

ASS Maker 3.1 - Anti-Spam Script Maker

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Freeware - For Windows 95/98/NT/2K

OVERVIEW

Are you tired of Spam? Do you own a Home Page with your or your company E-mail address listed anywhere in it? Then ASS Maker can help you.

ASS Maker writes for you a Java Script that you can Copy and Paste into your Home Page in the place of the 'mailto:' tags. ASS Maker disguises the 'mailto:' tags and your address in several parameters of a Java Script E-mail link. When a visitor of your Home Page clicks that E-mail link, the script launches the visitor default E-mail program with your original address in the 'To:' field, but the spammers bots and spiders can't see it!

USAGE

ASS Maker can generate **3 types of E-mail links**: Text type (**TX**), Graphic type (**GR**) and Button type (**BT**). To make your own anti-spam e-mail link and put it in your Web page, follow these steps (6 of them are **optional**):

1 - Brake your E-mail address in **User Name**, **Domain 1** and **Domain 2**, as exemplified in the next lines, and enter each part of it in the correspondent fields.

Example for joe.dole@home.com:

User Name:	joe.dole
Domain 1:	home
Domain 2:	com (without the dot!)

2 - Verify in the **E-mail Address box** that the final address is correct. Any changes made in the enter fields will update the address in this box. When your E-mail address is correct in the box, go to step 3.

3 - (**optional**) Choose **TX** (Text), **GR** (Graphic) or **BT** (Button) for the E-mail link type. Default link type is Text (**TX**).

4 - (**optional**) Change the **Link #** if you want to put more than 1 GR, BT or both in the same page (max. 10 per web page). For each GR or BT E-mail link there must be a different **Link #** (0 to 9). This parameter does not matter if you're using the TX (Text) link type which has no limits per web page.

5 - (**optional**) Change the default word E-mail that will appear as the TX link, the GR alt graphic or the BT button caption. Do it in the **Text (Link - Button - Alt Graphic)** box.

6 - (**optional**) Check the optional E-mail fields (Subject, cc:, bcc: and Body) that you want to be included in the script. Do it in the **Options** menu.

7 - (**optional**) Edit the fields Subject, cc:, bcc: and Body in the **Edit Options** menu.

8 - Click the **Make** button to generate the Java Script (and some HTML code if using the GR or the BT link type).

9 - (**optional**) **Preview** the result of the script in the internal previewer (**Window Preview**) or in your browser (**Browser Preview**). Don't forget to press the Make button everytime you change something in order to update the script. You can also save the preview (**Save as HTML**) for later edit and use on your

web site.

10 - Click anywhere in the script to **Copy it to the Clipboard**. ASS Maker will minimize itself so that you can Paste the code from the Clipboard to your HTML file. Don't close ASS Maker before you Paste the script because this would empty the Clipboard and you would Paste nothing.

NOTES

You can put how many TX (text) links you want in your page, but BT (button) and GR (graphic) links are limited to 10 per page and you must assign a different Link # to each different E-mail address.

If you decide to use the GR format, don't forget to put a copy of the file mailto.gif in the same directory of the web page.

BROWSER COMPATIBILITY

The scripts produced with ASS Maker were not tested with all existing browsers and their several versions, but they will work with most of them.

Test the scripts with different browser before you drop them in your site.

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Spam is flooding the Internet with many copies of the same message, in an attempt to force the message on people who would not otherwise choose to receive it. Most spam is commercial advertising, often for dubious products, get-rich-quick schemes, or quasi-legal services. Spam costs the sender very little to send -- most of the costs are paid for by the recipient or the carriers rather than by the sender.

(in <http://www.spam.abuse.net/spam/whatisspam.html>)

JavaScript is a basic language which conforms tightly to the core concepts of computer programming. Because JavaScript is a programming language invented "for the Web," it is oriented towards the specific needs of Web developers. The set of pre-built objects largely reflect characteristics of the Web page, allowing your JavaScript program to manipulate, modify, and react to the Web page.

(Aaron Weiss in <http://www.stars.com/Authoring/JavaScript/Tutorial/>)

A special Link in HTML that, when clicked, opens an e-mail message composer (usually your E-mail program) already addressed and ready to take a message. E-mail links can be made with text, images or buttons.

 This is a Graphic E-mail link image. You can use any other image but you have to edit the script in your page and change the file name and path, if needed.

