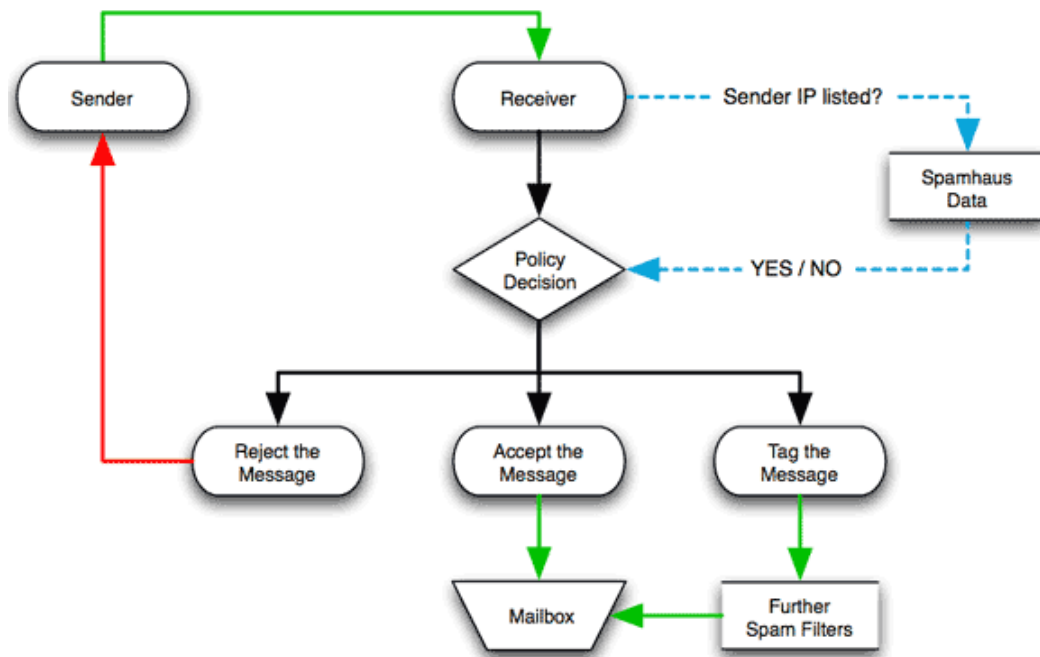


# The Spamhaus Project

The **Spamhaus Project** is an international organisation, based in both London and Geneva, founded in 1998 by Steve Linford to track email spammers and spam-related activity. The name spamhaus, a pseudo-German expression, was coined by Linford to refer to an Internet service provider, or other firm, which spams or knowingly provides service to spammers.



The Spamhaus Project is responsible for compiling several widely used anti-spam lists. Many internet service providers and email servers use the lists to reduce the amount of spam that reaches their users. In 2006, the Spamhaus services protected 650 million email users, including the European Parliament, US Army, the White House and Microsoft, from billions of spam emails a day.

Spamhaus distributes the lists in the form of DNS-based Blacklists (DNSBLs) and Whitelists (DNSWLs). The lists are offered as a free public service to low-volume mail server operators on the Internet. Commercial spam filtering services and other sites doing large numbers of queries must instead sign up for an rsync-based feed of these DNSBLs, which Spamhaus calls its Datafeed Service. Spamhaus outlines the way its DNSBL technology works in a document called Understanding DNSBL Filtering.

The Spamhaus Project consists of a number of independent companies which focus on different aspects of Spamhaus anti-spam technology or provide services based around it. At the core is The Spamhaus Project Ltd., which tracks spam sources and publishes free DNSBLs. Further companies include Spamhaus Logistics Corp., which owns the large server infrastructure used by Spamhaus and employs engineering staff to maintain it. Spamhaus Technology Ltd., a data delivery company which "manages data distribution and synchronization services". Spamhaus Research Corp., a company which "develops anti-spam technologies". The Spamhaus Whitelist Co. Ltd., which manages the Spamhaus Whitelist. Also there are several references on the Spamhaus website to The Spamhaus Foundation, whose charter is "to assure the long-term security of The Spamhaus Project and its work".

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Spamhaus\\_Project](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Spamhaus_Project)

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<b>Origin of the Company Name</b>	
<b>Founded in (year)</b>	
<b>Founder (person)</b>	
<b>Type of Organisation</b>	
<b>Focus / Main goal</b>	
<b>Main Locations</b>	
<b>Area served</b>	
<b>Method</b>	
<b>Clients</b>	
<b>Subsidiary companies</b>	
<b>Website</b>	
<b>Definition of spam</b>	