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Traditional RFC822 format Email Address user@somedomain.com arrives at ESMTP (Mail) Server

The ESMTP (Mail) Server verifies that the user (mailbox) exists.

After verification that the delivery domain is acceptable, and other rules such as the email address is RFC822 compliant the email is placed into the users mailbox.

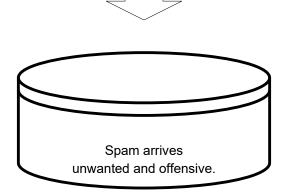


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