

SpamSweep

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Introduction

SpamSweep is an advanced bayesian spam filter with a simple, easy to understand interface. It notifies you when you have new good mail by playing a sound, displaying an alert, or triggering your email client.

Registration

SpamSweep is shareware. It will only filter one account in trial mode, but an unlimited number of accounts may be filtered once a serial number is purchased. You can register SpamSweep by visiting:
<http://www.bainsware.com/buy/>

Support

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at support@bainsware.com. We'll usually get back to you the same day.

Installation

Launch SpamSweep and follow the on-screen instructions. SpamSweep will automatically import your account settings from your email client if possible. If SpamSweep is unable to import your accounts, please enter your account information manually. The settings entered into SpamSweep should match those already in your email client exactly. SpamSweep currently supports the POP3 and SMTP mail protocols, IMAP support is planned for a future version.

Getting Started

After installing SpamSweep, you should see an "envelope" icon in your menubar. Whenever you want to check your mail from now on, you should click on that icon and select "Check Mail". You can also assign a hotkey to

perform this operation. SpamSweep will remove spam from your mail accounts and trigger a mail check in your email client.

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By default, SpamSweep automatically filters your mail accounts every few minutes, deletes any spam, and triggers your email client if any new good mail is found. If SpamSweep find any messages it isn't sure about, it displays the messages in a floating window. Use the "Is Spam" and "Is Good" buttons to classify the messages and help SpamSweep learn. When you close this window, the messages you marked as spam will be deleted, and any waiting good mail will be downloaded into your email client. If you click the "Is Trash" button, the message will be trained as a good message, but will not be downloaded into your email client. As SpamSweep learns from your mail, this window will appear less frequently, and eventually not at all.

The "Is Trash" functionality is useful mainly for people who prefer to screen all good mail before it is delivered to their email client. SpamSweep will present you with this window when any new good message arrives if you uncheck the "Display possible spam only" option in the Notification tab of the Preferences window.

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SpamSweep hangs on to messages for a few days in case it makes a mistake and deletes a good message. When you first start using SpamSweep, it may make several mistakes, but accuracy will improve dramatically as you train it with more messages. To browse messages, select "Review Messages..." from the status menu or click on the SpamSweep icon in the dock. You can hide SpamSweep again by pressing Command - H.

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Next to each message, you'll see a small icon which is either green, gray, or red. A green icon means SpamSweep thinks the message is good, red means the message is spam, and gray means SpamSweep isn't sure either way. You can train SpamSweep by selecting one or more messages and clicking the "Is Good" or "Is Spam" buttons. If you have a lot of messages selected, it may take several seconds for the training process to complete. When you click "Is Good", any selected messages that were marked as spam will be sent back to your mail account, and will be downloaded the next time you check your mail.

Release Notes

Version 1.4.1

- Improved performance for dialup users.
- Will now check mail in Thunderbird if access for Assistive Devices is enabled.
- Updated ReadMe.

Version 1.4

- Added the ability to trash messages without marking them as spam.
- Added support for older routers.
- Bug fixes.

Version 1.3

- Bayesian filter is more decisive.
- Several new types of tokens.
- No longer uses a trial period.
- Can now automatically import settings from email client.
- Bug fixes.

Version 1.2

- Improved speed and accuracy.
- Tighter integration with email clients.
- Wider variety of alert sounds.
- Several bug fixes.

Version 1.1

- Bug fixes
- Growl support
- Fewer registration reminders

Version 1.0

- Initial release

Questions?

If you have any unanswered questions, please email us at support@bainsware.com.

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