

Boxtrapper

Spam blocker

Box Trapper can be activated for individual accounts. Once activated, anyone sending an email to the account gets an automatic message that says:

“The message you sent requires that you verify that you are a real live human being and not a spam source. To complete this verification, simply reply to this message and leave the subject line intact.”

If the person is real, they will answer and the message is delivered. This only happens on their first message. Subsequent ones go straight through.

To allow newsletters or anyone who does not want to do what boxtrapper asks, you have to log on to boxtrapper and manually whitelist them. To do this, you need to logon to your CPanel (www.yourdomain.com:2082 – then enter your user name and password). Once there, go to the group of icons labeled “Mail” and click BoxTrapper. This gives a list of your emails. Click “Manage” on the right of the one you want to setup or manage.

You can see any messages blocked by clicking on “Review Queue”. Click on “from” or “Subject” to see the email. It is in plain text and includes the full header so is a bit hard to read but you can generally see if it’s spam. Choose one of the options to white list and deliver (or not) or use browser back button to do nothing. Whitelist means all future emails from this address will be delivered without blocking.

You can look at the list of whitelisted emails under “Edit White/black/ignore Lists”.

Once your newsletters have been whitelisted, there is generally no need to visit boxtrapper. Old messages get deleted after 15 days.

Can be used in conjunction with Mail Scanner.

Caveat

Its use is discouraged for most people since it can cause bounce if both sender and receiver use box-trapper and this can overload the server. If it happens, you risk filling your account up with the log file and thousands of emails and putting yourself off-line when you hit your file storage limit.