

International Anti-Spam Cooperation & Building Relevant Standard

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Introduction-1

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In 2002, we establish Anti-Spam Coordination Team of ISC, which includes network operators, mail service suppliers, manufacturers and researchers, to do anti-spam work in China.

- With the spam spreading in the global Internet, the governments, Internet industry and relevant organizations all over the world have carried out numerous solutions to deal with spam. However, the spam increasing trend still could not be controlled effectively. Therefore, deep analyses and discussion for the future anti-spam work are certainly needed to be done in time.
- I am the Director of Anti-Spam Coordination Team of Internet Society of China, took office as the director of Secretariat of Internet Society of China (ISC) on May 25th, 2001, also as one of the main initiators to establish ISC.



Introduction-2

- E-mail make it easy for people to use Internet, but spam became a large barrier when people get online.
- The spam problem is broad and variety, it is hard to be settled down easily.
- Because of different language used in different countries, the technology and methods used are also quite different with their own characteristics.
- The net abuse used by minorities is impinging majorities' normal communication right.



Topic for Discussion

- Present anti-spam situations in China
- Suggestions on International Anti-Spam Cooperation
- Necessity for Building Anti-Spam International Standard



Present Spam Situation in China

In April, we took a large scale investigation on spams in China. The statistics show:

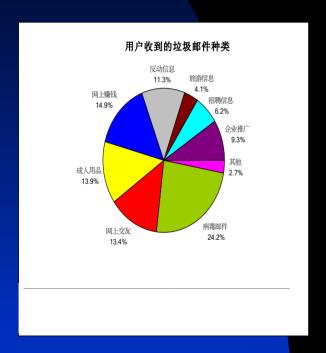
- Each Chinese netizen, per week,
- Sending 9.8 e-mails, Receiving 12.6 regular e-mails, Receiving 19.3 spams.

(The proportion of spam is 60.5% of the whole mails, 49% higher than 2003.)

The Chinese spam received by netizens is decreased from 65% to 56%, on the contrary English spam increased from 30% to 41%.



Present Spam Situation in China



- Most of the spam contain virus, some are making friends and selling sex tools, the rest are for profit, illegal information, travel adv., job offer or hunting and other adv.
- E-mail service providers have done a lot as a defense, but they could only filtered 50% spam because of the large quantity.
- Large amount of Chinese IP were listed in other countries' black lists.

Solutions Carried out by ISC

- Build Anti-Spam Criterion, accepted by Chinese Internet industry;
- Build Anti-Spam Electronic Report Platform, Declare Black List four successively, causing response in China;
- Organized to cancel OPEN-RELAY function, made great reduction to OPEN-RELAY servers;
- Provide Anti-Spam Guidance to the public;
- Organized local Internet societies and E-mail service providers to deal with spam;
- Organized research work for Anti-Spam Legislation and administration, and made relevant suggestions to the government;
- Held forums to discuss anti-spam technology and relevant communications;
- Draw E-mail Service Criterion

Spam Definition

- **↓**Unsolicited advertisements, epublications, or any other kinds of tendentious e-mail.
- **↓**E-mails could not be refused to receive.
- ♣Hiding the name and address of the senders or subjects.
- ♣With false information resource, false routers of the senders.



Actions from Chinese Government

- Organizing united anti-spam actions;
- To draft relevant legislations;
- Promoting Internet information service criterion;
- Supporting to Internet industry associations, enterprises and practitioners.



Actions from Chinese Internet Industries

- China Telecom made anti-spam measure in 2000;
- CERNET publicized administration provision on refraining spam in 2002;
- Most Chinese public e-mail service providers take technologies to against spam, especially giant servers with millions of subscribers;
- Giant enterprises set anti-spam software in their servers
- Take actions on the servers which are in the black list declared by other countries;
- Developed technical products for different users.



Anti-Spam Technology (1)

Traditional Tech:

- Turn off Open Relay function
- White & Black List (Static State)
- Filtering (Static State)
- RBL (Dynamic) and its Update Version
- Broadband and Connection Control
- Repeated e-mail control



Anti-Spam Technology (2)

New Tech:

- Challenge-Response
- Bayesian Analyzing
- Distributing Finger Print Analyzing
- Centralized Contents Analyzing

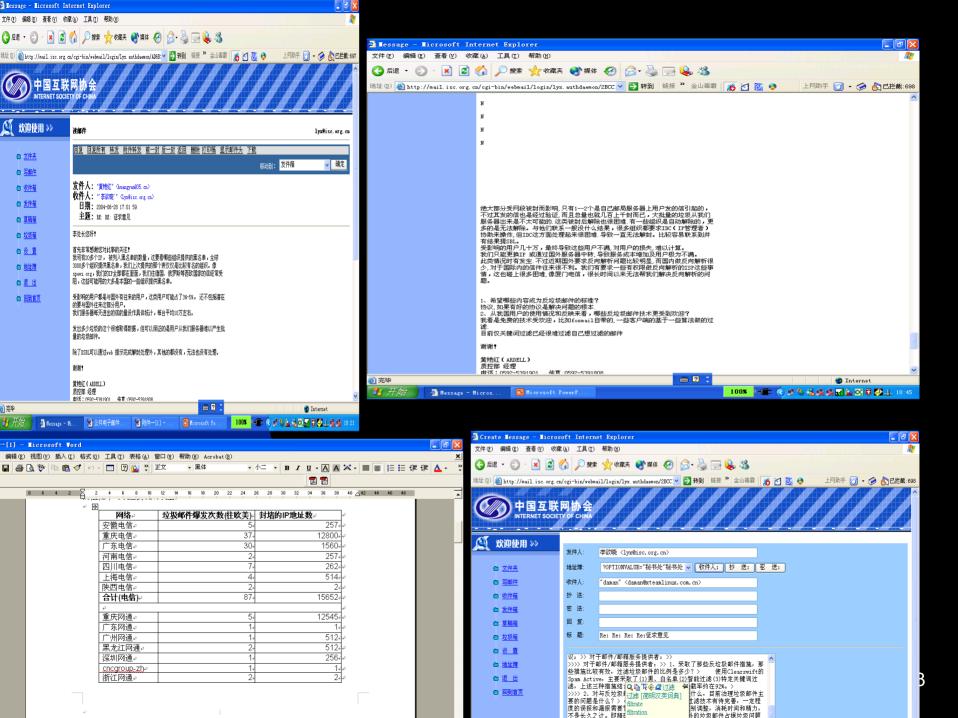


Present Problems

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How on earth to protect users' right? Look through the casual American legislation, it could only cause the flowage of spam. Then, will strict regulations interfere users's right and freedom?

- International cooperation is definitely needed besides legislation, governance and technology.
- Puzzles Black Lists are not updated in time, causing block for common e-mail communications;
- Consideration on Legislation (Protecting both senders & receivers' legal right)
- Technical Measures
- Mail-list, dynamic ip and bulkmail sofftware
- Influence on normal network communication, as e-business, e-mail service





Key Point in International Cooperation (1)

- Forming Global United Anti-Spam Constitution in equal, fair and justice atmosphere.
- Building effective Coordination Mechanism among all anti-Spam organizations
- Different national governments, service providers and research institutes should communicate with anti-spam organizations in terms of legislation, governance and technology.



Key Point in International Cooperation (2)

- Since the cost for anti-spam is giant, government, industry organizations, enterprises and subscribers should share the cost.
- The Anti-Spam work is a long term program, legislation and technology could not solve spam problem in short time. International cooperation, R&D on technical software and slowing down the spread of spam are necessities.

Necessity to Form Technical and Service Standard

- The present situation, there is no network service standard, restricts the development of Internet and interfere netizens using Internet service;
- With the popularization of Internet technology and applications, the existing protocols are not feasible to further develop network;
- Standard especially needed in the field of e-mail service and anti-spam technical product R&D;
- The Black Lists declared by anti-spam organizations needed to be standardized gradually, to avoid casually block innocent servers.



Present Considering Contents

- Black List & White List
- Virus Filtering
- Multi-Character Set, Multi-Lingual, and Multi-Code Supporting
- Criterion for Sending and Receiving E-mails
- Building Senders Accreditation System



Our Purpose

- To protect Internet subscribers' right for using the service normally, to ensure that users could receive regular mails, and provide opportunities for them to refuse unsolicited e-mails.
- To make sure that every network service providers could provide normal service to their subscribers and make interest.
 - To build Internet a trusted network and a friend to everyone in their work and life.
- Therefore, Internet needed to be governed, regulated, standardized and international cooperated.

We Want -- More Cooperation

- Any solutions, cooperation, especially on anti-spam are welcome.
- We will promote Chinese e-mails service criterion, and cooperated with international colleagues to work for email popularities and applications.
- We will endeavor to create healthy network circumstance for the network development and applications.



