



TCC Hotline



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New Mailhost

We have installed the new email server as announced in previous Hotlines. Tests indicate that the new email server identifies 80% of the spam that was getting through the old email server. The following changes, which most Internet Service Providers now follow, have been made:

1. Single email messages, including attachments, will be limited to 10MB. (Use ftp or sftp to send large files)
2. If your undeleted email exceeds 150MB, no further email will be delivered to your account. Such email will be returned to the sender. To stay under the 150MB quota:
 - a) Delete un-needed email messages.
 - b) Save needed email messages to a folder.
 - c) Extract needed email message to a text file.

Note that a user now has two disk quotas, one disk quota, which is currently set to 200MB, for their normal files and a new disk quota for their email will be set to 150MB on February 01, 2006. You can view your email disk quota and usage at :

<https://webmail.nmt.edu/spam>

or by issuing the command:
mail_quota

New Spam Assassin

Under the old Spam Assassin, email that was identified as spam was blocked and not delivered. Under the new Spam Assassin, email that is identified as spam is delivered to the recipient **BUT** it is stored in a special *username.spam* folder. The email in this folder may be read by the recipient to identify any messages that they wish to be delivered as normal mail. This is easily done by creating a whitelist for that sender. See:

<https://webmail.nmt.edu/spam>

The *username.spam* folder is **NOT** counted as part of a user's disk quota. However, to ensure that the disks containing this folder do not fill up, all email residing in the *username.spam* folder will be deleted when it is 30 days old.

The old user_prefs file for Spam Assassin is no longer read. Any whitelist or blacklist information should be defined using the web page <https://webmail.nmt.edu/spam>.

If you receive email that you consider spam, please forward it to

postmaster@nmt.edu

so that we can add it to our filters.

National Anti-Spam Centers

Note that the following national centers for anti-spam identification are utilized by NMT. If another site violates anti-spam rules and is listed by these national centers as a spam site, then all email originating from this site is automatically blocked. (recently UNM was on their list but then was removed from the list after isolating a compromised computer)

<http://www.spamhaus.org/>

<http://www.spamcop.net/>

<http://www.us.sorbs.net/>

<http://www.njabl.org/>