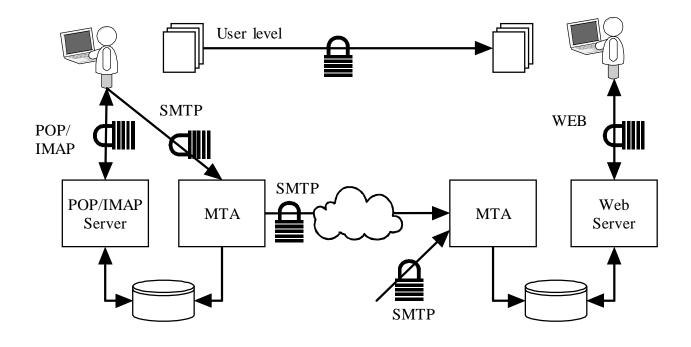
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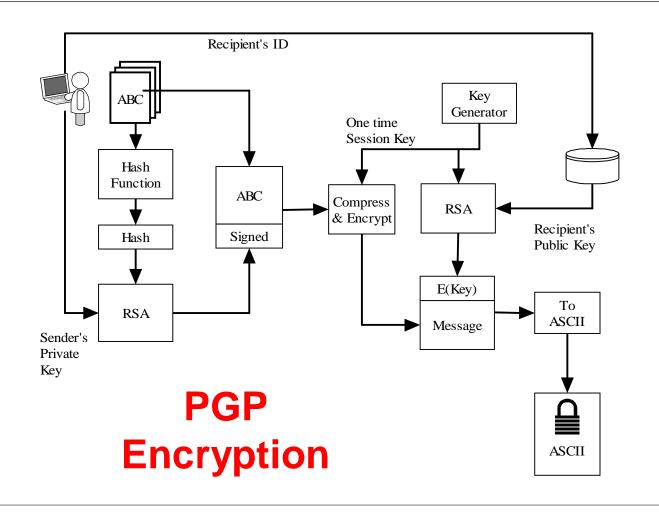
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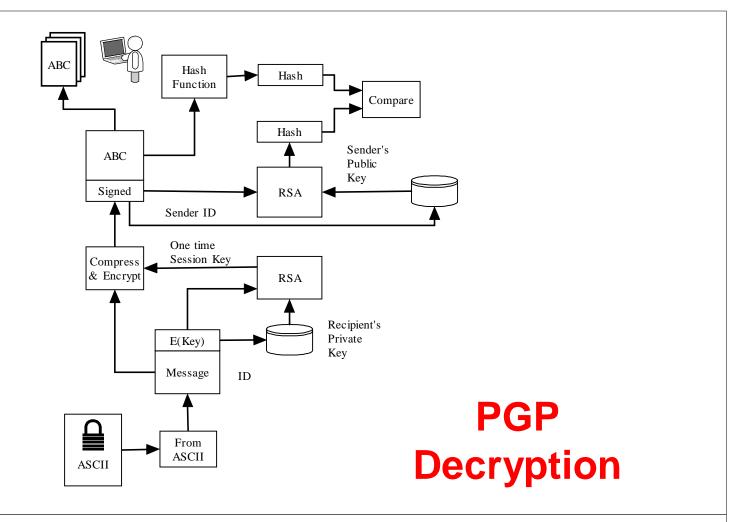
#### **General Email Countermeasures**

- Encryption & authentication
- Email filtering
- Content Filtering
- Email Forensics

## **Encryption & Authentication**



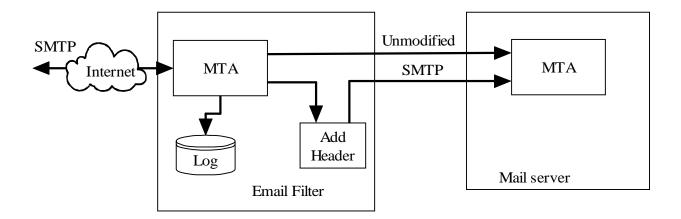




### **Email Filtering**

- Check email
  - Based on email addresses
  - Based on domain address
  - Based on malicious payload
- Either Block, pass, or modify the email

### **Email Filtering**



### **Spam Filter**

- Uses learning to decide what content is spam.
- System is "trained" to know is spam
- Spam filter will mark the message as spam.
- Some User agents support spam detection and will move spam email into a spam folder

# **Bypassing a Spam Filter**

- Keyword loading
- Misspelled keywords
- Picture only
- Picture with background words

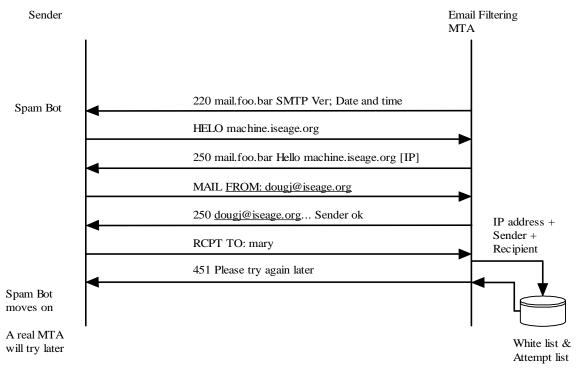
# Filtering list

- Blacklist
  - A list of bad users & domains
  - Spammers just change domains
- Whitelist
  - A list of good users and domains
  - Very restrictive

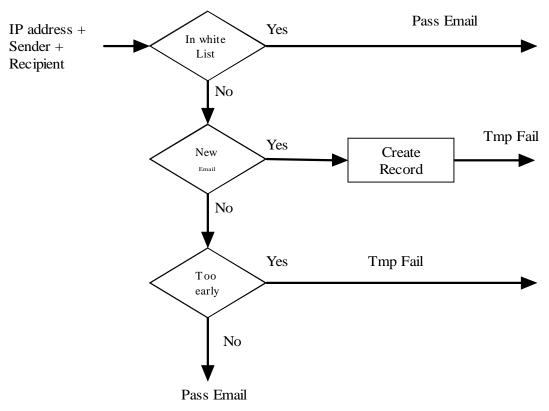
## **Greylist**

- Reject all email with a temp reject
- Maintain a whitelist that is not subject to filtering
- Add machines to the grey list when they resend the email

## **Greylist**



# **Greylist**



# Bypassing a grey list

Use real MTA to send email

#### **Content filter**

- Examine the payload for:
  - Viruses
  - Worms
  - Trojan horses
- Often based on a signature
- Requires constant update of signatures

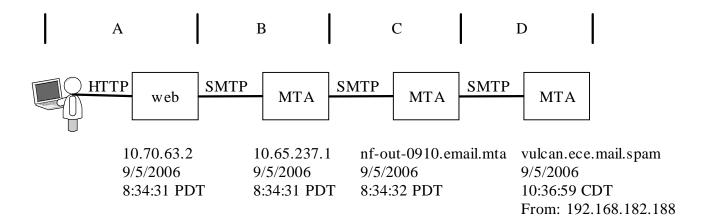
## Outbound content filtering

- Used to keep private information from leaving
  - SS Numbers
  - Account Numbers
  - Medical records
- Will either log, stop, or encrypt violating emails

## Bypassing a content filter

- Encryption
  - There are encrypted viruses
- Compression

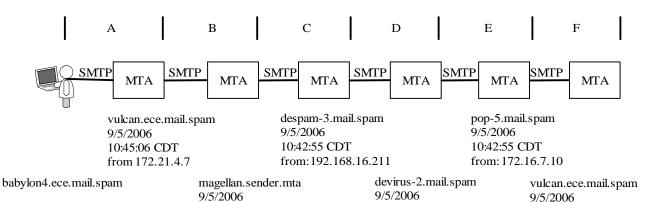
#### **Email Forensics**



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#### **Email Forensics**



10:38:34 CDT

from: 172.16.7.5

10:45:28 CDT

From: 192.168.182.188

10:42:40 CDT

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            User-Agent: Mozilla Thunderbird 1.0.7 (Windows/20050923)
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            MIME-Version: 1.0
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#### **Email Forensics**

