

## RE: mail antivirus

---

*Source:* <http://www.derkeiler.com/Mailing-Lists/securityfocus/focus-linux/2007-09/msg00000.html>

---

- *From:* "Paul Ryland" <[paul@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:paul@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* Tue, 4 Sep 2007 12:08:12 +0100
- 

-----Original Message-----

From: listbounce@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
[mailto:[listbounce@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:listbounce@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)] On Behalf Of Tom Walsh  
Sent: 23 August 2007 19:09  
To: focus-linux@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Subject: RE: mail antivirus

ClamAV. <http://www.clamav.net/>

Open Source. Virus definitions automatically updated with new definitions via freshclam. New strains added very quickly. Client / Server model.

We use a shell script to make clamscan work with maildrop xfilter and it works very well.

No complaints other than some issues with the code base evolving a little to quickly which can make it difficult to keep up to date (some newer virus definitions will not work with an older version of clamscan so you need to check the logs of freshclam occasionally for "WARNING: Your ClamAV installation is OUTDATED!" and update when needed).

It is evolving rapidly for a very good reason:

<<http://search.securityfocus.com/swsearch?query=clamav&sbm=archive%2F1%2F&submit=Search%21&metaname=>

Yes, that's 7 pages of vulnerabilities over the last 3 years.

They ClamAV developers have a very commendable attitude to fixing security issues, but you do have to keep an eye out on the bugtrack list for the weekly issues. Shame I cannot say the same about some very popular mailservers. YMMV.

RE: mail antivirus

Paul

RE: mail antivirus