

Email Cybersecurity – Second Day at CODEWORK AI

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Spam Confidence Level (SCL) – What “1” Means

The Spam Confidence Level (SCL) is a score assigned to emails to indicate how likely they are to be spam. An SCL of '1' means the email is very likely legitimate and should be delivered to the inbox. Higher SCL values indicate a higher probability of spam.

Spam Filter Rule IDs – Purpose and Behavior

Spam filter rule IDs, such as 13230040 or 39142699007, are internal identifiers used by email filtering systems. They map specific detection rules to actions taken on emails (e.g., flagging, quarantining, or rejecting messages). These rules are continuously updated to respond to evolving spam techniques.

How to Improve Email Security – Best Practices

- Enable SPF, DKIM, and DMARC to authenticate email sources.
- Use strong, unique passwords and enable multi-factor authentication.
- Regularly update software to patch vulnerabilities.
- Educate users about phishing and suspicious links.
- Monitor email traffic and review authentication reports frequently.

Best Websites to Learn Email Security

- MxToolbox (mxtoolbox.com)
- Spamhaus (spamhaus.org)
- Microsoft Security Docs (learn.microsoft.com)
- Postmark DMARC guides (postmarkapp.com)
- Email security research papers (scholar.google.com)

Unsubscribe Buttons vs. Fake Links

Legitimate unsubscribe buttons remove you from mailing lists. However, fake unsubscribe links are often used by attackers to confirm your email address is valid or to redirect you to phishing sites. Always verify the source of any unsubscribe link before clicking.

Watch for Scams – Key Indicators

- Fake or lookalike domains
- Urgent threats demanding immediate action
- Strange or shortened links
- Spelling and grammar errors

These are common red flags for phishing attempts.

SOA Expire Value Out of Recommended Range

The SOA (Start of Authority) record contains an expire value that determines how long secondary DNS servers can serve cached zone data without contacting the primary server. If the value is out of the recommended range, it can cause DNS resolution issues and should be adjusted according to best practices.

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