Managing Junk Email Folder in Outlook 2010

Introduction

This document contains instructions for users on how to manage spam filters in Microsoft Outlook 2010.

Manual Filtering of junk email messages

Outlook 2010 has options to quickly filter selected spam messages.

To manually filter a selected message:

- open Outlook and select Mail at the bottom of navigation pane
- right-click on spam message
- select Junk from short-cut menu

The shortcut menu displays a list of options for quick junk filtering.

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<td>Selected message is moved to the junk e-mail folder and will be added to your blocked senders list.</td>
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<td>Never Block Sender</td>
<td>Selected message is added to your Safe Senders List and will never be treated as Junk Email.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Never Block Sender’s Domain</td>
<td>Selected message from sender’s domain (e.g., @nercomp.org, @staples.com), will not be filtered as Junk Email.</td>
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<td>Never Block this Group or Mailing List</td>
<td>Messages that use a distribution list may have the email address in the To, Cc or Bcc fields of the email you receive. In this case you would add them to the Never Block this Group or Mailing List to ensure that messages are not filtered as junk Email.</td>
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• click a filtering option from short-cut menu

Setting Junk Email Filter Protection Level

The junk email filter protection level in Microsoft Outlook 2010 is set to Low. This default setting will catch the most obvious spam.

To change the level of junk email protection:

• open Outlook and select Mail at the bottom of navigation pane
• on the Home tab, click Junk button
• select Junk Email Options…

The Junk Email Options screen displays:

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<td>No Automatic Filtering. Mail from blocked senders is still moved to the Junk Email folder.</td>
<td>Outlook will not apply any automatic filtering. Only messages sent from your Blocked Senders list will be sent to your Junk Email folder.</td>
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<td>Low: Move the most obvious junk email to the Junk Email folder.</td>
<td>This feature will be selected by default. Outlook will use a built in filter that will send incoming messages that have a high likelihood of being spam to your Junk Email folder.</td>
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<td>High: Most junk email is caught, but some regular mail may be caught as well. Check your Junk Email folder often.</td>
<td>This feature uses an automatic filter that will send most incoming messages that appear to be spam to the Junk Email folder. This filter offers higher protection from spam but may accidentally move legitimate email messages to the Junk Email Folder.</td>
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Safe List Only: Only mail from people or domains on your Safe Senders List or Safe Recipients List will be delivered to you Inbox. This is the strictest automatic filter that Outlook offers. Outlook will send incoming e-mail from every sender to your Junk E-Mail folder unless the user has specified otherwise on their Safe Senders or Safe Recipients list.

Additional displayed options include:

- Permanently delete suspected junk e-mail instead of moving it to the Junk E-mail folder.
- Disable links and other functionality in phishing messages (recommended)
- Warn me about suspicious domains names in e-mail addresses (recommended)

- choose your desired level of junk e-mail protection
- click OK to accept all changes

Note: Some emails in your Inbox may be re-classified as spam and moved to the Junk Email folder

Customizing the Junk Email Filtering

The Safe Senders, Safe Recipients and Blocked Senders Lists are where e-mail addresses and domain names are added to customize your junk e-mail filtering.

To manage your Safe Senders, Safe Recipients, or Blocked Senders List:

- open Outlook and select Mail at the bottom of navigation pane
- on the Home tab, click Junk button
- select Junk Email Options…

The Junk Email Options dialog box displays:
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<td>Safe Senders</td>
<td>Email addresses and domain names you add will never be treated as junk.</td>
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<td>Recipients List</td>
<td>If you belong to mailing lists or distribution lists, you can add the email addresses to your Safe Recipients List</td>
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<tr>
<td>Blocked Senders List</td>
<td>Blocked Senders list is used to filter incoming emails. Any e-mail address or domain added to the list will be blocked and messages are sent to your Junk E-Mail folder.</td>
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<tr>
<td>International</td>
<td>Outlook lets you block unwanted email messages that come from particular countries/regions. You can select or deselect items from the Blocked Top-Level Domains List or the Blocked Encoding List</td>
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- click **Safe Senders List**, **Safe Recipients List** or **Blocked Senders List** tab
- click **Add**
- type **e-mail address** or **Internet domain name**

**Note:** you can specify an email address, such as jdoe@example.com or Internet domain @example.com, or example.com. You can also edit and/or remove existing entries.

- click **OK**

Blocking messages from particular country/region codes:

- select **International** tab and click **Blocked Top-Level Domain List**
• select one or more countries/regions
• click OK
• click OK

You can also block all email addresses in language encodings — also known as character sets, or alphabets — that you specify. Today, most junk email is sent in the US-ASCII encoding. The remainder is sent in various international encodings. By using the Blocked Encodings List, you can filter out unwanted email messages that are displayed in languages that you don't understand.

To block messages in unfamiliar alphabets

• click **Blocked Encodings List** button

![Blocked Encodings List](image)

• select the language encoding that you want to block or click **Select All**
• click OK
• click OK