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Postfix blacklist or reject an email address

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Q. I've Postfix based CentOS Linux server. I need to blacklist email ID: user@abadboy.com . How do I blacklist email address with postfix? I also have spamassassin software installed.

A. By default, the Postfix SMTP server accepts any sender address. However you can block / blacklist sender email address easily with Postfix. It has SMTP server access table.

Open /etc/postfix/sender_access file

```
# cd /etc/postfix
# vi sender_access
```

Append sender email id as follows:

```
user@abadboy.com REJECT
```

Save and close the file. Use postmap command to create a database:

```
# postmap hash:sender_access
```

Now open main.cf and add code as follows:

```
smtpd_recipient_restrictions = check_sender_access hash:/etc/postfix/sender_access
```

Save and close the file. Restart / reload postfix MTA:

```
# /etc/init.d/postfix restart
```

You can also use spamassassin to blacklist email address. Just add to your own spamassassin configuration or to /etc/mail/spamassassin/local.cf file:

```
# vi /etc/mail/spamassassin/local.cf
```

Append blacklist as follows:

```
blacklist_from user@abadboy.com
```

Save and close the file. Restart spamassassin:

```
# /etc/init.d/spamassassin restart
```

spamassassin will mark mail as SPAM instead of rejecting the same.

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