsu.org



# Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

## - Enable Sender Rewrite Scheme (1)

❑ Tool: mail/postersd

❑ Configuration

- In main.cf

```
sender_canonical_maps = tcp:127.0.0.1:10001
sender_canonical_classes = envelope_sender
recipient_canonical_maps = tcp:127.0.0.1:10002
recipient_canonical_classes = envelope_recipient
```

- In /etc/rc.conf

```
postersd_enable="YES"
```

❑ Enable service

- servie postersd start
- postfix reload

# Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

## - Enable Sender Rewrite Scheme (2)

### ❑ Example:

- `lctseng@cs.nctu.edu.tw` → `lctseng@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net`  
→ `lctseng@gmail.com`
- Without SRS

```
Received-SPF: softfail (google.com: domain of transitioning lctseng@cs.nctu.edu.tw does not designate 140.113.168.238 as permitted sender) client-ip=140.113.168.238;
```

- With SRS

```
Received-SPF: pass (google.com: domain of SRS0=o35H=PH=cs.nctu.edu.tw=lctseng@demo1.nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net designates 140.113.168.238 as permitted sender) client-ip=140.113.168.238;
```

# Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

## – Some More Examples

```
$dig cs.nctu.edu.tw txt
```

```
;; ANSWER SECTION:
cs.nctu.edu.tw.      3600  IN      TXT     "v=spf1 a mx a:csmailer.cs.nctu.edu.tw
a:csmailgate.cs.nctu.edu.tw a:csmail.cs.nctu.edu.tw a:csmail1.cs.nctu.edu.tw
a:csmail2.cs.nctu.edu.tw a:www.cs.nctu.edu.tw a:csws1.cs.nctu.edu.tw
a:csws2.cs.nctu.edu.tw ~all"
```

List all authorized senders of cs.nctu.edu.tw

```
;; ANSWER SECTION:
csmx1.cs.nctu.edu.tw. 3600  IN      TXT     "v=spf1 a -all"
;; ANSWER SECTION:
csmx2.cs.nctu.edu.tw. 3600  IN      TXT     "v=spf1 a -all"
;; ANSWER SECTION:
csmx3.cs.nctu.edu.tw. 3600  IN      TXT     "v=spf1 a -all"
```

HELO addresses for  
CS MX servers

When a mail server sends a bounce message (returned mail), it uses a null MAIL FROM: <>, and a HELO address that's supposed to be its own name. SPF will still operate, but in "degraded mode" by using the HELO domain name instead. Because this wizard can't tell which name your mail server uses in its HELO command, it lists all possible names, so there may be multiple lines shown below. If you know which hostname your mail server uses in its HELO command, you should pick out the appropriate entries and ignore the rest.

# Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

## – Backward Compatibility (1/2)

- ❑ When there is no SPF record, guess by A record.

```
Delivered-To: lwhsu.tw@gmail.com
Received: by 10.90.56.12 with SMTP id e12cs719147aga;
  Tue, 12 May 2009 00:49:39 -0700 (PDT)
Received: by 10.224.2.85 with SMTP id 21mr5508548qai.262.1242114578996;
  Tue, 12 May 2009 00:49:38 -0700 (PDT)
Return-Path: <lwhsu@freebsd.cs.nctu.edu.tw>
Received: from FreeBSD.cs.nctu.edu.tw (FreeBSD.cs.nctu.edu.tw [140.113.17.209])
  by mx.google.com with ESMTP id 7si4128629qwf.35.2009.05.12.00.49.38;
  Tue, 12 May 2009 00:49:38 -0700 (PDT)
Received-SPF: pass (google.com: best guess record for domain of
  lwhsu@freebsd.cs.nctu.edu.tw designates 140.113.17.209 as permitted sender)
  client-ip=140.113.17.209;
Authentication-Results: mx.google.com; spf=pass (google.com: best guess record for
  domain of lwhsu@freebsd.cs.nctu.edu.tw designates 140.113.17.209 as permitted
  sender) smtp.mail=lwhsu@freebsd.cs.nctu.edu.tw
Received: by FreeBSD.cs.nctu.edu.tw (Postfix, from userid 1058)
  id 6D98E61DBC; Tue, 12 May 2009 15:49:37 +0800 (CST)
Date: Tue, 12 May 2009 15:49:37 +0800
From: Li-Wen Hsu <lwhsu@FreeBSD.org>
To: lwhsu.tw@gmail.com
Subject: test tw.freebsd.org SPF
```

# Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

## – Backward Compatibility (2/2)

### ❑ Comparative result – when SPF record available:

```
Delivered-To: lwhsu.tw@gmail.com
Received: by 10.90.56.12 with SMTP id e12cs719801aga;
  Tue, 12 May 2009 00:56:27 -0700 (PDT)
Received: by 10.224.74.84 with SMTP id t20mr5499756qaj.328.1242114987266;
  Tue, 12 May 2009 00:56:27 -0700 (PDT)
Return-Path: <lwhsu@freebsd.cs.nctu.edu.tw>
Received: from FreeBSD.cs.nctu.edu.tw (FreeBSD.cs.nctu.edu.tw [140.113.17.209])
  by mx.google.com with ESMTP id 5si4111810qwh.54.2009.05.12.00.56.26;
  Tue, 12 May 2009 00:56:27 -0700 (PDT)
Received-SPF: pass (google.com: domain of lwhsu@freebsd.cs.nctu.edu.tw
  designates 140.113.17.209 as permitted sender) client-ip=140.113.17.209;
Authentication-Results: mx.google.com; spf=pass (google.com: domain of
  lwhsu@freebsd.cs.nctu.edu.tw designates 140.113.17.209 as permitted sender)
  smtp.mail=lwhsu@freebsd.cs.nctu.edu.tw
Received: by FreeBSD.cs.nctu.edu.tw (Postfix, from userid 1058)
  id 78CD461DB0; Tue, 12 May 2009 15:56:25 +0800 (CST)
Date: Tue, 12 May 2009 15:56:25 +0800
From: Li-Wen Hsu <lwhsu@FreeBSD.org>
To: lwhsu.tw@gmail.com
Subject: test tw.freebsd.org SPF (2)
```

# Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

## – Example of include mechanism

### ❑ Gmail send mails for pixnet.net

- But they still have dedicated mail servers (with IP 60.199.247.0/24 )

```
knight:~ -lwhsu- dig pixnet.net txt
```

```
;; ANSWER SECTION:
```

```
pixnet.net.          86400   IN      TXT     "v=spf1  
include:aspmx.googlemail.com ip4:60.199.247.0/24 ~all"
```

# DomainKeys and DKIM

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❑ A content-based method to verify the source of a mail (with only few computation cost.)

- Allows an organization to claim **responsibility** for transmitting a message, in a way that can be validated by a recipient.

❑ Consortium spec

- Derived from Yahoo DomainKeys and Cisco Identified Internet Mail
- RFCs
  - RFC 4870 Domain-Based Email Authentication Using Public Keys Advertised in the DNS (DomainKeys)
  - **RFC 4871 DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM) Signatures**

❑ <http://www.dkim.org/>

- <http://www.dkim.org/info/DKIM-teaser.ppt>

# DKIM: Goals

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- ❑ Validate message content, itself
  - Not related to path
- ❑ Transparent to end users
  - No client User Agent upgrades *required*
  - But extensible to per-user signing
- ❑ Allow sender delegation
  - Outsourcing
- ❑ Low development, deployment, use costs
  - Avoid large PKI, new Internet services
  - No trusted third parties (except DNS)



# DKIM: Idea

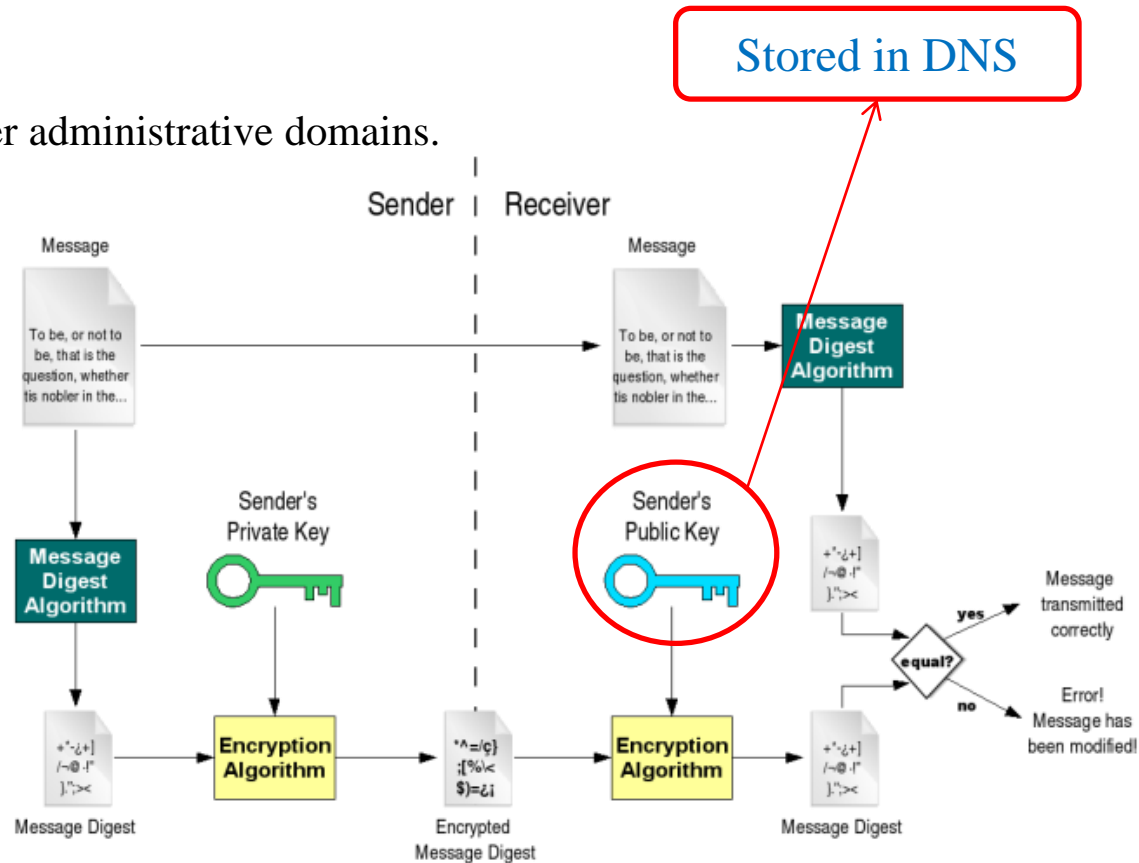
## ☐ Msg header authentication

- DNS identifiers
- Public keys in DNS

## ☐ End-to-end

- Between origin/receiver administrative domains.
- Not path-based

## ✧ Digital signatures



# DKIM: Technical High-points

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- ❑ Signs body and selected parts of header
- ❑ Signature transmitted in DKIM-Signature header
- ❑ Public key stored in DNS
  - In \_domainkey subdomain
  - New RR type, fall back to TXT
- ❑ Namespace divided using selectors
  - Allows multiple keys for aging, delegation, etc.
- ❑ Sender Signing Policy lookup for unsigned or improperly signed mail

# DKIM-Signature header (1/4)

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- ❑ v= Version
- ❑ a= Hash/signing algorithm
- ❑ q= Algorithm for getting public key
- ❑ d= Signing domain
- ❑ i= Signing identity
- ❑ s= Selector
- ❑ c= Canonicalization algorithm (simple or relaxed)
- ❑ t= Signing time (seconds since 1/1/1970)
- ❑ x= Expiration time
- ❑ h= List of headers included in signature;  
dkim-signature is implied
- ❑ b= The signature itself
- ❑ bh= Body hash

# DKIM-Signature header (2/4)

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❑ Example:

```
DKIM-Signature: a=rsa-sha1; q=dns;  
d=example.com;  
i=user@eng.example.com;  
s=jun2005.eng; c=relaxed/simple;  
t=1117574938; x=1118006938;  
h=from:to:subject:date;  
b=dzdVyOfAKCdLXdJOc9G2q8LoXS1EniSb  
av+yuU4zGeeruD00lszZVoG4ZHRNiYzR
```

❑ DNS query will be made to:

```
jun2005.eng._domainkey.example.com
```

# DKIM-Signature header (3/4)

## ❑ Example: Signature of Yahoo Mail

```
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; c=relaxed/relaxed;  
d=yahoo.com.tw; s=s1024; t=1242033944;  
bh=t3GnH+pN34KpMhIX59Eezm+9eCI68fU2hgid1Kscdrk=;  
h=Message-ID:X-YMail-OSG:Received:X-Mailer:Date:From:Subject:  
To:MIME-Version:Content-Type: Content-Transfer-Encoding;  
b=emLg4QonGbqb3PhZIEoYfiQVDYMwcBBB6SAEW+RziBEhjsxKS2O  
UWmq5EpD1cxX+uz9MzJ4+fK4QRJZOtd0Y10c6Ce2J+V+C/RHnrjZ  
3PF8kAhjqvT1GTTdohxivLGrMftg1xFGO//M7ML/fcI4UJL+XP1xhJMB  
aHIHMGhE1sdGQ=
```

```
DomainKey-Signature: a=rsa-sha1; q=dns; c=noaws; s=s1024;  
d=yahoo.com.tw; h=Message-ID:X-YMail-OSG:Received:X-Mailer:  
Date:From:Subject:To:MIME-Version:Content-Type:Content-  
Transfer-Encoding;  
b=DIAhpuGID5ozcL77Ozm5doCQsxHSWaYHULW2hWAb3heXwewHga  
mqO+McEcSIplcB1JXTIBka7BR6HvbSPWX/XiMrVAjvb6zeRWiXSBWdt  
xIMpQhjJiBdzC8Y1BPCsdv2UwMgxOmR6i51BTIl+GDWFIKSgm5ky/  
zU+ZsdwIhlss=;
```

# DKIM-Signature header (4/4)

## ❑ Example: Signature of Google Mail

```
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; c=relaxed/relaxed; d=gmail.com;  
s=gamma; h=domainkey-signature:mime-version:date:message-id:  
subject:from:to:content-type;  
bh=o8h0LUwAIau52hau5ntEJaPU6qQn7rkIboJwbgnuNgc=;  
b=DxuMYeFtjXIt5eltj2MlzIXuOLA1y6f94+imgSKexX7EvhGMGUE82+4v  
78Vrpm5xmknKp2xHsjvESpyWEAyt22ZKEV4OHClyqWPuabpwas0UD  
tV9KEwf9K663sCvrtoi9IpUQDPjP+aqC+po7tuLRiWfHYMETt5NpQfoWD  
pmoXw=
```

```
DomainKey-Signature: a=rsa-sha1; c=noFWS; d=gmail.com; s=gamma;  
h=mime-version:date:message-id:subject:from:to:content-type;  
b=T2N/3v39iaiL3tWBKoZadVYr5BsotqTIKe7QL3oEy1e+2OiUCIbLGepx  
I7YXJ0Wt3MLx3ZcnkdNIGhrCWqXw7aV4gWw7GCsey2qZnakBTQ/BiH3  
TyrD3vdaDB8KJU0jC3Q4uE+Y2jQalXC60wsJtCByCpdXq0VVorgpLCJg4  
TnM=
```

# DKIM – Set up your own DKIM (1)

- ❑ DKIM checking is already in your Postfix
- ❑ Now we want to add our own DKIM keys and records
- ❑ Tool: opendkim
  - mail/opendkim
  - Add pseudo user

```
pw useradd -n opendkim -d /var/db/opendkim -g mail -m  
-s "/usr/sbin/nologin" -w no
```

- Enable daemon, in /etc/rc.conf

```
milteropendkim_enable="YES"  
milteropendkim_uid="opendkim"
```

- In main.cf

```
smtpd_milters = inet:127.0.0.1:8891  
non_smtpd_milters = $smtpd_milters  
milter_default_action = accept
```

# DKIM – Set up your own DKIM (2)

## - OpenDKIM

### ❑ Configuration

- There is a sample file provided:
  - `/usr/local/share/doc/opendkim/opendkim.conf.simple`
- We provide a sample configuration here:
  - `/usr/local/etc/opendkim.conf`

```
LogWhy          yes
Syslog          yes
SyslogSuccess   yes

Canonicalization  relaxed/simple

Domain          nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net
Selector        default
KeyFile         /var/db/opendkim/default.private

Socket          inet:8891@localhost

ReportAddress    postmaster@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net
SendReports      yes
```



# DKIM – Set up your own DKIM (3)

## - OpenDKIM

### ❑ Create keys and files

```
opendkim-genkey -D /var/db/opendkim -d  
nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net -s default
```

### ❑ Under /var/db/opendkim

- Private key: default.private
- DNS record: default.txt

### ❑ Set up your DNS record using default.txt

```
default._domainkey      IN      TXT      ( "v=DKIM1; k=rsa; "  
  
"p=MIGfMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAA4GNADCBiQKBgQCiq1eJb+4Z3dXmCx6Ux+Qn  
4oxj0CySkrPU3qm1fq18FZa0su64yfNr6ovr0gP4knzLltg527cQ2nxxA0DEZXP  
CaG4ujX9rK01p/d7EMCqyqakJKyrJOSwWmI6ZIpEGj2ilviypEbe55/9xmoky/A  
YTbJr6wVugKwDvywX7b9+APQIDAQAB" ) ; ----- DKIM key default for  
nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net
```

### ❑ Start service & reload Postfix

- service milter-opendkim start

# DKIM – Set up your own DKIM (4)

## - Example

```
Received: from demo1.nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net ([140.113.168.238])
  by mx.google.com with ESMTTP id
  k14si3508069iok.92.2016.03.10.00.46.05
  for <lctseng@gmail.com>;
  Thu, 10 Mar 2016 00:46:06 -0800 (PST)
Received-SPF: pass (google.com: domain of lctseng@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net
  designates 140.113.168.238 as permitted sender) client-ip=140.113.168.238;
Authentication-Results: mx.google.com;
  spf=pass (google.com: domain of lctseng@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net
  designates 140.113.168.238 as permitted sender)
smtp.mailfrom=lctseng@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net;
  dkim=pass header.i=@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net;
  dkim=pass header.i=@nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net
Received: from demo1.nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net (localhost [127.0.0.1])
  by localhost (Postfix) with ESMTTP id AF1AF28C;
  Thu, 10 Mar 2016 16:44:40 +0800 (CST)
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; c=relaxed/simple;
  d=nasa.lctseng.nctucs.net; s=default; t=1457599480;
  bh=q5cyARP15zX/knmvCnEy11G7/r6gcljJ44qrvv5DErY=;
  h=To:From:Subject:Date;
  b=A9hItAg0uAU3Fj2UsQeNcd18YisfX50/qnp4KM210bMEw3u4acdRvx79ByOJ2fPiz
  //0VhBDRKn80NjpnJVNeAU7t9ChEi2RABbI7Kj1VDfs2b/OmJqdbS9G2jaCoellzvJ
  hPUn8YvP4zPA8VFz+Hxph6czMEAozoM6YJP3s6mQ=
```

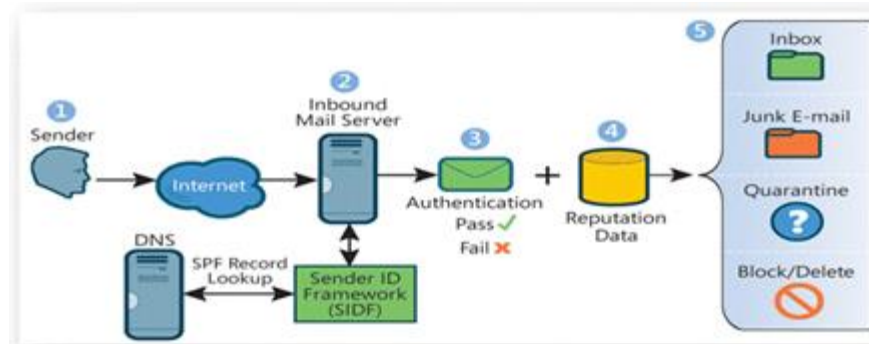
# Appendix

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Anything else? Of course!

# Sender ID

- ❑ RFC4406, 4405, 4407, 4408
- ❑ Caller ID for E-mail + Sender Policy Framework (SPF 2.0)
- ❑ <http://www.microsoft.com/mscorp/safety/technologies/senderid/default.mspx>



# Sender ID – paypal.com example

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```
knight:~ -lwhsu- dig paypal.com txt
```

```
;; ANSWER SECTION:
```

```
paypal.com.          3600      IN        TXT       "v=spf1 mx include:spf-  
1.paypal.com include:p._spf.paypal.com include:p2._spf.paypal.com  
include:s._spf.ebay.com include:m._spf.ebay.com include:c._spf.ebay.com  
include:thirdparty.paypal.com ~all"  
paypal.com.          3600      IN        TXT       "spf2.0/prax mx  
include:s._sid.ebay.com include:m._sid.ebay.com include:p._sid.ebay.com  
include:c._sid.ebay.com include:spf-2._sid.paypal.com  
include:thirdparty._sid.paypal.com ~all"
```

# Other MTA?

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qmail

exim

Sendmail X

- <http://www.sendmail.org/sm-X/>

MeTA1

- <http://www.meta1.org/>