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SecurityGateway for Email Servers Administrator Manual

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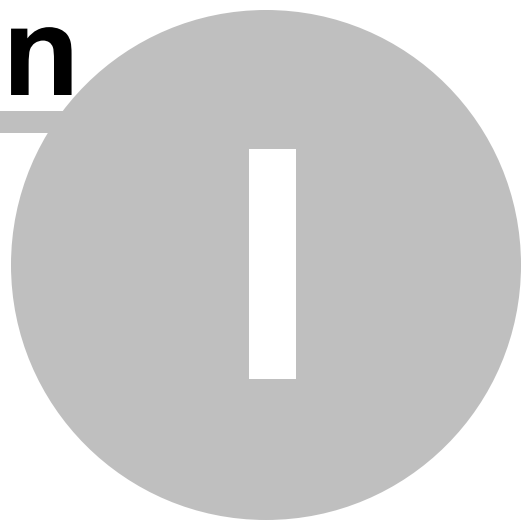
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Section



1 SecurityGateway

1.1 Overview



MDaemon Technologies has incorporated many years of mail server technology expertise into developing an email security firewall for users of any SMTP email server. SecurityGateway for Email Servers incorporates multiple defense layers that deliver comprehensive protection at the edge of your network to prevent spam, phishing, viruses, and other threats to your email communications. Built upon the industry standard SIEVE mail filtering language, SecurityGateway for Email Servers email security firewall offers performance and flexibility in managing inbound and outbound email traffic.

The SecurityGateway email security firewall offers many advantages:

- **Accurate Detection**—With multiple analysis tools for separating threats from legitimate email, SecurityGateway leverages the best proven [anti-spam](#)^[149], [anti-virus](#)^[175], [anti-spoofing](#)^[179], and [anti-abuse](#)^[208] technologies to produce a 99% spam blocking rate and achieve nearly zero false positive results.
- **Simple Administration**—An intuitive, task-oriented interface provides a *Landing Page* for each of SecurityGateway's main sections. These landing pages contain lists of common tasks and provide links to the pages where each task can be performed. This approach allows [administrators](#)^[60] to perform common actions with minimal effort. Further, administrative responsibilities may be delegated to a Domain Administrator, allowing that administrator to manage one or more domains assigned by a Global Administrator. Additionally, [end users are empowered](#)^[32] to determine the fate of a message without the need to contact the administrator.
- **Data Loss Prevention**—In addition to inbound email traffic filtering, SecurityGateway also filters outbound email. An easy-to-use interface allows policies to be created which detect and prevent the unauthorized transmission of sensitive information outside of your network.
- **Powerful Filtering Engine**—SecurityGateway's powerful filtering engine is based upon the SIEVE mail filtering language. Further, using the included [Message Content Filter](#)^[236] and [SIEVE Scripts Editor](#)^[265], administrators may extend the functionality of SecurityGateway by creating their own SIEVE scripts.
- **Comprehensive Reporting**—Identify email traffic patterns and potential problems with SecurityGateway's comprehensive [reporting](#)^[320]. All reports support point-and-click drill-down targeting allowing further analysis to be performed.
- **Flexible Defense Layers**—Administrators who wish to adjust the order of operation in SecurityGateway's multiple layers of defense, have the flexibility to prioritize the security rules for their unique email patterns.

Features Overview

SecurityGateway's navigation menu in the left pane contains six menus, with each menu corresponding to a section of SecurityGateway's features. The following is a brief overview of these six main sections:

Main

The Dashboard



The first page that you see when you log in to SecurityGateway for Email Servers is the Dashboard, under the Main menu. The Dashboard gives you a quick overview of SecurityGateway's current status and several summary [reports](#)^[320] of its activity for the last 24 hours.

At the top of the Dashboard is the *Server Status* section. This section tells you whether or not the SMTP service is running, and it gives you a link to start or stop it. Further, the Dashboard lists your registration key size, provides a link to manage your [registration](#)^[146] and activation, and lists how many domains and users currently exist. It also provides a link to the [Domain List](#)^[50] to manage your domains and users. When a [software update](#)^[145] is available, this section will also provide a link to details about the update. Next, the number of Active Sessions is displayed for both SMTP inbound and outbound sessions, and the Queue Status section lists the number of messages in the Inbound, Delivery, and Bad Message queues. In that same section, for global administrators, the number of messages in the Admin and User Quarantines is also listed. Further, in the entries for the Inbound and Delivery Queues, there is an option to Freeze/Unfreeze each queue. In the *Server Performance* section, Global Administrators can see the amount of Free Disk Space. Below that, CPU, Physical Memory, and Virtual Memory stats are displayed for System and the SecurityGateway, [IKARUS](#)^[176], [ClamAV](#)^[176], and [SpamAssassin](#)^[155] ([SpamD](#)^[157]) processes.

Below the Server Status section is the *Server Statistics* section. This section displays six of SecurityGateway's graphical reports: [Inbound vs. Outbound Messages](#)^[320], [Total Bandwidth Used by Email](#)^[320], [Good vs. Junk Messages](#)^[320], [Junk Email Breakdown](#)^[320], [Top Email Recipients](#)^[322], and [Top Spam Domains](#)^[323]. Each report displays the statistics for the last 24 hours. Click **Customize Charts** if you wish to change which reports are displayed, or if you wish to create new, customized reports to display. Finally, reports and custom charts have elements that you can hover your pointer over to see details about those elements. For custom charts, you can also drill down into associated message log entries by clicking on a chart data point.



Domain [Administrators](#)^[60] will only see statistics and options for the domains over which they have administrative access.

My Account

Also under the Main menu are your [My Account](#)^[32] options, which allow you to manage your own account settings, quarantine, message log, and search your message archive.

Setup/Users⁴⁸

The *Setup/Users* menu has seven subsections containing links to SecurityGateway's core configuration options. You will use the options in these sections to setup your domains and user accounts, mail delivery options, quarantine settings, backup and database preferences, and other configuration options. The Setup/Users menu has these subsections:

- **Accounts**⁴⁹—The Accounts section under the *Setup/Users* menu contains options related to your SecurityGateway user accounts and domains. There are five account-related links under this section that include options for creating domains and user accounts, designating User Verification Sources, setting the default values for a number of user options, and more.
- **Mail Configuration**⁷⁹—The Mail Configuration section provides links to five pages governing various mail-related functions. For example, you will use the options under this section to designate the servers on which your users' email accounts reside, set your quarantine options, configure various email delivery options, and manage other technical settings.
- **Disclaimers (Headers/Footers)**¹¹⁵—Message Disclaimers are portions of text that the server can add above or below the body of inbound, outbound or local email messages. Use this page to create and manage you disclaimers.
- **System**¹²⁰—The System section under the *Setup/Users* menu contains links to various system functions, such as encryption settings, HTTP interface options, directory locations, disk space management options, and more.
- **Database Maintenance**¹³⁹—The options reached from this section deal with the type and amount of data that is saved by SecurityGateway, automatic backup features, and options for restoring the server from backup files.
- **Registration**¹⁴⁶—The Registration page lists your product registration information, including the name of the person or company to whom the product is registered, the registration key, and the status of your registration.

For more information, see the section overviews or the individual pages under each section.

Security¹⁴⁸

The *Security* menu has eight sections with various tools to help you protect your domains and users from spam, viruses, email abuse, and other security risks. Below is a brief overview of each security section. For more information, see the individual sections.

- **Anti-Spam**¹⁴⁹—The Anti-Spam section under the Security menu contains options to help you prevent spam, or unsolicited junk email. There are nine anti-spam features listed under this section, including options for identifying and preventing spam by using heuristics, Bayesian analysis, DNS and URI blocklists, greylisting, and more.
- **Anti-Virus**¹⁷⁵—The Anti-Virus section under the Security menu contains options to help you identify virus infected messages and prevent them from reaching your users. To offer an extensive level of virus protection,

SecurityGateway includes two anti-virus engines: [Clam AntiVirus](#) (ClamAV™) and IKARUS Anti-Virus. ClamAV is an open source (GPL) anti-virus toolkit designed especially for mail gateways. IKARUS Anti-Virus offers reliable protection from malicious and potentially hostile programs. It combines traditional anti-virus defense methods with the latest proactive technologies. SecurityGateway also includes [Outbreak Protection](#)^[150], which offers an additional layer of protection against virus outbreaks.

- [Anti-Spoofing](#)^[179]—The Anti-Spoofing section has tools to help you identify messages sent from forged, or "spoofed" addresses. There are six anti-spoofing features listed under this section, such as DKIM Verification, Sender ID, Callback Verification, and more.
- [Anti-Abuse](#)^[208]—The Anti-Abuse section contains tools that help you prevent others from abusing or improperly using your email system to relay spam messages, use large amounts of bandwidth, connect to your server too frequently, and the like. There are six tools under the Anti-Abuse section.
- **Filtering**—The Filtering section contains two features: [Message Content Filtering](#)^[236] and [Attachment Filtering](#)^[247]. The Message Content Filtering page can be used to create filter rules to perform a number of actions. You can create rules to cause messages that match certain criteria to be refused, copied or redirected to a different address, quarantined, and more. The options on the Attachment Filtering page can be used to designate specific types of files that will cause a message to be either blocked or quarantined when one of those files is attached. You can define the filtering restrictions both globally and per domain.
- [Blocklists](#)^[249]—Blocklists are lists of email addresses, hosts, and IP addresses whose messages you wish to block or quarantine. By default those messages will be refused during the SMTP session, but on the Blocklist Action page you can change this setting so that they will be quarantined instead. The action that will be taken can be set globally and for specific domains, and the blocklists themselves can also be set as global or domain specific.
- [Allowlists](#)^[258]—Allowlists are lists of email addresses, hosts, and IP addresses whose messages you wish to exempt from a number of security restrictions. Heuristics and Bayesian, DNSBL, DKIM Verification, and almost every other Security feature in SecurityGateway has the option to exempt senders, hosts, messages, and so on if they appear on the appropriate allowlist. Each allowlist can be set as global or domain specific.
- [Sieve Scripts](#)^[265]—SecurityGateway uses the Sieve email filtering language to perform many of its functions, and the Sieve Scripts page lets you see in what order those functions are performed. It also provides a Sieve Script Editor that you can use to create your own custom scripts.

[Messages/Queues](#)^[304]

The Messages/Queues menu selection gives you access to two sections:

- [Message Log](#)^[305]—The Message Log contains an entry for every message that your users send or receive. It lists the date and time the message was processed, the sender and recipient, and the subject of the message. It also lists the result of the delivery attempt, such as whether or not it was delivered,

quarantined, or refused, and if it wasn't delivered it gives you a reason, such as the sender was blocklisted, the message contained a restricted attachment, or the like. Each entry in the log also lists the size of the message and its [Message Score](#)^[173]. From the Message Log you can view the details of each message, including the transcript of its delivery and the message's content and source (when available). You can also mark messages as spam or non-spam to help refine SecurityGateway's Bayesian Learning features and more accurately categorize messages.

- **Message Queues**—This section provides links to four different message queues: User Quarantine, Administrative Quarantine, messages Queued for Delivery, and Bad Messages. The [User Quarantine](#)^[306] is a designated holding queue for incoming messages that do not pass certain security features. Users can log in to SecurityGateway and view the contents of their quarantine folder, and from there choose to view the messages, delete them, or release them from quarantine to be delivered normally. The [Administrative Quarantine](#)^[307] is similar to the User Quarantine, but it is for outbound messages and messages containing viruses. Only Administrators have access to the Administrative Quarantine. [Queued for Delivery](#)^[308] is a queue for all messages waiting to be delivered, including those that were undeliverable and are currently in the retry system. From this page you can view any message in the queue, bounce a message back its sender, stop a message's delivery, or immediately retry delivery of a selected message or all messages in the queue. The [Bad Messages](#)^[309] queue is for messages that could not be delivered due to some fatal processing error, such as a message caught in a recursive loop, causing it to reach the [Maximum message hop count](#)^[94]. From the Bad Message queue you can view any message in the queue, try to bounce a message back its sender, delete a message, or immediately retry delivery of a selected message or all messages in the queue.

Logging^[312]

The Logging menu gives you access to three sections:

- **Message Log**^[313]—This is an additional link the Message Log discussed under the Messages/Queues section above. It is provided in both places simply for the administrator's convenience.
- **Log Files**^[314]—You can use the Log Files section to view SecurityGateway's various log files stored in your [Logs folder](#)^[132]. Unlike the Message Log, the log files are not stored in the database, and therefore do not provide sortable lists and separate entries for each event. Instead, they are plain text files containing transcripts of the various SMTP connections and other functions that SecurityGateway performs. The All Log Files page under the Log Files section lists all of the log files contained in your logs folder, including the current log files and [roll-over](#)^[315] log files. From that page you can view any of the files listed. The other pages in the Log Files section provide shortcuts to view SecurityGateway's current log files, such as the system log, inbound and outbound logs, virus update logs, and more.
- **Configuration**^[315]—The Configuration section provides a link to the Logging Configuration page, which is used to configure your logging preferences and options. On that page you can designate how extensive you want the level of detail to be for the data written to the Inbound, Outbound, and HTTP logs. You

can also choose the type of log files to create: a standard set, a new set each day with the date incorporated into the filenames, or a new set each day with the day of the week incorporated into the filenames. Finally, you can choose various log file maintenance settings, such as how large a file can be before it will be saved and a new file started, how many of these "roll-over" files can be created, how long a file can exist before it will be archived, and more.

Reports

The Reports section provides interactive, detailed graphical reports of SecurityGateway's activity. You can generate reports showing the number of inbound versus outbound messages, reports showing a breakdown of the types of junk email received, bandwidth reports, top senders by cumulative message size, virus reports, and more. Further, each report provides options that allow you to designate the parameters of the report. For example, a report can include data for a specific domain or all domains; delineate data by hour, day, or month; and encompass fixed time periods such as a day, week, or month, or use a specific range of dates. Additionally, below each report there is a tabular breakdown of the report's content, providing links to the Message Log, which will filter the log to display only the data related to that entry in the report. For example, it can provide links to display all inbound messages received at a specific hour listed on a report, all message's that contained a virus received on a certain day, all of the messages received by the top recipient for a domain, and so on.

System Requirements

For the latest SecurityGateway system requirements and recommendations, see: [SecurityGateway for Email Servers - System Requirements](#) at www.mdaemon.com.

Getting Help

Visit www.mdaemon.com/Support/ for SecurityGateway's latest technical support and help options, including: telephone support, email support, a Knowledge Base, Frequently Asked Questions, community forums, and more.

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1.2 New in Version 11.0

Special Considerations

The database has been updated to Firebird 5.0. This update requires the database file to be converted to the Firebird 5.0 format.

- The conversion process will be performed automatically during installation and may take several minutes to complete, depending on the size of the database and the performance of the disk where it is stored. During this time, SecurityGateway will be unavailable.

- Before the update, a backup of the database file will be created. The backup file, named `SecurityGateway.fb3`, will be stored in the `SecurityGateway\AppData` directory.
- Please note that once the database file has been updated, it will no longer be compatible with earlier versions of SecurityGateway.

New Features

AI Classification

This new feature leverages artificial intelligence to analyze email content and classify messages based on configurable criteria.



- Administrators are able to configure AI models from various providers including OpenAI/ChatGPT, Google Gemini, and custom API endpoints. The system allows the creation of custom AI prompts using message data variables that ask the AI to classify messages into administrator defined categories. Classification rules can be used to trigger specific actions based on the AI's classification results.
- Any model that supports the OpenAI API format can be used, including local models running on your own infrastructure. Server administrators/owners are responsible for obtaining any necessary API keys and for any costs incurred when using third-party AI services.
- AI Classification provides an advanced method to identify sophisticated phishing attempts, detect sensitive content such as personally identifiable information (PII), and filter unwanted messages that traditional rules might miss.

Microsoft 365 User Verification Sources now support OAUTH Authorization Code Flow when logging into SecurityGateway UI

This approach is more secure and allows the use of Microsoft 365 two-factor authentication. When a user's domain is configured to use a Microsoft 365 User Verification Source, the user is redirected to the Microsoft 365 authorization URL to complete the login process. Upon a successful Microsoft 365 login, the user's browser is redirected back to SecurityGateway.

Note: SMTP authentication still supports only the "Resource Owner Password Credentials Grant" OAUTH flow, which does not support two-factor authentication.

Additional Features and Changes

- Custom Dashboard Charts  now allow you to drill down into associated message log entries by clicking on a chart data point.
- When editing a user, it is now indicated if a local password has been set. An option has been added to clear the local password if one exists. Users without a local password can only authenticate using a User Verification Source  for their domain that supports authentication. Newly created users are no longer assigned a random strong password.
- The IP Address column in the message log now sorts IPv4 addresses numerically by octet rather than as strings.

- Updated all references from "Office 365" to "Microsoft 365 " to align with Microsoft's current branding.
- Implemented HTTP/1.1 keep-alive for the management interface HTTP server.
- Implemented HTTP/1.1 gzip content encoding for the management interface HTTP server.
- Updated links in the SG-API.html file to point to updated XML-RPC resources.
- Added a Sieve variable `${vnd.mdaemon.execute.exit_code}` that exposes the exit code of a process executed via the [execute Sieve command](#)^[278]. This variable is available only after the execute command has completed.

Example usage:

```
require ["variables", "securitygateway"];

execute "some-script.bat";

if string "${vnd.mdaemon.execute.exit_code}" "1" {
    fileinto "spam";
} elsif string "${vnd.mdaemon.execute.exit_code}" "2" {
    reject "This message looks like spam";
}
```

- Updated [ClamAV](#)^[176] to version 1.4.2.
- Updated [SpamAssassin](#)^[155] to version 4.0.1

For a complete list of all changes and bug fixes, see the Release Notes located in the SecurityGateway program group under the Windows Start Menu.

New in Version 10.5

Special Considerations

- Microsoft Internet Explorer is longer supported for accessing the Administration Console. Please use the latest version of Microsoft Edge, Firefox, Chrome, Safari, or a modern mobile browser.

New Features

Authenticated Received Chain (ARC)

ARC is an email authentication protocol that allows intermediate mail servers to digitally sign a message's authentication results. When a downstream mail server performs DMARC verification and detects that SPF or DKIM have failed (due to forwarding or

mailing list modifications, for instance), it can review ARC results from a trusted server to determine whether to accept the message.

ARC verification can be configured under [Security | Anti-Spoofing | DMARC Verification](#)^[196] and is enabled by default. Trusted ARC Sealers are domains whose ARC results are trusted. ARC results from non-trusted domains will be ignored during DMARC verification.

ARC signing can be enabled under [Security | Anti-Spoofing | DKIM Signing](#)^[187]. Messages that are not from a local domain are eligible for ARC signing, and ARC signing uses the same selector as DKIM signing. ARC signing is disabled by default.

For more information on the ARC protocol, see: [RFC 8617: The Authenticated Received Chain \(ARC\) Protocol](#).

Search Settings

There is now a "Search Settings" link on the title toolbar at the top of the page. This feature is useful for more easily locating any of the many settings and pages within SecurityGateway. Simply start typing words contained in the setting or page that you are looking for, and a list of links to those locations will be listed below. This feature is available to administrators and users, but excludes Secure Messaging recipients.

Improved DKIM selector management

Added support for [shared/global selectors](#)^[189] that can be used across multiple domains.

DKIM signing can now be globally enabled by selecting a shared/global selector as the default. This requires creating a DNS record pointing to the selector's public key for each domain.

Introduced the ability to import and export selectors.

Location Data Enhancements

The country and continent of the sender's IP address are now stored in the database. These fields can be displayed as optional columns in the [Message Log](#)^[313] and used as search criteria when querying the Message Log.

New [Reports](#)^[320] introduced: Summary | Junk Email - Top Countries, Inbound Email | Top Countries, Anti-Spam | Top Countries

Location data can be utilized when creating Custom Dashboard Reports.

Added a "[Quarantine Administrator](#)"^[61] role.

This role allows a user to be configured to manage and optionally view messages in the user quarantine queue without being allowed to change any settings.

Additional Features and Changes

- Added connection IP address as an available column to [Message Log](#)^[313].
- LetsEncrypt will change the HTTP host name and AlternateHostNames to use all lower case characters.

- Added an option to Custom Dashboard Reports to "Show the top X number of Y property"
- Added default values for Host Block list ("localhost", "friend", "user", "ylmf-pc", "-*", "*_*", "#.#.#.#", "*.invalid", "*/*", "*|*"). These hostnames are commonly associated with botnets.
- SPF Check Behavior Update: When the reverse-path (MAIL FROM) is null, the SPF check will now use the EHLO/HELO domain value for verification, provided it is a valid domain.

For a complete list of all changes and bug fixes, see the Release Notes located in the SecurityGateway program group under the Windows Start Menu.

New in Version 10.0

New Features

- Added the ability to create custom charts/reports for the administrative [Dashboard](#)^[32].
- CPU and memory counters have been added to the administrative [Dashboard](#)^[32] for the SecurityGateway, SpamAssassin, Ikarus AV, and ClamAV processes.
- [QR Code Detection](#)^[220] - SecurityGateway has a new Anti-Abuse option to provide protection from QR phishing (also called QRshing or Quishing). When SecurityGateway finds a QR code image attached to a message, the message can be refused, quarantined, or accepted but tagged with text and have its message score adjusted.
- The Select Certificate section of the [Encryption](#)^[121] page now includes a **Configure Let's Encrypt** button, which opens a new [Let's Encrypt PowerShell Update](#)^[127] page. This option allows you to automate a PowerShell script that downloads SSL certificates from Let's Encrypt. Let's Encrypt is a Certificate Authority that offers free certificates through an automated process. This process is designed to simplify the traditionally complex procedure of manual creation, validation, signing, installation, and renewal of certificates.
- Added support for [Abusix Mail Intelligence](#)^[175] (Security | Anti-Spam | Abusix), which is a curated suite of real-time [DNS Blocklists](#)^[161]. Abusix Mail Intelligence requires a valid subscription and usage key provided by Abusix.

Additional Features and Changes

- The [Encryption](#)^[121] page has a new option: *Automatically detect and activate newer certificates*. When this option is enabled, the system will perform a check during its nightly maintenance process. For each active certificate, it will check to see: if there's another certificate on the system that expires later, if it is for the same host name, and if it includes all alternative host names. If such a certificate exists, the system will automatically make it the active certificate. This feature is particularly useful when there's a scheduled task on the system that automatically updates the certificate, such as [Let's Encrypt](#)^[126]. This new option is enabled by default.

- A warning email is now sent to global administrators when an [SSL certificate](#)^[124] configured for use is about to expire.
- A [Secure Message Recipient](#)^[110] can use the [Forgot Password](#)^[112] link on the sign-in page, even if they have not completed the setup process. In this situation, the account setup invitation message will be resent.
- Added a new [log file](#)^[314], "`*-FailedAuth.log`", which logs failed authentication attempts.
- Updated the default [Attachments to Block](#)^[247] list for new installations. A new action link, "Block recommended files" allows these extensions to be applied to upgraded installations.
- The [Location Screening](#)^[216] option "SMTP connections are accepted but authentication is blocked" is now per country instead of global. Blocking SMTP connections prevents your server from receiving mail from a country. Allowing SMTP connections with authentication disabled lets your server receive mail from a country while blocking brute force / dictionary attacks from them.
- ESMTP support for AUTH is not advertised when authentication is blocked by a country's [Location Screening](#)^[216] policy.
- Updated Acme-PS PowerShell module used by the Let's Encrypt PowerShell script to version 1.5.9.
- A domain's [SMTP AUTH Password](#)^[52] will now match any user of the domain when using the [SMTP Authentication](#)^[211] requirement that *"Authentication credentials must match those of the email sender."*
- There is a new [User Option](#)^[73] under Access Control to "Allow users to view message transcripts". If this option is disabled, only administrators will be able to view the transcript details for a message in their [message log](#)^[44] or [quarantine](#)^[43]. This option is enabled by default for upgrades, but disabled for new installations.
- The [New/Edit Administrator](#)^[61] page includes a new option: "Can view the source of domain user's messages". This option applies to messages that SecurityGateway has retained according to the Database [Data Retention](#)^[140] settings. Messages that are queued for delivery to a [Domain Mail Server](#)^[80] and messages that are [quarantined](#)^[86] are always retained. This option does not apply to [archived](#)^[95] messages.
- The [SMTP Authentication](#)^[211] page has a new option: "Do not allow authentication on the SMTP port". If enabled AUTH will not be offered in the EHLO response and will be treated as an unknown command if provided by the SMTP client. This setting is useful in configurations where all legitimate accounts are using the [MSA](#)^[92] or other port to submit authenticated mail. In such configurations the assumption is that any attempt to authenticate on the SMTP port must be from an attacker.
- Increased the default size of the "Message Information" (View Message) window.
- Updated ClamAV to version 1.0.6.

For a complete list of all changes and bug fixes, see the Release Notes located in the SecurityGateway program group under the Windows Start Menu.

New in Version 9.5

Special Considerations

- Please review [DNSBL](#)^[161] and [URIBL](#)^[165] lists and scores after upgrading; extensive changes have been made to both features to support additional functionality.
- Renamed all occurrences of "whitelist" and "blacklist" to "[Allowlist](#)^[39]" and "[Blocklist](#)^[41]" respectively.
- Message Certification via Vouch by Reference (VBR) has been removed. There are no known active certification providers. The standard never reached widespread use and unfortunately is effectively dead.

New Features

[MDaemon \(XML API\) User Verification Source](#)^[66]

MDaemon (XML API) was added as a new type of [user verification source](#)^[63]. MDaemon's XML API provides a better alternative to Minger as it can authenticate accounts for which MDaemon has not stored a copy of the password using reversible encryption. It can also return all aliases for an account in a single call. **NOTE:** This option requires MDaemon version 23.0.2 or later.

[WebAuthn Support for Passwordless Sign-in and Two Factor Authentication](#)^[73]

SecurityGateway can now allow users to sign in utilizing the Web Authentication API (also known as WebAuthn), which gives them a secure, passwordless sign-in experience, by allowing them to use biometrics, USB security keys, Bluetooth, and more for authentication. It can also be used as an additional authentication method for Two Factor Authentication. Support for WebAuthn can be enabled/disabled from the [User Options](#)^[73] page. Users can register their passwordless sign-in credentials on the [My Account » Settings](#)^[38] page and their Two Factor Authentication devices on the [My Account » Two Factor Authentication](#)^[34] page. See: [webauthn.guide](#) for more information on WebAuthn and how it works.

[Spamhaus Data Query Service \(DQS\)](#)^[174]

Added support for the Data Query Service (DQS), which is a set of [DNSBLs](#)^[161], updated in real-time and operated by Spamhaus Technology in order to block over 99% of email-borne threats. DQS requires a valid [subscription and usage key provided by Spamhaus Technology](#).

Additional Features and Changes

- Added options on their respective pages to export the message log, user quarantine, admin quarantine, and message queue lists to a CSV file.
- The [Mail Delivery](#)^[90] page now has options to "...include full message transcript informing the sender" when sending a non-delivery report (NDR) for a transient

or permanent delivery failure. These options are disabled by default; only the final error message from the remote SMTP server will be included.

- Added the ability to change the order of the [DNSBLs](#)^[161] and [URIBLs](#)^[165]. The entry at the top of the list is the first one queried.
- The [Mail Delivery](#)^[90] page now has an option to manage the SMTP connection failure and SMTP host failure cache. The cache can be enabled/disabled, and the amount of time that entries remain in the cache can be specified.
- Added HTTPS support for [Outbreak Protection](#)^[150].
- Added a link to the Administrative Quarantine Report email template to delete individual messages from the administrative quarantine.
- Added option on the [Quarantine Configuration](#)^[86] page to not include the "Always Allow" link in the user quarantine report email.

For a complete list of all changes and bug fixes, see the Release Notes located in the SecurityGateway program group under the Windows Start Menu.

New in Version 9.0.2

Special Considerations

- 9.0.3 — [Outbreak Protection](#)^[150] has been restored to SecurityGateway.
- 9.0.2 — Cyren Anti-Virus has been replaced with IKARUS Anti-Virus. Cyren recently announced its plans to discontinue operations with little warning. This necessitated the need for us to find a new anti-virus partner. After a thorough evaluation, IKARUS Anti-Virus stood out for its excellent detection rate and speed. It offers reliable protection from malicious and potentially hostile programs, and it combines traditional anti-virus defense methods with the latest proactive technologies. IKARUS Anti-Virus automatically updates its definitions every 10 minutes.
- 9.0.0 — By default, mailbox names that contain a plus character (+) will now be considered to be [subaddressed](#)^[78]. The user verification process will consider the subaddress to be an alias. For example, `user+folder@example.com` will resolve as `user@example.com` and an alias where `user+folder@example.com = user@example.com`. New users for which the mailbox name contains a plus character cannot be created. Existing users for which the mailbox name contains a plus character are not automatically removed. They can be fixed up (renamed or merged) by running the Verify Users process on the [User Verification Sources](#)^[63] page. An option to restore the previous behavior (called "Allow user mailbox name to contain plus (+) character") has been added to the [User Options](#)^[73] page. When enabled, these mailbox names will not be considered aliases/sub-addresses. For example, `user+folder@example.com` will be considered its own user and not an alias of `user@example.com`.

Major New Features

[From Header Screening](#)^[207]

A new [From Header Screening](#)^[207] page was added to the [Anti-Spoofing](#)^[179] section under [Security](#)^[148], to help expose fraudulent (spoofed) "From:" headers in messages sent from spammers, that could potentially trick users into believing a message was sent from a legitimate source.

Web Interface Usability Enhancements

- Changed the Search dialogs to use a "Show/Hide Search" tools paradigm, and added a *Cancel Search* button in the main toolbar.
- Added the ability to include up to four additional search Header patterns, Results, and Reasons on [Message](#)^[305] pages. Header patterns can be separated by AND/OR using a button toggle. Results and Reasons are always separated by OR.
- There is now a basic Search option on the toolbar of the [Domain List](#)^[50] and [User List](#)^[58].
- You can now resize, move, or maximize pop up windows.
- Added a mobile friendly list editor.
- Previous/Next buttons were added to the archived message view.
- A "Message(s) Restored" status message was added to the bottom right hand corner of the [Search Archive](#)^[106] pages.

Administrative Dashboard Page Improvements

- Available disk space is now displayed to global admins on the [Dashboard](#)^[9] page, and on the [Disk Space](#)^[133] page under Setup/Users » System.
- Active SMTP inbound and outbound sessions were added to the Dashboard.
- The count of messages in the administrative and user quarantine queues was added to the Dashboard page for global administrators.
- You can now freeze the inbound and remote delivery queues from the Dashboard.

Additional Features and Changes

- The Setup » System » HTTP Server page now has options to include an [HTTP Strict Transport Security \(HSTS\) header](#)^[129] with HTTPS responses. This option is enabled by default. When a browser that supports HSTS receives an HSTS header and the SSL certificate is valid, any future HTTP requests made to the same domain will be automatically upgraded to HTTPS.
- SecurityGateway now supports TLS 1.3 on newer versions of Windows. Windows Server 2022 and Windows 11 have TLS 1.3 enabled by default. Windows 10 versions 2004 (OS Build 19041) and newer have experimental TLS 1.3 support that can be enabled for inbound connections by setting the following in the registry:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\SecurityP
roviders\SCHANNEL\Protocols\TLS 1.3\Server
```

```
DisabledByDefault (DWORD) = 0
```

```
Enabled (DWORD) = 1
```

- Added an option to allow users to view their messages listed in the quarantine report. Global Admins can enable it at: Setup/Users » Mail Configuration » [Quarantine Configuration](#)^[86] or Main » My Account » [Settings](#)^[35].
- A "Do not remember me on this device/browser" option will now appear on a user's [My Account » Settings](#)^[35] page whenever the [Remember Me](#)^[73] option is active for their current device or browser. They can click that link to deactivate the Remember Me status on that device, and then the link will disappear. They can still use the *Remember me on this device* option the next time they sign in to SecurityGateway. This option will also be available to [Secure Messaging](#)^[112] users when Remember Me is currently active.
- There are new options on the [Accounts » User Options](#)^[73] and [Secure Messaging » Recipient Options](#)^[112] pages to allow you to add some administrator contact info to SecurityGateway's Sign-in and Secure Messaging Sign-in pages respectively.
- Added a "Save and Test" button to the [User Verification Source editor](#)^[66].
- Added a CSRFToken to the sign-in page and added a secondary session ID to web interface URLs, to mitigate CSRF attacks.
- Added a public/private key verification method as part of the [Remember Me](#)^[73] feature.
- Updated the secure message notification emails with styles and slightly different language.
- Reduced number of database transactions. This helps prevent the database from growing in size.
- Added an option to the [Archiving » Compliance](#)^[107] page to "Only delete messages from active archive stores". The option controls whether or not older archived messages in inactive archive stores will be deleted along with those in active stores. This option is enabled by default, meaning that only the older messages in active stores will be deleted. This behavior is unchanged from previous versions.
- SMTP socket connection is now disconnected for SIEVE actions "error" or "reject" if they occur during the IP phase.
- At startup, locked messages in the inbound queue are now moved to the CrashDumps\InboundQueue directory. Messages in the inbound queue are unlocked when a response is sent to the sender. Locked messages may be orphaned in the inbound queue if the SecurityGateway process crashes or is terminated before it has a chance to shut down. Since the sender did not receive a response to the SMTP DATA command, they should send the message again. Delivering the message may result in the recipient receiving multiple copies. However, the content of these messages may be helpful for debugging crashes. Any messages moved to this directory are automatically deleted after 30 days.

- [LetsEncrypt](#)^[126] - Changed the Log function to use add-content instead of out-file. Add-content uses the default system code page which should enable the log file to be viewed in SecurityGateway. No change will be made to the encoding of the log file until a new log file is created.

For a complete list of all changes and bug fixes, see the Release Notes located in the SecurityGateway program group under the Windows Start Menu.

New in Version 8.5.0

Special Considerations

32bit builds and support for 32bit operating systems has been discontinued. Starting with SecurityGateway 8.5.0, only 64bit builds will be distributed. This allows for us to streamline development and testing and utilize libraries that are only available as 64bit. If you are currently running a 32bit build on a supported 64bit operating system, you can simply download the 64bit build and install on top of the existing installation.

Major New Features

[Secure Messaging Web Portal](#)^[108]

SecurityGateway's new Secure Messaging feature provides a way for your users to send secure message to recipients outside their domain but in such a way that the message never leaves the SecurityGateway server. It does this by utilizing a secure messaging web portal. When the message is sent, the recipient receives an email notification that a secure message for them is available, with a link to create a [Secure Message Recipient](#)^[110] account so that they can view the message located on your SecurityGateway server. The secure message is accessed via the recipient's browser, and end-to-end encryption is maintained between the SecurityGateway server and the recipient via HTTPS encryption. Secure messaging requires a valid [SSL certificate](#)^[124] and that [HTTPS is enabled](#)^[121] (see also: [HTTPS Server](#)^[129]). Recipients can view and reply to the messages within the SecurityGateway portal, and they can [optionally compose new secure messages to a designated list of users](#)^[115]. See: [Recipients](#)^[110] and [Recipient Options](#)^[112] for more information on secure message recipient accounts.

User-based Mail Routing

- Using a new Mail Delivery section on the [User Edit](#)^[58] page, you can choose a specific domain mail server to use for the user's mail, rather than it using the default mail servers assigned to the domain.
- A new option has been added to the [domain properties](#)^[52] dialog: *"Do not use this mail server to deliver domain mail, only make available to assign to specific domain users"*.
- These settings allow for a hybrid deployment where the mailboxes for some local users are hosted in the cloud while others are on site. This also makes it possible for you to use a single domain and a single SecurityGateway server to route mail to mail servers running at each location of your business.

Performance Counters^[325]

SecurityGateway now provides various Performance Counters for use in the Windows Performance Monitor, which allow you to monitor SecurityGateway's status in real time. There are counters for the number of active inbound and outbound SMTP sessions, the number of messages queued for delivery, how many messages are quarantined, how long SecurityGateway has been running, the domain and user counts, and so on.

Additional Features and Changes

- Added an option on the [User Options](#)^[73] page to require strong passwords. This option can be disabled per user on the [User Edit](#)^[58] page.
- The dashboard and registration pages will now display if a service provider/private cloud registration key is used.
- [Recipient allowlists for attachment filtering](#)^[247]. A list of recipient addresses, including support for wildcards, may be defined for both attachment blocking and quarantining that bypass the relevant filtering.
- Lets Encrypt - the script will no longer delete the log file on each run.

For a complete list of all changes and bug fixes, see the Release Notes located in the SecurityGateway program group under the Windows Start Menu.

New in Version 8.0.0

Major New Features

- SecurityGateway now supports active/active database replication in your [Clustering](#)^[134] environment, but it requires an external replication tool and its configuration is beyond the scope of this help file. For a discussion on its requirements and instructions on configuring your cluster to use active/active replication, see the PDF document: [SecurityGateway: Configuring Active-Active Database Replication](#).
- [Data Leak Prevention - Search for medical terminology](#)^[234]. A list of medical terms may be defined and a score assigned to each. Messages are scanned for matching terms and the sum of the scores for all terms found is calculated. The specified action is performed on messages for which the calculated score exceeds the defined threshold.
- Added ability to run a custom process/script during message processing and select an action based on the result of the script.
 - The script must be placed in the "Sieve Executable Path" directory which can be configured from [Setup » System » Directories](#)^[132].
 - The "[execute](#)^[278]" sieve keyword has been added which may be used as an action and a test.
 - First parameter is the name of the script. At this time, .bat, .exe, and PowerShell are supported.

- The second parameter is arguments that will be passed to the process. The `message_filename` is populated with the full path to the RFC822 source of the message being currently processed.
- For example... if execute "Test.ps1" "-msg '\${message_filename}'" { }
- Added the ability to [export all archived messages](#)^[108] for a domain.
- [Change/Audit logging](#)^[314] - Added a new log file which logs changes to the configuration and who made them.
- Added the ability to send user and administrative [quarantine reports on a defined schedule](#)^[86].
- [Added an option](#)^[86] for emailed quarantine reports to include only new messages that have been quarantined since the last time the quarantine report email was sent. A quarantine report will not be generated if there are no new messages to include in the report.

Additional Features and Changes

- Updated the "[Forgot Password](#)"^[73] process to send an email with a link to change the user's password.
- [LetsEncrypt](#)^[121] - Updated script to look for the new Issuer being used by LetsEncrypt.
- Updated [DKIM Signing](#)^[187] to use SHA256 hash.
- Added `GetServerSetting` and `PutServerSetting` methods to XMLRPC API and PowerShell module.
- Added the SMTP connection and protocol timeouts to the Setup » Mail Configuration » [Email Protocol](#)^[92] page.
- Added the ability to download attachments from the [Message Log](#)^[313] » Message Information » Message tab.
- Updated the alert, confirm, and prompt message boxes.
- Added several example PowerShell scripts to the docs\API\PowerShell Samples directory for reference.
- The [HELO Domain Name](#)^[92] value (Setup » Mail Configuration » Email Protocol) is now a per-server setting in clustered environments. The value may be set to a unique value on each server in the cluster.
- Added the ability to manually [execute an SQL statement](#)^[145] against the database from the web interface. This feature should only be used on the instruction of technical support and it is recommended that a database backup be performed first.
- Added option to include "Blocklist Domain" link in the [quarantine report email](#)^[86].

For a complete list of all changes and bug fixes, see the Release Notes located in the SecurityGateway program group under the Windows Start Menu.

New in Version 7.0.0

Special Considerations

- On the [Email Protocol](#)^[92] page (at Setup » Mail Configuration » Email Protocol), two options have been removed: *Use ESMTP whenever possible* and *Hide ESMTP SIZE command parameter*. Both options are now always advertised and ESMTP is used whenever possible.
- Because of changes to and deprecation of many settings in `clamd.conf`, the installer will now overwrite the existing `clamd.conf`. If you have customized your `clamd.conf` you may need to review and make changes to it after installation.
- The [Logging Configuration](#)^[315] option to "Create log files based on the day of the week" has been removed. If this option was selected, it will be changed to "Create a new set of log files each day" by the upgrade process.

New Features and Changes

[Clustering](#)^[134]

SecurityGateway's new Clustering feature is designed to share your configuration between two or more SecurityGateway servers on your network. This makes it possible for you to use load balancing hardware or software to distribute your email load across multiple SecurityGateway servers, which can improve speed and efficiency by reducing network congestion and overload and by maximizing your email resources. It also helps to ensure redundancy in your email systems should one of your servers suffer a hardware or software failure. Here are a number of key points to know about SecurityGateway's Clustering feature (for more detailed information and setup instructions, see: [Clustering](#)^[134]):

- Clustering allows multiple active SecurityGateway instances/servers to share a single database.
- An external Firebird version 3 database server must be manually installed and configured.
- An option has been added to the installer that allows external Firebird server parameters to be specified during an initial installation. An existing installation may be configured to connect to an external Firebird database server via the `sgdbtool.exe` command line tool.
- Shared storage is required and shared directories must be set to a UNC path that all servers in the cluster can access. This may require changing the user account for the [SecurityGateway Windows Service](#)^[139].
- The primary server is responsible for scheduled maintenance tasks.
- Each server in the cluster must have its own unique registration key.

Firebird 3 Database Upgrade¹³⁵

- Firebird 2 and 3 runtimes are included and installed in SecurityGateway 7.0.
- New installations of SecurityGateway 7.0 or later will use Firebird 3.
- When updating an existing SecurityGateway installation to SecurityGateway version 7 or later, Firebird 2 will continue to be used.
- Using the new [Clustering](#)¹³⁴ feature requires a Firebird 3 database.
- Upgrading the database so that it is compatible with Firebird 3 requires that it be backed up using the 2.x runtime and restored using the 3.x runtime. The Administrator may upgrade an existing database from version 2 to 3 by using the `sgdbtool.exe` command line tool, located in the `\SecurityGateway\App` folder. To convert the database, stop the SecurityGateway service, open the Command Prompt, and run: `"sgdbtool.exe convertfb3"`.

Two Factor Authentication⁷³

Under [User Options](#)⁷³, Administrators may allow and require Two Factor Authentication (2FA) globally or per domain. If 2FA is required, the user is presented with a Setup 2FA page the first time they sign in. Otherwise the user can go to Main » My Account » [Two Factor Authentication](#)³⁴ to setup 2FA.

Check for Compromised Passwords⁷⁷

SecurityGateway can check a user's password against a compromised password list from a third-party service, and it is able to do this without transmitting the password to the service. If a user's password is present on the list, it does not mean the account has been hacked. It means that someone somewhere has used an identical password before and it has appeared in a data breach. Unique passwords that have never been used anywhere else are more secure, as published passwords may be used by hackers in dictionary attacks. See [Pwned Passwords](#) for more information.

Domain Administrators Can Create New Domains⁶¹

There is a new option on the [Edit Administrator](#)⁶¹ page that allows you to give a Domain Administrator permission to create new domains. The administrator will be automatically added as a Domain Administrator for any domains that they create. There is also an option to set a limit on how many domains the administrator is allowed to create.

New SMTP Extensions¹²¹

RequireTLS (RFC 8689)¹²²

The RequireTLS effort in IETF is finally finished, and support for this has been implemented. RequireTLS allows you to flag messages that **must** be sent using TLS. If TLS is not possible (or if the parameters of the TLS certificate exchange are unacceptable) messages will be bounced rather than delivered insecurely. RequireTLS is enabled by default, but the only messages that will be subject to the RequireTLS process are messages specifically flagged by a Content Filter rule using the new [Content Filter action](#)²⁴², *"Flag message for REQUIRETLS..."*, or messages sent to

<local-part>+requiretls@domain.tld (for example, arvel+requiretls@mdaemon.com). All other messages are treated as if the service is disabled. Additionally, several requirements must be met in order for a message to be sent using RequireTLS. If any of them fail, the message will bounce back rather than be sent in the clear. For more information about these requirements and how to set up RequireTLS, see the [Enable REQUIRETLS \(RFC 8689\)](#)^[122] option. For a complete description of RequireTLS, see: [RFC 8689: SMTP Require TLS Option](#).

[SMTP MTA-STS \(RFC 8461\) - Strict Transport Security](#)^[122]

The MTA-STS effort in the IETF has finished, and support for this has been implemented. SMTP MTA Strict Transport Security (MTA-STS) is a mechanism enabling mail service providers (SPs) to declare their ability to receive Transport Layer Security (TLS) secure SMTP connections and to specify whether sending SMTP servers should refuse to deliver to MX hosts that do not offer TLS with a trusted server certificate. MTA-STS support is enabled by default. See the [Enable MTA-STS \(RFC 8461\)](#)^[122] option for more information on setting this up. SMTP MTA-STA is fully described in [RFC 8461: SMTP MTA Strict Transport Security \(MTA-STS\)](#).

[SMTP TLS Reporting \(RFC 8460\)](#)^[123]

TLS Reporting allows domains using MTA-STS to be notified about any failures to retrieve the MTA-STS policy or negotiate a secure channel using STARTTLS. When enabled, SecurityGateway will send a report daily to each STS-enabled domain to which it has sent (or attempted to send) mail that day. There are several options provided for configuring the information that your reports will contain. TLS Reporting is disabled by default and discussed in [RFC 8460: SMTP TLS Reporting](#).

Additional Features and Changes

- Updated the SecurityGateway GUI with a more modern appearance.
- Updated the FusionCharts graphing component.
- Added ability to exclude specific senders from [virus scanning](#)^[176].
- Added option for [allowlist to take precedence over blocklist](#)^[257].
- LetsEncrypt will now check the version of PowerShell running on the machine and return an error if the correct version has not been installed.
- LetsEncrypt will now check the PSModulePath environment variable to make sure the SG module path is included, if it is not, it will be added for the session.
- LetsEncrypt will now delete and recreate the account when changing between the staging and live LetsEncrypt systems.
- LetsEncrypt will now retrieve errors from LetsEncrypt when a challenge fails and write the data to the log and to the screen.
- LetsEncrypt has a new -Staging switch that can be passed on the command line. If this switch is passed the script will use the LetsEncrypt staging system to request a certificate.
- Updated JSTree library to version 3.3.8.
- Added ability to specify which user account the [SecurityGateway Windows Service](#)^[139] runs under.

- Added support for [SIEVE Variables Extension RFC-5229](#).
- Added :eval modifier to SIEVE Variables Extension, which allows you to do simple computations.

Example:

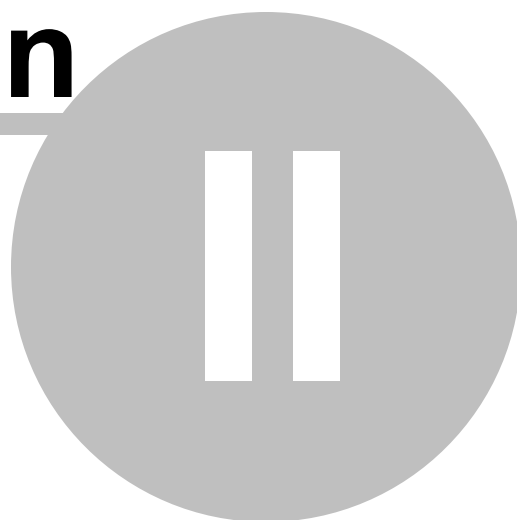
```
require "securitygateway";
require "variables";
require "fileinto";

if header :matches "from" "*" {
    set :length "length" "${1}";
    set :eval "fileintovar" "${length} * 25 - 1 / 8+3";
    fileinto "${fileintovar}";
}
```

- The "Create log files based on the day of the week" option has been removed. If this option was selected, it will be changed to ["Create a new set of log files each day"](#)^[315] by the upgrade process.
- Added an option to toggle viewing a password when it's being typed. A new access control option added to the [User Options](#)^[73] page allows this feature to be disabled.
- Changed Cyren AV updater to use TLS when downloading virus definitions.
- Added an option to [include the computer name in the log file name](#)^[315]. This option is required if the log directory is set to a UNC path and allows multiple servers in a cluster to log to the same location.
- Added option to the installer to specify external Firebird server parameters during initial installation.
- Updated Chilkat library to version 9.5.0.82.
- Added a [logging option](#)^[315] to not log SMTP or HTTP connections from specified IP addresses. Incomplete and rejected SMTP messages from a specified IP address will also not be added to database. If the message is accepted for delivery it will be added to the database.
- Added Sieve action "changesender" to allow the SMTP envelope sender that SG will use to deliver the message to be changed/specified
- Updated Cyren AV engine to 6.3.0r2
- Updated ClamAV engine to version 0.102.4

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Section



2 Main

2.1 Dashboard



The first page that you see when you log in to SecurityGateway for Email Servers is the Dashboard, under the Main menu. The Dashboard gives you a quick overview of SecurityGateway's current status and several summary [reports](#)^[320] of its activity for the last 24 hours.

At the top of the Dashboard is the *Server Status* section. This section tells you whether or not the SMTP service is running, and it gives you a link to start or stop it. Further, the Dashboard lists your registration key size, provides a link to manage your [registration](#)^[146] and activation, and lists how many domains and users currently exist. It also provides a link to the [Domain List](#)^[50] to manage your domains and users. When a [software update](#)^[145] is available, this section will also provide a link to details about the update. Next, the number of Active Sessions is displayed for both SMTP inbound and outbound sessions, and the Queue Status section lists the number of messages in the Inbound, Delivery, and Bad Message queues. In that same section, for global administrators, the number of messages in the Admin and User Quarantines is also listed. Further, in the entries for the Inbound and Delivery Queues, there is an option to Freeze/Unfreeze each queue. In the *Server Performance* section, Global Administrators can see the amount of Free Disk Space. Below that, CPU, Physical Memory, and Virtual Memory stats are displayed for System and the SecurityGateway, [IKARUS](#)^[176], [ClamAV](#)^[176], and [SpamAssassin](#)^[155] ([SpamD](#)^[157]) processes.

Below the Server Status section is the *Server Statistics* section. This section displays six of SecurityGateway's graphical reports: [Inbound vs. Outbound Messages](#)^[320], [Total Bandwidth Used by Email](#)^[320], [Good vs. Junk Messages](#)^[320], [Junk Email Breakdown](#)^[320], [Top Email Recipients](#)^[322], and [Top Spam Domains](#)^[323]. Each report displays the statistics for the last 24 hours. Click **Customize Charts** if you wish to change which reports are displayed, or if you wish to create new, customized reports to display. Finally, reports and custom charts have elements that you can hover your pointer over to see details about those elements. For custom charts, you can also drill down into associated message log entries by clicking on a chart data point.



Domain [Administrators](#)^[60] will only see statistics and options for the domains over which they have administrative access.

2.2 My Account

The My Account Landing Page is the first page that you see when you sign in to your SecurityGateway user account. It contains two sections: Account Settings and Account Statistics. The Account Settings section contains links to common tasks that you might wish to perform. Clicking any of these links will take you to the page related to that task. The Account Statistics section displays four reports related to your account's activity during the last 24 hours. The *Good vs. Junk Messages* report shows the total of good or legitimate messages versus junk messages processed for your

account. Junk messages are message identified as spam, spoofed, containing viruses, and the like. *Junk Email Breakdown* displays the total of all junk email received, categorized by type. *Inbound vs. Outbound Messages* shows the total of inbound messages you received and the total of outbound messages you sent. *Top Spam Sources* display the top senders of the spam messages you received.

Under the Main heading in the navigation pane on the left there are several links related to your user account:

My Account

- **Landing Page**—Takes you to the My Account Landing Page, which contains links to common account-related tasks and displays several statistical reports.
- **Two Factor Authentication**^[34]—When you are signed in using a secure connection (i.e. using "https://" in the address you used in your browser to reach SecurityGateway), the Two Factor Authentication page will appear under your My Account options. Two Factor Authentication can make your account more secure by requiring you to enter a verification code, authenticate with your fingerprint on your device, or use some other additional authentication method whenever you sign in to SecurityGateway, in addition to entering your normal email address and password. **Note:** Two Factor Authentication may not be available for some users, even when using a secure connection.
- **Settings**^[35]—This link takes you to your Account Settings page, which is used to change your password, set your quarantine preferences, turn on automatic allowlisting, and to specify the number of items that you wish to display on a page.
- **Allowlist**^[39]—Click this link to view your personal addresses allowlist. Adding an address to your allowlist can help prevent SecurityGateway from mistakenly identifying that sender's messages as spam or blocking them altogether.
- **Blocklist**^[41]—This link takes you to your personal addresses blocklist. Add an address to your blocklist when you do not wish to receive further messages from that address.
- **View My Quarantine**^[43]—Your quarantine folder is where messages are stored that looked too suspicious to deliver to you when they were received by SecurityGateway. From this page you can view the quarantined messages, release them from quarantine (meaning that they are legitimate and should be delivered to you), delete them, or add their senders to your [allowlist](#)^[39] or [blocklist](#)^[41].
- **View My Message Log**^[44]—Click this link to view a log of all messages that have been sent or received by you. You can use this log to see the details of each messages, flag messages as spam or not spam, and allowlist or blocklist addresses.



Some of these options may not be available to you, depending on the level of access your account has been given to

SecurityGateway.

2.2.1 Two Factor Authentication

When you are signed in using a secure connection (i.e. using "https://" in the address you used in your browser to reach SecurityGateway), the Two Factor Authentication page will appear under your My Account options. Two Factor Authentication (i.e. 2-Step Verification) can make your account more secure by requiring you to enter a verification code, authenticate with your fingerprint on your device, or use some other additional authentication method whenever you sign in to SecurityGateway, in addition to entering your normal email address and password. When using the Google Authenticator app, for example, the verification code constantly changes and is obtained at the time of sign-in from the app installed on your phone or device. This means that even if someone manages to obtain your password they will still not be able to sign in to your Webmail account, because they will be unable to get the verification code.



Two Factor Authentication may not be available for some users, even when using a secure connection.

Setting up Two Factor Authentication

Follow the directions below to set up whichever Two Factor Authentication methods you wish to use. When you set up more than one, you can choose to use whenever one you wish when signing in.

Using Device Authentication

To set up device authentication, such as using a USB security key, a fingerprint reader on your phone or laptop, or the like:

1. Sign in to SecurityGateway using `https://` in the browser rather than `http://`.
2. Under My Account » Two Factor Authentication, click **Set up Device Authentication**.
3. On the Device Authentication Setup box, select the type of device you wish to use.
4. Enter your **Current Password**, and click **Get Started**.
5. Follow the directions that appear for choosing and verifying your device.
6. When finished, an entry will appear in the Device Authentication box.

Authenticator App

To set up Two Factor Authentication using the Google Authenticator app:

1. Install the Google Authenticator app, or a Google Authenticator compatible app, on your phone or device.
2. Sign in to SecurityGateway using `https://` in the browser rather than `http://`.
3. Go to the My Account » Two Factor Authentication page, and enter your **Current Password**.
4. Under Authenticator App Setup, Click **Set up Authentication App**.
5. In your authenticator app, choose **Set up account** and then **Scan a barcode**, and scan the barcode on the page.
6. If you cannot scan the barcode, click **Show Secret** and then enter the secret code and your email address into the app.
7. Enter the Verification Code that appears in your app, and click **Verify Pairing**.

Using Email Verification

To set up a secondary email address for receiving a verification code (emailed codes normally expire after 10 minutes):

1. Sign in to SecurityGateway using `https://` in the browser rather than `http://`.
2. Go to the My Account » Two Factor Authentication page, and enter your **Current Password**.
3. Under Email Verification, enter a **Verification Code Email** address.
4. Enter the same address again under **Confirm Verification Code Email**.
5. Click **Set up Email Verification**.
6. An email containing a verification code will be sent to the email address you provided. Enter the Verification Code, and click **Verify Email**.

Disabling Two Factor Authentication

To disable Two Factor Authentication, enter your **Current Password** on the Two Factor Authentication page and then use the **Revoke** or **Disable Two Factor Authentication** option under whichever method you wish to disable.

2.2.2 Settings

The Account Settings page is used to change your password, set your quarantine preferences, turn on automatic allowlisting, and to specify the number of items that you wish to display on a page.



Some of these options may not be available to you, depending on the level of access your account has been given to SecurityGateway.

Change Password

Password

To change your password, type the new password here.

Password (confirm)

After typing your new password in the Password box above, type it again here to confirm it, then click *Save*.

Quarantine

Use the default quarantine settings for my domain

This is the option that is normally selected. Choosing this option leaves your [quarantine](#)⁴³ options set to however they were set up originally by the email administrator.

Allow me to specify my own quarantine settings

Choose this option if you wish to modify your quarantine settings, then choose the desired options below.

Hold quarantined messages on the server

If you select this option SecurityGateway will hold incoming messages in [Quarantine](#)⁴³ that it thinks are too suspicious and should be held for you to examine later.

Send an email listing the contents of my quarantine folder:

When you have chosen to have SecurityGateway quarantine suspicious messages, you can also choose to have it regularly send you an email listing the current contents of your quarantine folder.

Never

Select this option if you do not wish to receive an email listing your quarantined messages.

Every [xx] hour(s)

If you wish to receive the email once every certain number of hours, then choose this option and specify the desired value.

Daily

This is the option that is normally selected. This will cause SecurityGateway to send you a message every day listing your quarantined messages.

Weekly

Choose this option if you wish to receive the email once per week.

Sort quarantine email by: [Received | From | Subject]

Use this option to choose how you wish to sort the list of quarantined messages contained in the quarantine email. By default the list is sorted by

the date the messages were received, but you can also choose to sort it by From or Subject.

Include "Blocklist" option in quarantine list and email

When this option is checked, a link will be available in your list of quarantined messages and in the quarantine report email, which you can use to add the sender's email address to the blocklist.

Include "Blocklist Domain" option in quarantine list and email

When this option is checked, a link will be available in your list of quarantined messages and in the quarantine report email, which you can use to add the sender's domain to the blocklist.

Include "View Message" option in quarantine email

Check this box if you wish to include a "View Message" option in the quarantine report email, to allow you to view your quarantined messages.

Allow my mail server or client to filter quarantined messages

Choose this option if you do not want SecurityGateway to quarantine any of your incoming messages. Messages that would have been quarantined will be delivered normally. This is useful if you wish to allow your email server or mail client to filter your messages instead. To help identify messages that would have been quarantined you can use the two options below to add a tag to the message's Subject or add a special header to the message. You could then create a filter or rule on your server or in your mail client to search for that tag or header.

...tag subject with [text]

When this box is checked, SecurityGateway will add some text to the Subject of any message that would have been quarantined if you had turned on the Quarantine option. The text that is provided in this option by default is: "*** SPAM ***". However, you can change that text to anything you wish.

...add header [text]

When this box is checked it causes a special header to be added to any message that would have been quarantined by SecurityGateway. In most mail clients you will not be able to see this header without viewing the message properties or source, but in many mail clients and mail servers you can create filters to look for that header and then do specific things with messages that have it, such as place those messages in a specific folder or delete them. The header provided for you in this option is: "X-Spam-Flag: YES". But you can change that to something else if you choose.

Options

Do not archive messages for this account

Check this box if you do not wish to archive messages that are to or from this account, even when the domain to which this account belongs is set to archive messages. This option is only available to administrators.

Delete all archived messages for this account

Click this link if you wish to delete **all** archived messages sent or received by this user. You will be asked to confirm your decision to delete all of the archived messages.

Automatically allowlist addresses I send mail to

When this box is checked, any address to which you send an email message will be added to your [allowlist](#)³⁹ automatically. This helps to ensure that messages from those addresses will not be mistakenly identified as spam or blocked in the future.

Do not perform anti-spam tests for messages addressed to this account

Check this box if you do not want the server to perform anti-spam testing on messages addressed to your account. This will prevent various anti-spam tests from being performed and could greatly increase the amount of junk email that your account will receive.

Exempt this account from "Account Hijack Detection"

Enable this option if you wish to exempt the account from the Account Hijack Detection feature. Exemption could be necessary for accounts that legitimately send high volumes of mail in short periods of time.

When to display statistics graphs

Use this option to choose when the statistics graphs will be displayed on the Dashboard and [Landing page](#)³². You can choose Automatic, Always, Manual, or Never.

Language

Use this drop-down list to set the language that you want the server to use when it sends you system-generated messages.

Number of items displayed per page

This option determines how many items to display per page when you are logged into SecurityGateway, such as addresses in your allowlist, entries in your message log, and so on. At the bottom of each page there are controls that can be used to move through the additional pages when there are too many items to display on a single page.

Do not remember me on this device/browser

If you used the *"Remember me on this device"* option when signing in to SecurityGateway, this option will appear here. You can click the link if you wish to cancel Remember Me for this device or browser. You can still use the *Remember me on this device* option again the next time you sign in.

Registered Credentials

This area contains the list of registered credentials for Passwordless Sign-In. To add a new passwordless sign-in credential:

1. Sign in to SecurityGateway using `https://` in the browser rather than `http://`.
2. Under Registered Credentials on the My Account » Settings page, click **New Sign-In Credential**.

3. On the Passwordless Sign-In Setup box, select the type of device you wish to use.
4. Enter your **Current Password**, and click **Get Started**.
5. Follow the directions that appear for choosing and verifying your device.
6. When finished, an entry will appear in the **Registered Credentials** box for the credential you just added.

2.2.3 Allowlist

The Allowlist is your personal list of allowed addresses. Adding an address to your allowlist can help prevent SecurityGateway from mistakenly identifying that sender's messages as spam or blocking them altogether. Typically you will add addresses to this list one at a time, but the allowlist also has an import feature that you can use to add multiple addresses at once contained in a text file. Further, your allowlist also has an export feature, which allows you to save the contents of the allowlist to a comma separated values (CSV) text file.

Adding Addresses to the Allowlist

To add an address to your allowlist, click *New* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the [Allowlist Entry](#)^[40] page for adding the address (see below).

Editing an Allowlisted Address

To edit one of the allowlisted addresses, double-click the entry you wish to edit, or select the desired entry and then click *Edit* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open that entry in the [Allowlist Entry](#)^[40] page.

Deleting Allowlisted Addresses

To delete one or more of the allowlisted addresses, select the desired entries and then click *Delete* on the toolbar at the top of the page. You can select more than one entry by holding down the CTRL key while clicking each one. After clicking *Delete*, a confirmation box will pop up asking you if you are sure that you would like to delete the selected entries.

Importing Addresses to the Allowlist

To import a list of addresses to the allowlist, click *Import* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the Import List page. Use the *Browse* button on this page to navigate to the text file containing the addresses that you wish to import, and then click *Import Lists*.



The text file must contain only one address per line, and you should create it using a regular text editor (such as Notepad) to avoid inadvertently inserting any unusual formatting or characters that could interfere with the import process.

Importing using a CSV File

If you wish to add a corresponding comment for each imported address, then you will need to use a CSV file when you import the addresses instead of using a simple

list of addresses. You can use any plain text editor such as Notepad to create the CSV file. Simply create the file according to the format below and save it as *filename.csv*. The first line of the CSV file must be a mapping row, which allows SecurityGateway to know in what order the data will appear. Each item in this file must be contained in quotes and separated by a comma.

Format:

The CSV needs two columns: *Value* and *Comments*. The *Value* column is for the email addresses you wish to allowlist and the *Comments* column is for any notes you may wish to add regarding an entry. Any entry in the list that doesn't have a comment needs to have empty quotes to indicate that there is no comment for that entry.

Example CSV file contents:

```
"Value", "Comments"
"myfriend@example.net", "A comment about my friend."
"someone@example.org", ""
"mister@domain.com", "A comment about mister."
```

Exporting Addresses from the Allowlist

To export your Addresses Allowlist:

1. Click *Export* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the File Download dialog.
2. Click *Save*.
3. Choose a file name and location for the file.
4. Click *Save* and then *Close*.

Allowlist Entry

This page is used for adding new addresses to the allowlist and for editing existing entries. It will be opened whenever you click *New* or *Edit* on the toolbar at the top of the list.

List Entry**Email Address:**

In the first box, enter the email address that you wish to add to the allowlist. You can use an asterisk in the mailbox portion of the address to allowlist all addresses at that domain. For example, *"*@example.org"* would allowlist all messages from anyone at example.org.

Comment:

Use this area for any comments or notes you wish to make about this entry, for your own reference.

Save and Close

When you are finished with the entry, click *Save and Close* to save the entry to the allowlist.

Close

Click this button if you wish to close the Allowlist Entry page without saving it.

2.2.4 Blocklist

The Blocklist is your personal list of blocked addresses. You should add addresses to your blocklist that you wish to prevent from sending you email. Typically you will add addresses to this list one at a time, but the blocklist also has an import feature that you can use to add multiple addresses at once contained in a text file. Further, your blocklist also has an export feature, which allows you to save the contents of the blocklist to a comma separated values (CSV) text file.

Adding Addresses to the Blocklist

To add an address to your blocklist, click *New* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the [Blocklist Entry](#)⁴² page for adding the address (see below).

Editing a Blocklisted Address

To edit one of the blocklisted addresses, double-click the entry you wish to edit, or select the desired entry and then click *Edit* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open that entry in the [Blocklist Entry](#)⁴² page.

Deleting Blocklisted Addresses

To delete one or more of the blocklisted addresses, select the desired entries and then click *Delete* on the toolbar at the top of the page. You can select more than one entry by holding down the CTRL key while clicking each one. After clicking *Delete*, a confirmation box will pop up asking you if you are sure that you would like to delete the selected entries.

Importing Addresses to the Blocklist

To import a list of addresses to the blocklist, click *Import* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the Import List page. Use the *Browse* button on this page to navigate to the text file containing the addresses that you wish to import, and then click *Import Lists*.



The text file must contain only one address per line, and you should create it using a regular text editor (such as Notepad) to avoid inadvertently inserting any unusual formatting or characters that could interfere with the import process.

Importing using a CSV File

If you wish to add a corresponding comment for each imported address, then you will need to use a CSV file when you import the addresses instead of using a simple list of addresses. You can use any plain text editor such as Notepad to create the

CSV file. Simply create the file according to the format below and save it as *filename.csv*. The first line of the CSV file must be a mapping row, which allows SecurityGateway to know in what order the data will appear. Each item in this file must be contained in quotes and separated by a comma.

Format:

The CSV needs two columns: *Value* and *Comments*. The *Value* column is for the email addresses you wish to blocklist and the *Comments* column is for any notes you may wish to add regarding an entry. Any entry in the list that doesn't have a comment needs to have empty quotes to indicate that there is no comment for that entry.

Example CSV file contents:

```
"Value", "Comments"
"myenemy@example.net", "A comment about my enemy."
"someone@example.org", ""
"mister@domain.com", "A comment about mister."
```

Exporting Addresses from the Blocklist

To export your Addresses Blocklist:

1. Click *Export* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the File Download dialog.
2. Click *Save*.
3. Choose a file name and location for the file.
4. Click *Save* and then *Close*.

Blocklist Entry

This page is used for adding new addresses to the blocklist and for editing existing entries. It will be opened whenever you click *New* or *Edit* on the toolbar at the top of the list.

List Entry**Email Address:**

In the first box, enter the email address that you wish to add to the blocklist. You can use an asterisk in the mailbox portion of the address to blocklist all addresses at that domain. For example, *"*@example.org"* would blocklist all messages from anyone at example.org.

Comment:

Use this area for any comments or notes you wish to make about this entry, for your own reference.

Save and Close

When you are finished with the entry, click *Save and Close* to save the entry to the blocklist.

Close

Click this button if you wish to close the Blocklist Entry page without saving it.

2.3 View My Quarantine

The Quarantine is a holding place for incoming messages that SecurityGateway thinks are too suspicious to deliver. It is used to help protect you from receiving an influx of spam and other suspicious or unwanted messages. Your quarantined messages are held on the SecurityGateway server, where you can log in and view them, delete them, or release them from quarantine to be delivered to you normally. To help you manage your Quarantine, SecurityGateway will regularly send you messages to let you know the contents of your quarantine folder. Your quarantine settings can be managed on your [My Settings](#) ³⁵¹ page.



Not all users will have access to the Quarantine or be able to modify their quarantine settings.

Each entry in the Quarantine has a column listing the date and time the message was quarantined, and columns for the sender, recipient, and subject. There are also columns for the reason the message was quarantined, its size, and its Message Score, which is an internal score that SecurityGateway uses to identify spam.

There are several buttons on the toolbar at the top of the Quarantine that you can use to perform a number of tasks:

- **Refresh**—Click this button to refresh the Quarantine to display messages that may have been added since you started viewing it.
- **Search**—Use the extensive search feature to filter the Quarantine to display only specific messages. You can search based on the reason the message was quarantined, search for specific text in any header, search all dates or a range of dates, and more. To search the Quarantine: click *Search* on the toolbar to open the search window, then choose your search criteria, and finally click the Search button in that window to perform the search. The search results will appear below the search window—the Quarantine will be filtered to display only message matching the search parameters. To hide the search window while retaining the filtered results below it, click *Search* on the toolbar again. When you are finished with your search, click *Cancel* in the search window to return the Quarantine to normal.
- **View**—Select a message and then click this button to open the Message Information screen. This screen has three tabs: Transcript, Message, and Source. The Transcript tab contains a transcript of the delivery process, which is a technical log detailing the communication between SecurityGateway and the server or client sending the message. The Message tab contains the actual content of the message, and the Source tab contains the message's source, including the message's headers, html code, and so on.
- **Release**—Select a message and then click this button to release it from quarantine for delivery.

- **Allowlist**—Select a message and click this button to add the sender to your [allowlist](#)³⁹.
- **Delete**—Select a message and click this button to delete it.
- **Blocklist**—Select a message and click this button to add the sender to your [blocklist](#)⁴¹.
- **Delete All**—Click this button to delete all quarantined messages.

2.4 View My Message Log

The Message Log contains an entry for every message that you send or receive. It lists the date and time the message was processed, the sender and recipient, and the subject of the message. It also lists the result of the delivery attempt, such as whether or not it was delivered, quarantined, or refused, and if it wasn't delivered it gives you a reason, such as the sender was blocklisted, the message contained a restricted attachment, or the like. Finally, each entry also lists the size of the message and its message score. The message score is used internally by SecurityGateway to determine the likelihood that a message is spam.



Not all users will have access to the Message Log.

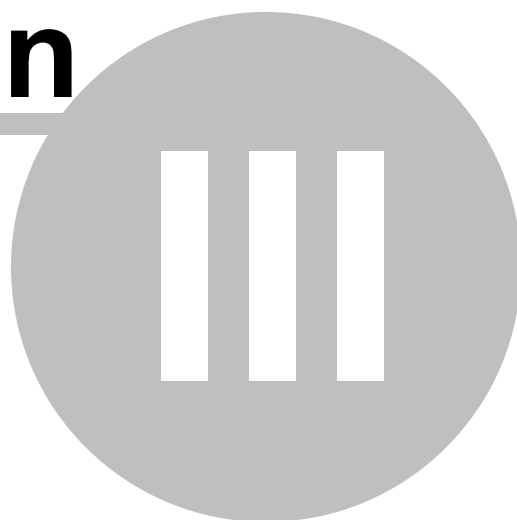
There are several buttons on the toolbar at the top of the Message Log that you can use to perform a number of tasks:

- **Refresh**—Click this button to refresh the message log to display entries that may have been added since you started viewing the log.
- **Search**—Use the extensive search feature to filter the message log to display only specific messages. You can search the log based on whether the message was inbound or outbound, search for specific text in any header, search all dates or a range of dates, and more. To search the message log: click *Search* on the toolbar to open the search window, then choose your search criteria, and finally click the Search button in that window to perform the search. The search results will appear in the Message Log. To hide the search window while retaining the search results in the log, click *Search* on the toolbar again. When you are finished with your search, click *Cancel* in the search window to return the Message Log to normal.
- **Details**—Select a message and then click this button to open the Message Information screen. This screen has three tabs: Transcript, Message, and Source. The Transcript tab contains a transcript of the delivery process, which is a technical log detailing the communication between SecurityGateway and the server or client sending the message. The Message tab contains the actual content of the message. This may or may not be available depending on how old the message is, whether or not the message was delivered successfully, and whether SecurityGateway is set to retain that data. The Source tab contains the message's source, including the message's headers, html code, and so on.

The source may not be available if the message is old or SecurityGateway is not set to save that information.

- **Redeliver**—Select one or more messages from the list and then click this button to redeliver them. Use Ctrl+Click or Shift+Click to select multiple messages. This option can only be used when the message's content has not been deleted from the database.
- **Spam**—Select a message and click this button to mark the message as spam. This can help SecurityGateway more accurately identify spam messages in the future. This button may not be available in some situations or if SecurityGateway is not set to support this option.
- **Not Spam**—Select a message and click this button to mark the message as non-spam. This can help prevent SecurityGateway from mistakenly identifying legitimate messages as spam in the future. This button may not be available in some situations or if SecurityGateway is not set to support this option.
- **Allowlist**—Select an entry and click this button to add the sender or recipient to your [allowlist](#)³⁹.
- **Blocklist**—Select an entry and click this button to add the sender or recipient to your [blocklist](#)⁴¹.

Section



3 Setup/Users

The *Setup/Users* menu has nine sections containing links to SecurityGateway's core configuration options. You will use the options in these sections to setup your domains and user accounts, mail delivery options, quarantine settings, backup and database preferences, and other configuration options. Below is a brief overview of each section. For more information, see the section overviews or the individual pages under each section.



[Accounts](#)^[49]

The Accounts section under the *Setup/Users* menu contains options related to your SecurityGateway user accounts and domains. There are five account-related links under this section that include options for creating domains and user accounts, designating User Verification Sources, setting the default values for a number of user options, and more.



[Mail Configuration](#)^[79]

The Mail Configuration section provides links to four pages governing various mail-related functions. For example, you will use the options under this section to designate the servers on which your users' email accounts reside, set your quarantine options, configure various email delivery options, and manage other technical settings.



[Archiving](#)^[95]

The Archiving section provides options related to storing and searching messages that pass through SecurityGateway.



[Secure Messaging](#)^[108]

SecurityGateway's Secure Messaging feature provides a way for your users to send secure message to recipients outside their domain but in such a way that the message never leaves the SecurityGateway server. It does this by utilizing a secure messaging web portal. When the message is sent, the recipient receives an email notification that a secure message for them is available, with a link to create a [Secure Message Recipient](#)^[110] account so that they can view the message located on your SecurityGateway server. The secure message is accessed via the recipient's browser, and end-to-end encryption is maintained between the SecurityGateway server and the recipient via HTTPS encryption.



[Disclaimers \(Headers/Footers\)](#)^[115]

Message Disclaimers are portions of text that the server can add above or below the body of inbound, outbound or local email messages. Use this page to create and manage you disclaimers.



[System](#)^[120]

The System section under the *Setup/Users* menu contains links to various system functions, such as encryption settings, HTTP interface options, directory locations, disk space management options, and more.

**Database**¹³⁹

The options reached from this section deal with the type and amount of data that is saved by SecurityGateway, automatic backup features, and options for restoring the server from backup files.

**Software Updates**¹⁴⁵

Use this page to check whether or not an updated version of SecurityGateway is available. You can check for updates manually or use an option to cause SecurityGateway to check for them automatically. When an update is available, you can download and install it from the web interface.

**Registration**¹⁴⁶

The Registration page lists your product registration information, including the name of the person or company to whom the product is registered, the registration key, and the status of your registration.

3.1 Accounts



The Accounts section under the [Setup/Users](#)⁴⁸ menu contains options related to your SecurityGateway user accounts and domains. There are five account-related links under this section:

Domains⁵⁰ and **Users**⁵⁵—The Domain List and User List are used to manage your domains and users. To open the Domain List, click *Setup/Users* on the navigation menu in the left pane, then click *Domains and Users* under the Accounts section of that pane. The User List is reached by clicking on the *Users* button on the Domain List's toolbar while a domain is selected.

Administrators⁶⁰—The Administrators list is used to manage all Global and Domain administrators that have been designated in SecurityGateway. Global Administrators have complete control over all settings and options in SecurityGateway, even over other administrator accounts and settings. Domain Administrators can access all settings and options relevant to the domain over which they have been given authority. They cannot edit global settings or access settings specific to other domains.

User Verification Sources⁶³—This page is used to manage all of your User Verification Sources, which are used to confirm the validity of unknown local addresses. Whenever an incoming message is addressed to an unknown local user, SecurityGateway will query the User Verification Sources configured for the user's domain to verify whether or not the unknown address is legitimate. If the address is valid then SecurityGateway will create a user account for that address and attempt to deliver the message to the domain's [Domain Mail Servers](#)⁸⁰. If the address is invalid then the message will be rejected.

Automatic Domain Creation⁷²—This page is used to designate whether or not you wish to create a new SecurityGateway domain automatically whenever an incoming message for an unknown user at an unknown domain can be validated by your default User Verification Sources.

User Options^[73]—Use this page to designate which options your SecurityGateway users will be able to access by logging in to their SecurityGateway accounts. The User Options can be set globally and on a per domain basis.

3.1.1 Domains and Users

3.1.1.1 Domain List



The Domain List is used to manage your domains and users. To open the list, click *Setup/Users* on the navigation menu in the left pane, then click *Domains and Users* under the Accounts section of that pane. You can also get to the Domain List via the *View Domains* link under the Domains section of the SecurityGateway Setup page on the right.

The Domain List has two columns: Name and Users. The Name column lists all of your domains and the Users column lists the number of user accounts belonging to each domain. To view or edit a domain's **Properties**^[52], double-click the desired domain in the list. To view a domain's **User List**^[55], click the Users link for the corresponding domain.

The toolbar at the top of the page is used to initiate various tasks associated with the Domain List. Most of the toolbar buttons require you to first select a domain from the list before you can click the desired button. The only exceptions are: New, Import, and Export. Those buttons can be clicked without selecting a domain. The toolbar contains the following ten options:

New

Click *New* to open the **Properties**^[52] dialog, used for creating a new SecurityGateway domain. *Properties* is where you will designate the name, mail server, and other desired settings for the domain.

Edit

Use the toolbar's Edit button to open the **Properties**^[52] dialog corresponding to the domain currently selected in the Domain List. Alternatively, you can also open the Properties dialog by double-clicking an entry.

Delete

To delete one or more domains, select the domains from the list and then click *Delete*. A box will open asking you to confirm the decision to delete the domains. You can select multiple domains by holding down the Ctrl key while clicking each domain.

Show/Hide Search

Click *Show Search* to open the Domain List's search option. Type some text in the *Domain name* box and click *Search* to filter the Domain List, to display only the domains that contain that text. Click *X Cancel Search* to cancel the search and return the Domain List to normal.

Users

Select an entry from the Domain List and then click *Users* on the toolbar to open the domain's [User List](#)^[55]. Similar to the Domain List, the User List is used to manage a domain's user accounts.

Messages

This button is used to open the [Message Log](#)^[305] for the selected domain. The Message Log contains an entry for each message sent either to or from the domain. From the Message Log you can then open the Message Information page for any entry, which displays the SMTP session transcript and the message's content and source (when available).

Quarantine

Click *Quarantine* to view the [Quarantine](#)^[306] page for the selected domain. All quarantined messages for that domain are listed and can be reviewed from that page.

Allowlist

Use the Allowlist button to view the selected domain's [Addresses Allowlist](#)^[258].

Blocklist

Use the Blocklist button to view the selected domain's [Addresses Blocklist](#)^[250].

Import

You can use a comma separated values (CSV) file to import a list of domains to the Domain List. To do so, click *Import* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the Import Domains dialog. Use the *Browse* button on this dialog to navigate to the CSV file containing the domains that you wish to import, and then click *Import Domains*.

CSV File Format

You can use any text editor such as Notepad to create the CSV file for adding domains to the Domain List. Simply create the file according to the format below and save it as *filename.csv*.

The first line of the CSV file must be a mapping row, which allows the server to know in what order the data will appear. Two fields in the mapping row are supported: Domain and MaxUsers. Both fields must be contained in quotes and separated by a comma. The *Domain* field is for the domain name (e.g. example.com), and the *MaxUsers* field is for the maximum number of user accounts permitted to belong to that domain. All domain names must be in quotes, and if there is a MaxUsers value specified then it must be separated from the domain name by a comma.

Example CSV file:

```
"Domain", "MaxUsers"
"domain.com", 50
"example.com"
"example.org", 10
```

Export

You can export the list of your domains by clicking **Export** on the toolbar in the Domain List. This will list your domains in a CSV file with the same format as that used in the **Import** option outlined previously. To export the Domain List:

1. Click *Export* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the File Download dialog.
2. Click *Save*.
3. Choose a file name and location for the file.
4. Click *Save* and then *Close*.

3.1.1.1.1 Domain Properties

The Properties dialog is used to create a new SecurityGateway domain, or to edit an existing one. You can reach the Properties dialog by clicking *New* on the [Domain List](#)^[50] or selecting an entry and clicking *Edit*. *Properties* has four tabs: Properties, Verification, Mail Servers, Admin.



[Domain Administrators](#)^[60] have read-only access to the lists of Verification sources and Mail Servers.

Properties

The Properties tab is used for designating the domain name, the maximum number of user accounts permitted to belong to the domain, and an AUTH password. The user limit and password are optional.

Domain Name:

Enter the domain name into this text box. For example: "example.com", "domain.com", or the like. This is the domain that will be used in each user's email address.

Limit number of users

If you wish to limit the number of users that can belong to this domain, click this checkbox and enter the desired number below. This option is disabled by default.

Maximum Users:

If you desire to limit the number of user account that can belong to this domain, enable the *Limit number of users* option above and then enter the number of users here.

Limit maximum message size

Check this box and specify an amount if you wish to set a maximum acceptable SMTP message size for this domain's messages. By default this option is disabled, and the global [Maximum acceptable SMTP message size](#)^[92] limit applies.

SMTP AUTH password

Use this option if you wish to designate an SMTP AUTH password for this domain, that your users or [domain mail server](#)^[80] can use to authenticate when sending messages through SecurityGateway. To authenticate using this password, use the domain as the Logon/Username credential. For example, if the domain is "example.com" and you designate "1234Password" in this option, then you would authenticate using the credentials: "example.com" and "1234Password". If you leave this password option blank then any sender attempting to authenticate using only the domain name as the username will fail.

The SMTP AUTH password may also be useful if the administrator wishes to use CRAM-MD5 authentication. This type of authentication requires that SecurityGateway know the password; the user verification source cannot be used.



In most cases each user would simply use his or her own account email address and password as the authentication credentials, but there are certain email server configurations that might require the domain's email server to have its own credentials, or require multiple users to share one set of AUTH credentials. This option is provided to accommodate those with that type of requirement.

Bind domain to IP address

Check this box and enter an IP address and host name in the spaces provided if you wish to bind the domain to a specific IP address. Mail from the domain will be sent from that IP address. An HELO String, or SMTP Hostname, may also be specified for the domain. This value is the Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) that will be used in the SMTP HELO/EHLO instruction when sending mail for the domain. For incoming connections, this value will be used unless multiple domains are bound to the same IP address, in which case the FQDN used will be the one that is associated with the domain that is first in alphabetical order.

Domain Aliases

Use this option to designate any aliases for the domain. All of the domain's users are assumed to be valid for each domain alias. This is useful if a domain has registered multiple domain names, e.g. altn.com, altn.us, altn.biz, etc.

Verification

The Verification tab is used for assigning the [User Verification Sources](#)^[63] that will be used for the domain. When a message arrives for this domain addressed to an unknown user, these sources will be queried to see if the address is legitimate. If the address is found then a SecurityGateway account will be created for that recipient.

Do not query a verification source, users will be managed manually

Click this checkbox if you do not wish to query any verification sources for the specific domain. In that case all users must be managed manually for that domain.

Available Sources:

This box lists all available user verification sources that you have previously created. To assign a source to this domain, select it from the list and click the "--->" arrow.

Selected Sources:

This box lists all verification sources that you have assigned to this domain. To remove a source from the domain, select it from the list and click the "<---" arrow.

Preference: Up/Down

Verification sources will be queried in the order in which they appear in the Selected Sources list. To move a source to a higher or lower position, click the source and then use the Up and Down arrows to move it to the desired position.



As soon as either a positive or negative result occurs, SecurityGateway will accept the result and stop querying the sources. For example, if three sources are listed and the first one states that the user doesn't exist, SecurityGateway will accept that result and reject the message without querying the other two sources. However, if a non-fatal error occurs, for example because the verification source is temporarily down, then the message will be rejected with a 4xx error code, indicating that the sender should try again later.

New

If you need to create a new user verification source to use for this domain, click *New* to open the [New User Verification Source](#)^[66] screen. After creating the new source it will appear in the Available Sources list.

Mail Servers

The Mail Servers tab is used for assigning the [Domain Mail Servers](#)^[80] that will be used for the domain. When a message arrives for a verified user of this domain, SecurityGateway will attempt to deliver that message to the Selected Servers listed here, in the order in which they are listed.

Available Servers:

This box lists all available Domain Mail Servers that you have previously created. To assign a server to this domain, select it from the list and click the "--->" arrow.

Selected Servers:

This box lists all Domain Mail Servers that you have assigned to this domain. To remove a server from the domain, select it from the list and click the "<---" arrow.

Preference: Up/Down

SecurityGateway will attempt to deliver messages to the Domain Mail Servers in the order in which they appear in the Selected Servers list. To move a server to a higher or lower position, click the server and then use the Up and Down arrows to move it to the desired position.

Do not use this mail server to deliver domain mail, only make available to assign to specific domain users

If you select a server and click this box, that server will not be used to deliver the domain's mail—it will be designated "[USER ONLY]." If you wish to use that server to deliver mail for specific users, use the Mail Delivery options on the [User Edit » Properties](#) page to assign that server to the user.

New

If you need to create a new Domain Mail Servers to use for this domain, click *New* to open the [New Mail Server](#) screen. After creating the new server it will appear in the Available Servers list.

Admins

The Admins tab is used for assigning the [Administrators](#) that will have permission to administer this domain. Global administrators are not listed here since they already have permission to administer all domains.

Available Administrators:

This box lists all available Domain Administrators that you have previously designated, regardless of the domains over which they have control. To give an administrator permission to configure this domain, select it from the list and click the "--->" arrow.

Selected Administrators:

This box lists all Domain Administrators who have permission to administer this domain. To remove someone's admin-level access to this domain, select the administrator from the list and click the "<---" arrow.

New

If you need to create a new Administrator for this domain, click *New* to open the [New Administrator](#) screen. After creating the new administrator it will appear in the Selected Administrators list.

3.1.1.2 User List



The User List is used to manage a domain's user accounts. To open the list, click *Setup/Users* on the navigation menu in the left pane, then in the right pane under the Users and Administrators section, click the domain whose User List you wish to view. You can also get to the User List via each domain's entry in the [Domain List](#).

The User List has three columns: Enabled, Name, and Mailbox. The Enabled column contains a checkbox for each user entry, which can be used to quickly enable/disable the user's account. The Name column lists the user's real name (e.g. Frank Thomas), and the Mailbox column lists the mailbox portion of the user's email address (e.g. "frank" in "frank@example.com"). To edit a user, double-click the desired user in the list or select the user and then click Edit on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the [User Edit](#) screen.

The toolbar at the top of the page is used to initiate various tasks associated with the User List. Most of the toolbar buttons require you to first select a user from the list before you can click the desired button. The only exceptions are: Back, New, Import, and Export. Those buttons can be clicked without selecting a user. The toolbar contains the following eleven options:

Back

When you get to the User List via the [Domain List](#)^[50], you can use this button to easily go back to the previous page.

New

Click *New* to open the [New User](#)^[58] dialog, used for creating a new user account under this domain. Like the [User Edit](#)^[58] dialog, *New User* is where you will designate the user's mailbox name, real name, password, and administrator privileges.

Edit

Use the toolbar's Edit button to open the [User Edit](#)^[58] dialog corresponding to the user currently selected in the User List. Alternatively, you can also open the User Edit dialog by double-clicking an entry.

Delete

To delete one or more users, select the users from the list and then click *Delete*. A box will open asking you to confirm the decision to delete the users. You can select multiple users by using the Ctrl and Shift keys.

Show/Hide Search

Click *Show Search* to open the User List's search option. Type some text in the *User name or mailbox* field and click *Search* to filter the User List, to display only the users with entries that contain that text. Click *X Cancel Search* to cancel the search and return the User List to normal.

Settings

This button opens the selected user's [My Settings](#)^[35] page, which you can use to change the user's password, set the account's quarantine preferences, turn on automatic allowlisting for the user, and to specify the number of items to display on a page when the user logs in to SecurityGateway.

Messages

This button is used to open the [Message Log](#)^[305] for the selected user. The Message Log contains an entry for each message sent either to or from that user. From the Message Log you can then open the Message Information page for any entry, which displays the SMTP session transcript and the message's content and source (when available).

Quarantine

Click *Quarantine* to view the [Quarantine](#)^[306] page for the selected user. All quarantined messages for that user are listed and can be reviewed from that page.

Allowlist

Use the Allowlist button to view the selected user's [Addresses Allowlist](#)^[258]. This is the user's personal allowlist, applying to his or her account only.

Blocklist

Use the Blocklist button to view the selected user's [Addresses Blocklist](#)^[250]. This is the user's personal blocklist, applying to his or her account only.

Import

You can use a comma separated values (CSV) file to import a list of users to the User List. To do so, click *Import* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the Import Users dialog. Use the *Browse* button on this dialog to navigate to the CSV file containing the users that you wish to import, and then click *Import Users*.

At the bottom of the Import Users dialog is the option: "*Automatically create non-existent domains*." When you enable that option, a new domain will be created automatically when the list of users being imported contains an email address for a domain that doesn't already exist. If that option is disabled then addresses for domains that do not exist in SecurityGateway will be ignored; those entries will not be imported.

CSV File Format

You can use any text editor such as Notepad to create the CSV file for adding users to the User List. Simply create the file according to the format below and save it as *filename.csv*.

The first line of the CSV file must be a mapping row, which allows the server to know in what order the data will appear. The following fields in the mapping row are supported:

- **Email** - the user's email address, such as "frank@example.com".
- **MailBox** - the mailbox portion of the email address (i.e. "frank" of "frank@example.com").
- **Domain** - the domain portion of the address (i.e. "example.com").
- **FullName** - the user's actual name, such as "Frank Thomas".
- **Password** - the user's password, used when logging into their account or authenticating when sending email through SecurityGateway.
- **Enabled** - designates whether or not the account is enabled or disabled. You can use "1", "yes", or "true" in this field for the account to be enabled, or you can use "0", "no", or "false" for disabled.

The Email, Mailbox, and Domain fields are processed in order, so if the value of any of those fields contradict a previous field then the latter value will be used. For example, if you use "frank@example.com" in the Email field but then use "domain.com" in the Domain field, then "frank@domain.com" is the address that will be used.

All fields in all rows must be contained in quotes and separated by commas.

Example CSV file:

```
"Email", "MailBox", "Domain", "FullName", "Password", "Enabled"
"frank@example.com", "frank", "example.com", "Frank Thomas",
"1234Password", "1"
```

```
"rip@example.com", "rip", "example.com", "Rip Collector",  
"FoundAPenny", "yes"  
"big@domain.com", "big", "domain.com", "Mister Big", "NumeroUno",  
"1"
```

Export

You can export the domain's User List by clicking **Export** on the toolbar. This will export the list to a CSV file with the same format as that used in the **Import** option outlined previously. To export the User List:

1. Click *Export* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the File Download dialog.
2. Click *Save*.
3. Choose a file name and location for the file.
4. Click *Save* and then *Close*.

3.1.1.2.1 User Edit

The User Edit screen is used to create a new user account or edit an existing one, under a SecurityGateway domain. You can reach this screen by clicking *New* on the [User List](#)^[55] or by selecting an entry and clicking *Edit*. On *User Edit* you will specify the mailbox name, the user's name, the password, and designate whether or not the user is also an [Administrator](#)^[60]. You can also specify any aliases that you wish to associate with the user.

Properties

This account is disabled

Click this checkbox if you wish to disable this account. When an account is disabled, SecurityGateway will not accept messages to or from that user.

Mailbox Name:

This option is for designating the user's mailbox name and domain (e.g. frank@example.com). This is the user's email address and is used when logging into their SecurityGateway account. It will also be used as the *user name* or *login* parameter in the user's email client when configuring it to use SMTP Authentication.

Real Name:

This option is for the user's name (e.g. "Frank Thomas").

Password:

This is the password used for signing in to the user's account and for SMTP Authentication.

Password (confirm):

Whenever a new password is entered, this space must be used to confirm that the password was typed correctly.

A local password has been set for this user - Click here to clear the password

This message is displayed when a local password has been set for the user. Use the **Click here to clear the password** link if you wish to delete the password. Users without a local password can only authenticate using a [User Verification Source](#)⁶³ that supports authentication for their domain.

Do not require a strong password for this account

Check this box if you wish to exempt the account from the [Strong Password](#)⁷⁶ requirement.

Administrator Settings

Account is an administrator

When creating or editing a user account, click this checkbox and choose one of the options below if you wish the user to be a Global or Domain [administrator](#)⁶⁰.

Global Administrator

Global [Administrators](#)⁶⁰ have complete control over all settings and options in SecurityGateway, even over other administrator accounts and settings. For this reason you should exercise caution before designating an account as a Global Administrator.

Domain Administrator

Domain Administrators can access all settings and options relevant to the domain over which they have been given authority. They cannot edit global settings or access settings specific to other domains. When designating a domain administrator you must select at least one *Available Domain* for the user to administer.

Available Domains:

This box lists all of the SecurityGateway domains over which the user can be given domain administrator access. To give the user control over one or more of these domain, select the domains from the list and click the "--->" arrow.

Selected Domains:

This box lists all of the SecurityGateway domains over which the user has been given domain administrator access. To remove a domain from this list, select it and then click the "<---" arrow.

Can Create Domains

Check this box if you wish to allow the Domain Administrator to create new domains for which they will be added as a domain administrator.

Domain creation limit: [xx] domains

When allowing the domain administrator to create new domains, use this option to set a limit on how many domains he or she will be allowed to create.

Mail Delivery

Use domain mail servers

By default, a user's mail will be handled by whichever of the domain mail servers that are [assigned to the user's domain](#)⁵². Choose the option below if you wish to choose a specific mail server to handle this user's mail instead of using the domain's assigned servers.

Deliver mail using the specified mail server(s)

If you choose this option, mail for this user will be sent to the specified server instead of to whichever domain mail servers that are assigned to the user's domain.

Available/Selected Servers

If you wish to specify a server to handle the user's mail, select an available server from the list and use the arrow to move it to the Selected Servers.

Aliases

Click the Aliases tab to designate any aliases that you wish to associate with the user. You can also merge any existing SecurityGateway users that you wish to convert to aliases rather than being separate users.

Aliases:

To assign an alias to the user, enter an email address in the space provided and click **Add**. To remove an alias from the list, select the desired entry and then click **Remove**.

Merge Users:

Use the Merge Users option when you wish to convert another user to an alias associated with this user. This is needed in instances where a user verification source mistakenly causes a separate SecurityGateway user to be created when the address is in fact an alias of an already existing user.

You can quickly locate the address you wish to merge by typing the email address in the Merge Users box. The list of users will be filtered as you type, displaying only the addresses that match what you are typing.

"Merge User" Link

In the Merge Users list, click the Merge User link associated with the address that you wish to convert to an alias. The associated address will then be moved to the Aliases list.

3.1.2 Administrators



The Administrators list is used to manage all Global, Domain, and Quarantine administrators that have been designated in SecurityGateway.

Global Administrators have complete control over all settings and options in SecurityGateway, even over other administrator accounts and settings. For this reason you should exercise caution before designating an account as a Global Administrator.

Domain Administrators can access all settings and options relevant to the domain over which they have been given authority. They cannot edit global settings or access settings specific to other domains. When designating a domain administrator you must select at least one domain for the user to administer.

A Quarantine Administrator can view and manage the user quarantine queue for the domains to which he or she has been given access.

The Administrator list has three columns: Enabled, Email, and Real Name. The Enabled column contains a checkbox for each entry, which can be used to quickly enable/disable the administrator account. The Email column lists the administrator's email address, which is used for logging into SecurityGateway—the administrator account does not have to be local account belonging to one of your SecurityGateway domains. The Real Name column lists the user's real name (e.g. Frank Thomas). To edit an administrator, double-click the desired entry in the list or select it and then click Edit on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the [Edit Administrator](#)⁶¹ screen.

The toolbar at the top of the page contains the following four options:

New

Click *New* to open the New Administrator screen, used for creating a new administrator account. This screen is identical to the [Edit Administrator](#)⁶¹ screen.

Edit

Use the toolbar's Edit button to open the [Edit Administrator](#)⁶¹ screen corresponding to the entry currently selected in the list. Alternatively, you can also open the screen by double-clicking an entry.

Delete

To delete one or more administrators, select the entry from the list and then click *Delete*. A box will open asking you to confirm the decision to delete the administrators. You can select multiple entries by using the Ctrl and Shift keys.

For Domain:

Use the *For Domain:* drop-down list box to choose which administrators to display in the list. By default all administrators are displayed, but you can choose "-- Global --" to display only Global administrators or pick a domain from the list to display only that domain's administrators.

3.1.2.1 Edit Administrator

The Edit Administrator screen is used to edit an existing Global, Domain, or Quarantine administrator or to create a new one. You can reach this screen by clicking *New* on the [Administrators](#)⁶⁰ page or by selecting an entry in the list and clicking *Edit*. On *Edit Administrator* you will specify whether the administrator corresponds to a local account or is an external user, and you will provide the admin's local mailbox or external email address, password, and full name. You will also designate whether or not the user is a Global, Domain, or Quarantine admin.

Properties

Local Users - member of a local domain

Choose this option if the administrator account will correspond to a local account belonging to one of your SecurityGateway domains.

External - not a member of a local domain

Administrators need not correspond to a local user account. They can be external users with an external email address. Choose this option if you wish to designate this administrator as an external user.

Mailbox or Email Address

If you choose the *Local Users* option above, you will enter a Mailbox for the administrator and then choose a local domain from the drop-down list box. If you choose *External*, then you will simply enter the administrator's external Email Address. In both cases, the administrator's email address is used to log in to SecurityGateway.

Full Name:

Use this space to enter the administrator's name (e.g. Frank Thomas).

Password:

This is for the administrator's password, used for logging in to SecurityGateway.

Password (confirm):

Whenever a new password is entered, you must retype it into this box to confirm that it was typed correctly.


This account is disabled

Click this checkbox if you wish to disable the administrator's account.

Type

Use these options to designate the type of Administrator: Global, Domain or Quarantine.

Global Administrator

Global [Administrators](#)  have complete control over all settings and options in SecurityGateway, even over other administrator accounts and settings. For this reason you should exercise caution before designating an account as a Global Administrator.

Domain Administrator

Domain Administrators can access all settings and options relevant to the domain over which they have been given authority. They cannot edit global settings or access settings specific to other domains. When designating a domain administrator you must select at least one *Available Domain* for the user to administer.

Quarantine Administrator

A Quarantine Administrator can view and manage the user quarantine queue for the domains to which he or she has been given access.

Available Domains:

This box lists all of the SecurityGateway domains over which the domain or quarantine administrator can be given access. To give the administrator control over one or more of these domain, select the domains from the list and click the "---->" arrow.

Selected Domains:

This box lists all of the SecurityGateway domains over which the domain or quarantine administrator has been given control. To remove a domain from this list, select it and then click the "<---" arrow.

Can view the content/source of domain user's messages

This option applies to messages that SecurityGateway has retained according to your [Database | Data Retention](#)^[140] settings. Messages that are queued for delivery to a Domain Mail Server and messages that are quarantined are always retained. This option does not apply to archived messages.

Can Create Domains

Check this box if you wish to allow the Domain Administrator to create new domains. The administrator will be automatically added as a Domain Administrator for any domains that he or she creates. This option is disabled by default.

Domain creation limit: [xx] domains

When a Domain Administrator is allowed to create domains, by default up to five domains can be created. You can change this limit to whatever number you wish to allow, or you can disable the option if you do not wish to set a limit.

3.1.3 User Verification Sources



This page is used to manage all of your User Verification Sources, which are used to confirm the validity of unknown local addresses. To open this page, click *Setup/Users* on the navigation menu in the left pane, then click *User Verification Sources* under the Accounts section of that pane.

Whenever an incoming message is addressed to an unknown local user, SecurityGateway will query the User Verification Sources configured for the user's domain to verify whether or not the unknown address is legitimate. If the address is valid then SecurityGateway will create a user account for that address and attempt to deliver the message to the domain's [Domain Mail Servers](#)^[80]. If the address is invalid then the message will be rejected. Whenever a new account is created in this manner a [welcome message](#)^[73] may be emailed to that user, containing a login link for SecurityGateway.

For outbound messages from unknown local users, SecurityGateway will query the domain's User Verification Sources just as it does with inbound messages. Additionally, when a user attempts to authenticate the connection using his or her email address and password, SecurityGateway will pass those authentication credentials to the User Verification Sources. If the user fails authentication then the message will be rejected. If authentication is successful then the message will be accepted for delivery and a

SecurityGateway account will be created for that user. For accounts that already exist, SecurityGateway will first check the user's login credentials against the local user database. If no match is found there then the verification sources will be checked.



User Verification Sources are queried in the order in which they are listed on the Verification tab of the domain's [Properties](#)^[52] screen. As soon as either a positive or negative result occurs, SecurityGateway will accept the result and stop querying the sources. For example, if three sources are listed and the first one states that the user doesn't exist, SecurityGateway will accept that result and reject the message without querying the other two sources. However, if a non-fatal error occurs, for example because the verification source is temporarily down, then the message will be rejected with a 4xx error code, indicating that the sender should try again later.



It is crucial that your verification sources are properly configured to verify ONLY valid users. If a verification source were an open relay or had a "catch-all" alias for one of your SecurityGateway domains, then every incoming email to an unknown user would be validated by that source. This would likely result in many erroneous users being created, since most incoming spam would be addressed to invalid users that would be erroneously verified by the source. This could cause the user limit of your Registration Key to be reached very quickly.

The User Verification Sources page lists one entry per row and has four columns: Description, Host, Port, and Type. The Description column is for a description of the verification source (for example, "Server X at example.com"). The Host column lists the hostname or IP address of the verification source, Port is for the port that each source uses, and Type is the type of the verification source: [SMTP Verification \(call forward\)](#)^[68], [Active Directory/Exchange](#)^[68], [MDaemon \(Minger\)](#)^[69], [MDaemon \(XML API\)](#)^[69], [LDAP](#)^[69], or [Microsoft 365](#)^[70]. To edit a verification source, double-click an entry or select it and then click Edit on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the [Edit User Verification Source](#)^[66] screen.



All verification types but LDAP support dynamic authentication. When users attempt to authenticate or log in to SecurityGateway, their local SecurityGateway login credentials are first checked, but if they do not exist then the credentials are passed to the Verification Sources for authentication. This allows users to authenticate or log in to their SecurityGateway accounts without having to remember a separate set of credentials specifically for SecurityGateway.

AUTH passwords cannot be verified dynamically when the [CRAM-MD5](#)^[92] method of authentication is used.

The toolbar at the top of the page contains the following five options:

New

Click *New* to open the New User Verification Source screen, used for creating a new verification source. This screen is identical to the [Edit User Verification Source](#) screen.

Edit

Use the toolbar's Edit button to open the [Edit User Verification Source](#) screen corresponding to the entry currently selected in the list. Alternatively, you can also open the screen by double-clicking an entry.

Delete

To delete one or more verification sources, select the entries from the list and then click *Delete*. A box will open asking you to confirm the decision to delete the sources. You can select multiple entries by using the Ctrl and Shift keys.

Verify Users

When "-- All --" is selected in the *For Domain:* drop-down list box, clicking this button will cause SecurityGateway immediately to attempt to verify all users—even those who were already verified at some point in the past. Any users who cannot be verified by the User Verification Source will be deleted (including users who were added manually). When a specific domain is selected in the *For Domain:* box, SecurityGateway will only attempt to verify that domain's users.

Options

Opens the User Verification Source Options page for activating response caching and for flagging user to be re-verified after a designated amount of time.

Flag users for re-verification after [xx] hours

This option helps maintain the user list by periodically asking the verification source if users still exist. After the designated number of hours, verified users are flagged to be re-verified the next time they send or receive email. Disabled users are not deleted.

Cache negative responses for [xx] minutes

When a query to a verification source shows that an account doesn't exist, this option will cache the result for the designated number of minutes. This helps limit the number of redundant queries made to the verification source.

Always query default user verification sources for external aliases

When enabled, all unknown addresses will be validated by querying the default user verification source(s). If the user verification source returns that the address is an external alias for a user of a local domain, the local user will be created if necessary and the alias associated with the user. The use of this feature requires at least one default user verification source to be defined.



Since all unknown addresses will be queried, a large number of queries may be made.

For Domain:

Use the *For Domain*: drop-down list box to choose which User Verification Sources to display in the list. By default all sources are displayed, but you can choose "-- Default --" to display only those sources which you have designated as default sources (on the [Edit User Verification Source](#)⁶⁶ dialog) or pick a domain from the list to display only that domain's verification sources.

3.1.3.1 User Verification Source Options

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Since all unknown addresses will be queried, a large number of queries may be made.

See:

[User Verification Sources](#)⁶³

3.1.3.2 Edit Verification Source

The Edit User Verification Source screen is used to edit an existing [User Verification Source](#)⁶³ or to create a new one. You can reach this screen by clicking *New* on the User Verification Sources page or by selecting an entry in the list and clicking *Edit*. On this screen you will designate the type of source, its location, the port on which you will connect to it, any required authentication credentials, and the SecurityGateway domains that will use the source for verifying users.

Properties

Type:

Use this drop-down list box to specify what method of user verification this entry will use: [SMTP Verification \(call forward\)](#)^[68], [Active Directory/Exchange](#)^[68], [MDaemon \(Minger\)](#)^[69], [MDaemon \(XML API\)](#)^[69], [LDAP](#)^[69], or [Microsoft 365](#)^[70]. The *Description*, *Host or IP*, and *Port* options below apply to four types of verification sources. The remaining options will change depending on which type you choose. For all verification types, when an unknown local user is verified a SecurityGateway account will be created for that user and a [welcome message](#)^[73] may be emailed to the new account, containing a login link for SecurityGateway. The user's email address and password can then be used to log in to his or her SecurityGateway account to view the message log, message quarantine, and so on. Because LDAP does not support dynamic authentication, if that verification type is selected then a SecurityGateway password must be supplied to your users before they will be able to log in to SecurityGateway.



All verification types but LDAP support dynamic authentication. When users attempt to authenticate or log in to SecurityGateway, their local SecurityGateway login credentials are first checked, but if they do not exist then the credentials are passed to the Verification Sources for authentication. This allows users to authenticate or log in to their SecurityGateway accounts without having to remember a separate set of credentials specifically for SecurityGateway.

When a user's domain is configured to use a Microsoft 365 User Verification Source, and the user is signing in to the SecurityGateway interface, the user is redirected to the Microsoft 365 authorization URL to complete the login process. Upon a successful Microsoft 365 login, the user's browser is redirected back to SecurityGateway.

AUTH passwords cannot be verified dynamically when the [CRAM-MD5](#)^[92] method of authentication is used.

Description:

Use this text box for a description of the verification source (for example, "Server X at example.com"). It corresponds to the *Description* column on the [User Verification Sources](#)^[63] page.

Host or IP:

This is for the hostname or the IP address of the verification source. SecurityGateway will connect to this location when querying this source. This option corresponds to the *Host* column on the User Verification Sources page.

Port:

This is the port SecurityGateway will use when connecting to the verification source, and it corresponds to the *Port* column on the User Verification Sources page.

SMTP Verification (call forward)

Choose this type if you wish to use SMTP to verify unknown local recipients of incoming messages and unknown local senders of outbound messages. Similar to [Callback Verification](#)^[204], SecurityGateway will attempt to verify the user via the SMTP protocol. For unknown local senders who attempt to authenticate, SecurityGateway will pass the user's credentials to the SMTP Verification source for authentication. If authentication is successful then the message will be accepted for delivery by SecurityGateway and an account for the user will be created. For accounts that already exist, SecurityGateway will first check the user's login credentials against the local user database. If no match is found there then the SMTP Verification source will be checked.

Requires authentication

Click this checkbox if the SMTP Verification source requires authentication. Then include the user name and password below.

User name:

If the SMTP Verification source requires authentication, specify your user name here.

Password:

Enter your SMTP Verification source password here.

Active Directory/Exchange

Choose this type if you wish to use Active Directory or an Exchange server to verify unknown local users. As with SMTP Verification above, this verification type supports dynamic authentication. For unknown local senders who attempt to authenticate, SecurityGateway will pass the user's credentials to the Active Directory/Exchange server for authentication. If authentication is successful then the message will be accepted for delivery by SecurityGateway and an account for the user will be created. For accounts that already exist, SecurityGateway will first check the user's login credentials against the local user database. If no match is found there then the SMTP Verification source will be checked.

User name:

This space is for the Active Directory/Exchange/Windows user name needed to log in to the verification source.

Password:

Use this space to enter the password that corresponds to the Active Directory/Exchange user name specified above.

Search Filter:

This is the search filter that will be used when querying your Active Directory/Exchange server for users. In most cases the default search filter should be sufficient.

MDaemon (Minger)

Choose this verification type if you wish to use an MDAemon server using Minger as the user verification source. This is an extended version of the Minger protocol exclusive to MDAemon servers and therefore this option cannot be used with other types of servers. This verification type supports dynamic authentication like the two previous verification types. This means that your users can authenticate or log in to their SecurityGateway accounts using their mail server login credentials.

Requires authentication

Click this checkbox if the MDAemon server requires authentication to use Minger.

Password:

Enter your MDAemon server's Minger password here.

MDaemon (XML API)

Choose this option to use the MDAemon XML-API as a User Verification Source type. MDAemon's XML API provides a better alternative to Minger as it can authenticate accounts for which MDAemon has not stored a copy of the password using reversible encryption. It can also return all aliases for an account in a single call. **NOTE:** This option requires MDAemon version 23.0.2 or later.

MDaemon XML API URL:

MDaemon's installation default XML-API URL is:

"http://servername:RemoteAdminPort/MdMgmtWS/" However, it is highly recommended to configure HTTPS options in MDAemon and use secure HTTP (i.e. https://servername:RemoteAdminPort/MdMgmtWS/).

Create MDAemon XML API Service Account

When configuring this User Verification Source within SecurityGateway, the process will create an "MDaemon XML API Service Account." The MDAemon XML API supports service accounts with limited permissions. When configuring a User Verification Source to use the MDAemon XML API, SecurityGateway will call the MDAemon XML API to create a service account with permission granted only to execute the "XMINGER" operation used for verifying and authenticating user accounts. Creating the service account requires the credentials of an MDAemon global administrator. SecurityGateway does not retain the MDAemon global administrator credentials after creating the service account. The returned service account credentials are used for the User Verification Source.

LDAP

Choose this verification type if you wish to use an LDAP server to verify your users. However, unlike with the other verification types, you cannot use LDAP to authenticate a user's login credentials. Consequently, dynamic authentication, or authenticating "on the fly", isn't supported. Therefore, if you require your users to authenticate then users verified through an LDAP verification source will not be able to log in or send messages through SecurityGateway without using their SecurityGateway account's password.

Bind DN:

Enter the Distinguished Name (DN) that has access to your LDAP server so that SecurityGateway can query it for user names. This is the DN used for authentication in the bind operation.

Password:

This password will be passed to your LDAP server along with the *Bind DN* value for authentication.

Base entry DN:

This is the root DN or starting point in the Directory Information Tree (DIT) at which SecurityGateway will search your Active Directory for users.

Search Filter:

This is the LDAP search filter that will be used when querying your LDAP server for users. In most cases the default search filter should be sufficient.

Search Scope:

This is the scope or extent of your LDAP searches.

Base DN only

Choose this option if you wish to limit your search to only the *Base entry DN* supplied above. The search will not proceed below that point in your tree (DIT).

1 level below base DN

Use this option if you wish to extend your search to one level below the *Base entry DN* in your DIT.

Base DN and all children

This option will extend the scope of your search from the *Base entry DN* to all of its children, down to the lowest child entry in your DIT. This is the default option selected.

Microsoft 365

Choose this verification type if you wish to utilize Microsoft 365 as a user verification source, and follow the steps below to set it up.



To allow SecurityGateway to access the Microsoft 365 tenant, the Microsoft 365 plan requires Exchange Online. Please make sure the Microsoft 365 plan includes this feature.

To use Microsoft 365 as a user verification source, SecurityGateway requires a service principal that has been granted permission to access the Microsoft 365 tenant. Further, Microsoft 365 utilizes Azure Active Directory as its directory service. The steps below detail how to configure Microsoft 365 as a user verification source in SecurityGateway.

Register an application with Microsoft Identity platform:

1. Login to the Microsoft Entra admin center.
For accounts with multiple tenants, click the Settings icon and select the desired tenant.
2. In the **Admin Center** menu, select **Identity > Applications > App registrations**.
3. Select **New Registration**
4. Enter an application name in the name field.
5. Select **Register**
6. Make note of the Application ID
7. Select **API Permissions**
8. Select **+ Add a permission**
9. Select Microsoft Graph
10. Select Application Permissions
11. Select **Group.Read.All** and **User.Read.All**
12. Select **Add permissions**
13. Click the **Grant admin consent for...** button
14. Click **Yes**
15. Select **Certificates & Secrets**
16. Click **+ New Client Secret**
17. Enter a description in the description field
18. Select the radio button to determine how long the password will be valid for.
19. Make note of the generated password in the **Value** field as this password will not be viewable again.

In SecurityGateway:

1. Login to SecurityGateway with the global admin.
2. Select **Setup/Users**
3. Select **Accounts**
4. Select **User Verification Sources**
5. Click **New**
6. Select **Microsoft 365**
7. Enter a description
8. Enter the Microsoft 365 domain name in the **Domain Name** field.
9. Select the Type

For most configurations, the option will be "Global."

10. Enter the Application ID from Azure AD in the **Service Principle** field.

This can be found on the Overview page of the app registration in Azure AD

11. Enter the password generated in Azure AD above in the **Password** field.

12. Click **Save and Close**.

Type

This server is a default user verification source

If you wish to designate this source as one of your default user verification sources, click this checkbox. The default User Verification Sources are used for all SecurityGateway domains that haven't had sources specifically designated for their use. They are also used by the [Automatic Domain Creation](#)^[72] feature.

Specify below which domains should utilize this user verification source...

Use the options below to assign this verification source to one or more of your SecurityGateway domains. If multiple verification sources are assigned to a domain then you can designate the order in which they will be queried on the [Verification](#)^[52] tab of the domain's Properties screen.

Available Domains:

This box lists all available SecurityGateway domains. To specify the domains that should utilize this verification source, select them from the list and click the "--->" arrow.

Selected Domains:

This box lists all SecurityGateway domains that you have configured to utilize this source to verify users. To remove a domain from the list, select it and click the "<---" arrow.

3.1.4 Automatic Domain Creation



Use this page to designate whether or not you wish to create a new SecurityGateway domain automatically whenever an incoming message for an unknown user at an unknown domain can be validated by your default [User Verification Sources](#)^[63]. To open this page, click *Setup/Users* on the navigation menu in the left pane, then click *Automatic Domain Creation* under the Accounts section of that pane.

Configuration

Enable automatic domain creation

When enabled, SecurityGateway will query your default user verification sources whenever an incoming message is for an unknown address at an unknown domain. If the address is valid, SecurityGateway will create both the domain and user. Automatic Domain Creation requires at least one [default user verification source](#)^[66] to be defined, and since queries will be made for all unknown addresses, a large number of queries might be made. This feature is disabled by default.



When using this feature it is crucial that your verification sources are properly configured to verify ONLY valid users. If a verification source were an open relay, for example, then every incoming email to an unknown domain or user would be validated by that source. This would likely result in many erroneous domains and users being created, caused by incoming spam to invalid addresses.

3.1.5 User Options



Use this page to designate which options your SecurityGateway users will be able to access by logging in to their SecurityGateway accounts. The User Options can be set globally and on a per domain basis.

Access Control

Allow users to modify their passwords

This option allows users to modify their SecurityGateway account passwords via the [My Settings](#)^[35] page.

Display the "Show Password" icon for password fields

Each password field contains an eye icon that a user can click to see the password he has just typed into the field. Disable this option if you do not wish to allow your users to see their passwords.

Allow users to view and manage their own quarantine folders

When this option is enabled, users can view and manage incoming messages for them that were placed into quarantine. This allows them to reach the [View My Quarantine](#)^[43] page to release messages, delete them, and so on.

Allow users to modify their own quarantine settings

Click this option to allow each user to edit the quarantine settings located on the [My Settings](#)^[35] page.

Allow users to view a log of messages addressed to or from their account

This allows each user to view his or her account's message log via the [View My Message Log](#)^[44] link in SecurityGateway. All messages to or from that user's email address will be listed in the log.

Allow users to view message transcripts

When this option is enabled, users can view the transcript details for a message in their [message log](#)^[44] or [quarantine](#)^[43]. When disabled, only administrators can view the transcript. This option is disabled by default.

Allow users to search and view archived messages addressed to or from their account

By default users can search and view archived messages addressed to or from their account. Clear this check box if you do not wish to allow them to do this.

Allow users to delete archived messages addressed to or from their account

Check this box if you wish to allow users to delete archived messages addressed to or from their account. This option is disabled by default.

Allow users to disable anti-spam tests for messages addressed to their account

Click this option if you wish to allow users to disable anti-spam testing on messages that are addressed to their accounts. When a user disables anti-spam testing for his or her account on the [My Settings](#)^[35] page, this will prevent the [DNSBL](#)^[161], [URIBL](#)^[165], [Heuristics and Bayesian](#)^[155], and [Outbreak Protection](#)^[150] spam tests from being performed.

Allow users to disable "Account Hijack Detection" for their account

By default, users cannot control whether or not their accounts are exempt from [Account Hijack Detection](#)^[219]. Enable this option if you wish to allow users to control that option.

Allow users to enable Two Factor Authentication

Check this box if you wish to allow users to configure their account to require Two Factor Authentication when signing into their SecurityGateway account. When enabled, and the user signs in from a browser using a secure HTTPS connection, the [Two Factor Authentication](#)^[34] page will appear under their My Account options. Two Factor Authentication is an extra layer of security that requires you to authenticate yourself a second time when signing in, using a different authentication method. For example, you might sign in using your password and then authenticate yourself the second time by using your device's fingerprint reader, or by entering a special security code generated by an authenticator app on your phone.

Allow WebAuthn for Two Factor Authentication

Check this box if you wish to allow users to utilize the Web Authentication API (also known as WebAuthn) for two factor authentication. WebAuthn allows users to use biometrics, USB security keys, Bluetooth, and more for authentication. They will use the options on their [Two Factor Authentication](#)^[34] page to set up their preferred authentication methods (that page is only available to users when they access SecurityGateway via HTTPS).



For security, you cannot use the same authentication method for both passwordless sign-in and two factor authentication. Therefore if you wish to use both, choose a different authentication method for each.

Visit: [webauthn.guide](#), for more information on WebAuthn and how it works.

Allow users to enable Two Factor Authentication email verification

Check this box if you wish to allow users to enter an alternative email address into SecurityGateway when setting up Two Factor authentication, so that they can receive verification codes via email rather than having to use the Google authenticator app. Turn off this option if you do not wish to allow verification codes via email.

Two Factor Authentication verification code sent over email expires after: [xx] minutes

When receiving Two Factor authentication codes via email, this is how long the user will have to enter the code before it expires. By default this is set to **10** minutes.

Require users to enable Two Factor Authentication

Check this box if you wish to require all users to use Two Factor Authentication when signing in. When this option is enabled, the first time a user signs in he will be presented with a Setup 2FA page.

Allow users to be remembered per device (requires HTTPS)

When this option is enabled, A "*Remember me on this device*" option will be displayed on the sign-in page whenever a user connects via a secure HTTPS connection. If a user checks the box, from that point forward he will be signed in automatically whenever he opens SecurityGateway on the same device, as long as simply closes his browser when he is finished rather than using the "Sign Out" option. If he signs out then he will have to sign in again the next time he connects. The user will be remembered for the number of days specified in the *Number of days...* option below. After that, he will be required to sign in again. This option is disabled by default. **NOTE:** A "*Do not remember me on this device/browser*" option will be available on the user's [My Account » Settings](#)^[35] page whenever the Remember Me option is active on their current device or browser. They can click that link to cancel Remember Me on the device.

Number of days users will be remembered (from 1 to 365)

When using the *Allow users to be remembered per device* option, this is the number of days that the user will be remembered before being required to sign in again. This is set to 30 days by default.

Sign-in Options

Display the "Forgot Password" link on the Sign-in screen

By default, a "Forgot Password" link appears on the Sign-in page, which can be used to email a link to the user to change his or her password. The link will be emailed to the address associated with the SecurityGateway user account. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to display the "Forgot Password" link on the Sign-in page.

Allow WebAuthn at Sign-In

Check this box if you wish to allow users to sign in utilizing the Web Authentication API (also known as WebAuthn), which gives them a secure, passwordless sign-in experience, by allowing them to use biometrics, USB security keys, Bluetooth, and more for authentication. Users can register their passwordless sign-in credentials on their [My Account » Settings](#)^[38] page.



Visit: [webauthn.guide](#), for more information on WebAuthn and how it works.

Show the below administrator contact information on the Sign-In screen

Activate this option and enter some text in the box below if you wish to include some administrator contact information or links on the Sign-in page. The text you enter in the box can contain some HTML, such as anchors and images.

Defaults

Do not perform anti-spam tests for messages addressed to this account

Check this box if you wish to require This option governs the default setting of the user option of the same name on the [My Settings](#)^[35] page. When it is enabled, by default the server will not perform [DNSBL](#)^[161], [URIBL](#)^[165], [Heuristics and Bayesian](#)^[155], and [Outbreak Protection](#)^[150] spam tests on messages addressed to the accounts.

Disable "Account Hijack Detection" for this account

Enable this option if by default you wish to exempt accounts from the [Account Hijack Detection](#)^[219] feature. Exemption could be necessary for accounts that legitimately send high volumes of mail in short periods of time. You can set this option for individual accounts on the [Account Settings](#)^[35] page.

Automatically allowlist addresses user send mail to

This option governs the default setting of the *Automatically allowlist addresses I send mail to* option under each user's [My Settings](#)^[35] page. When that is enabled for a user, every address to which that user sends a message will be added to his or her addresses allowlist, reached via the [Allowlist](#)^[39] link. This will help to ensure that future incoming messages to that user from those addresses will not get flagged as spam erroneously.

Require Strong Passwords

By default, all new passwords are required to be a minimum of eight characters and include at least one of each of the following:

- Upper case character
- Lower case character
- Number
- Special character (e.g. ;,_,./- =)

There is a *Do not require a strong password for this account* option, located on the [User Edit](#)^[58] page, that you can use to exempt a user from this requirement.

When to display statistics graphs

Use this option to choose when the statistics graphs will be displayed on the [Dashboard](#)^[9] and [Landing page](#)^[32]. You can choose Automatic, Always, Manual, or Never.

Language

Use this drop-down list to set the default language that the server will use when it sends system-generated messages. There is a corresponding user option that individuals can use to override this setting for themselves.

Check passwords against a compromised password list from a third-party service

SecurityGateway can check a user's password against a compromised password list from a third-party service, and it is able to do this without transmitting the password to the service. If a user's password is present on the list it does not mean the account has been hacked. It means that someone somewhere has used an identical password before and it has appeared in a data breach. Unique passwords that have never been used anywhere else are more secure, as published passwords may be used by hackers in dictionary attacks. See [Pwned Passwords](#) for more information.

Use the drop-down to select how often you wish to check a password against the list since the last time that password was checked. You can choose:

- Never (Passwords are not checked against the list. This is the default setting.)
- A day since last checked
- A week since last checked
- A month since last checked

Number of items displayed per page

This option determines how many items to display per page when a user is logged into SecurityGateway, such as addresses in the allowlist, entries in the message log, and so on. At the bottom of each page there are controls that can be used to move through the additional pages when there are too many items to display on a single page. The default value for this option is 50.

Terms of Use

Require user to accept terms of use below before they can login


Enable this option and enter text into the box, such as a terms of use statement, if you wish to require users to accept the text each time they log in to SecurityGateway. The user can accept the statement by checking a box.

New Users

Send welcome message to new users

Enable this option if you wish to send a "welcome" message whenever a new user is created. This message provides a link to SecurityGateway so that the users can log in and manage their account preferences and quarantine folder. This option is disabled by default.

Send an alert to global administrators when a new user is created

Check this box if you wish to send a message to the [global administrators](#)  whenever a new user account is created.

Check new user's password against 3rd party compromised password list

When this box is checked, the "Check passwords against a compromised password list..." option above will be used for a new user's password.

Allow user mailbox name to contain plus (+) character

Enable this option if you need to create users for which the mailbox name contains a plus (+) character. If enabled, those mailboxes will not be considered sub-address aliases. For example, `frank.thomas+billing@example.com` will be considered its own user rather than an alias of `frank.thomas@example.com` (see [Subaddressing](#)^[78] below).

Subaddressing

Subaddressing (also known as *plus addressing*) is a method commonly used for appending a tag or folder name to an email address. Using this system, messages addressed to *user+tag@domain* (e.g. `frank.thomas+billing@example.com`) can be routed automatically to the account's folder that is included in the address. Some email servers will do this automatically, some will simply treat the address as an alias, and still others may not support subaddressing at all, treating the address as a regular email address rather than an address plus a tag.

For example, on a server that supports subaddressing, if `frank.thomas@example.com` has an IMAP mail folder called "billing," then an email arriving addressed to "`frank.thomas+billing@example.com`" would be delivered to Frank and routed automatically to that specific folder. If the server treats subaddresses as an aliases, then the message would simply be delivered to Frank's Inbox (however Frank could create an email filter to automatically place that message into his "billing" folder). If the server doesn't support subaddressing, then the message would be rejected, treating it as if it were addressed to an unknown user called, "`frank.thomas+billing`".

In SecurityGateway, when an incoming message is for that type of address, SecurityGateway checks to see if a user exists with that exact mailbox name including the "+" character, or if it is a subaddress alias of a user. If no user or alias is found, or if the user is found but it is time to [re-verify them](#)^[66], then the appropriate [user verification source](#)^[63] will be queried. The user verification source query will use the full address received by SecurityGateway. This is done to ensure that the mail server will accept the address. If the address is verified, then SecurityGateway will create a new user or an alias of the user as needed.

Finally, when delivering the message to the [domain mail server](#)^[80], SecurityGateway will always use the full email address that was included in the original message, e.g. "`frank.thomas+billing@example.com`".

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its User Options settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

3.2 Mail Configuration



The Mail Configuration section under the *Setup/Users* menu provides links to the following five pages that govern various mail-related functions:

[Domain Mail Servers](#)^[80]—This page is used to manage all of your domain mail servers, which are the mail servers for which SecurityGateway will be acting as a gateway. Generally these are the servers on which your users have their email accounts and where their messages are stored. When SecurityGateway receives a message for a verified user of one of your domains, it will attempt to deliver the message to the mail servers associated with that domain.

[Remote POP Accounts](#)^[82]—Use the Remote POP Accounts option to configure SecurityGateway to use the POP3 protocol to download mail from a remote POP mailbox for redistribution to a given domain's users. Once collected, the messages are parsed according to the settings provided on the [Edit POP Account](#)^[83] screen and then delivered to any valid users, just as if the messages had arrived at the server using conventional SMTP transactions..

[Quarantine Configuration](#)^[86]—This page makes it possible for you to override the "...*quarantine the message*" options located under many of the [Security](#)^[148] features. Further, you can choose whether or not your users will individually be able to override the default quarantine options for their domain, and whether or not they will be able to view and manage the contents of their quarantine folder. Finally, you can also choose how often users will receive an email detailing the contents of their quarantine folder: never, daily, or weekly.

[Mail Delivery](#)^[90]—The options on the Mail Delivery page are for designating whether SecurityGateway will handle the delivery of outbound messages itself or pass that responsibility to another server. This page also contains options governing how long SecurityGateway will try to deliver inbound or outbound mail that encounters non-fatal errors, before giving up and returning the message to the sender as undeliverable. These options are global options, applying to all SecurityGateway domains.

[Email Protocol](#)^[92]—The Email Protocol page contains various options governing SecurityGateway's technical handling of email. For example, you will use this page to designate the ports that will be used for receiving mail, the maximum number of concurrent SMTP sessions allowed, whether or not SecurityGateway will honor VRFY requests, whether or not you will allow plain text passwords, and other similar advanced options.

3.2.1 Domain Mail Servers



This page is used to manage all of your domain mail servers, which are the mail servers for which SecurityGateway will be acting as a gateway. Generally these are the servers on which your users have their email accounts and where their messages are stored. When SecurityGateway receives a message for a verified user of one of your domains, it will attempt to deliver the message to the mail servers associated with that domain. Each [SecurityGateway domain](#)^[50] will have one or more domain mail servers associated with it specifically or use the domain mail servers that you designate as [default servers](#)^[80]. To open the Domain Mail Servers list, click **Setup/Users** on the navigation bar, then click **Mail Configuration** and **Domain Mail Servers**.

The Domain Mail Servers page lists one entry per row and has three columns: Description, Server, and Port. The Description column is for a description of the mail server (for example, "Server X at example.com"). The Server column lists the hostname or IP address of the mail server. The Port column lists the port that should be used when sending messages to it. To edit a domain mail server, double-click an entry or select it and then click Edit on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the [Edit Mail Server](#)^[80] screen.

The toolbar at the top of the page contains the following four options:

New

Click *New* to open the New Mail Server screen, used for creating a new domain mail server. This screen is identical to the [Edit Mail Server](#)^[80] screen.

Edit

Use the toolbar's Edit button to open the [Edit Mail Server](#)^[80] screen corresponding to the entry currently selected in the list. Alternatively, you can also open the screen by double-clicking an entry.

Delete

To delete one or more domain mail servers, select the entries from the list and then click *Delete*. A box will open asking you to confirm the decision to delete the servers. You can select multiple entries by using the Ctrl and Shift keys.

For Domain:

Use the *For Domain:* drop-down list box to choose which domain mail servers to display in the list. By default all servers are displayed, but you can choose "-- Default --" to display only those which you have designated as default servers (on the [Edit Mail Server](#)^[80] screen) or pick a domain from the list to display only that domain's mail servers.

3.2.1.1 Edit Mail Server

The Edit Mail Server screen is used to edit an existing [Domain Mail Server](#)^[80] or to create a new one. You can reach this screen by clicking *New* on the Domain Mail Servers page or by selecting an entry on that page and clicking *Edit*. On this screen

you will provide a description of the server, its location, the port on which you will connect to it, any required authentication credentials, and the SecurityGateway domains that use it. You will also designate whether or not it is a default mail server.

Properties

Description:

Use this text box for a description of the server (for example, "Server X at example.com"). It corresponds to the *Description* column on the [Domain Mail Server](#) ⁸⁰ page.

Host or IP:

This is for the hostname or the IP address of the mail server. SecurityGateway will connect to this location when attempting to deliver your users' mail to it. This option corresponds to the *Server* column on the Domain Mail Servers page.

Port:

This is the port SecurityGateway will use when connecting to the server, and it corresponds to the *Port* column on the Domain Mail Servers page.

Requires authentication

Click this checkbox if the domain mail server requires that you authenticate before sending mail to it. Then include the user name and password below.

User name:

If the server requires authentication, specify your user name here.

Password:

Enter your domain mail server password here.

Type

This server is a default mail server

If you wish to make this server one of your default domain mail servers, click this checkbox. The default servers are used for all SecurityGateway domains that haven't had domain mail servers specifically associated with them.

Specify below which domains should utilize this mail server...

Use the options below to assign this server to one or more of your SecurityGateway domains. If multiple domain mail servers are assigned to a domain, then on the [Mail Servers tab](#) ⁵² of the domain's Properties screen you can designate the order in which delivery will be attempted to them.

Available Domains:

This box lists all available SecurityGateway domains. To specify the domains that use this domain mail server, select them from the list and click the "--->" arrow.

Selected Domains:

This box lists all SecurityGateway domains that you have configured to use this mail server. To remove a domain from the list, select it and click the "<---" arrow.

3.2.2 Remote POP Accounts



Use the Remote POP Accounts option to configure SecurityGateway to use the POP3 protocol to download mail from a remote POP mailbox for redistribution to a given domain's users. Once collected, the messages are parsed according to the settings provided on the [Edit POP Account](#)^[83] screen and then delivered to any valid users, just as if the messages had arrived at the server using conventional SMTP transactions.

It is important to note, however, that messages stored in mailboxes and retrieved using the POP3 protocol will be devoid of the important routing information (often called the message's "envelope") that would ordinarily be supplied had the messages been delivered using the SMTP protocol. This is because POP mailboxes are traditionally meant to be associated with an individual rather than with an entire domain or multiple users—everything in the mailbox is assumed to be intended for the same recipient and therefore the initial routing information is no longer needed. Without this routing information, SecurityGateway is forced to use a set of [parsing](#)^[85] options to examine each message's headers in an attempt to determine the intended recipient. Messages with headers found to contain valid recipients at the associated SecurityGateway domain will be delivered. Messages without any valid recipients will be removed from the POP mailbox and deleted from SecurityGateway.

The Remote POP Accounts page lists one entry per row and has five columns: Enabled, Description, Host, Port, and Domain. For detailed information on each of these items and on creating and editing POP account entries, see the [Edit POP Account](#)^[83] screen.

The toolbar at the top of the page contains the following five options:

New

Click *New* to open the New POP Account screen, used for creating a new POP account entry. This screen is identical to the Edit POP Account screen.

Edit

Use the toolbar's Edit button to open the [Edit POP Account](#)^[83] screen corresponding to the entry currently selected in the list. Alternatively, you can also open the screen by double-clicking an entry.

Delete

To delete one or more POP accounts, select the entries from the list and then click *Delete*. A box will open asking you to confirm the decision to delete the entries. You can select multiple entries by using the Ctrl and Shift keys.

Check Now

Click this button to immediately check the selected POP accounts for new messages.

For Domain:

Use the *For Domain:* drop-down list box to choose which POP accounts to display in the list. By default all accounts are displayed, but you can choose a specific domain from the list to display only that domain's POP account entries.

3.2.2.1 Edit POP Account



Use the *New* or *Edit* option on the [Remote POP Accounts](#)^[82] page to open the Edit POP Account screen, used to create or edit your POP account entries. The Edit POP Account screen contains two tabs: *Host and Options* and *Parsing*. The Host and Options tab is used for specifying the host and login information associated with the POP account, the security protocol to use for the connection to the POP host, and for designating how often SecurityGateway will collect mail from the POP account. The Parsing tab is used to designate the headers that SecurityGateway will search for recipient addresses and sender IP addresses.

Host and Options

This account is disabled

Click this check box if you wish to disable the POP account. The account will still appear in the [Remote POP Accounts](#)^[82] list, but SecurityGateway will no longer attempt to collect mail from it. Clear the check box to begin collecting mail from it again.

Collect mail for this domain

Use the drop-down list to specify the domain with which this POP account is associated. When parsing message headers for recipient addresses, SecurityGateway will look for this domain's users in those headers.

Mailbox

Description

Use this space to provide a name or description for the POP account. This is simply for your reference and appears in the POP accounts list.

Host name or IP

Enter the POP account's domain name or IP address here (for example: `pop.example.com`).

Port

This is the port that SecurityGateway will use when collecting mail from the account. The default POP port is 110.

User name

Enter the POP account's login or user name here.

Password

The POP account's password.

Security

Use secure connection

SecurityGateway for Email Servers supports the latest in encryption technology to protect your data and secure the connection. Choose the option that you wish to use when collecting this POP account's messages.

Never—Choose this option if your POP host does not support, or you do not wish to use, an encrypted session.

TLS, if available—Choose this option if you wish to use Transport Layer Security (TLS) encryption whenever possible when collecting mail from the POP account. If the POP host does not support TLS then SecurityGateway will collect the messages normally, without using encryption. This is the default option.

TLS—Select this option if you wish to require TLS encryption when collecting messages from this POP account.

SSL—Use this option if you wish to require SSL encryption when collecting messages from this POP account.

Require secure authentication (APOP)

Click this box if you wish to use the APOP command and CRAM-MD5 authentication when retrieving mail from this account. This makes it possible to authenticate yourself without having to send clear text passwords.

Message Collection

Leave messages on the server

If selected, SecurityGateway will download but not remove the messages from the POP account's host server.

...until they are this many days old

This is the number of days that a message can remain on the POP host before it will be deleted.



Some hosts may limit the amount of time that you are allowed to store messages in the mailbox.

Polling interval: [xx] minutes

This option governs how often SecurityGateway will check the POP host for new mail. Checking every five minutes is recommended.

Timeout: [xx] seconds

This is the number of seconds that SecurityGateway will wait for a response from the POP host before giving up. Sixty seconds is recommended.

Parsing

Recipient (RCPT)

Parse these headers for recipient (RCPT)

Use this option to designate the headers that you want SecurityGateway to parse for recipient email addresses. Every header listed here is checked for addresses.

Parse 'Received' headers for recipient (RCPT)

Because the recipient information found within a message's SMTP envelope is sometimes found within the 'Received' headers as well, this can make it possible for you to parse these headers and possibly glean the actual recipient address. Click this check box if you wish to parse valid addresses from all of the 'Received' headers found within each message.

Skip over the first [xx] 'Received:' headers

In some server configurations you may wish to parse 'Received' headers but need to skip the first few of them. This setting allows you to enter the number of 'Received' headers that SecurityGateway will skip over before beginning its parsing.

IP Address

Parse 'Received' headers for sender's IP address

Click this check box if you wish to parse the sender's IP address from all of the 'Received' headers found within each message. Obtaining the sender's IP address can be useful for various security lookups and spam blocking options.

Skip over the first [xx] 'Received:' headers

In some server configurations you may wish to parse 'Received' headers but need to skip the first few of them. This setting allows you to enter the number of 'Received' headers that SecurityGateway will skip over before beginning its parsing.

Parse this header for sender's IP address:

Use this option to list a specific header that you wish to parse for the sender's IP address. The default value is X-ORIGINATING-IP.

3.2.3 Quarantine Configuration



The Quarantine Options page makes it possible for you to override the "...*quarantine the message*" options located under many of the [Security](#)^[148] features; the quarantine can be overridden globally or for specific domains. Further, you can choose whether or not your users will individually be able to override the default quarantine options for their domain, and whether or not they will be able to view and manage the contents of their quarantine folder. Finally, you can also choose how often users will receive an email detailing the contents of their quarantine folder: never, daily, or weekly.

Messages

Hold quarantined messages on the SecurityGateway server

When this option is selected, any message matching the "...*quarantine the message*" criteria specified under any [Security](#)^[148] feature will be held on the SecurityGateway server. This is the default option.

Send users and email listing the contents of their quarantine folder:

When messages are held in quarantine on the SecurityGateway server, this option determines how often an email message will be sent to your users listing the contents of their quarantine.

Never

Choose this option if you do not wish to send each user a message listing his or her quarantine folder's contents.

Every XX hour(s)

Selected this option and specify a number of hours if you wish to send users the quarantine contents message at that interval.

Daily

When this option is selected, each account will receive a message each day outlining the contents of the user's quarantine folder. This is the default option.

Weekly

Choose this option if you wish to send the email once per week.

On the schedule specified below:

Click **Add** to open the Quarantine Report Scheduler, for creating a customized schedule for when the quarantine folder reports will be sent.

Schedule

Day(s)

When creating a new entry for the schedule, first select the day or days on which you wish the email to be sent. You can select: every

day, weekdays (Monday thru Friday), weekends (Saturday and Sunday), or a specific day of the week. If you wish to include multiple specific days, create a separate scheduler entry for each day of the week.

Starting at...

Enter the time that you want the quarantine report to be sent. The time value must be in 24-hour format, from 00:00 to 23:59. If you want the report to be sent at regular intervals throughout the day, then you must also use the *Ending at...* and *Recurring every [xx] minutes* options below. If you want this entry to send only one report per day, then leave the *Ending at...* and *Recurring every...* options blank.

Ending at...

Enter the time that you want the recurring report emails to end each day. The time value must be in 24-hour format, from 00:01 to 23:59, and it must be greater than the *Starting at...* value. For example, if the *Starting at...* value were "10:00" then this value could be from "10:01" to "23:59". Leave this option blank if you want the entry to send a single report each day rather than recurring reports.

Recurring every [xx] minutes

This is the time interval at which quarantine report emails will be sent between the designated *Starting at...* and *Ending at...* times. Leave this option blank if you want the entry to send a single report each day rather than recurring reports.

Only include new messages quarantined since last email was sent

By default, each quarantine report includes a list of all messages contained in the quarantine folder. Check this box if you want the email to include only those messages that have been added to the quarantine folder since the last quarantine report was sent. A quarantine report will not be generated if there are no messages to include in the report.

When you are finished with your selections, click **Save and Close** to create the entry and add it to the Quarantine Configuration page.

Sort quarantine email by: [Received | From | Subject | Score]

Use this option to choose how you wish to sort the list of quarantined messages contained in the quarantine email. By default the list is sorted by the date the messages were received, but you can also choose to sort it by From, Subject, or spam score.

Include "View Message" option in quarantine email

Check this box if you wish to include a "View Message" option in the quarantine report email, to allow users to view their quarantined messages. This option is also located under: Main » My Account » Settings.

Include "Always Allow" option in quarantine list and email

By default, there is an "Always Allow" option in the quarantine list and quarantine report email. Uncheck this box if you do not wish to include the "Always Allow" option.

Include "Blocklist" option in quarantine list and email

When this option is checked, a link will be available in the user's list of quarantined messages and in the quarantine report email, which can be used to add a message sender's address to the blocklist.

Include "Blocklist Domain" option in quarantine list and email

When this option is checked, a link will be available in the user's list of quarantined messages and in the quarantine report email, which can be used to add a message sender's domain to the blocklist.

Allow mail server or client to filter quarantined messages

When this option is selected it will override each "...*quarantine the message*" option under the various [Security](#)^[148] features. Messages that would have been quarantined will instead be sent to the recipient, allowing the recipient's client or server to quarantine or filter them. By using the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page, you can set this option globally or for individual domains.

...tag subject with [text]

Enable this option if you wish to add a tag to the subject of messages that would have been quarantined. This tag could be used by the recipient's client or server to filter messages.

...add header [text]

Enable this option if you wish to add a message header to messages that would have been quarantined. This header could be used by the recipient's client or server to filter messages. The default header is: "X-Spam-Flag: YES".

Users

The two user options below are identical to the two options of the same name located on the [User Options](#)^[73] page. Any change you make to the settings on one page will be duplicated on the other. The options are provided in both locations merely for your convenience.

Allow users to view and manage their own quarantine folders

When this option is enabled, users can view and manage incoming messages for them that were placed into quarantine. This allows them to reach the [View My Quarantine](#)^[43] page to release messages, delete them, and so on.

Allow users to modify their own quarantine settings

Click this option to allow each user to edit the quarantine settings located on the [My Settings](#)^[35] page.

Administrative Quarantine (All domains)

Use these options to specify when or if administrators will be sent an email that lists the contents of the administrative quarantine. These options are identical to the user quarantine report options outlined above.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its Quarantine Options settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

3.2.3.1 Quarantine Report Scheduler

On the [Quarantine Configuration](#) page, under the "On the schedule specified below:" option, click **Add** to open the Quarantine Report Scheduler, for creating a customized schedule for when the quarantine folder report emails will be sent.

Schedule

Day(s)

When creating a new entry for the schedule, first select the day or days on which you wish the email to be sent. You can select: every day, weekdays (Monday thru Friday), weekends (Saturday and Sunday), or a specific day of the week. If you wish to include multiple specific days, create a separate scheduler entry for each day of the week.

Starting at...

Enter the time that you want the quarantine report to be sent. The time value must be in 24-hour format, from 00:00 to 23:59. If you want the report to be sent at regular intervals throughout the day, then you must also use the *Ending at...* and *Recurring every [xx] minutes* options below. If you want this entry to send only one report per day, then leave the *Ending at...* and *Recurring every...* options blank.

Ending at...

Enter the time that you want the recurring report emails to end each day. The time value must be in 24-hour format, from 00:01 to 23:59, and it must be greater than the *Starting at...* value. For example, if the *Starting at...* value were "10:00" then this value could be from "10:01" to "23:59". Leave this option blank if you want the entry to send a single report each day rather than recurring reports.

Recurring every [xx] minutes

This is the time interval at which quarantine report emails will be sent between the designated *Starting at...* and *Ending at...* times. Leave this option blank if you want the entry to send a single report each day rather than recurring reports.

Only include new messages quarantined since last email was sent

By default, each quarantine report includes a list of all messages contained in the quarantine folder. Check this box if you want the email to include only those messages that have been added to the quarantine folder since the last quarantine report was sent. A quarantine report will not be generated if there are no messages to include in the report.

When you are finished with your selections, click **Save and Close** to create the entry and add it to the Quarantine Configuration page.

3.2.4 Mail Delivery



The options on the Mail Delivery page are for designating whether SecurityGateway will handle the delivery of outbound messages itself or pass that responsibility to another server. This page also contains options governing how often SecurityGateway will [Retry](#)^[91] delivery attempts of inbound or outbound messages that encounter non-fatal errors, before giving up and returning the message to the sender as [Undeliverable Mail](#)^[92]. These options are global options, applying to all SecurityGateway domains.

Remote Mail Delivery

Always send all outbound email directly to the recipient's mail server

When this option is selected, SecurityGateway will use the normal SMTP delivery process to attempt to deliver each outbound message directly to the recipient's mail server—normal DNS lookups will be performed, MX records will be checked, and the like. This option is selected by default.

Always send every outbound email to the server specified below

Choose this option if you wish to send all outbound mail to another server, giving it the responsibility to deliver those messages.

Mail server:

Use this option to specify the mail server to which SecurityGateway will send all outbound messages, to let that server to handle their delivery. You can enter a host or IP address such as `mail.example.com` or `192.168.0.1`.

Port

This is the port that SecurityGateway will use when sending the messages to the designated server.

Access to the above mail server requires authentication

If the designated mail server requires authentication, click this check box and enter the login credentials below.

User name:

If authentication is required, enter the user name login credential here.

Password:

Enter the password corresponding to the user name entered above.

Cache SMTP connection failures: [xx] minutes

By default, SMTP connection failures are cached for five minutes. Use this option to adjust how long they will be cached, or disable the option if you do not wish to cache them.

Retry Queue

The Retry Queue options determine how SecurityGateway will handle messages that cannot be delivered due to some non-fatal error, such as when the receiving server is temporarily unavailable.

During the first hour, retry delivery every: [xx] minutes (recommended: 5)

During the first hour after a message cannot be delivered, this is the interval that SecurityGateway will wait between making further delivery attempts. The default setting is 5 minutes.

Inform the sender if message is not delivered during this period

By default, if SecurityGateway is unable to deliver the message for one hour, it will send a message to the sender stating that it hasn't yet been able to deliver the message, but that it will keep trying. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to send that message.

...include original message when informing the sender

By default, when SecurityGateway sends the "could not be delivered" message to a sender after the first hour, it will include a copy of the original message. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to include the original message with it.

...include full message transcript informing the sender

Enabled this option if you wish to include the full message transcript when sending a non-delivery report (NDR) for a transient or permanent delivery failure. This option is disabled by default; only the final error message from the remote SMTP server will be included.

After that, retry delivery every: [xx] minutes (recommended: 240)

After a message cannot be delivered for one hour, SecurityGateway will switch to this interval between further delivery attempts. The default setting is 240 minutes. SecurityGateway will continue delivery attempts at this interval for the number of days specified in the Undeliverable Mail options below.

Cache SMTP connection failures

By default when an SMTP connection to a given host fails, SecurityGateway will cease trying to connect to that host for one minute less than the number of minutes specified in the *"During the first hour, retry delivery every: [xx] minutes"* option above. This can prevent SecurityGateway from needlessly attempting to connect to an offline host over and over again when, for example, it has multiple messages designated for that host but discovers that the host is down when making its first delivery attempt. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to cache SMTP failures.

Undeliverable Mail

Whenever any message, whether inbound or outbound, cannot be delivered due to a non-fatal error such as when the recipient's mail server is temporarily unavailable, these options govern how long SecurityGateway will continue trying to deliver the message before giving up and returning it to the sender.

If a message is still undeliverable after [xx] days then suspend all delivery attempts (recommended: 5)

This is the number of days SecurityGateway will continue attempting to deliver a message before giving up. After that time it will cease delivery attempts.

Inform the sender if the message could not be delivered

By default, after SecurityGateway ceases delivery attempts, it will send a message to the sender stating that the message could not be delivered. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to send that message.

...include original message when informing the sender

By default, when SecurityGateway sends the "could not be delivered" message to a sender, it will include a copy of the original message. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to include the original message with it.

...include full message transcript informing the sender

Enabled this option if you wish to include the full message transcript when sending a non-delivery report (NDR) for a transient or permanent delivery failure. This option is disabled by default; only the final error message from the remote SMTP server will be included.

3.2.5 Email Protocol



The Email Protocol page contains various options governing SecurityGateway's technical handling of email. For example, you will use this page to designate the ports that will be used for receiving mail, the maximum number of concurrent SMTP sessions allowed, whether or not SecurityGateway will honor VRFY requests, whether or not you will allow plain text passwords, and other similar advanced options.

Server

HELO Domain Name:

This is the domain name that SecurityGateway will use to identify itself during the SMTP process (e.g. mail.example.com, smtp.domain.com, or the like). This will also be used in Received headers, authentication-results headers, and other places where it is necessary to identify exactly what server was processing a message. **Note:** If you are using SecurityGateway in a [Clustering](#)¹³⁴ environment, you can set this option to a unique value on each server in the cluster.

SMTP Ports (comma delimited):

These are the ports on which SecurityGateway will receive SMTP messages. You can list multiple ports by separating them with commas. The default SMTP port is 25.

Dedicated SSL Ports (comma delimited):

List your dedicated SSL ports here, on which you will receive mail. You can list multiple ports by separating them with commas. The default SSL port is 465.

MSA Ports (comma delimited):

This option is for listing your MSA ports. Separate multiple ports with a comma. The default MSA port is 465.

Bind sockets to these IPs (comma delimited):

If you wish to bind SecurityGateway to specific IP addresses, list those IPs here separated by commas.

Maximum concurrent SMTP inbound sessions:

This value controls the number of concurrent inbound SMTP sessions that SecurityGateway will accept before it begins responding with a "Server Too Busy" message. The default value is 100.

Maximum concurrent SMTP outbound sessions:

The value entered here is the maximum number of concurrent outbound SMTP sessions that will be created when sending mail. Each session will send outbound messages until all waiting messages are sent. For example, if this option is set to the default value of 30, then thirty sessions could be simultaneously created, allowing SecurityGateway to attempt to deliver 30 different messages at once.

Maximum concurrent POP collection sessions:

This value controls the maximum number of concurrent POP collection sessions that the server will accept before it begins responding with a "Server Too Busy" message.

Default Domain:

Choose a domain from the drop-down list box. This is the domain that SecurityGateway will assume should be used when someone attempts to log in without including a domain name, and it is the domain that will be used for MAIL, RCPT, and VRFY commands when no domain is specified. Further, SecurityGateway will use this domain when sending alerts and messages to [external administrators](#)⁶⁰.

SMTP Protocol Settings

Honor VRFY command

Use this option if you wish to honor [VRFY](#)²⁰⁴ commands. This is disabled by default.

Allow plain text passwords (SSL or CRAM-MD5 not required)

By default, SecurityGateway accepts plain text passwords sent during SMTP authentication. If you disable this option then SSL or the CRAM-MD5 method of authentication is required.

Honor CRAM-MD5 authentication method

When this option is enabled, SecurityGateway will honor the CRAM-MD5 authentication method. This is disabled by default.

Hide software version identification in response and 'Received:' headers

Click this checkbox if you wish to hide SecurityGateway's software version info in server responses and 'Received:' headers. This option is disabled by default.

Check commands and headers for RFC compliance

Enable this option if you wish to reject messages that are not compliant to RFC internet standards. When enabled, SecurityGateway will reject messages with parameters that contain control or 8-bit characters and messages missing a Date, Sender, or From header. Further, these required headers must have a corresponding value—they cannot exist as empty headers. If you do not wish to reject non-compliant messages, then clear this check box.

Allow this many RCPT commands per message: [xx] (RFC says 100)

This is the number of RCPT commands (i.e. the number of recipients) that will be allowed per message. The default value is 100.

Maximum acceptable SMTP message size: [xx] KB (0 = no limit)

Setting a value here will prevent SecurityGateway from accepting mail that exceeds a certain fixed size. When this feature is active SecurityGateway will attempt to use the ESMTP SIZE command specified in RFC-1870. If the sending agent supports this SMTP extension then SecurityGateway will determine the message size prior to its actual delivery and will refuse the message immediately. If the sending agent does not support this SMTP extension then SecurityGateway have to allow the sending server to begin transmitting the messages, but will reject the message later if the maximum size is reached. The default value of "0" mean that there is no size limit placed on messages.

Kill connection if data transmission exceeds: [xx] KB (0 = never)

If the transmission of data during an SMTP connection exceeds this threshold, SecurityGateway will close the connection. The default value in this option is "0", meaning that there is no size limit.

Connection Timeout: [xx] seconds (Recommended: 30)

This is how long SecurityGateway will wait for an SMTP connection before timing out.

Protocol Timeout: [xx] seconds (Recommended: 300)

Once a connection has been established, this is the number of seconds that SecurityGateway will wait for the host to begin the SMTP protocol dialog.

Loop Detection and Control

Maximum message hop count (1-100):

RFC standards stipulate that a mail server must stamp each message each time that it is processed. These stamps can be counted and used as a stopgap measure against recursive mail loops that can sometimes be caused by errant configurations. If undetected, these looping delivery cycles could consume your resources. By

counting the number of times the message has been processed, such messages can be detected and placed in the [Bad Messages](#)^[309] queue. The default value of this option is 20.

3.3 Archiving

3.3.1 Configuration

Email Archiving captures and preserves all messages that pass through SecurityGateway. Archived messages are easily [searchable](#)^[106] by both the administrator and end user.

Configuration

Enable Email Archiving

Check this box if you wish to save a copy of each incoming and outgoing message for your domains. Messages are saved in archive stores. Each [Archive Store](#)^[103] is [searchable](#)^[106] and is associated with a single domain. You can override this setting for individual domains, using the 'For Domain:' drop-down list box in the upper right corner.

Accept "Journal reports" and forwarded messages sent to this mailbox:

If you wish to designate one or more mailboxes to accept Microsoft 365 Journal Reports or other forwarded messages for archiving, then use this option to do so. SecurityGateway will accept the messages for any domain for which archiving is enabled and parse the headers to determine the actual recipient. At that point, it will verify that the sender or recipient is a valid local user (querying the appropriate user verification sources if necessary), and it will verify that the domain has archiving enabled and add the message to the domain's active archive store. **Note:** the incoming message must be received from a [Domain Mail Server](#)^[80].

Enable Email Journaling

Enable this option to create email journal reports. The journal reports will be created for the messages specified in the **Journal these messages** option below, and sent to the **Journaling email address**. The original message is included unaltered as an attachment to the journal report, and the body of a journal report contains information from the original message such as the sender email address, message subject, message-ID, and recipient email addresses. You can choose to journal *Internal messages only* (the default setting), *External messages only*, or *All messages*.

Archive Stores

Archive stores are the containers that contain the archived emails. Each archive store is associated with a single domain.

Automatically Create Archive Stores

Use this option to have SecurityGateway control the creation of your archive stores. This is the recommended setting.

Click here to configure automatic archive store creation

Automatic Archive Store Creation

Use this screen to choose how often SecurityGateway will create a new archive store automatically, when an existing store reaches a certain age, size, or contains a given number of messages.

Create a new archive store...

Yearly/Quarterly/Monthly

Choose one of these options if you wish to create a new archive store for the domain automatically every year, quarter, or monthly.

If the current archive store has either:

Choose this option if you wish to create a new archive store automatically whenever a domain's existing store reaches a certain size or contains a given number of messages. You can use one or both options. When using both, a new store will be created whenever either of the conditions is met.

[xx] or more messages

When this box is checked, a new archive store will be created for the domain whenever the existing store contains the designated number of messages. The default is 5 million messages.

[xx] or more gigabytes of size

Check this box and specify how many gigabytes in size an archive store can reach before a new store will be created for the domain.



SecurityGateway checks for the need to create a new archive store every few minutes. An archive store may slightly exceed the thresholds configured here.

Database

Use a local Firebird database file

By default, SecurityGateway uses a local Firebird Database file for Archiving.

Connect to a Firebird database server instance

Choose this option if you wish to connect to an external Firebird database server for archiving. Select this option if you are using [Clustering](#)¹³⁴.

Use the same server as the SecurityGateway database

This is the default setting when you choose to "Connect to a Firebird database server instance". For Archiving, SecurityGateway will connect to the same Firebird Database Server that you have set up to handle the SecurityGateway database, and it will use the same credentials. The only additional information you will need to provide is the *Database Path/Alias Name* (see below) for the database files used for automatically created archive stores.

Connect to this Firebird database server instance

Select this option if you wish to connect to a different Firebird database server to manage the databases. You will need to provide the *Server name or IP, Port, User name, and Password* required to connect to that server. You will also need to enter the *Database Path/Alias Name* for the database files used for automatically created archive stores.

Database Path/Alias Name:

Enter the path that will be used for automatically created database files for your archive store. **Note:** this path is relative to the Firebird Database Server, not necessarily a network path. For example, c:

`\Databases\Archives\${DOMAIN$.fbd.`

Archive Name Macros

You can use the following macros in the filename of your archive, so that each archive can have a unique name when automatically created:

`${DOMAIN$}`, `${YEAR$}`, `${MONTH$}`, and `${QUARTER$}`. Using "c:

`\Databases\Archives\${DOMAIN$}-${MONTH$.fbd" in the Database Path, would create a database file called, "Example.com-September.fbd", for example. Further, you must ensure that the "C:\Databases\Archives\" folder exists on the Firebird server, as the Firebird server will not create it dynamically.`



The Firebird server doesn't support dynamically creating new folders when creating a new database. Therefore if you wish to use a macro in the *Database Path* for a folder name, then you must first manually create the matching folders on the Firebird server. For example, if you set the *Database Path* to, "c:\Databases\Archives\\${Domain\$}\archive.fbd", then you must manually create subfolders for each of your domains under the "C:\Databases\Archives\" folder on the Firebird server. For this reason we recommend using macros in the archive database file name rather than in the folder name.

Storage Locations**Use different directories for database, message content, and search index**

By default an Archive Store's data is contained in the folder specified in the "Directory" option below, with two subfolders: `\data\` and `\index\`. Click this checkbox if you wish to customize the location of all three folders.



When you have selected the option above to "Connect to a Firebird database server instance", this option only governs where the message content and search index is stored. The database location is specified in

the *Database Path/Alias Name* option above.

Directory:

The default location of an automatically created archive store's database folder is:

..\SecurityGateway\Archive\\${DOMAIN\$}\

The \${DOMAIN\$} macro in the path is converted to the domain name associated with the archive store, and the folder contains the `ARCHIVE.FBD` Firebird database, which contains meta data (domain, user, date, etc.) related to archived messages. Archived data cannot be restored without this file. The folder also has the "..\data" and "..\index" subfolders for storing archived content and indexing respectively.



When you are using [Clustering](#)¹³⁴ and have selected the option above to "*Connect to a Firebird database server instance*," this option only governs the location of the "..\data" and "..\index" subfolders, not the database file's location. The database location is specified in the *Database Path/Alias Name* option above. Further, the *Directory* specified here must be in a network accessible location, and you must use UNC file paths.

For example: \
\\share01\databases\Archive\\${Domain\$}\

The following locations are used when you have enabled the "*Use different directories...*" option above:

Database Directory:

This is the location of the archive's database file. **NOTE:** this option is not available if you have selected the option above to "*Connect to a Firebird database server instance*." In that case the database location is specified in the *Database Path/Alias Name* option above.

The default location of the Database Directory is: ".. \
\\SecurityGateway\Archive\\${DOMAIN\$}\

Content Directory:

The default location of an automatically created archive store's content folder is:

..\SecurityGateway\Archive\\${DOMAIN\$}\data

The `$DOMAIN$` macro in the path is converted to the domain name associated with the archive store, and the `..\data` subfolder contains the `archive.sgd` file. This file contains the archived data in a compressed format. Archived data cannot be restored without this file.

NOTE: If you are using [Clustering](#)^[134] or have selected the option above to *"Connect to a Firebird database server instance,"* this folder must be in a network accessible location and you must use UNC file paths (e.g. `\share01\databases\Archive\${Domain$}\data`).

Index Directory:

The default location of an automatically created archive store's index folder is:

`..\SecurityGateway\Archive\${DOMAIN$}\index`

The `$DOMAIN$` macro in the path is converted to the domain name associated with the archive store. The `..\index` subfolder contains the full text index generated by the CLucene Full Text Indexing engine. The full text index can be regenerated if it somehow becomes corrupt. The Full Text Index can be rebuilt for an archive store using the Maintenance option on the [Archive Store](#)^[103] screen.

NOTE: If you are using [Clustering](#)^[134] or have selected the option above to *"Connect to a Firebird database server instance,"* this folder must be in a network accessible location and you must use UNC file paths (e.g. `\share01\databases\Archive\${Domain$}\index`).

Click here to manage archive stores

Click this link to switch to the [Archive Stores](#)^[103] screen, for reviewing and managing your stores.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the *"For Domain:"* drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its Archiving settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

3.3.1.1 Automatic Archive Store Creation

Use this screen to choose how often SecurityGateway will create a new archive store automatically, when an existing store reaches a certain age, size, or contains a given number of messages. This screen is reached from the *"Click here to configure automatic archive store creation"* link, located on the [Archiving Configuration](#)^[95] page.

Create a new archive store...

Yearly/Quarterly/Monthly

Choose one of these options if you wish to create a new archive store for the domain automatically every year, quarter, or monthly.

If the current archive store has either:

Choose this option if you wish to create a new archive store automatically whenever a domain's existing store reaches a certain size or contains a given number of messages. You can use one or both options. When using both, a new store will be created whenever either of the conditions is met.

[xx] or more messages

When this box is checked, a new archive store will be created for the domain whenever the existing store contains the designated number of messages. The default is 5 million messages.

[xx] or more gigabytes of size

Check this box and specify how many gigabytes in size an archive store can reach before a new store will be created for the domain.



SecurityGateway checks for the need to create a new archive store every few minutes. An archive store may slightly exceed the thresholds configured here.

Database

Use a local Firebird database file

By default, SecurityGateway uses a local Firebird Database file for Archiving.

Connect to a Firebird database server instance

Choose this option if you wish to connect to an external Firebird database server for archiving. Select this option if you are using **Clustering**¹³⁴.

Use the same server as the SecurityGateway database

This is the default setting when you choose to "*Connect to a Firebird database server instance*". For Archiving, SecurityGateway will connect to the same Firebird Database Server that you have set up to handle the SecurityGateway database, and it will use the same credentials. The only additional information you will need to provide is the *Database Path/Alias Name* (see below) for the database files used for automatically created archive stores.

Connect to this Firebird database server instance

Select this option if you wish to connect to a different Firebird database server to manage the databases. You will need to provide the *Server name or IP, Port, User name, and Password* required to connect to that server. You will also need to enter the *Database Path/Alias Name* for the database files used for automatically created archive stores.

Database Path/Alias Name:

Enter the path that will be used for automatically created database files for your archive store. **Note:** this path is relative to the Firebird Database Server, not necessarily a network path. For example, `C:\Databases\Archives\${DOMAIN$.fbd}`.

Archive Name Macros

You can use the following macros in the filename of your archive, so that each archive can have a unique name when automatically created: `${DOMAIN$}`, `${YEAR$}`, `${MONTH$}`, and `${QUARTER$}`. Using "C:

`\Databases\Archives\${DOMAIN$}-${MONTH$.fbd`" in the *Database Path*, would create a database file called, "Example.com-September.fbd", for example. Further, you must ensure that the "C:\Databases\Archives\" folder exists on the Firebird server, as the Firebird server will not create it dynamically.



The Firebird server doesn't support dynamically creating new folders when creating a new database. Therefore if you wish to use a macro in the *Database Path* for a folder name, then you must first manually create the matching folders on the Firebird server. For example, if you set the *Database Path* to, "c:\Databases\Archives\\${Domain\$.fbd", then you must manually create subfolders for each of your domains under the "C:\Databases\Archives\" folder on the Firebird server. For this reason we recommend using macros in the archive database file name rather than in the folder name.

Storage Locations**Use different directories for database, message content, and search index**

By default an Archive Store's data is contained in the folder specified in the "Directory" option below, with two subfolders: `\data\` and `\index\`. Click this checkbox if you wish to customize the location of all three folders.



When you have selected the option above to "Connect to a Firebird database server instance", this option only governs where the message content and search index is stored. The database location is specified in the *Database Path/Alias Name* option above.

Directory:

The default location of an automatically created archive store's database folder is:

`..\SecurityGateway\Archive\${DOMAIN$}`

The `${DOMAIN$}` macro in the path is converted to the domain name associated with the archive store, and the folder contains the `ARCHIVE.FBD` Firebird database, which contains meta data (domain, user, date, etc.) related to archived messages. Archived data cannot be restored without this file. The folder also has the "`..\data`" and "`..\index`" subfolders for storing archived content and indexing respectively.



When you are using [Clustering](#)^[134] and have selected the option above to "Connect to a Firebird database server instance," this option only governs the location of the "..\data" and "..\index" subfolders, not the database file's location. The database location is specified in the *Database Path/Alias Name* option above. Further, the *Directory* specified here must be in a network accessible location, and you must use UNC file paths.

For example: \\share01\databases\Archive\\${Domain\$}\

The following locations are used when you have enabled the "Use different directories..." option above:

Database Directory:

This is the location of the archive's database file. **NOTE:** this option is not available if you have selected the option above to "Connect to a Firebird database server instance." In that case the database location is specified in the *Database Path/Alias Name* option above.

The default location of the Database Directory is: "..\SecurityGateway\Archive\\${DOMAIN\$}\

Content Directory:

The default location of an automatically created archive store's content folder is:

..\SecurityGateway\Archive\\${DOMAIN\$}\data

The \${DOMAIN\$} macro in the path is converted to the domain name associated with the archive store, and the "..\data" subfolder contains the `archive.sgd` file. This file contains the archived data in a compressed format. Archived data cannot be restored without this file.

NOTE: If you are using [Clustering](#)^[134] or have selected the option above to "Connect to a Firebird database server instance," this folder must be in a network accessible location and you must use UNC file paths (e.g. \\share01\databases\Archive\\${Domain\$}\data).

Index Directory:

The default location of an automatically created archive store's index folder is:

..\SecurityGateway\Archive\\${DOMAIN\$}\index

The \${DOMAIN\$} macro in the path is converted to the domain name associated with the archive store. The "..\index" subfolder contains the full text index generated by the CLucene Full Text Indexing engine. The full text index can be regenerated if it somehow becomes corrupt. The Full Text Index can be rebuilt for an archive store using the Maintenance option on the [Archive Store](#)^[103] screen.

NOTE: If you are using [Clustering](#)^[134] or have selected the option above to "Connect to a Firebird database server instance," this folder must be in a network accessible location and you must use UNC file paths (e.g. `\\share01\databases\Archive\${Domain$\index}`).

3.3.2 Archive Stores

This page is used to manage all of your archive stores, which contain your archived emails. Each archive store can only be associated with one domain, although you can have multiple stores associated with the same domain, but only one at a time can be *Active*. You can manually create stores using the options on this page or they can be automatically created using the options on the [Archiving Configuration](#)^[95] page.

The Archive Stores page lists one entry per row and has a variety of columns that you can hide or display by clicking the corresponding buttons above the list of stores.

The toolbar at the top of the page contains the following options:

New

Click *New* to open the New Archive Store screen, used for manually creating a new archive store. This screen is identical to the [Edit Archive Store](#)^[103] screen.

Edit

Use the toolbar's Edit button to open the [Edit Archive Store](#)^[103] screen corresponding to the entry currently selected in the list. Alternatively, you can also open the screen by double-clicking an entry.

Delete

To delete one or more archive stores, select the entries from the list and then click *Delete*. A box will open asking you to confirm the decision to delete the stores. You can select multiple entries by using the Ctrl and Shift keys.

Maintenance

If you wish to rebuild the full text index (used for [Searching Archived Messages](#)^[106]) for one or more archive stores, select the archive stores and click **Maintenance** and **Rebuild Full Text Index**. You will be asked to confirm your decision to rebuild the index, because you will not be able to search the archive until the rebuild process is complete.

For Domain:

Use the *For Domain:* drop-down list box to choose which domain's archive stores to display in the list, or you can choose "-- All --" to display all of them. By default all archive stores are displayed.

3.3.2.1 Edit Archive Store

Select an archive store on the [Archive Store](#)^[103] screen and click Edit to manage its settings in this dialog. This screen is also used when you choose to create an archive store manually rather than using the automatic creation options on the [Configuration](#)^[95] screen.

Archive Store

Enable queries to this archive store

Check this box if you wish to allow this archive store to be searched using the tools located on the [Search Archived Messages](#)^[106] screen. When disabled, no search queries will return any results from the messages in this archive store. This option is enabled by default.

Archive new messages for the domain here

This option determines whether or not the archive store is the *Active* archive store for the domain, meaning it is the archive store to which newly archived messages will be added for that domain. Any domain can have multiple archive stores associated with it, but only one at a time can be active. For example, you may choose to create a new archive store for a domain when the current store reaches a certain size, but keep the old archive store available in the [Archive Stores list](#)^[103] so that it can be searched. This option determines which store receives newly archived messages. If there is an active archive store for a domain and you edit an inactive archive store and turn on this option, then it will become the active archive store and the other store will have this option disabled.



If you are using [Automatic Archive Store Creation](#)^[99] for a domain and you disable this option for the domain's active archive store, SecurityGateway will automatically create a new archive store for the domain when necessary. If you do not use the automatic archive store features and you disable a domain's active archive store then archiving for that domain will cease.

Domain

This is the domain associated with the archive store. Only one domain can be linked to an archive store. This option can only be selected when manually creating a new archive store. For existing archive stores, the domain cannot be changed.

Name

Use this option to give a name to the archive for your own reference.

Database

Use a local Firebird database file

By default, SecurityGateway uses a local Firebird Database file for Archiving.

Connect to a Firebird database server instance

Choose this option if you wish to connect to an external Firebird database server for archiving. Select this option if you are using [Clustering](#)^[134].

Use the same server as the SecurityGateway database

This is the default setting when you choose to "Connect to a Firebird database server instance". For Archiving, SecurityGateway will connect to the same Firebird Database Server that you have set up to handle the SecurityGateway

database, and it will use the same credentials. The only additional information you will need to provide is the *Database Path/Alias Name* (see below) for the database file used for this archive store.

Connect to this Firebird database server instance

Select this option if you wish to connect to a different Firebird database server to manage the database. You will need to provide the *Server name or IP, Port, User name*, and *Password* required to connect to that server. You will also need to enter the *Database Path/Alias Name* for the database file used for the archive store.

Database Path/Alias Name:

Enter the path to the database file used for the archive store. **Note:** this path is relative to the Firebird Database Server, not necessarily a network path. For example, `C:\Databases\SecurityGateway\Archive\Example.com\ARCHIVE.FBD`. Alternatively, you can use an *Alias Name* here instead of a file path by [editing the Aliases.conf file](#) to create the alias for the database. `Aliases.conf` is located in the root folder of your Firebird Server installation.

Storage Locations

Use different directories for database, message content, and search index

By default an Archive Store's data is contained in the folder specified in the "Directory" option below, with two subfolders: `\data\` and `\index\`. Click this checkbox if you wish to customize the location of all three folders.



When you have selected the option above to "Connect to a Firebird database server instance", this option only governs where the message content and search index is stored. The database location is specified in the *Database Path/Alias Name* option above.

Directory:

This folder contains the `ARCHIVE.FBD` Firebird database, which contains meta data (domain, user, date, etc.) related to archived messages. Archived data cannot be restored without this file. The folder also has the `..\data` and `..\index` subfolders for storing archived content and indexing respectively.



When you are using [Clustering](#)^[134] and have selected the option above to "Connect to a Firebird database server instance," this option only governs the location of the `..\data` and `..\index` subfolders, not the database file's location. The database location is specified in the *Database Path/Alias Name* option above. Further, the *Directory* specified here must be in a network accessible location, and you must use UNC file paths.

For example: `\\share01\databases\Archive\${Domain$}`

The following locations are used when you have enabled the *"Use different directories..."* option above:

Database Directory:

This is the location of the archive's database file. **NOTE:** this option is not available if you have selected the option above to *"Connect to a Firebird database server instance."* In that case the database location is specified in the *Database Path/Alias Name* option above.

The default location of the Database Directory is: `". .
\\SecurityGateway\\Archive\\$DOMAIN$\"`

Content Directory:

This folder contains the `archive.sgd` file, which contains the archived data in a compressed format. Archived data cannot be restored without this file. By default this folder is called `". .\\data"` and is a subfolder of the Database Directory.

NOTE: If you are using [Clustering](#)^[134] or have selected the option above to *"Connect to a Firebird database server instance,"* this folder must be in a network accessible location and you must use UNC file paths (e.g. `\\share01\\databases\\Archive\\$Domain$\\data`).

Index Directory:

By default, the index directory is called `". .\\index"` and is a subfolder of the database directory. The index directory contains the full text index generated by the CLucene Full Text Indexing engine. The full text index can be regenerated if it somehow becomes corrupt. The Full Text Index can be rebuilt for an Archive Store using the Maintenance option on the [Archive Store](#)^[103] screen.

NOTE: If you are using [Clustering](#)^[134] or have selected the option above to *"Connect to a Firebird database server instance,"* this folder must be in a network accessible location and you must use UNC file paths (e.g. `\\share01\\databases\\Archive\\$Domain$\\index`).

3.3.3 Search Archived Messages

Use this screen to search the archived messages included in any archive store for which [queries are enabled](#)^[103]. SecurityGateway will search all messages according to the parameters you set for the search. You can use the *For Domain:* option at the top of the screen to select *All* domains or a specific domain, and you can use the Advanced options to narrow the search based on Subject, Message Body, Date range, attachments, size, and several other attributes.

This screen also contains tools for viewing the resulting messages, downloading them, and restoring them to the mailbox to which they belonged.

Search Tips

Both the `?` and `*` wild cards are supported in searches.

Use * with a portion of text to find all messages containing any variation of that text. For example, searching for `send*` would return messages containing `send`, `sender`, `sending`, and so on. Searching for `*example.com` would return messages containing any `@example.com` addresses or `example.com` domain, such as: `mail.example.com`, `sg.example.com`, or the like.

Use quotation marks to search for exact phrases. For example, searching for `"Frank Thomas"` would only return messages containing the name, `Frank Thomas`. Without the quotes it would return any message containing the words `"Frank," "Thomas," "Frank Thomas,"` or `"Thomas Frank."`

Use the minus sign ("-") before a word to exclude messages containing that word. For example, searching for `-John Smith` would find all messages containing `"Smith"` but exclude all that also contain the word `"John."`



If for some reason you should need to rebuild the full text index, you can do so using the Maintenance option located on the [Archive Store](#) ¹⁰³ screen.

3.3.4 Archive Compliance

This screen contains settings for controlling how long archived messages are retained, tools for deleting archived messages that were sent from (and optionally to) specific users, and a "Legal Hold" option for preventing any archived emails from being deleted, regardless of any other settings or user privileges set elsewhere in SecurityGateway.

Data Retention

Retain archived messages for a minimum of [xx] day(s)

When this option is enabled, archived messages cannot be deleted for at least this many days, regardless of any other archiving settings or user permissions.

Automatically delete archived messages older than [xx] day(s)

When this option is enabled, archived messages will be deleted automatically after this many days, unless some other option is set to prevent it, such as the *Legal Hold* option below.

Only delete messages from active archive stores

By default, the *Automatically delete archived messages...* option above only applies to active archive stores. Disable this option if you want all older archived messages to be deleted, even those that are in inactive stores.

Legal Hold

Enable Legal Hold

When this option is enabled, no emails can be deleted from the archive, regardless of all other possible configurations, user privileges, or retention periods.

Forget Contact

Use these options to delete all archived messages received from (and optionally sent to) a specified email address.

Email Address:

Specify the email address whose archived messages you wish to delete. By default, the forget contact option will only delete archived messages sent **FROM** this address. If you also wish to delete the archived messages that were sent **TO** the address, enable the *"...also delete all messages sent to the contact"* option below.

...also delete all messages sent to the contact

Check this box if you also wish to delete archived messages that were sent **TO** the address instead of just those that were sent **FROM** it.

Send a confirmation email that all messages have been deleted

Use the confirmation email options if you want SecurityGateway to send a confirmation email once all the messages have been deleted. You can have the message sent to yourself, the contact whose archived messages are being deleted, and specify some other address.

Click here to delete all messages from/to the contact

Once you have set the Forget Contact options to your desired settings, click this link to delete the archived messages.

3.3.5 Export

Use the options on this page to export all archived messages for a domain and compress them into a .zip file that may be downloaded. A notification will be sent to the specified email address with a link to download the .zip file when it is ready.

To export archived messages, choose a Domain, specify the email address that you wish to receive the download link to the archive, and click **Export**.

3.4 Secure Messaging

3.4.1 Configuration

SecurityGateway's Secure Messaging feature provides a way for your users to send secure message to recipients outside their domain but in such a way that the message never leaves the SecurityGateway server. It does this by utilizing a secure messaging

web portal. When the message is sent, the recipient receives an email notification that a secure message for them is available, with a link to create a [Secure Message Recipient](#)^[110] account so that they can view the message located on your SecurityGateway server. The secure message is accessed via the recipient's browser, and end-to-end encryption is maintained between the SecurityGateway server and the recipient via HTTPS encryption. Secure messaging requires a valid [SSL certificate](#)^[124] and that [HTTPS is enabled](#)^[121] (see also: [HTTPS Server](#)^[129]). Recipients can view and reply to the messages within the SecurityGateway portal, and they can [optionally compose new secure messages to a designated list of users](#)^[115]. See: [Recipients](#)^[110] and [Recipient Options](#)^[112] for more information on secure message recipient accounts.



When using [Location Screening](#)^[216] to block connections from a particular country, it will not be possible to use Secure Messaging for recipients in that country, because they will not be able to connect to SecurityGateway to view the secure message.

Sending a Secure Message

To cause a message to be sent using the Secure Messaging system instead of using traditional mail delivery, create a [Content Filter](#)^[242] or [Data Leak Prevention](#)^[230] rule that uses the "Send as secure web message" action. For example, you could create a rule that will send a message as a secure message whenever its Subject starts with "[Secure Message]". Alternatively, you can manually create a Sieve Script to send secure messages, using the [Sieve action](#)^[275]: `vnd.mdaemon.securewebmsg`.

Enable secure messaging

Check this box to enable the Secure Messaging system.

Automatically create secure messaging recipients

By default whenever a secure message is sent to someone, a [Secure Message Recipient](#)^[110] account is created for them and a link is provided for them to access the account and view the message. Disable this option if you wish to create all recipient accounts manually.



If this option is disabled, secure message recipients must first be manually created on the [Recipients](#)^[110] page in order for them to receive secure messages. If a rule or script indicates that a secure message should be sent but its recipient is unknown, the message will be bounced back to the sender.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its Secure Messaging settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

3.4.2 Recipients

This page contains an entry for each Secure Message Recipient account that has been [automatically](#)^[108] or manually created. If you wish to create a new recipient account manually, click **New** on the toolbar. You can quickly enable or disable an account by checking or unchecking its corresponding checkbox in the Enabled column. To view or edit an account's properties, such as its email address, name, and password, double-click the account (or select it and click **Edit**). To edit its archive, language, and items displayed per page settings, select the account and click [Settings](#)^[111]. To view a recipient account's [Message Log](#)^[44], select the account and click **Messages**.



When using [Location Screening](#)^[216] to block connections from a particular country, it will not be possible to use Secure Messaging for recipients in that country, because they will not be able to connect to SecurityGateway to view the secure message.

Creating or Editing Recipient Accounts

If you wish to create a new recipient account manually, click **New** on the toolbar. To edit an account, select it and click **Edit**.

Properties

This account is disabled

Click this checkbox if you wish to disable the recipient account.

Associated local domain:

Choose the domain with which you wish to associate the account. For automatically created recipient accounts, this will be set to the domain of the sender of the secure message. If you have used the "For Domain:" drop-down list on the [Recipient Options](#)^[112] page to specify custom options for this domain, those options will be used for the recipient account instead of the global options. Further, the secure web portal will use the associated domain's [branding and custom images](#)^[133] whenever the recipient accesses it to view secure messages. Additionally, domain administrators will only see recipient accounts that are associated with the domain over which they have authority. Finally, be aware that if users from multiple of your local domains send the same recipient secure messages, the recipient would have a separate recipient account for each of the associated local domains.

Email Address

This is the recipient account's email address, used to sign in to SecurityGateway's secure message web portal.

Real Name

Use this space to enter the recipient's name. For automatically created accounts, this will be filled in automatically if the name was included in the To header of the secure message that was sent.

The recipient will be sent an invite to specify their own password

When creating a secure message recipient account, choose this option if you want the recipient to be sent an email with a link to the associated domain's web portal, where they will be prompted to create a password for their account. After using this option for the account, it will automatically switch to the *Specify a password for the recipient* option below. If you switch back to this option, it will send the email again.

Require PIN for account setup

Click this box and enter a six digit numerical PIN if you wish to require the recipient to enter the PIN when creating their password.



This PIN will not be included in the invitation email to the recipient. It should be communicated to the recipient via a method other than email, such as a phone call.

Specify a password for the recipient

If you wish to manually enter a password for the recipient account, do so here. All new passwords are required to be a minimum of eight characters and include at least one of each of the following:

- Upper case character
- Lower case character
- Number
- Special character e.g. ;,_.?/-=

Settings

Select a recipient and click **Settings** on the toolbar to edit the options below for the recipient account.

Options

Do not archive messages for this account

This option will prevent secure messages from being archived that are sent to or from this recipient account.

Delete all archived messages for this account

Click this link to delete any messages that have been archived for this recipient account.

Language:

System generated email messages will be sent in this language. Users can change this setting for themselves within the secure message web portal. Use the option of the same name located on the [Recipient Options](#) ¹¹² page to set the default setting for this option.

Number of items displayed per page:

This is the number of messages per page that will be displayed to the recipient in the web portal. Recipient accounts can set this option for themselves within the web portal. Use the option of the same name located on the [Recipient Options](#)^[112] page to set the default setting for this option.

3.4.3 Recipient Options

Use this page to configure various options and default settings that will apply to secure message recipient accounts, and to designate which options they will be able to configure for themselves in the web portal.



The Lost Password, Show Password, and Remember Device options below control whether or not their corresponding element will appear on the Secure Message Portal Login page. However, these options are contingent upon the recipient arriving to the portal via the appropriate URL: `<SG BASE URL>/SecurityGateway.dll?view=login_ex`. For example: `"https://sg.company.test:4443/securitygateway.dll?view=login_ex"`. This is the URL used when creating the link that is sent to recipients to set up their accounts. Signing in as a secure message recipient sets a cookie so that if the user navigates to SecurityGateway's base URL (i.e. without the `"view=login_ex"`), he or she will still be redirected to the secure message portal. If the user navigates to the base URL on a machine where the cookie doesn't exist, he or she will still be able to log in, but those login page elements will be governed by the equivalent options located at: [Setup » Accounts » User Options](#)^[73]. For this reason, make sure that any published URLs intended for secure message recipients contain the appropriate `"/SecurityGateway.dll?view=login_ex"` ending.

Access Control

Allow recipients to modify their passwords

Ordinarily recipient accounts are allowed to change their passwords in the secure message web portal. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to allow them to do so.

Display the "Show Password" icon for password fields

Each password field contains an eye icon that a recipient can click to see the password he has just typed into the field. Disable this option if you do not wish to allow recipient accounts to see their passwords.

Allow recipients to enable Two Factor Authentication

Two Factor Authentication is an extra layer of security that requires you to enter both your password and a special security code generated by an authenticator app on your phone when signing in. Check this box if you wish to allow secure message

recipients to configure their accounts to require Two Factor Authentication when signing in to the secure message web portal. When enabled, and the recipient signs in from a browser using a secure HTTPS connection, the [Two Factor Authentication](#)^[34] options will be available on the Account Settings page so that the recipient can set it up if he or she chooses.

Require users to enable Two Factor Authentication

Check this box if you wish to require all secure message recipients to use Two Factor Authentication when signing in. When this option is enabled, the first time a recipient signs in he will be presented with a Setup Two Factor Authentication page.

Allow recipients to be remembered per device (Requires HTTPS)

When this option is enabled, A "*Remember me on this device*" option will be displayed on the Secure Message Portal Login page whenever a recipient connects via a secure HTTPS connection. If the recipient checks the box, from that point forward he will be signed in automatically whenever he visits the portal on the same device, as long as he simply closes his browser when finished rather than using the "Sign Out" option. If he signs out then he will have to sign in again the next time he connects. The recipient will be remembered for the number of days specified in the *Number of days...* option below. After that, he will be required to sign in again. This option is disabled by default. **NOTE:** A "*Do not remember me on this device/browser*" option will be available to the Secure Messaging user whenever the Remember Me option is active on their current device or browser. They can click that link to cancel Remember Me on the device.

Number of days recipients will be remembered (from 1 to 365)

When using the *Allow recipients to be remembered per device* option, this is the number of days that the recipient will be remembered before being required to sign in again. This is set to 30 days by default.

Sign-in Options

Display the "Forgot Password" link on the Sign-in screen

By default, a "Forgot Password" link appears on the secure message portal Sign-in page, which can be used to email a link to the recipient to change his or her password. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to display the "Forgot Password" link on the Sign-in page.

Show the below administrator contact information on the Sign-In screen

Activate this option and enter some text in the box below if you wish to include some administrator contact information or links on the Sign-in page. The text you enter in the box can contain some HTML, such as anchors and images.

Defaults

Language:

Use this drop-down list to set the default language that the server will use when it sends system-generated messages to secure message recipients. There is a corresponding option that you can use to set this option for specific users. Select a recipient on the [Recipients](#)^[110] page and then click Settings on the toolbar to access

that option. Recipients can also override this setting for themselves on the Account Settings page in the secure message portal.

Check passwords against a compromised password list from a third-party service

SecurityGateway can check a recipient's password against a compromised password list from a third-party service, and it is able to do this without transmitting the password to the service. If a recipient's password is present on the list, it does not mean the account has been hacked. It means that someone somewhere has used an identical password before and it has appeared in a data breach. Unique passwords that have never been used anywhere else are more secure, as published passwords may be used by hackers in dictionary attacks. See [Pwned Passwords](#) for more information.

Use the drop-down list box to select how often you wish to check a password against the list since the last time that password was checked. You can choose:

- Never (Passwords are not checked against the list. This is the default setting.)
- A day since last checked
- A week since last checked
- A month since last checked

Number of items displayed per page:

This is the default number of messages per page that will be displayed to recipient accounts in the web portal. To set this option for a specific recipient account, select the recipient on the [Recipients](#)^[110] page and then click **Settings** on the toolbar to access the option. Recipient accounts can set the option for themselves within the web portal.

Terms of Use

Require recipient to accept terms of use below before they can login

Enable this option and enter text into the box, such as a terms of use statement, if you wish to require recipients to accept the statement each time they log in to the secure message portal. The recipient can accept the statement by checking a box.

New Recipients

Send an alert to global administrators when a secure message recipient is created

Check this box if you wish to send an alert to global [administrators](#)^[60] whenever a new secure message recipient account is created.

Check new recipient's password against 3rd party compromised password list

By default, each new recipient's initial password is checked against the compromised password list outlined above in the "*Check passwords against a compromised password list...*" option. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to check new recipient account passwords against the list.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its Secure Messaging settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

3.4.4 Message Composition

This is a domain-specific setting that you can use to allow secure message recipient accounts that are associated with the selected domain to compose new messages to local users from a predetermined list. The recipient will compose the messages from within the secure message portal and will select the **To** addresses from a drop-down list. **Note:** Recipient accounts are always allowed to reply to any secure messages they receive.

New Message Composition

Allow secure message recipients to compose new messages to specified local users

Select a domain in the *For Domain:* list and check this box if you wish to allow recipient accounts [associated with that domain](#)^[110] to compose new messages. The accounts will then be able to compose messages to any local addresses you have added to the Selected Addresses list below. Uncheck the box if you do not wish to allow the domain's recipient accounts to compose new messages. They will only be able to reply to secure messages they receive.

Available Addresses:

This box lists the selected domain's users. Select an address and click the right-facing arrow to move it to the Selected Addresses box.

Selected Addresses:

These are the local addresses to which secure message recipient accounts associated with the selected domain can send new messages.

3.5 Disclaimers (Headers/Footers)



This page is used to manage all of your Message Disclaimers. Message Disclaimers are portions of text that the server can dynamically add above or below the body of inbound, outbound and local email messages. Administrators can use the [Edit Disclaimer](#)^[116] screen to create disclaimer templates, which can use either plain text or standard HTML and custom SecurityGateway tags. The disclaimer template is applied to both the HTML body and text body of emails, and templates can be assigned to a specific domain or can be applied globally. A [Sieve Script](#)^[265] is created for each disclaimer, which links the template to the desired trigger. It is also possible to create these sieve scripts directly from the Sieve Script page.

The Message Disclaimers page lists one entry per row and has seven columns: Enabled, Description, Type, Inbound, Outbound, Internal, Domain. For detailed information on

each of these items and on creating and editing disclaimers, see the [Edit Disclaimer](#)^[116] screen.

The toolbar at the top of the page contains the following four options:

New

Click *New* to open the New Disclaimer screen, used for creating a new Message Disclaimer. This screen is identical to the Edit Disclaimer screen.

Edit

Use the toolbar's Edit button to open the [Edit Disclaimer](#)^[116] screen corresponding to the entry currently selected in the list. Alternatively, you can also open the screen by double-clicking an entry.

Delete

To delete one or more disclaimers, select the entries from the list and then click *Delete*. A box will open asking you to confirm the decision to delete the disclaimers. You can select multiple entries by using the Ctrl and Shift keys.

For Domain:

Use the *For Domain:* drop-down list box to choose which domain's disclaimers to display in the list, or you can choose "-- Global --" to display only global disclaimers. By default all disclaimers are displayed, whether they are global or domain-specific.

3.5.1 Edit Disclaimer



Use the *New* or *Edit* option on the [Message Disclaimers](#)^[115] page to open the Edit Disclaimer screen, used to create or edit your message disclaimer templates. On this screen you can enable or disable a disclaimer, associate it with a specific domain, designate its Type (header, footer or custom), and specify what types of messages will use it: inbound, outbound, or local messages.

This disclaimer is disabled

Click this check box if you wish to disable the disclaimer. It will still appear in the [Message Disclaimers](#)^[115] list, but SecurityGateway will no longer add it to any messages. Clear the check box to begin using it again.

This disclaimer is for this domain:

Use the drop-down list to designate the SecurityGateway domain to be associated with this disclaimer, or choose *Global* to associate it will all domains.

Description

Description

Use this space to provide a name or description for the disclaimer. This is simply for your reference and appears in the Message Disclaimers list.

Type

This option is for specifying the disclaimer's Type: Header, Footer, or Custom.

Header

Choose *Header* if you wish to add the disclaimer to the top of the message, above the message body.

Footer

Choose *Footer* if you wish to add the disclaimer to the bottom of the message, below the message body.

Custom

Choose *Custom* if you wish to create a custom disclaimer, using the special SecurityGateway Tags outlined below. With a custom disclaimer you can add text both above and below the body. The "<sg:ORIGINAL_BODY>" tag is required in all Custom disclaimers.

Rules

This option is for specifying the type of messages that should have the disclaimer added.

Add disclaimer to incoming mail

Choose this option if you wish to add the disclaimer to all incoming messages destined for the domain selected above. If you have designated this as a Global disclaimer, it will be added to all incoming messages regardless of the domain.

Add disclaimer to outbound mail

Choose this option if you wish to add the disclaimer to all outgoing messages from the domain selected above. If you have designated this as a Global disclaimer, it will be added to all outgoing messages regardless of who sent them.

Add disclaimer to local mail

Choose this option if you wish to add the disclaimer to any message that is both to and from the domain selected above. For example, a messages from `frank@example.com` and to `hmudd@example.com` would have the disclaimer added, but a message from `frank@example.com` and to `biff@example.net` would not. If you have designated this as a Global disclaimer, it will be added to every domain's local mail.

Text

This is where you specify the content of your disclaimer template and designate the template as either plain text or HTML. Plain text templates can only contain text, but HTML templates can contain HTML code and the special SecurityGateway Tags listed below.

Plain text (HTML characters will be encoded)

Plain text disclaimers are the default option. When this option is enabled, only plain text will be added to the message regardless of any HTML code that may exist in the

text. Any HTML tags or characters will be encoded as plain text and added as well. Thus, the text "My Disclaimer" would be inserted exactly as is, including the HTML tags, rather than converted to bold text or having the HTML tags removed. Therefore if you create a plain text template do not include any HTML code.



When you have designated the disclaimer Type as *Custom*, plain text templates can contain the "<sg:ORIGINAL_BODY>" tag, which allows you to place the body of the message anywhere within the template. All other tags or HTML characters will simply appear as plain text instead of being processed as code.

Example plain text footer template:

```
-----
The views in this message are not necessarily
those of example.com or its affiliates.
-----
```

Example plain text custom template:

```
The following message was sent by an employee
of example.com.
--
<sg:ORIGINAL_BODY Field="body:all">{Original Email}
</sg:ORIGINAL_BODY>
-----
The views in this message are not necessarily
those of example.com or its affiliates.
-----
```

HTML Templates

Disable the *Plain text* option if you wish to create an HTML disclaimer template. HTML templates can contain HTML code and the special SecurityGateway Tags listed below.

Example HTML header template:

```
<HTML><HEAD>
<style type="text/css">
.blueboldtext { font-family: Geneva, fixed-width; font-size: 13;
color: #114477; font-weight: bold; }
</style></HEAD>
<BODY>
<DIV>This is my header text!</DIV>
<sg:HTML_ONLY><span class="blueboldtext">Only show this text in the
HTML body!</span></sg:HTML_ONLY>
<sg:TEXT_ONLY>Only show this text in the Plain Text
body!</sg:TEXT_ONLY>
<BR>
-----<br />
```

```
</BODY></HTML>
```

Example Custom HTML Template:

```
<DIV>&nbsp;</DIV>
<DIV>This is my header text!</DIV>
<br />-----</DIV>
<sg:ORIGINAL_BODY Field="body:all">{Original Email}
</sg:ORIGINAL_BODY>
<br />-----</DIV>
<DIV>This is my footer text!</DIV>
<DIV>&nbsp;</DIV>
<DIV>This text will be in html and text body<br />
<sg:HTML_ONLY>Only show this text in HTML message!</sg:HTML_ONLY>
<sg:TEXT_ONLY>Only show this text in Plain Text
message!</sg:TEXT_ONLY></DIV>
```



You are not required to add HTML, HEAD or BODY tags to a disclaimer template. If you do add them, the tags will be merged with the corresponding tags in each email message.

SecurityGateway Tags

There are three custom SecurityGateway tags that can be used in your disclaimer templates. All three tags can be used in HTML templates regardless of the template Type. Custom Type plain text templates can only use the "<sg:ORIGINAL_BODY>" tag.

<sg:ORIGINAL_BODY></sg:ORIGINAL_BODY>

This tag denotes in the template where the original body will be placed. The tag will be placed in the appropriate place automatically when you designate the disclaimer as a Header or Footer. For Custom Type disclaimers you must manually place this tag where you wish the message body to appear. For custom made [Sieve Scripts](#)^[265] it can be placed anywhere, but must be present.



This tag can be used in any Type of HTML disclaimer template: Header, Footer, or Custom. The body of the message will always appear wherever this tag dictates, regardless of the Type selected. For plain text templates, it can only be used in Custom Type disclaimers.

<sg:HTML_ONLY></sg:HTML_ONLY>

Anything placed within this tag will only appear in the HTML body of the message; it will not appear in the Text body. This tag cannot be used in *Plain Text* disclaimer templates.

<sg:TEXT_ONLY></sg:TEXT_ONLY>

Anything placed within this tag will only appear in the Text body of the message; it will not appear in the HTML body. This tag cannot be used in *Plain Text* disclaimer templates.

Sieve Script

Use the [Sieve Script](#) ²⁶⁵ editor if you wish to add a user defined, custom disclaimer. The conditions for triggering the disclaimer are the same as for any other sieve script. Some characters in the template will need to be escaped when using the sieve editor. The following sieve filter is provided as an example of a user defined disclaimer:

```
require ["securitygateway","body"];

if allof(body :text :contains "Make money now!")
{
  disclaimer "text:
  <HTML xmlns:sg = \"http://www.altn.com/Products/SecurityGateway-
  Email-Firewall/\">
  <HEAD><META http-equiv=\"Content-Type\" content=\"text/html;
  charset=UTF-8\" />
  </HEAD>
  <BODY>
  <DIV>This is my header text!</DIV>
  <DIV>Another line of header text!</DIV>
  <DIV>&nbsp;</DIV>
  <DIV>-----<br />
  <sg:ORIGINAL_BODY Field=\"body:all\">{Original Email}
  </sg:ORIGINAL_BODY>
  <br />-----</DIV>
  <DIV>&nbsp;</DIV>
  <DIV>This is my footer text!</DIV>
  <DIV>Another line of footer text!</DIV>
  <DIV>&nbsp;</DIV>
  <DIV>This text will be in html and text body<br />
  <sg:HTML_ONLY>Only show the image and this text in HTML
  message!</sg:HTML_ONLY>
  <sg:TEXT_ONLY>Only show this text in Plain Text
  message!</sg:TEXT_ONLY></DIV>
  </BODY></HTML> ."
  ; }
```

3.6 System



The System section under the *Setup/Users* menu contains links to the following system-related features:

Encryption ¹²⁷—This page is used to configure SecurityGateway's various encryption settings. SecurityGateway includes support for the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protocol with the STARTTLS SMTP extension, which prevents others from being able to intercept and read your email. It also includes HTTPS support, which offers this same protection for the web interface.

HTTP Server^[129]—The HTTP Server page is used for configuring various settings related to SecurityGateway's web interface. You can designate the host name that will be used in login links created by SecurityGateway, the HTTP and HTTPS ports, and other HTTP related settings.

Branding/Custom Images^[133]—This page provide options for customizing the banner images that appear on the login page and the navigation sidebar.

Directories^[132]—This page lists the folders used by SecurityGateway to manage various types of files. You can customize the folder locations by changing any of the paths on this page.

Disk Space^[133]—The Disk Space page is used for configuring SecurityGateway to monitor your free disk space. It contains options that can be used to send a warning message to the administrators and/or stop receiving messages if the disk space is low.

View Configuration^[134]—This page displays all of your current SecurityGateway settings. This can be useful when trying to diagnose problems with your SecurityGateway server or when working with technical support. This page includes an option to save the current configuration to an XML file.

3.6.1 Encryption

SecurityGateway incorporates the latest in encryption technology to protect your data. The Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protocol—also known as Transport Layer Security (TLS)—with the STARTTLS SMTP extension prevent others from being able to intercept and read your email. HTTPS in SecurityGateway offers this same protection for the web interface.

The SSL protocol, developed by Netscape Communications Corporation, is the standard method for securing server/client Internet communications. It provides server authentication, data encryption, and optional client authentication for TCP/IP connections. Further, because SSL is built into all current major browsers, simply installing a valid digital certificate on your server will activate the connecting browser's SSL capabilities when connecting to SecurityGateway. If you connect using a mail client, SecurityGateway supports the STARTTLS SMTP extension over SSL/TLS. However, you must first have your client configured to use SSL, and it must support that extension—not all mail clients support it, though most do.

Email and HTTPS Encryption

Enable SSL and STARTTLS support for SMTP and HTTPS

Click this check box to activate support for the SSL/TLS protocol and the STARTTLS extension, using the "Active" certificate in the Select Certificate box below. This option must be enabled and a valid certificate must be active if you wish to log in to SecurityGateway's web interface using HTTPS. This option is disabled by default.

Send messages with STARTTLS whenever possible

Click this option if you want SecurityGateway to attempt to use the STARTTLS extension for every SMTP message it sends. If a server to which SecurityGateway is

connecting doesn't support STARTTLS then the message will be delivered normally without using SSL. This option is disabled by default.

SSL negotiation failures will retry without SSL for up to one hour

This option temporarily allowlists hosts that encounter an SSL error during an SMTP session. The allowlist is reset every hour.

Automatically detect and activate newer certificates

When this option is enabled, the system will perform a check during its nightly maintenance process. For each active certificate, it will check to see: if there's another certificate on the system that expires later, if it is for the same host name, and if it includes all alternative host names. If such a certificate exists, the system will automatically make it the active certificate. This feature is particularly useful when there's a scheduled task on the system that automatically updates the certificate, such as [Let's Encrypt](#)^[126]. This option is enabled by default.

Enable REQUIRETLS (RFC 8689)

RequireTLS allows you to flag messages that **must** be sent using TLS. If TLS is not possible (or if the parameters of the TLS certificate exchange are unacceptable) messages will be bounced rather than delivered insecurely. For a complete description of RequireTLS, see: [RFC 8689: SMTP Require TLS Option](#).

RequireTLS is enabled by default, but the only messages that will be subject to the RequireTLS process are messages specifically flagged by a Content Filter rule using the new [Content Filter action](#)^[242], "Flag message for REQUIRETLS...", or messages sent to <local-part>+requiretls@domain.tld (for example, arvel+requiretls@mdaemon.com). All other messages are treated as if the service is disabled. Several requirements must be met in order for a message to be sent using RequireTLS. If any of them fail, the message will bounce back rather than be sent in the clear. The requirements are:

- RequireTLS must be enabled.
- The message must be flagged as needing the RequireTLS treatment, via the Content Filter action or the "<localpart>+requiretls@..." address.
- The MX record of the recipient's domain must be validated by MTA-STS.
- The connection to the receiving host must use SSL (STARTTLS).
- The SSL certificate of the receiving host must match the MX host name and chain to a trusted CA.
- The receiving mail server must support REQUIRETLS and say so in the EHLO response.
- If any of these requirements fail, the message is not delivered and bounced back to the sender.

Enable MTA-STA (RFC 8461)

MTA-STS support is enabled by default and is described in [RFC 8461: SMTP MTA Strict Transport Security \(MTA-STS\)](#).

SMTP MTA Strict Transport Security (MTA-STS) is a mechanism enabling mail service providers (SPs) to declare their ability to receive Transport Layer Security (TLS) secure SMTP connections and to specify whether sending SMTP servers should refuse to deliver to MX hosts that do not offer TLS with a trusted server certificate.

To set up MTA-STS for your own domain, you will need to create an MTA-STS policy file that can be downloaded via HTTPS from the URL <https://mta-sts.domain.tld/.well-known/mta-sts.txt>, where "domain.tld" is your domain name. The policy text file should contain lines in the following format:

```
version: STSv1
mode: testing
mx: mail.domain.tld
max_age: 86400
```

Mode can be "none", "testing", or "enforce". There should be an "mx" line for each of your MX hostnames. A wildcard can be used for subdomains, such as "*.domain.tld". Max age is in seconds. Common values are 86400 (1 day) and 604800 (1 week).

Also needed is a DNS TXT record at `_mta-sts.domain.tld`, where "domain.tld" is your domain name. It must have a value in the format:

```
v=STSv1; id=20200206T010101;
```

The value for "id" must be changed every time the policy file is changed. It is common to use a timestamp for the id.

Enable TLS Reporting (RFC 8460)

TLS Reporting is disabled by default and discussed in [RFC 8460: SMTP TLS Reporting](#).

TLS Reporting allows domains using MTA-STS to be notified about any failures to retrieve the MTA-STS policy or negotiate a secure channel using STARTTLS. When enabled, SecurityGateway will send a report daily to each STS-enabled domain that it has sent (or attempted to send) mail to that day. There are several options provided for configuring the information that your reports will contain.

To set up TLS Reporting for your domain, enable [DKIM signing](#)^[187], and create a DNS TXT record at `_smtp._tls.domain.tld`, where "domain.tld" is your domain name, with a value in the format:

```
v=TLSRPTv1; rua=mailto:mailbox@domain.tld
```

Where `mailbox@domain.tld` is the email address where you want reports for your domain to be sent.

Select Certificate

To support SSL/TLS and HTTPS for SecurityGateway, you need an [SSL/TLS Certificate](#)^[124] (see below). Certificates are small files issued by a [Certificate Authority \(CA\)](#)^[125] that are used to verify to a client or browser that it is connected to its intended server, and that enable SSL/TLS/HTTPS to secure the connection to that server.

This box lists all SSL certificates that you have created. SecurityGateway generates certificates that are self-signed, meaning that the Issuer of the certificate, or Certificate Authority (CA), is the same as the owner of the certificate. This is perfectly valid and allowed, but it is possible that some users may be asked whether or not they wish to proceed to the site and/or install the certificate whenever they connect to SecurityGateway's HTTPS URL, because the CA won't already be listed in your their list of trusted CAs. When they agree to install the certificate and trust your SecurityGateway domain as a valid CA they will no longer have to see the security alert message when connecting. Whether or not they have to go through that procedure at all depends on what browser they are using, what security restrictions they have in place, and so on.

Creating and Deleting SSL Certificates

To create a new certificate, click **New** on the toolbar at the top of the Select Certificate box. This will open the [SSL Certificate](#)^[124] screen (see below). To delete an existing certificate, select the certificate and then click **Delete**.

Activating an SSL Certificate

To activate an SSL certificate, click the certificate's *Active* checkbox and click **Save**.

Configure Let's Encrypt

If you are using [Let's Encrypt](#) as your CA, to automate your certificate management, click **Configure Let's Encrypt** to open the [Let's Encrypt PowerShell Update](#)^[127] page, to help you easily configure and run the required PowerShell script included in the "SecurityGateway\LetsEncrypt" folder. For more information, see [Using Let's Encrypt to Manage Your Certificate](#)^[126] below.

STARTTLS Allowlist

Use this option to designate any IP addresses, hosts, or domains that you wish to be exempt from STARTTLS. STARTTLS will never be used when sending to any entry listed, and STARTTLS will never be advertised to any connecting hosts or IPs on the list.

STARTTLS Required List

SMTP connections to hosts or IP addresses on the STARTTLS Required list must use STARTTLS. If STARTTLS is not available or fails, the message will not be sent.

SSL Certificate

This screen is used to create new SSL certificates. To create a new certificate, click **New** on the Select Certificate toolbar on the [Encryption](#)^[121] page and then enter your certificate's information. After you are finished, click *Save and Close* to create the certificate.

Create Certificate

Host Name

Enter the host name to which your users will connect (for example, "mail.example.com").

Organization/Company Name

Enter the organization or company that "owns" the certificate here.

Alternative Host Names (separate multiple entries with a comma)

SecurityGateway does not support separate certificates for each domain—all domains must share a single certificate. If there are alternative host names to which users may be connecting, and you want this certificate to apply to those names as well, then enter those domain names here separated by commas. Wildcards are permitted, such as "*.example.com".

Encryption Key Length

Choose the desired bit-length of the encryption key for this certificate. The longer the encryption key the more secure the transferred data will be. Note, however, that not all applications support key lengths longer than 512.

Country/Region

Choose the country or region in which your server resides.

Using Certificates Issued by a Third-party CA

If you have purchased or otherwise generated a certificate from some source other than SecurityGateway, you can still use that certificate by using the Microsoft Management Console to import it into the certificate store that SecurityGateway uses. Once the certificate has been imported into Windows, it should appear in SecurityGateway so that it can be used. To import the certificate:

1. On your Windows toolbar, click **Start » Run...** and then type "**mmc /a**" into the text box.
2. Click **OK** or press **Enter**.
3. In the Microsoft Management Console, click **File » Add/Remove Snap-in...** on the menu bar (or press **Ctrl+M** on your keyboard).
4. On the *Add or Remove Snap-ins* dialog, click **Certificates**, and then click **Add**.
5. On the *Certificates snap-in* dialog, choose **Computer account**, and then click **Next**.
6. On the *Select Computer* dialog, choose **Local computer**, and then click **Finish**.
7. Click **OK**.

9. Under *Certificates (Local Computer)* in the left pane, if the certificate that you are importing is self-signed, click **Trusted Root Certification Authorities** and then **Certificates**. If it is not self-signed then click **Personal**.
10. On the menu bar, click **Action » All Tasks » Import...**, and click **Next**.
11. Enter the file path to the certificate that you wish to import (using the Browse button if necessary), and click **Next**.
12. Click **Next**, and click **Finish**.

Using Let's Encrypt to Manage Your Certificate

[Let's Encrypt](#) is a CA that provides free certificates via an automated process designed to eliminate the currently complex process of manual creation, validation, signing, installation, and renewal of certificates for secure websites. Click **Configure Let's Encrypt** on the [Encryption](#)^[123] page to open the Let's Encrypt PowerShell Update page, to help you easily configure and run the PowerShell script included in the "SecurityGateway\LetsEncrypt" folder.

Let's Encrypt PowerShell Update

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NOTE: Using Let's Encrypt requires [PowerShell](#) 5.1 or higher and [.NET Framework](#) 4.7.2 or higher. Further, SecurityGateway's [HTTP ports](#)^[129] setting must be set to listen on port 80 or the HTTP challenge cannot be completed and the script will not work.

Automatically update the LetsEncrypt certificate

Click this checkbox if you wish to automatically create and update an SSL/TLS certificate via the Let's Encrypt script. The certificate will be updated every 10-60 days according to your *Days between updates* setting below.

Current Password

Including your password creates an API token for the script to access the SG XML API. The password is not saved. This is not necessary when just updating settings.

Host names (separate multiple host names with a comma)

If you wish to set up alternate host names in the certificate, specify those host names here, separated by commas. You do not need to include the [HTTP Server Host Name](#)^[129] in this list. For example, if your Host Name were "mail.example.com" and you wished to use an alternate host name of "imap.example.com," then you would only need to include "imap.example.com" here. If you do not wish to use any

alternate host names then leave this option blank. **Note:** if you include host names, an HTTP challenge from Let's Encrypt must be completed for each one to validate your server's control of that host name. If the challenges are not all completed then the process will fail.

Admin email for notifications

Specify an administrator email address here if you wish to be notified when an error occurs during a Let's Encrypt update.

Use an ECDSA certificate

Check this box if you wish to use an ECDSA-based certificate rather than an RSA certificate.

Use the staging server

Use this when you need to test Let's Encrypt.

Days between updates (10-60)

Use this option to specify how often your certificate should be updated, from 10-60 days. The default setting is 60 days.

Run Now

Click this button to run the script immediately.

Remove old certificates (expired > 30 days ago)

By default SecurityGateway will remove any old certificates that have been expired longer than 30 days. Uncheck this box if you do not wish to remove them automatically.

View the LetsEncrypt script log file

Click this button to view the Let's Encrypt script's log file.

Days until next update

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Command line:

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3.6.2 HTTP Server

The HTTP Server page is used for configuring various settings related to SecurityGateway's web interface. You can designate the host name that will be used in login links created by SecurityGateway, the HTTP and HTTPS ports, and other HTTP related settings.

Server

Host Name (used to create login links):

This is the host name that will be used by SecurityGateway when creating login links in messages it sends to your users and administrators. For example, if the URL that your users need to use when connecting to SecurityGateway is "https://sg.example.com:...", then enter "sg.example.com" into this box.

SecurityGateway will automatically use "https://" if an [SSL certificate](#)^[12] is loaded or the "Redirect HTTP requests to HTTPS" option below is enabled. Otherwise, it will use "http://". Further, if SecurityGateway is set to listen on a non-default https or http port, then the appropriate port will be added to the URL automatically.

HTTP Ports (comma delimited):

This is the HTTP port that SecurityGateway's web interface will use. When connecting to SecurityGateway via their web browser, your users will need to include this port number in the URL after a colon. For example, "http://sg.example.com:4000". You can enter multiple ports separated by commas. The default port is 4000.

HTTPS Ports (comma delimited):

This is the HTTPS port that SecurityGateway will monitor for HTTPS connections to the web interface. Users connecting to this port will need to use "https" in

SecurityGateway's URL and include the port number after a colon (e.g. "https://sg.example.com:4443"). You can enter multiple ports separated by commas. The default port is 4443.

Bind sockets to these IPs (comma delimited):

If you wish to restrict SecurityGateway to receiving connections made to specific IP addresses, enter them here separated by commas.

Number of Threads for HTTP Requests:

This is the number of threads that SecurityGateway will use for HTTP requests. The default value is 5.

Redirect HTTP requests to HTTPS

Check this box if you wish to redirect all HTTP requests to HTTPS. If you choose to use this option then you must ensure that you have a valid [SSL/TLS Certificate](#)¹²⁴ installed for the domain.

Add HSTS header to HTTPS requests

By default an HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS) header is included in HTTPS responses. When a browser that supports HSTS receives an HSTS header and the SSL certificate is valid, future HTTP requests made to the same domain will be automatically upgraded to HTTPS.

Max age [XX] seconds

This is the value of the "max-age=" parameter that is included in the HSTS header. It is the amount of time the browser is instructed to remember the HSTS policy. The default setting is 63072000 seconds, or two years.

...include sub-domains

Check this box if you want the header to include the "includeSubDomains" directive, which instructs the browser to consider the policy as applying to all of the website's sub-domains.

add domain to HSTS preload list

Use this option if you wish to add the `preload` directive to the HSTS header.



You should not use the `preload` option unless you are certain that you wish to add the domain to all of the major browsers' built-in HSTS Preload Lists. When a domain is added to the HSTS Preload List, it means that browsers must always use HTTPS when connecting to the domain or any of its sub-domains, which could prevent legitimate connections to a sub-domain if you did not intend that permanent requirement. Further, once your domain is added to the HSTS Preload List, it can be difficult or time-consuming to get it removed from the list.

For more information on the HSTS Preload List, visit:

<https://hstspreload.org/>

Configuration

Enable session timeouts

When this option is enabled, a user or administrator will be logged out of the web interface automatically when there is no activity from them for the number of minutes designated below. This option is enabled by default.

Log users out after [xx] minutes

This is the number of minutes of inactivity allowed before a user or administrator will be automatically logged out of the web interface. The default setting for this option is 15 minutes.

3.6.3 DNS Servers

Configuration

Use Windows DNS servers

When this option is selected, SecurityGateway will use all DNS servers found within your Windows TCP/IP configuration. It will try each DNS server once per lookup operation and in sequence until it exhausts the complete list of DNS servers or finds the first one that works.

Use manually configured DNS servers

Use this option if you wish to designate specific DNS servers for SecurityGateway to use. It will use all DNS servers specified here in the order listed when performing DNS lookups. It will try each server once per lookup operation and in sequence until it exhausts the complete list of DNS servers or finds the first one that works.

3.6.4 IPv6

SecurityGateway will automatically detect the level of IPv6 capability that your OS supports and dual-stack where possible; otherwise, SecurityGateway will monitor both networks independently.

Configuration

...accept only IPv4 connections

Choose this option if you only wish to accept IPv4 connections.

...accept only IPv6 connections

Choose this option if you only wish to accept IPv6 connections.

...accept either IPv4 or IPv6 connections

Choose this option if you wish to accept both IPv4 and IPv6 connections. This is the default setting, and SecurityGateway will give precedence to IPv6 connections over IPv4 whenever possible.

Connect to outbound IPv6 hosts where possible

Enable this option if you want SecurityGateway to connect to outbound IPv6 hosts whenever possible.

3.6.5 Directories

This page lists the folders used by SecurityGateway to manage various types of files. You can customize the folder locations by changing any of the paths below and then clicking Save on the toolbar.

Directory Settings

Attachments:

This is the folder where SecurityGateway will store file attachments included with messages as long as those messages reside on the SecurityGateway server.



The contents of this folder are not included in SecurityGateway's internal [Backup](#)¹⁴² and [Restore](#)¹⁴³ files. If you wish to backup attachments then use your third party backup software or some other external method to do so.

Backup:

This is where [backup](#)¹⁴² files are stored. For optimal performance, we recommend setting this folder to a different physical disk drive.

Logs:

SecurityGateway's log files are stored here.

Inbound Queue:

This is the folder SecurityGateway will use as a message queue for inbound messages.

Temp:

This is the temporary folder that will be used for processing.

Bayesian Learning Non-spam:

When using the [Bayesian Learning](#)¹⁵⁵ feature, this is the folder where non-spam messages should be placed.

Bayesian Learning Spam:

When using the [Bayesian Learning](#)¹⁵⁵ feature, this is the folder where spam messages should be placed.

Crash memory dump files:

This is the location of any memory dump files that are generated automatically if the securitygateway.exe process crashes.

3.6.6 Disk Space

The Disk Space page is used for configuring SecurityGateway to monitor your free disk space. It contains options that can be used to send a warning message to the administrators and/or stop receiving messages if the disk space is low.

Enable disk space checking engine

When this option is enabled, SecurityGateway will monitor the free disk space available on all volumes referenced on the [Directories](#) page. This option is enabled by default.

Send warning to global administrators if free disk space falls below [xx] MB

When this option is enabled, a warning message will be sent to the [global administrators](#) when the disk space falls below the designated value in megabytes (MB). The default value is 1000 MB, and the option is enabled by default.

Disable the SMTP engine if free disk space falls below [xx] MB

With this option, when the disk space falls below the value designated, SecurityGateway will disable the SMTP engine and therefore no longer accept any messages. The default value is 100 megabytes, and the option is enabled by default.

3.6.7 Branding/Custom Images

This page provides options for customizing the banner image that appears on the login page and the image used in the navigation sidebar.

Customization**Use default images**

Click this option to use SecurityGateway's default images.

Use custom images

Choose this option if you wish to designate custom images for SecurityGateway to use.

Login Page Image

This is the main image that SecurityGateway will display on the login page. This section contains details about the default image size and provides options for you to upload your custom image.

Navigation Sidebar Image

This is the image that is displayed at the top of the navigation sidebar when you are signed in to SecurityGateway. This section contains details about the default image size and provides options for you to upload your custom image.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "*For Domain:*" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its Branding/Custom Images settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

3.6.8 View Configuration

When you click *View Configuration* under *Setup/Users»System* on the navigation menu, this page will display all of your current SecurityGateway settings. This can be useful when trying to diagnose problems with your SecurityGateway server or when working with technical support. You can save the current configuration to an XML file by clicking "*Download XML File*" on the toolbar. Then, click *Save* on the box that opens, choose a location for the file, and then click *Save* again.

3.6.9 Clustering

SecurityGateway's Clustering feature is designed to share your configuration between two or more SecurityGateway servers on your network. This makes it possible for you to use load balancing hardware or software to distribute your email load across multiple SecurityGateway servers, which can improve speed and efficiency by reducing network congestion and overload and by maximizing your email resources. It also helps to ensure redundancy in your email systems should one of your servers suffer a hardware or software failure.

Here are a number of things to consider when deciding whether or not to set up a SecurityGateway cluster on your network:

Nodes

A SecurityGateway cluster will have a primary node and secondary nodes. One SecurityGateway server will be designated as Primary and all the others as Secondary.

- Each node in the cluster needs to be running the same version of SecurityGateway.
- Each node in the cluster requires its own SecurityGateway registration key. You cannot use the same key on multiple nodes.
- Each node in the cluster should be on the same network. The clustering system is not designed to have nodes that are geographically separate.
- All nodes in a cluster should be set to the same time zone, and set to the exact same time. Substantial differences in the system time on each node can cause problems.
- Configuration changes can be made from any node in the cluster. When a configuration change is made all other nodes will be notified of the change. Note, however, that the [HELO Domain Name](#)⁹² is a per-server setting and can therefore be set to a unique value on each server in the cluster.

- The primary node is responsible for maintenance tasks such as Bayesian learning.

Routing

SecurityGateway does not handle the routing of any traffic to or from specific nodes. We recommend that you use a third-party load balancer to handle the routing of traffic.

Sticky sessions in your load balancer is required so that all traffic from the same IP is routed to the same host. Sticky sessions is most important for those signing in to SecurityGateway's web-interface, so that if someone signs in to a specific server then all traffic for that session will be routed to that same server.

Shared Database and Folder Locations

In a SecurityGateway cluster, all servers share the same database and a specific set of folders. Therefore all nodes must be on the same network and all of the shared locations must be accessible to all nodes. Because the SecurityGateway service runs as the LocalSystem account by default, and because LocalSystem does not have access to any network resources, you must [configure the service](#)^[139] to use an account that has permission to access those network locations. See: "[Configuring SecurityGateway to Use Network Accessible Data Folders](#)"^[136] below.

Archiving

In order to use [Archiving](#)^[95] with Clustering, your Archiving settings will need to be configured to use the Firebird Database Server and use network paths so that all nodes can access the Archive stores.

Certificates

- HTTPS settings (including certificates) are per node and will need to be specified for any node added to the cluster. Certificates are stored on each node, not in the database. Therefore if you wish to use the same certificate on each node, you will need to manually import that certificate on each node and configure each SecurityGateway to use the certificate.
- The [STARTTLS Allowlist and STARTTLS Required list](#)^[121] configurations are shared.
- SecurityGateway's LetsEncrypt options do not support secondary nodes at this time.

Setting Up Clustering

Upgrading Your Database

If you wish to use Clustering and you updated SecurityGateway to version 7.0 or later from an earlier version, then you will first need to use the included `SGDBTool.exe` to convert your SecurityGateway database file from Firebird 2.x to Firebird 3.x. If this is a new installation of SecurityGateway 7.0 or later, then you can skip this step, as your version is already using a Firebird 3.x database.

Follow these steps to upgrade your database:

1. Stop the SecurityGateway service (click **Stop SecurityGateway** in the SecurityGateway Start Menu folder, or use the Services console).
2. Open the Windows **Command Prompt**.
3. Switch to your `\SecurityGateway\app\` folder.
4. Type: `sgdbtool.exe -convertfb3`, and press **Enter**.

This will save a backup copy of your Firebird 2.x database file as "SecurityGateway.fb2". Then it will restore your database using the Firebird 3.x runtime and save it as "SECURITYGATEWAY.FBD". If you are using [Archiving](#)^[95] then this will also upgrade any archiving database files.

Configuring SecurityGateway to Use Network Accessible Data Folders

All nodes in a SecurityGateway cluster share the same database and a common set of several folders. Therefore all nodes must be on the same network and you must ensure that the [Windows Service](#)^[139] for each node is configured to use an account that has permission to access the shared locations. You must also ensure that each node is properly configured to use those locations. If you need to move the contents of the shared folders to a new location in order to share them with all nodes, you must move them manually. SecurityGateway will not migrate existing files for you. The following shared folders are used and can be configured from both the [Directories](#)^[132] page and Clustering page (except for Bayesian Replication, which can only be configured from Clustering):

- **Message Data** (e.g. `\\Share01\SecurityGateway\Messages\`)
- **Message Logs/SMTP Transcripts** (e.g. `\Share01\SecurityGateway\Transcripts\`)
- **Attachments** (e.g. `\\Share01\SecurityGateway\Attachments\`)
- **Bayesian Learning Non-spam** (e.g. `\Share01\SecurityGateway\BayesHam\`)
- **Bayesian Learning Spam** (e.g. `\\Share01\SecurityGateway\BayesSpam\`)
- **Bayesian Replication** (e.g. `\\Share01\SecurityGateway\BayesReplication`)
Note: This folder is unique to Clustering. It is the location to which the primary node copies its Bayesian database, and from which the other nodes replicate that data.

Note: The database location and credentials are specified during installation, or by using `SGDBTool.exe` for existing installations (see: "[Configuring SecurityGateway to Use the External Database Server](#)"^[137] below).

Archive Stores

If you are using the [Archiving](#)^[95] feature then you will also need to relocate your Archive Stores to a network accessible location, and each Archiving database file will need to be moved to the Firebird Database server. See: "[Using Archiving with Clustering](#)"^[138] below.

Setting up the Firebird 3 Database Server

In order to use Clustering, you must install the Firebird 3 database server at a network location accessible to each node in the cluster.

To set up your Firebird 3 server:

1. Download the [Firebird 3 Database Server](#).
2. Run the installer on a machine that will be accessible to all nodes.
3. **Accept** the License Agreement, and click **Next**.
4. Read the information, and click **Next**.
5. Choose a folder, and click **Next**.
6. On Select Components, click **Next**.
7. Choose a name for the Start Menu folder (or click **Don't create a Start Menu folder**), and click **Next**.
8. Leave the Select Additional Tasks options set to the default values (i.e. SuperServer mode, Run as a Service, and Copy client library), and click **Next**.
9. Type and Retype a SYSDBA password (the "SYSDBA" username and this password will be needed later), and click **Next**.
10. Click **Install**.
11. Click **Next**.
12. Click **Finish**.

Configuring SecurityGateway to Use the External Database Server

In a SecurityGateway cluster, each node must be configured to connect to the same database file, which must be located on the Firebird 3 database server you set up in the previous section. To set up SecurityGateway to use the external database server:

1. On the Firebird server, create a folder for your database file (e.g. C:\Databases).
2. Copy your primary SecurityGateway database file (i.e. \SecurityGateway\App\SECURITYGATEWAY.FBD) to that location.
3. On your SecurityGateway server, open the Windows **Command Prompt**.
4. Switch to your \SecurityGateway\app\ folder.
5. Type: `sgdbtool.exe -setdbconnect`, and press **Enter**.
6. For "Use embedded Firebird database Y/N?" type **N**, and **Enter**.
7. For "Enter Firebird Server IP", type the IP address of the Firebird server (e.g. 10.10.0.1), and press **Enter**.
8. Press **Enter** for "Enter Firebird Server Port (default 3050)".

9. For "Enter Firebird Database Path or Alias", type the full path to the database file that you copied to the Firebird server (e.g. `C:\Databases\SECURITYGATEWAY.FDB`), and press **Enter**.
10. Press **Enter** for "Enter Firebird Database Username (default SYSDBA)".
11. For "Enter Firebird Database Password (default masterkey)", type the password you created when installing the Firebird 3 server, and press **Enter**.

Your Primary SecurityGateway node should now be connected to the external database server.

Using Archiving with Clustering

To use [Archiving](#)^[95] with Clustering:

1. Create a folder or folders on your Firebird Server for your Archiving database files (e.g. `"c:\databases\Archives\Example.com," "..\Archives\company.com,"` etc.).
2. Create network accessible folders for each of your Archive Store's [Storage Locations](#)^[105].
3. Copy all of your Archive Store files to these new locations.
4. [Edit each of your Archive Store](#)^[105] storage locations to use UNC file paths, pointing to their new locations.
5. Edit each of your Archive Stores to *Connect to a Firebird database server instance*, and enter the *Database Path/Alias Name* for each of the database files.
6. Edit your [Automatic Archive Store Creation](#)^[99] settings as needed, setting UNC file paths and modifying macro usage to support Clustering.

Adding Nodes to Your Cluster

To add a new SecurityGateway installation to your cluster:

1. Run the SecurityGateway installer on the machine to be used as the new node.
2. During installation, choose the option to "connect to an external database server" and use the information you entered in the previous section.
3. Proceed with the rest of the installation normally.
4. Ensure that you are using the appropriate account credentials in the [Windows Service](#)^[139] section, and that you have configured the new server to use UNC file paths to connect to the shared data folders.
5. Copy any necessary SSL certificates to the new machine.

Active/Active Database Replication

If you wish to use active/active database replication for your cluster, SecurityGateway does support that functionality, but it requires an external replication tool and its configuration is beyond the scope of this help file. For a discussion on its requirements

and instructions on configuring your cluster to use active/active replication, see the PDF document: [SecurityGateway: Configuring Active-Active Database Replication](#).

3.6.10 Windows Service

By default the SecurityGateway Windows service runs under the Local System account. This account, however, does not have permission to access networked drives. If you therefore need to run the service under a different account, such as when using [Clustering](#)^[134], for example, then use the options on this page to specify the account and its credentials.

Local System account

By default the SecurityGateway Windows service runs under the Local System account.

This Account

If you need to run the service under a different account, enter the account's *Logon name*, *Password*, and *Domain* here.

3.7 Database



The Database section of the *Setup/Users* menu contains links to the following four pages, which deal with the type and amount of data saved by SecurityGateway, and with backing up and restoring your SecurityGateway database:

Configuration^[142]—Use this page to designate the database write mode, that is, whether data will be written to disk synchronously or asynchronously.

Data Retention^[140]—Use this page to configure how long SecurityGateway will keep message database records, message content, and each message's SMTP session transcript. You can also designate under what circumstances message content will be retained or deleted. Database maintenance occurs each night at midnight, and all values on this page are in numbers of days.

Backup^[142]—Use the Backup page to schedule automatic backups of your SecurityGateway database. You can schedule backups of the entire database or just the configuration and settings. You can also designate the number of old backup files to store.

Restore^[143]—The Restore page lists all of the configuration and database backup files created using the Backup page that are currently saved on your system. From this page you can download the files, delete them, and restore your configuration or entire database from them.

3.7.1 Configuration



Use this page to designate the database write mode, that is, whether data will be written to disk synchronously or asynchronously.

Database Write Mode

Data is written synchronously

When this option is selected, data is flushed immediately to disk. Database write transactions do not complete until the data has been physically written to the disk. This is the default selection and is safest for your data.

Data is written asynchronously

When this option is selected, the operating system controls when the data is physically written to the disk. This option offers superior performance, but it increases the risk of database corruption in the event of a power outage or other uncontrolled shutdown of the server and/or database. Asynchronous write mode is only recommended when the performance of synchronous write mode is not sufficient. It is critical that the system be protected by a reliable uninterruptible power supply (UPS) and that database backups are maintained.

3.7.2 Data Retention



Use this page to configure how long SecurityGateway will keep message database records, message content, and each message's SMTP session transcript. You can also designate under what circumstances message content will be retained or deleted. Database maintenance occurs each night at midnight, and all values on this page are in numbers of days.

Message Database Records

Specify below how long you wish to retain message database records. Reports will be limited to this time frame. A longer time frame will result in a larger database.

Take no action

Choose this option if you do not wish to delete message database records.

Delete records after [xx] day(s)

If you wish delete old database records each night at midnight, choose this option and specify the number of days that you wish to keep each record. This is the default option and records are saved for 30 days.

Message Content

By default, the content of each email message is discarded when it is no longer needed, such as when the message is delivered successfully to the recipient, when a message is

deleted from quarantine, and the like. However, because saving the content of an email message can be helpful for debugging purposes, there are options provided below to prevent automatic deletion of message content under various circumstances. All of these options are disabled by default.



Enabling these options may result in degraded performance and a larger database.

Do not delete message content after successful delivery

Click this option if you wish to retain message content, even after the message has been successfully delivered to the recipient's server.

Do not delete message content when a message is deleted from the quarantine

Enable this option if you do not wish to delete a quarantined message's content after it is deleted from the quarantine.

Do not delete message content when a message is rejected

When this option is enabled, SecurityGateway will not delete a message's content even if the message is rejected after receiving it.

Do not delete message content after permanent delivery failure

Click this option if you wish to retain messages that encounter a permanent delivery failure, such as when the recipient is invalid.

Do not delete message content of incomplete messages

Enable this option if you do not wish to delete the content of incomplete messages.

Message Transcripts

For each message, a comprehensive log of the SMTP session and SIEVE rule engine is maintained. These message transcripts can be very helpful in troubleshooting and debugging, however they do increase the size of the database.

Process with the message database record (above)

This is the default option. When it is selected, message transcripts will be processed according to the option selected in the Message Database Records section above. When old message database records are deleted, session transcripts will be deleted as well.

Delete message transcripts after [xx] day(s)

If you wish to retain message transcripts for a specific number of days, click this option and specify the number of days to keep them.

Do not store message transcripts

Choose this option if you do not wish to store message transcripts.

Bandwidth Information

Delete bandwidth information after [xx] day(s)

Enable this option and specify a number of days if you wish to delete old bandwidth usage information each night at midnight.

3.7.3 Backup



Use the Backup page to schedule automatic backups of your SecurityGateway database. You can schedule backups of the entire database or just the configuration and settings. You can also designate the number of old backup files to store. Backup files are listed on the [Restore](#)^[143] page.



For optimal performance we recommend locating the backup folder (specified on the [Directories](#)^[132] page) on a different physical disk drive. Further, we do not recommend using third party backup software or other external backup procedures to backup SecurityGateway's database file while the SecurityGateway service is running. The internal options provided on this page can be used regularly to backup the database while the service is running. If you wish to use some external backup procedure then you should stop the service first, or use that external procedure simply to backup the backup files created internally by SecurityGateway. Finally, SecurityGateway's internal backup options do NOT backup the contents of the [Attachments](#)^[132] folder. If you wish to backup attachments then use your third party backup software or some other external method to do so.

Automated Backup

Do not perform automatic backup

This is the default option. When selected, SecurityGateway will not automatically backup the database or server configuration.

Automatically backup configuration data every [xx] day(s) at [xx:xx]

Choose this option if you wish to export/backup SecurityGateway's configuration, but not backup the entire database. Specify the number of days to wait between automatic exports and the exact time to do it. These files will be listed on the [Restore](#)^[143] page and have file names that begin with "Export".



When using this backup method, ONLY SecurityGateway's configuration and settings are backed up, including user and domain information, not the entire database. Consequently, if you restore the system from this type of backup file then all messages, session transcripts, reports, the message log, and

so on will be lost—only the configuration and settings will be restored.

Automatically backup entire database every [xx] day(s) at [xx:xx]

Choose this option if you wish to backup SecurityGateway's entire database, including your configuration and settings, the [Message Log](#)^[305], [Reports](#)^[320], transcripts, and so on. Specify the number of days to wait between automatic backups and the exact time to perform the backup. These files will be listed on the [Restore](#)^[143] page and have file names that begin with "Backup".



The contents of the [Attachments](#)^[132] folder are NOT included in the backup file. If you wish to backup attachments then use your third party backup software or some other external method to do so. Further, although the [Message Log](#)^[313] is included when backing up the entire database, the [Log Files](#)^[314] are not. If you wish to backup the log files then you must use your backup software or external method to do that as well.

Store only [xx] backup file(s). The oldest backup file(s) will be deleted.

Click this checkbox if you wish to store only a certain number of backup files, and specify the number of files to store. When the maximum number of files is reached, the oldest file will be deleted whenever a new backup file is created. This option is disabled by default.

Manual Backup

Click here to backup/export configuration data now

Click this link to manually export SecurityGateway's configuration. This backup method is functionally identical to the "*Automatically backup configuration data...*" option above. It is simply initiated manually instead of automatically and is in addition to any scheduled automatic backups.

Click here to backup entire database now

Click this link to manually backup SecurityGateway's entire database. This backup method is functionally identical to the "*Automatically backup entire database...*" option above. It is simply initiated manually instead of automatically and is in addition to any scheduled automatic backups.

3.7.4 Restore



The Restore page lists all of the configuration and database backup files created using the [Backup](#)^[142] page that are currently saved on your system. From this page you can download the files, delete them, and restore your configuration or entire database from them.

Upload Backup File

Use the browse and upload options to upload a previously downloaded backup file and add it to the Restore list below. You can then use that file to restore your configuration or entire database, depending on what type of backup file it is.

Browse

Click this button to browse to the database or configuration file that you wish to upload to the Restore list below. The file should have been downloaded previously from this page and created using the options on the [Backup](#)¹⁴² page.

Upload Backup File

After using the Browse button to locate the file, click this button to upload the file to the Restore list below.

Restore

This list contains all files created from the [Backup](#)¹⁴² page or uploaded using the Upload Backup File option above. Each entry contains the file name, the date and time that the backup file was created, the size of the file, and links to download, delete, or restore the file. File names starting with "Export" are files containing configuration data only. Files starting with "Backup" are backup files of the entire database.



For more information on what exactly is included in each type of backup file, see the [Backup](#)¹⁴² page.

Download

Click the Download link in a backup file entry to download the file. Files can be uploaded again to the Restore list later by using the Upload Backup File option above. Downloading a file will not delete it from the list.

Delete

Use this link to delete a backup file. If you wish to remove the file from SecurityGateway but save it to another location, use the Download option above before deleting the file.

Restore

Click this link to restore SecurityGateway's configuration or entire database from the corresponding file. All changes made since that backup file was created will be lost, and SecurityGateway will be unavailable until the restoration is complete. You will also have to log in again after it is finished. You will be asked to confirm your decision before proceeding.

3.7.5 Advanced



If instructed to do so by technical support, use this page to execute an SQL statement against the database. It is recommended that you perform a [backup](#)^[142] of your database before proceeding.

Execute SQL Statement

SQL Statement:

If instructed to do so by technical support, enter an SQL statement into this box and click **Execute**. The results of the action will appear in the Result box below.

3.8 Software Updates



Use this page to check whether or not an updated version of SecurityGateway is available. You can check for updates manually or use an option to cause SecurityGateway to check for them automatically. When an update is available, you can download and install it directly from the web interface.

Configuration

Periodically check the software updates

Check this box if you want SecurityGateway to check for software updates automatically each day at midnight.

Click here to check for software updates now

Click this link to manually check for software updates. The results of the check will appear in the Updates box below.

Updates

This box contains the results of the software update checks. When a software update is available, all [Global Administrators](#)^[60] are notified and a link is provided that you can use to open the Software Update Details page, which can be used to download and install the update.

Software Update Details

When an update check shows that a software update is available, a link to the Software Update Details page is provided on the [Dashboard](#)^[9], and also in the Updates section of the Software Updates page. This page displays the current version of software that is installed, the version that is available, and the file size of the new version. It also provides a link to see a list of changes in the update and a link to download and install it.

3.9 Registration



This page lists your product registration information, including the name of the person or company to whom the product is registered, the registration key, and the status of your registration, such as the license size and other relevant information.

SecurityGateway

This section is for the SecurityGateway product registration information.

License Name:

This is the name under which the license is registered.

Company or distributor:

This is your company or the distributor of the license.

SecurityGateway Registration Key:

This box is for your Registration key. After entering your key, click *Save*.

Registration Status

This box lists the status of your registration, including the license size and other information.

Configuration

SecurityGateway may report the version of the OS on which it is running when it requests an updated license file from MDaemon Technologies. This information is helpful as we make decisions about which operating systems to support. If you do not wish to report such information, disable this option.

Section



IV

4 Security

The Security menu has eight sections with various tools to help you protect your domains and users from spam, viruses, email abuse, and other security risks. Below is a brief overview of each security section. For more information, see the individual sections.



[Anti-Spam](#)¹⁴⁹

The Anti-Spam section under the Security menu contains options to help you prevent spam, or unsolicited junk email. There are nine anti-spam features listed under this section, including options for identifying and preventing spam by using heuristics, Bayesian analysis, DNS and URI blocklists, greylisting, and more.



[Anti-Virus](#)¹⁷⁵

The Anti-Virus section under the Security menu contains options to help you identify virus infected messages and prevent them from reaching your users.



[Anti-Spoofing](#)¹⁷⁹

The Anti-Spoofing section has tools to help you identify messages sent from forged, or "spoofed" addresses. There are six anti-spoofing features listed under this section, such as DKIM Verification, Sender ID, Callback Verification, and more.



[Anti-Abuse](#)²⁰⁸

The Anti-Abuse section contains tools that help you prevent others from abusing or improperly using your email system to relay spam messages, use large amounts of bandwidth, connect to your server too frequently, and the like. There are six tools under the Anti-Abuse section.



Filtering

The Filtering section contains two features: [Message Content Filtering](#)²³⁶ and [Attachment Filtering](#)²⁴⁷. The Message Content Filtering page can be used to create filter rules to perform a number of actions. You can create rules to cause messages that match certain criteria to be refused, copied or redirected to a different address, quarantined, and more. The options on the Attachment Filtering page can be used to designate specific types of files that will cause a message to be either blocked or quarantined when one of those files is attached. You can define the filtering restrictions both globally and per domain.



[Blocklists](#)²⁴⁹

Blocklists are lists of email addresses, hosts, and IP addresses whose messages you wish to block or quarantine. By default those messages will be refused during the SMTP session, but on the Blocklist Action page you can change this setting so that they will be quarantined instead. The action that will be taken can be set globally and for specific domains, and the blocklists themselves can also be set as global or domain specific.



Allowlists^[258]

Allowlists are lists of email addresses, hosts, and IP addresses whose messages you wish to exempt from a number of security restrictions. Heuristics and Bayesian, DNSBL, DKIM Verification, and almost every other Security feature in SecurityGateway has the option to exempt senders, hosts, messages, and so on if they appear on the appropriate allowlist. Each allowlist can be set as global or domain specific.



Sieve Scripts^[265]

SecurityGateway uses the Sieve email filtering language to perform many of its functions, and the Sieve Scripts page lets you see in what order those functions are performed. It also provides a Sieve Script Editor that you can use to create your own custom scripts.

4.1 Anti-Spam



The Anti-Spam section under the **Security**^[148] menu contains options to help you prevent spam, or unsolicited junk email. There are nine anti-spam features listed under this section:

Outbreak Protection^[150] - Outbreak Protection (OP) is a revolutionary real time anti-spam and anti-virus technology capable of proactively protecting your email infrastructure automatically and within minutes of a spam or virus outbreak. Because Outbreak Protection is designed specifically to deal with outbreaks, it is not a replacement for the other, more traditional, anti-virus and anti-spam tools included in SecurityGateway. It provides a specialized layer of protection in addition to the other tools.

Heuristics and Bayesian^[155] - SecurityGateway uses a high performance, customized version of the popular open source **SpamAssassin**[™] project for heuristic rules and Bayesian classification. The heuristics component can help identify spam by testing messages against a known set of characteristics common to spam messages. The Bayesian component can identify spam by analyzing a message and then comparing it to a database of message tokens compiled from both spam and non-spam messages provided by you.

DNS Blocklists (DNSBL)^[161] - This security feature allows you to specify several DNS blocklisting services (which maintain lists of servers known to relay spam) that will be checked each time someone tries to send a message to one of your domains. If the connecting IP has been blocklisted by any one of those services, the message(s) will be refused, quarantined, or flagged.

URI Blocklists (URIBL)^[165] - URI Blocklists are real-time blocklists designed to be used to block or tag spam based on uniform resource identifiers (usually domain names or websites) found within the message body. Also known as Spam URI Realtime Blocklists (SURBLs), URIBLs differ from DNS Blocklists in that they are not used to identify spam based on the content of message headers or on the connecting IP address. Instead, URIBLs block spam based on message content.

Greylisting^[168] - Greylisting is a spam-fighting technique that works by informing the sending mail server that a temporary error has occurred and that it must try delivery again later. Because spammers do not typically make further delivery attempts when a message can't be delivered, but legitimate mail servers do, greylisting can help to reduce the amount of spam your users receive.

Backscatter Protection^[170] - "Backscatter" refers to response messages that your users receive to emails that they never sent. This occurs when spam messages or messages sent by viruses contain a "Return-Path" address that is forged. Consequently, when one of these messages is rejected by the recipient's server, or if the recipient has an auto responder associated with his account, the response message will then be directed to your user's forged address. To combat backscatter, SecurityGateway can use a private key hashing method to generate and insert a special time-sensitive code into the "Return-Path" address of your outbound messages. Then, when one of these messages encounters a delivery problem and is bounced back, or when an auto-reply is received with a "mailer-daemon@..." or NULL reverse path, SecurityGateway will see the special code and know that it is a genuine automated reply to a message that was sent by one of your domains. If the message doesn't contain the special code or if the code has expired, it will be logged and can be rejected.

Message Scoring^[173] - SecurityGateway calculates a Message Score for each message based on a number of tests it performs while processing the message. Effectively a "spam score," the Message Score is used to determine the likelihood that a message is spam. The options on the Message Scoring page are used to designate the actions that will be taken when a message's score exceeds certain thresholds. You can set thresholds for tagging messages as spam, quarantining them, or rejecting them during the SMTP session.

Data Query Service (DQS)^[174] - Data Query Service (DQS) is a set of **DNSBLs**^[161], updated in real-time and operated by Spamhaus Technology in order to block over 99% of email-borne threats. DQS requires a valid subscription and usage key provided by Spamhaus Technology.

Abusix^[175] - Abusix Mail Intelligence™ is a suite of curated real-time **DNSBLs**^[161] designed to block most email-borne threats. Abusix Mail Intelligence requires a valid subscription and usage key provided by Abusix.

4.1.1 Outbreak Protection

Outbreak Protection (OP) is a revolutionary real time anti-spam and anti-virus technology capable of proactively protecting your email infrastructure automatically and within minutes of an outbreak. OP is completely content agnostic, meaning that it doesn't rely on strict lexical analysis of message content. Thus, it doesn't require heuristic rules, content filtering, or signature updates. Further, that means it is not fooled by the addition of seed text, clever spelling changes, social engineering tactics, language barriers, or differences in encoding techniques. Instead, OP relies on the mathematical analysis of message structure and message distribution characteristics over SMTP — it analyzes "patterns" associated with an email transmission and compares them to similar patterns collected from millions of email messages worldwide, which are sampled and compared in real time.

Because messages are being analyzed worldwide in real time, protection is provided within minutes (often seconds) of a new outbreak. For viruses, this level of protection

is critical since it is often hours after an outbreak before a traditional antivirus vendor can verify and submit a virus signature update, and it can then be even longer before that update is put into production use. During that interval, servers without Outbreak Protection are vulnerable to that particular outbreak. Similarly, for spam messages it will often take time and effort to analyze the spam and create a safe filtering rule before it will be recognized by traditional heuristic and content based systems.

It is important to note, however, that the Outbreak Protection feature is not a replacement for traditional anti-virus and anti-spam techniques. In fact, OP provides another specialized layer of protection on top of the existing heuristics, signature, and content based tools found within SecurityGateway. Specifically, OP is designed to deal with large-scale outbreaks rather than old, unique, or specifically targeted messages that can be more readily caught by the traditional tools.



Outbreak Protection is based on Recurrent-Pattern Detection and Zero-Hour technology. It works by extracting patterns from your incoming mail and comparing them to patterns taken from millions of internet email messages sampled daily from numerous sources all over the world. In no way is the actual content of any message ever transmitted, nor can the message content ever be derived from the extracted patterns.

Anti-Spam

Enable Anti-Spam Outbreak Protection

Outbreak Protection's Anti-Spam option is enabled by default. Incoming messages will be analyzed to see if they are part of an ongoing spam outbreak. The remaining options in this section are used to determine what will be done with messages found to be part of an outbreak, and to designate the senders that will be exempt from OP processing.

If Outbreak Protection determines that a message is spam:

The option selected below determines the action that will be taken when OP identifies a message as spam.

...refuse the message

Choose this option if you wish to block messages during the SMTP process when OP confirms that they are part of a spam outbreak. These messages will not be quarantined or tagged as spam and delivered to their intended recipients — they will be rejected by the server.

...quarantine the message

When this option is selected, Outbreak Protection will quarantine messages that it determines are spam.

...accept the message

By default, OP will accept a message it determines to be spam and adjust its message score according to the "...add [XX] points to message score" option below.

...tag subject with [text]

This option is disabled by default. If you enable this option then it will add text to the beginning of a message's Subject header when Outbreak Protection determines that it is spam. The default text added is: "**** SPAM ****", but you can edit that text if you choose.



There are a number of other places within SecurityGateway where you can optionally add text to the Subject header, including two other Outbreak Protection options below. When the designated text in those options is identical, the text will only be added to a message's Subject once, even if that message meets the criteria under each option. If, however, you change the text in one or more of those options to something else, then that customized text will be added as well. For example, if you set the text under multiple options to "*SPAM*" then that text would only be added to the subject once, regardless of whether or not it matched the criteria under more than one option. But, if you changed the text under one of the options to something else, such as "*Junk email*", then both tags would be added.

...add [XX] points to message score

Using this option adds the designated number of points to a message's score when Outbreak Protection determines that it is spam. This option is enabled by default and adds 5.5 points to the Message Score.



Even when SecurityGateway is configured to accept a message rather than refuse or quarantine it, it could still be refused or quarantined if its Message Score ends up being sufficiently high, depending on how you have configured the other [Security](#)¹⁴⁸ options and the options on the [Message Scoring](#)¹⁷³ page.

If Outbreak Protection determines that a message is potentially spam:

Outbreak Protection will categorize some messages as "potential" spam, being unable to make a more definitive determination. The option selected below determines what OP will do with those messages.

...refuse the message

Choose this option if you wish to block messages during the SMTP process when OP determines that they are potentially spam. Because these messages are only categorized as *potential* spam, this option is not recommended since it will not quarantine or tag them, but refuse them completely.

...quarantine the message

When this option is selected, Outbreak Protection will quarantine messages that are potentially spam.

...accept the message

By default, OP will accept a message it determines is to be potentially spam. If you choose, you can configure OP to then adjust its message score according to the *"...add [XX] points to message score"* option below.

...tag subject with [text]

This option is disabled by default. If you enable this option then it will add text to the beginning of a message's Subject header when Outbreak Protection determines that it is potentially spam. The default text added is: ***** POTENTIAL SPAM *****, but you can edit that text if you choose.

...add [XX] points to message score

Using this option adds the designated number of points to a message's score when Outbreak Protection determines that it is potential spam. This option is enabled by default and adds 2.0 points to the [Message Score](#)¹⁷³.

If Outbreak Protection determines that a message is bulk:

Sometimes Outbreak Protection will identify certain largely distributed messages that can't be clearly identified as spam because they aren't being sent from a known spammer or bot-net — as is sometimes the case with legitimate bulk mailings and newsletters. OP classifies these types of messages as bulk rather than spam. The options below govern what will be done with these messages.

...refuse the message

This option will cause SecurityGateway to reject a message during the SMTP session when OP classifies it as "bulk." This option is not recommended since it could cause some legitimate widely-distributed messages to be refused.

...quarantine the message

Choose this option if you wish to quarantine messages that Outbreak Protection classifies as "bulk."

...accept the message

By default, bulk messages aren't blocked or quarantined by OP, because messages classified as "bulk" could simply be a part of certain very large mailing lists or other similar widely-distributed content.

...tag subject with [text]

This option is disabled by default. If you enable this option then it will add text to the beginning of a message's Subject header when Outbreak Protection determines that it is bulk mail. The default text added is: ***** BULK *****, but you can edit that text if you choose.

...add [XX] points to message score

When this option is enable, the Message Score will be increased when OP classifies the message as "bulk." This is enabled by default and 3.0 points are added.

Exclude messages from allowlisted senders

By default, any messages from [allowlisted senders](#)^[258] are exempt from Outbreak Protection's Anti-Spam options.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

This option is enabled by default and used to exclude messages from Outbreak Protection when they are using an authenticated session.

Exclude messages from domain mail servers

Messages sent from your [Domain Mail Servers](#)^[80] will be exempt from Outbreak Protection by default. Clear this option if you do not wish to exclude these messages from the Outbreak Protection restrictions.

Anti-Virus

Enable Anti-Virus Outbreak Protection

Outbreak Protection's Anti-Virus option is enabled by default. Incoming messages will be analyzed to see if they are part of an ongoing virus outbreak. The remaining options in this section are used to determine what will be done with messages found to be part of an outbreak, and to designate the senders that will be exempt from Anti-Virus Outbreak Protection.

If Outbreak Protection determines that a message is infected:

The option selected below determines the action that will be taken when OP identifies a message as infected.

...refuse the message

By default SecurityGateway will refuse a message during the SMTP session when Outbreak Protection determines that it is part of a virus outbreak.

...quarantine the message

Choose this option if you wish to quarantine messages that Outbreak Protection determines are infected.

Exclude messages from allowlisted IP addresses and hosts

Click this checkbox if you wish to exempt a message from Anti-Virus Outbreak Protection when it is coming from an [allowlisted IP address](#)^[263] or [allowlisted host](#)^[261].

Exclude domain email server

Messages sent from your [Domain Mail Servers](#)^[80] will be exempt from Anti-Virus Outbreak Protection when this option is enabled.

Configuration

Use HTTPS for Outbreak Protection queries

By default Outbreak Protection uses HTTPS connections when connecting to the Outbreak Protection service.

Proxy Settings

SecurityGateway's Outbreak Protection technology must be able to communicate with the Outbreak Protection online service via HTTP. If necessary you can use the options in this section to define an HTTP proxy for Outbreak Protection to use.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its Outbreak Protection settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.1.2 Heuristics and Bayesian

SecurityGateway uses a high performance, customized version of the popular open source [SpamAssassin™](#) project for heuristic rules and Bayesian classification. Messages are passed to this process and assigned a score based upon their content. Alternatively, SecurityGateway also allows you to utilize your own external SpamAssassin™ daemon if you do not wish to use the one that is built-in.

Configuration

Use heuristic rules and Bayesian classification to analyze messages

By default this option is enabled, meaning that messages will be passed through the heuristic rules and Bayesian classification system and assigned a SpamAssassin score based on the results. Clear this checkbox if you wish to disable this system and make the other option on this page unavailable.

You can configure options for automatically updating your heuristic rules, and options governing Bayesian classification on the [SGSpamD Configuration](#)^[157] screen. You can reach that screen via the [Click here to configure SGSpamD](#)^[157] link under the "Use built-in local SpamAssassin engine (SGSpamD)" option below.

Add score returned by SpamAssassin to message score

By default, this option is used to add the SpamAssassin score to the message score. When using the Message Scoring options, adding the SpamAssassin score to the final message score could give you another tier of spam protection and increase the likelihood of catching spam that wouldn't score high enough to be caught by SpamAssassin alone or by the other individual anti-spam scoring options.

Reject message if SpamAssassin score greater or equal to...

Use this option to designate a rejection threshold value for the SpamAssassin score. In other words, when the SpamAssassin score for a message is greater than or equal to this value, the message will be rejected at that point during the SMTP session rather than be quarantined or continue to be processed through the remaining anti-spam and message scoring options. Consequently, if you use this option in conjunction with the "Quarantine message if SpamAssassin score greater or equal to..." option below, you should always set the rejection threshold to a value greater than the quarantine value. Otherwise, no message would ever be quarantined due to its SpamAssassin score. Any message that would have a sufficient score to be

quarantined would already have been rejected instead. The default value for this rejection threshold is "12.0".

Quarantine message if SpamAssassin score greater or equal to...

Activate this option if you wish to designate a quarantine threshold for the SpamAssassin score. Any message with a score greater than or equal to this value will be quarantined. Quarantined messages can be viewed and managed by the recipient or administrator by signing in to SecurityGateway. If you are using this option in conjunction with the *"Reject message if SpamAssassin score..."* option above, you should always set the *Quarantine message...* option to a lower value than the *Reject message...* option. The default value for this option is "5.0".



You should monitor the Heuristics and Bayesian system's performance and over time refine both the rejection and quarantine thresholds to suit your need. Generally the default values, however, will catch most spam, with relatively few false negatives (spam that slips through unrecognized) and rarely any false positives (messages flagged as spam that are not). The default rejection threshold of 12 is a good starting point, since in most cases a legitimate message will not score that high.

Exclusions**Exclude messages larger than [xx] KB**

Specify a desired value here (in kilobytes) if you wish to exclude larger messages from being scanned by the Heuristics and Bayesian system. Large messages are rarely considered spam; excluding them from scanning can conserve a great deal of resources.

Exclude messages from allowlisted senders

By default SecurityGateway will exclude messages from Heuristics and Bayesian processing when they originate from an [allowlisted](#) 2581 sender. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to exclude these messages.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

This option is used to exclude messages from the Heuristics and Bayesian system when the SMTP session on which they are arriving is authenticated. This option is enabled by default.

Exclude messages from domain mail servers

Messages coming from your [domain mail servers](#) 801 are excluded from Heuristics and Bayesian processing by default. Uncheck this option if you do not wish to exempt messages coming from those servers.

Location (All Domains)**Use built-in local SpamAssassin engine (SGSpamD)**

Choose this option if you wish to use SecurityGateway's built-in SpamAssassin engine, which runs as a separate daemon — the SecurityGateway Spam Daemon

(SGSpamD). To configure SGSpamD, click the [Click here to configure SGSpamD](#)¹⁵⁷ link. If you wish to use a different SpamAssassin engine running at a remote location, then choose the "Use a remote SpamAssassin..." option below.

Use a remote SpamAssassin daemon (SpamD)

Choose this option if you wish to scan messages using a SpamAssassin daemon located at a remote location rather than use the built-in SGSpamD.

Host Address:

Specify the IP address of the remote SpamD here.

Port:

Use this option to designate the port on which your remote SpamD is running.

Test

Click this button to test the connection to the remote SpamD.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its Heuristics and Bayesian settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.1.2.1 SGSpamD Configuration

The Heuristic Rules system utilizes a process whereby the content of each message is compared to a set of static rules to determine the likelihood that a message is spam. Each rule is worth a specific value and therefore each message's SpamAssassin score is adjusted based upon the value of each rule that the message matches. Rules and values are regularly adjusted and changed to keep up with the current trends in spam and junk email. SecurityGateway's SGSpamD can be configured to check for heuristic rule updates automatically at designated intervals, or you can check for updates manually.

Bayesian Classification is a statistical process that can optionally be used to analyze spam and non-spam messages in order to increase the reliability of spam recognition over time. You can designate a folder for spam messages and non-spam message that can be manually scanned or automatically scanned at a designated interval. All of the messages in those folders will be analyzed and indexed, or "Bayesian Learned", so that new messages can be compared to them statistically in order to determine the likelihood that they are spam. This can then increase or decrease a message's SpamAssassin score based upon the results of its Bayesian comparison.

Heuristic Rule Updates

Check for heuristic rule updates at midnight each night

Choose this option if you want SecurityGateway to check for heuristic rule updates automatically each day at midnight.

Check for heuristic rule updates once every [XX] hours

Choose this option and designate a value if you want SecurityGateway to check for heuristic rule updates automatically every certain number of hours instead of simply once per day.

Do not check for heuristic rule updates

Choose this option if you do not want SecurityGateway to check for heuristic rule updates automatically. You can still manually check for updates by using the "[Click here to check...](#)" option below.

Run SA-Update as part of the update process

Activate this check box if you wish to pull updates from `updates.spamassassin.org` in addition to updates from MDAemon Technologies. The feature ensures that your SpamAssassin rule-sets are always kept current. This option is enabled by default.

Click here to check for heuristic rule updates now

Click this link to manually check for updates to the heuristic rules.

Bayesian Classification

Enable Bayesian classification

Check this box to enable SGSpamD's Bayesian classification system. Use this feature if you want each message's SpamAssassin score to be adjusted based on its comparison to the currently known Bayesian statistics.



The Bayesian classifier needs a sample of both spam and non-spam messages to analyze before it can begin adjusting a message's SpamAssassin score. This is the Bayesian Learning process, and it is necessary in order to have a sufficient pool of statistics to draw from when making the Bayesian comparison. Once you have given the Bayesian Learning system these messages to analyze, it will be sufficiently equipped to begin applying the results of a Bayesian comparison to each message's SpamAssassin score. By continuing to analyze even more messages the Bayesian classifications will become more accurate over time.

Non-spam messages which must be learned:

This is the number of messages designated as "non-spam" that must be analyzed before the Bayesian classifier will begin scoring messages. The default value is 200 messages.

Spam messages which must be learned:

This is the number of messages designated as "spam" that must be analyzed before the Bayesian classifier will begin scoring messages. The default value is 200 messages.

Bayesian Learning

Schedule Bayesian learning for midnight each night

Choose this option if you want the Bayesian Learning system to analyze the messages contained in the designated spam and non-spam folders automatically, once per day, beginning each night at midnight.

Schedule Bayesian learning for once every [XX] hours

Choose this option and specify a value if you want the Bayesian Learning system to analyze the messages contained in the designated spam and non-spam folders automatically, once every specified number of hours, rather than each night at midnight.

Do not perform scheduled Bayesian learning

Choose this option if you do not wish to schedule Bayesian Learning. You can, however, still start the Bayesian Learning process manually at any time by clicking the "[Click here to perform Bayesian learning now](#)" link below.

Path to known spam directory (false negatives):

This is the path to the folder containing messages designated as spam. Spam messages can be placed here manually, or automatically using the Automatic Bayesian Learning options.

Path to non-spam directory (false positives):

This is the path to the folder containing messages designated as non-spam. Non-spam messages can be placed here manually, or automatically using the Automatic Bayesian Learning options.

Spam forwarding address:

Use this text box to designate an address to which your users can forward spam messages so that the Bayesian system can learn from them. The default address that SecurityGateway will use is "SpamLearn[@AnySGDomain.com]", but you can change it to whatever you choose. Messages sent to this address must be received via SMTP from a session that is authenticated using SMTP AUTH. Further, the messages must be forwarded to the above addresses as attachments of type "message/rfc822". Any message of another type that is sent to this email address will not be processed. Finally, when entering an address into this option, only use the mailbox portion of the address - do not include the "@" or domain portion. For example, "Spam", "SpamLearn", "SpamMail", or the like are all acceptable addresses to use in this option. Messages can then be forwarded to that address at any of SecurityGateway's domains (e.g. SpamLearn@example.com, SpamLearn@company.mail, and so on).

Non-spam forwarding address:

Use this text box to designate an address to which your users can forward non-spam messages so that the Bayesian system can learn from them. The default address that SecurityGateway will use is "NonSpamLearn[@AnySGDomain.com]", but you can change it to whatever you choose. Messages sent to this address must be received via SMTP from a session that is authenticated using SMTP AUTH. Further, the messages must be forwarded to the above addresses as attachments of type

"message/rfc822". Any message of another type that is sent to this email address will not be processed. Finally, when entering an address into this option, only use the mailbox portion of the address - do not include the "@" or domain portion. For example, "NonSpam", "NonSpamLearn", "GoodMail", or the like are all acceptable addresses to use in this option. Messages can then be forwarded to that address at any of SecurityGateway's domains (e.g. NonSpamLearn@example.com, NonSpamLearn@company.mail, and so on).

Don't learn from messages larger than [XX] bytes

Because larger messages are generally not spam, and because analyzing them can require a great deal of processing, messages over 50,000 bytes will not be analyzed by default. You can use this option to adjust the size value if you choose, or you can disable it completely if you wish to go ahead and analyze messages regardless of size.

Click here to perform Bayesian learning now

Click this link at any time to initiate the Bayesian Learning process manually, in addition to any scheduled interval that you may have set.

Automatic Bayesian Learning

Enable Bayesian automatic learning

With Automatic Bayesian Learning you can designate Message Scoring thresholds for both legitimate (i.e. non-spam) messages and spam. Any message with a final Message Score below the non-spam threshold will be treated by automatic learning as non-spam, and any message scoring above the spam threshold will be treated as spam. Although it should be used with caution, automatic learning can be beneficial if you are careful in setting your thresholds values, because it will allow expired tokens that are removed from the database files (see *Bayesian Database* below) to be replaced automatically. It can give the Bayesian Learning system a constant fresh supply of messages from which to learn while preventing the need for manual retraining to recover expired tokens.

Consider messages which score lower than [XX] to be legitimate

Messages with a Message Score below this value will be categorized as legitimate/non-spam messages for the purpose of Bayesian Learning.

...only learn non-spam from domain mail servers and authenticated sessions

Click this option if you wish to apply Automatic Bayesian Learning of legitimate mail only to messages coming in over authenticated session or from one of your [domain mail servers](#)^[80]. When using this option, inbound messages from non-local sources will not be used for Bayesian learning regardless of their final Message Score, unless coming from a domain mail server or authenticated source.

However, you could still manually copy any legitimate messages to the designated "non-spam" folder listed above, thus providing the system those messages to learn from as well.

Consider messages which score more than [XX] to be spam

Messages with a Message Score above this value will be categorized as spam messages for the purpose of Bayesian Learning.

...only learn spam from inbound messages

Click this option if you wish to apply Automatic Bayesian Learning of spam mail to inbound messages only. When using this option, outgoing messages will not be used for Bayesian learning, regardless of their final Message Score. You can, however, still place messages manually in the "spam" folder listed above.

Bayesian Database**Enable Bayesian automatic token expiration**

This option allows the Bayesian system to automatically expire database tokens whenever the number of tokens specified below is reached. Setting a token limit can prevent your Bayesian database from getting excessively large and slowing down processing.

Maximum Bayesian database tokens:

This is the maximum number of Bayesian database tokens allowed. When this number of tokens is reached, the Bayesian system removes the oldest, reducing the number to 75% of this value or 100,000 tokens, whichever is higher. The number of tokens will never fall below the larger of those two values regardless of how many tokens are expired. Note: 150,000 database tokens is approximately 8Mb.

Advanced**Maximum message processing threads (1-6):**

Use this option to designate the maximum number of message processing threads that will be used by SGSpamD at any one time. You may set this value from 1 to 6 threads. The default is 4.

Maximum TCP connections per thread (10-200):

This is the maximum number of TCP connections to SGSpamD per message processing thread allowed at any one time. You may set this value from 10-200. The default is 200.

4.1.3 DNS Blocklists (DNSBL)

DNS Blocklists (DNSBL) can be used to help prevent spam from reaching your users. This security feature allows you to specify several DNS blocklisting services (which maintain lists of servers known to relay spam) that will be checked each time someone tries to send a message to one of your domains. If the connecting IP has been blocklisted by any one of those services, the message(s) will be refused, quarantined, or flagged.



Use of this feature can prevent most spam from being sent to your users. However, some sites are blocklisted by mistake and therefore using this feature could cause some difficulties if you use it to outright refuse messages from blocklisted IP addresses. It is, however, still worthwhile to use, especially if used in conjunction with SecurityGateway's other spam

prevention features such as URI Blocklists, Message Scoring, and the Heuristics and Bayesian options.

Configuration

Enable DNSBL queries

This option is used to check incoming mail against DNS Blocklists. SecurityGateway will query each DNSBL host listed below for the sending server's IP address. If a host replies to the query with a positive result indicating that the IP address is blocklisted, the message will be refused, quarantined, or accepted and flagged depending upon which options you have designated below. This option is enabled by default.

If the sending server of a message is listed:

...refuse the message

If you choose this option then incoming messages from blocklisted IP addresses will be refused during the SMTP session. Optionally, while refusing the message, SecurityGateway can use a customized response associated with the blocklisting host to indicate to the connecting server why the message is being refused, rather than using the traditional "user unknown" response. You can specify the response that will be associated with each DNSBL host by using the *Message* option below when creating the host's entry. You can configure SecurityGateway to send those responses instead of the traditional "user unknown" response by enabling the *When rejecting a message return 'Message' rather than 'user unknown'* option.

...quarantine the message

Choose this option if you wish to quarantine messages from DNS blocklisted IP addresses.

...accept the message

By default, messages from blocklisted addresses will be accepted and can then be flagged as spam, have a tag added to the subject line, and/or have their Message Scores adjusted. Using this option can allow the mail servers or users to filter the messages themselves based on the results of SecurityGateway's DNSBL queries.

...tag subject with [text]

Enable this option and specify some text if you wish to add something to the beginning of the message's Subject header when the message is coming from a blocklisted IP address. By default this option is disabled. If you enable this option then "*** SPAM ***" is added to the subject by default, but you can edit that text if you choose.



There are a number of other places within SecurityGateway where you can optionally add text to the Subject header. For example, the [Message Scoring](#)^[173] and [URI Blocklists \(URIBL\)](#)^[165] pages also have this option. When the designated text in these options matches, the text will only be added to a message's subject once even if that message meets the

criteria under each option. If, however, you change the text in one or more places then that customized text will be added as well. So, for example, if you set the text under all three of these options to "*SPAM*" then that text would only be added to the subject once, regardless of whether or not it matched the criteria under more than one of the options. But, if you changed the DNSBL optional text to "*DNS blocklisted*" and the message matched the criteria under this option and the others then the subject would have both "*SPAM*" and "*DNS blocklisted*" added to it.

...add [XX] points to message score

Using this option adds the designated number of points to a message's score when it is DNS blocklisted. This option is enabled by default and adds 5.0 points to the Message Score.



Even when SecurityGateway is configured to accept a message rather than refuse or quarantine it, it could still be refused or quarantined if its Message Score ends up being sufficiently high, depending on how you have configured the other [Security](#)¹⁴⁸ options and the options on the [Message Scoring](#)¹⁷³ page.

Exclusions

Exclude messages from allowlisted senders

By default, messages are excluded from DNSBL queries if they originate from an [allowlisted](#)²⁵⁸ sender. Disable this option if you wish to query DNSBL hosts even when the sender is allowlisted.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

Use this option if you wish to exclude a message from DNSBL queries when the session on which it is arriving was authenticated. This option is enabled by default.

Exclude messages from domain mail servers

Messages coming from [domain mail servers](#)⁸⁰ are always excluded from DNSBL host queries.

DNSBL Hosts (All domains)

New host:

To add a new host to the DNSBL Hosts list, enter the host that should be queried here (for example, zen.spamhaus.org), add a corresponding *Message* below, and then click *Add*.

Message:

This is the message corresponding to the *New host* entered above, which will be tracked into the log when a blocklisted IP address is found by SecurityGateway when

querying that host, and which will be returned to the connecting server during the SMTP session if you are rejected messages from blocklisted addresses and have enabled the *When rejecting a message return 'Message' rather than 'user unknown'* option below. You can use the \$IP\$ macro in the message if you wish to include the blocklisted IP address in it.

Add

After entering the *New host* and corresponding *Message*, click this button to add it to the list of DNSBL Hosts.

Remove

If you want to remove an entry from the DNSBL Hosts list, select it and then click this button.

Stop DNSBL queries on first host which lists the connecting IP

Oftentimes there are multiple IP addresses contained in the headers of each message and multiple DNSBL Hosts that are queried for these addresses. By default SecurityGateway will stop querying the DNSBL Hosts for any given message as soon as a blocklisted IP address is found. Disable this option if you wish to continue performing queries for all addresses and all DNSBL Hosts even after a blocklisted address is found.

When rejecting a message return 'Message' rather than 'user unknown'

When you have configured the DNSBL options to *"...reject the message"* when a blocklisted IP address is found, by default the short *Message* listed above corresponding to the DNSBL Host will be tracked into the log files and returned to the connecting server during the SMTP session. Uncheck this option if you wish to use the standard "user unknown" message instead.

Advanced (All domains)**Check 'Received' headers within collected messages**

By default, SecurityGateway only queries the DNSBL Hosts for the IP address of the host that is actually connected to it and attempting to deliver a message. Check this option if you wish to perform DNSBL queries for IP addresses found within the message's *Received* headers as well.

Check only this many 'Received' headers (0=all)

When you have configured SecurityGateway to check *Received* headers for blocklisted IP addresses, enter an amount into this option if you wish to limit the number of headers that will be checked. Use "0" if you wish to check all of them.

Skip this many of the most recent 'Received' headers (0=none)

When you have configured SecurityGateway to check *Received* headers for blocklisted IP addresses, enter an amount into this option if you wish to skip a certain number of the most recent headers. Depending upon your particular mail system's configuration, sometimes the most recent headers will contain IP addresses of trusted hosts or other computers on your network, which wouldn't need to be checked against any blacklist. Use "0" in this option if you do not wish to skip any of the most recent headers.

Skip this many of the oldest 'Received' headers (0=none)

When you have configured SecurityGateway to check `Received` headers for blocklisted IP addresses, enter an amount into this option if you wish to skip a certain number of the oldest headers. Frequently the oldest headers do not contain any relevant addresses to check since they are added by the sender's internal mail server or forged to look legitimate. Use "0" in this option if you do not wish to skip any of the oldest recent headers.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "*For Domain:*" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its DNS Blocklists settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.1.4 URI Blocklists (URIBL)

URI Blocklists (URIBLs) are real-time blocklists designed to be used to block or tag spam based on uniform resource identifiers (usually domain names or websites) found within the message body. Also known as Spam URI Realtime Blocklists (SURBLs), URIBLs differ from [DNS Blocklists](#)¹⁶¹ in that they are not used to identify spam based on the content of message headers or on the connecting IP address. Instead, URIBLs block spam based on message content. Complete details on how URIBLs work can be found at www.surbl.org.

Configuration**Enable URIBL queries**

By default SecurityGateway will perform URIBL queries on messages. Uncheck this option if you do not wish to perform these queries.

If a message contains a listed URI:**...refuse the message**

Choose this option if you wish to refuse a message during the SMTP process when it is found to contain a blocklisted URI. This is not the recommended option in most situations, since a mere reference to a blocklisted URI in a message body does not guarantee that the message itself is spam.

...quarantine the message

Choose this option if you wish to quarantine a message when it is found to contain a blocklisted URI.

...accept the message

Choose this option if you wish to accept a message when it is found to contain a blocklisted URI, but wish to flag it as spam, add a tag to the subject line, and/or adjust the the Message Score. Using this option allows the mail servers or recipients to filter the message based on the results of SecurityGateway's URIBL queries. This is the default option.

...tag subject with [text]

Enable this option and specify some text if you wish to add something to the beginning of a message's Subject header when the message is found to contain a blocklisted URI. If enabled, the default text added to the subject is: "*** SPAM ***". This option is disabled by default.



There are a number of other places within SecurityGateway where you can optionally add text to the Subject header. For example, the [DNS Blocklists \(DNSBL\)](#)^[161] and [Message Scoring](#)^[173] pages also have this option. When the designated text in these options matches, the text will only be added to a message's subject once even if that message meets the criteria under each option. If, however, you change the text in one or more places then that customized text will be added as well. So, for example, if you set the text under all three of these options to "*SPAM*" then that text would only be added to the subject once, regardless of whether or not it matched the criteria under more than one of the options. But, if you changed the URIBL optional text to "*URI blocklisted*" and the message matched the criteria under this option and the others then the subject would have both "*SPAM*" and "*URI blocklisted*" added to it.

...add score returned by URIBL engine to message score

By default, when a URIBL query indicates that a message contains a blocklisted URI, the score associated with the queried URIBL Host will be added to the Message Score. Uncheck this option if you do not wish to adjust the Message Score based on the results of URIBL queries.



Even when SecurityGateway is configured to accept a message rather than refuse or quarantine it, it could still be refused or quarantined if its Message Score ends up being sufficiently high, depending on how you have configured the other [Security](#)^[148] options and the options on the [Message Scoring](#)^[173] page.

Exclusions**Exclude messages from allowlisted senders**

By default, messages are excluded from URIBL queries if they originate from an [allowlisted](#)^[258] sender. Disable this option if you wish to query URIBL hosts even when the sender is allowlisted.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

Check this option if you wish to exclude a message from URIBL queries when the SMTP session on which it is arriving was authenticated. By default this option is disabled.

Exclude messages from domain mail servers

By default, URI BL queries are performed for both inbound messages and messages from your [domain mail servers](#)^[80]. Check this box if you wish to exclude from URI BL queries messages coming from your domain mail servers.

URI Blocklists (All domains)

This section lists the URI BL Hosts that will be queried by SecurityGateway.

New

To add a new URI Blocklist, click the *New* button. This will open the [URI Blocklists Editor](#)^[167] (see below).

Edit

To edit one of your URI Blocklists, select the entry you wish to edit and click the *Edit* button. This will open the [URI Blocklists Editor](#)^[167] for that entry.

Delete

To delete a URI Blocklist, select the entry you wish to delete and click the *Delete* button.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its URI Blocklists settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

URI Blocklists Editor

Reached by clicking *New* or *Edit* on the URI Blocklists page, the blocklist editor is used for adding new URI Blocklists and for editing existing blocklists.

Save and Close

After adding or changing any of the settings for a blocklist, click this button to save the changes and close the editor.

Close

Click this button to close the editor without saving any changes that you may have made.

URI Blocklist**Enable queries to this URI Blocklist**

Use this option to enable or disable a given URI Blocklist. If you uncheck this box for an entry it will not be removed from the list, but that URI Blocklist will not be queried by SecurityGateway.

URI BL Name:

This is the name of the specific URI Blocklist that will be queried.

Hostname or IP:

This is the hostname or IP address corresponding to this URI Blocklist entry that will be queried by SecurityGateway when checking the URIs found in a message.

Score:

The URI BL Score is the designated value associated with this URI BL, used when a query results in a blocklisted URI being found in a message. This value will be added to the final [Message Score](#)^[173] unless you have disabled the *...add score returned by URI BL engine to message score* option on the URI Blocklists page.

Bitmask:

The bitmask value is used to identify which list or data source is being queried when multiple lists are combined into a single bitmasked list. Specifically, all of the SURBL data sources are combined at: *multi.surbl.org*. For more information on this, see: www.surbl.org. If the URI BL being queried only contains information for a single list, "0" may be used.

Resolve IP address of URI before performing query

Use this option if you wish to resolve, or lookup, the IP address of the URIs contained in the message before querying this URI Blocklist. Similar to [DNSBLs](#)^[161], some URI BLs store IP addresses, but they store the addresses of the URIs contained in the messages rather than the addresses of the mail servers who send them.

4.1.5 Greylisting

Greylisting is a spam-fighting technique that works by informing the sending mail server that a temporary error has occurred and that it must try delivery again at a future time. The theory is that, by and large, spam tools don't retry delivery, but legitimate mail servers do. Using this technique, when a message arrives from a non-allowlisted or otherwise previously unknown sender, its sender, recipient, and sending server's IP address will be logged and then the message will be refused with a temporary error during the SMTP session. Furthermore, for a designated number of minutes any future delivery attempts will also be temporarily refused. Because spammers do not typically make further delivery attempts when a message is refused, greylisting can help to reduce the amount of spam your users receive. But, even if the spammers should attempt to retry delivery at a later time, it is possible that by that time the spammers will have been identified and other spam-fighting options (such as DNS Blocklisting) will successfully block them.

In spite of greylisting's ability to reduce spam, it is important to note that it can also delay legitimate and even important messages while doing so. But, the legitimate messages should still be delivered sometime later after the greylisting period has expired, and no further delays will be implemented against that same server/sender/recipient combination again, unless the sender fails to send another

message to that recipient for a designated number of days. It is also important to note that when a message is delayed you have no way of knowing how long the sending servers will wait before making further delivery attempts. It is possible that purposely refusing a message with a temporary error code could cause it to be delayed by as little as just a few minutes or by as much as an entire day. Because of this and other potential problems associated with greylisting, the feature is disabled by default in SecurityGateway. There are, however, a number of options designed to deal with the potential problems.

First, some sending domains use a pool of mail servers to send outbound mail. Since a different mail server could be used for each delivery attempt, each attempt would be treated as a new connection to the greylisting engine. This could multiply the length of time it would take to get past Greylisting because each of those attempts would be greylisted as if they were separate messages instead of retries of a previous message. By utilizing a Sender Policy Framework (SPF) lookup option, this problem can be solved for sending domains who publish their SPF data. Furthermore, there is an option to ignore the IP of the sending mail server completely. Using this option lowers the efficiency of greylisting but does solve the server pool problem.

Next, greylisting traditionally entails a large database since each incoming connection must be tracked. SecurityGateway minimizes the need to track connections by placing Greylisting later in the SMTP processing sequence. This allows many of SecurityGateway's other options to refuse a message prior to reaching the greylisting stage. As a result, the size of the greylisting database is greatly reduced and causes little practical performance impact.

Finally, several options are available to minimize the impact of greylisting on legitimate messages, such as options to exclude messages from greylisting when they are from allowlisted senders or are arriving over authenticated sessions, and messages coming from one of your domain mail servers are always exempt.

For more information on greylisting, visit:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greylisting>

Configuration

Enable greylisting

Click this option to enable the Greylisting feature. Greylisting is disabled by default.

Defer initial delivery attempt with temporary error for [xx] minutes

Use this option to designate the number of minutes that each server/sender/recipient combination (i.e. "triplet") will be greylisted after the initial delivery attempt. During that time any subsequent delivery attempts by the same triplet will be refused with a temporary error code. After the designated number of minutes has elapsed, no further greylisting delays will be implemented on that triplet unless its greylisting database record expires. The default value for this option is 15 minutes.

Expire unused greylisting database records after [xx] days

Once a greylisted triplet has passed the initial greylisting period, no further delivery delays will be implemented against it unless no further messages matching that triplet record are sent for this number of days. For example, if this value is set to 10 days, then as long as at least one message matching that same server/sender/recipient

combination is received every 10 days then there will be no delays. If, however, no message is sent in that time then the record will expire and that triplet will have to go through another greylisting period before it can again be exempt from further delays. The default time that a record must be unused before it expires is 10 days.

Ignore IP address when greylisting (use only MAIL & RCPT values)

Click this check box if do not wish to use the sending server's IP address as one of the greylisting parameters. This will solve the potential problem that can be caused by server pools, but it will reduce Greylisting's efficiency. This option is disabled by default.

Ignore IP address for connections that pass SPF processing

When using this option, only the sender and recipient will be used for greylisting when the sending server passes [SPF processing](#)^[183]; the IP address will be ignored. This option is enabled by default.

Exclusions

Exclude messages from allowlisted senders

Messages from [allowlisted](#)^[258] senders are excluded from greylisting by default—delivery of these messages will not be delayed. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to exclude allowlisted senders from greylisting.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

By default messages arriving over authenticated sessions are exempt from greylisting. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to exclude messages from greylisting when the session is authenticated.

Exclude messages from domain mail servers

Messages coming from your [domain mail servers](#)^[80] are always excluded from greylisting.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its Greylisting settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.1.6 Backscatter Protection

Backscatter

"Backscatter" refers to response messages that your users receive to emails that they never sent. This occurs when spam messages or messages sent by viruses contain a "Return-Path" address that is forged. Consequently, when one of these messages is rejected by the recipient's server, or if the recipient has an autoresponder or "out of office"/vacation message associated with his account, the response message will then

be directed to the forged address. This can lead to huge numbers of bogus Delivery Status Notifications (DSNs) or auto response messages ending up in your users' mailboxes. Further, spammers and virus authors frequently take advantage of this phenomenon and will sometimes use it to launch Denial of Service (DoS) attacks against email servers, causing a flood of invalid emails to arrive from servers located all over the world.

Backscatter Protection

To combat backscatter, SecurityGateway's Backscatter Protection (BP) feature can help to ensure that only legitimate Delivery Status Notifications and auto responders get delivered to your domains, by using a private key hashing method to generate and insert a special time-sensitive code into the "Return-Path" address of your outbound messages. Then, when one of these messages encounters a delivery problem and is bounced back, or when an auto-reply is received with a "mailer-daemon@..." or NULL reverse path, SecurityGateway will see the special code and know that it is a genuine automated reply to a message that was sent by one of your domains. If the message doesn't contain the special code or if the code has expired, it will be logged and can be rejected.

Configuration

Enable Backscatter Protection

Click this checkbox if you wish to enable Backscatter Protection. SecurityGateway will then begin to generate and insert a special code into the return path of all outbound messages, and it will look for that code in all returned messages. Backscatter Protection is disabled by default.



If you disable this option, SecurityGateway will not insert the special Backscatter Protection code into outgoing messages. It will, however, continue to check incoming DSNs and auto-response messages to ensure that any incoming message with a valid code is not rejected by mistake.

Reject messages that fail Backscatter Protection verification

Click this checkbox if you wish to reject DSNs or other auto-response messages that fail BP verification. Messages with a "mailer-daemon@..." or NULL reverse path will fail if they do not contain the special code or if the code's life-cycle has expired. Because of Backscatter Protection's solid reliability, there are no false positives or "gray areas" — a message is valid or it isn't. For this reason it is safe to configure SecurityGateway to reject invalid messages, as long as you ensure that all of your outbound messages contain the special BP code. In all cases, however, the result of BP verification will be logged, even when you choose not to reject messages that fail verification.



When you enable Backscatter Protection, you should usually wait about a week before setting it to reject auto-response messages that fail BP verification. This is because during that time you might still receive DSNs or auto-responses to

messages that were sent out before Backscatter Protection was activated. If it were configured to reject invalid messages during that time then those legitimate response messages would be rejected by mistake. After a week it should be safe to start rejecting messages that fail verification. This same warning applies when you create a new BP key but elect not to use the *Retain previous Backscatter Protection encryption key for [xx] days* option.

Click here to immediately generate a new Backscatter Protection encryption key

Click this option to manually generate a new Backscatter Protection key. If the *Retain previous Backscatter Protection encryption key for [xx] days* option below is enabled, messages containing codes generated by the previous key will remain valid for the number of days designated in that option.

Exclusions

Exclude messages from globally allowlisted IP addresses and hosts

By default, when Backscatter Protection is enabled, all messages coming from globally [allowlisted](#)^[258] IP addresses and hosts are excluded from Backscatter Protection restrictions. Clear this checkbox if you wish to require even allowlisted IPs and hosts to adhere to these restrictions.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

When an incoming message is being sent over an authenticated session, it will be excluded from the Backscatter Protection restrictions by default. Uncheck this box if you wish to apply the restrictions to authenticated sessions as well.

Exclude messages from domain mail servers

When Backscatter Protection is enabled, incoming messages from one of your [domain mail servers](#)^[80] are excluded from Backscatter Protection restrictions by default. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to exclude domain mail servers from Backscatter Protection checks.

Message Return Path Signing

Create a new Backscatter Protection encryption key every [xx] days

By default a new Backscatter Protection encryption key will be generated every 7 days. The new key will be used to generate the BP code for all new outgoing messages.

Retain previous Backscatter Protection encryption key for [xx] days

By default SecurityGateway will continue to validate messages containing a Backscatter Protection code that was generated with the previous encryption key for 7 days after a new key encryption key is generated. This helps to ensure that valid messages do not inadvertently get rejected whenever a new key is generated. Disabling this option is not recommended (see the warning under the *Reject messages that fail Backscatter Protection verification* option above).

Do not return-path sign messages to the IP addresses or domains listed below

Use this option to specify any IP addresses and domain names to exempt from Backscatter Protection return-path signing.

4.1.7 Message Scoring

SecurityGateway calculates a Message Score for each message based on a number of tests it performs while processing the message. The score is effectively a "spam score" used to determine the likelihood that a message is spam. [Heuristics and Bayesian](#)^[155], [DNSBL](#)^[161], [DKIM Verification](#)^[185], and many other [Security](#)^[148] options can be optionally set to modify the Message Score. Use the options on this page to designate the actions that will be taken when a message's score exceeds certain thresholds. You can set thresholds for tagging messages as spam, quarantining them, or rejecting them during the SMTP session. You can also set SecurityGateway to exclude messages from the Message Scoring restrictions when they are from allowlisted senders, authenticated sessions, or are outbound messages. The Message Scoring options can be set both globally and for specific domains.

Configuration

Enable actions based upon final message score

By default, SecurityGateway will assign a score to each message and then take action based upon that score, according to scoring thresholds designated below. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to base any actions on the Message Score.

Reject messages with score greater or equal to [xx]

By default, any message with a final score of 12.0 or greater will be rejected during the SMTP session. You can adjust this value if you choose, or you can disable the option completely if you do not wish any message to be rejected because of its score.

Quarantine messages with score greater or equal to [xx]

Messages scoring 5.0 or greater will be quarantined by default. This value can be adjusted, or you can disable the option completely if you do not wish to quarantine messages based on their message scores. If you are also using the "*Reject messages with score greater or equal to [xx]*" option above, then messages scoring between this quarantine threshold and that rejection threshold above will be quarantined. Messages scoring at or above the rejection threshold will be refused.

Add subject tag to messages with score greater or equal to [xx]

Click this option if you wish to add some text to a message's subject when its final score is greater than or equal to this value. The default value is 5.0, but the option is disabled by default.

Subject tag:

When the "*Add subject tag to messages...*" option above is enabled, this is the text that will be added to a message's Subject when its score is at or above the required threshold. The default text added by this option is: "**** SPAM ****".



There are a number of other places within SecurityGateway where you can optionally add text to the Subject header. For example, the [DNS Blocklists \(DNSBL\)](#)^[161] and [URI Blocklists \(URIBL\)](#)^[165] pages also have this option. When the designated text in these options matches, the text will only be added to a message's subject once even if that message meets the criteria under each option. If, however, you change the text in one or more places then that customized text will be added as well. So, for example, if you set the text under all three of these options to "*SPAM*" then that text would only be added to the subject once, regardless of whether or not it matched the criteria under more than one of the options. But, if you changed the URIBL optional text to "*URI blocklisted*" and it matched the criteria under that option and the others then the subject would have both "*SPAM*" and "*URI blocklisted*" added to it.

Exclusions

Exclude messages from allowlisted senders

Messages are excluded by default from the Message Scoring restrictions when they are from [allowlisted](#)^[258] senders. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to exempt allowlisted senders from Message Scoring.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

By default any message being sent over an authenticated SMTP session is excluded from the Message Scoring restrictions. Uncheck this box if you do not wish to exclude these messages.

Exclude messages from domain mail servers

Click this checkbox if you wish to exclude from the Message Scoring restrictions all messages coming from your domain mail servers. This option is disabled by default.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its Message Scoring settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.1.8 Data Query Service (DQS)

Data Query Service (DQS) is a set of [DNSBLs](#)^[161], updated in real-time and operated by Spamhaus Technology in order to block over 99% of email-borne threats. DQS requires a valid subscription and usage key provided by Spamhaus Technology. To use the DQS service:

1. Activate your [free trial of the Data Query Service](#).
2. Click **Enable Spamhaus Data Query Service (DQS)**.

3. Enter your **Spamhaus DQS Key**.
4. Click **Save**.

4.1.9 Abusix

Abusix Mail Intelligence™ is a suite of curated real-time [DNSBLs](#)^[161] designed to block most email-borne threats. Abusix Mail Intelligence requires a valid subscription and usage key provided by Abusix. To use the Abusix service:

1. Go to Abusix and [sign up for an account](#).
2. In SecurityGateway, click **Enable Abusix Mail Intelligence**.
3. Enter your **Abusix Key**.
4. Click **Save**.

For more on Abusix Mail Intelligence, see the Abusix [Documentation page](#).

4.2 Anti-Virus



The Anti-Virus section under the [Security](#)^[148] menu contains options to help you identify virus infected messages and prevent them from reaching your users. There are two items under the Anti-Virus section:

Virus Scanning^[176] - To offer an extensive level of virus protection, SecurityGateway includes two anti-virus engines: [Clam AntiVirus](#) (ClamAV™) and IKARUS Anti-Virus. ClamAV is an open source (GPL) anti-virus toolkit designed especially for mail gateways. IKARUS Anti-Virus offers reliable protection from malicious and potentially hostile programs. It combines traditional anti-virus defense methods with the latest proactive technologies. SecurityGateway also includes [Outbreak Protection](#)^[150], which offers an additional layer of protection against virus outbreaks.

Configure Updates^[178] - Because virus threats can emerge quickly, having an outdated database of virus signatures could cause a virus to be missed. Thus it is very important to update your virus signatures regularly. Use the options on the Configure Updates page to cause SecurityGateway to check for virus signature updates automatically, to force an immediate check for an update, and to view the anti-virus update logs.

4.2.1 Virus Scanning

To offer an extensive level of virus protection, SecurityGateway includes two anti-virus engines: [Clam AntiVirus](#) (ClamAV™) and IKARUS Anti-Virus. ClamAV is an open source (GPL) anti-virus toolkit designed especially for mail gateways. IKARUS Anti-Virus offers reliable protection from malicious and potentially hostile programs. It combines traditional anti-virus defense methods with the latest proactive technologies. SecurityGateway also includes [Outbreak Protection](#)^[150], which offers an additional layer of protection against virus outbreaks.

Configuration

Enable virus scanning

Virus scanning is enabled by default in SecurityGateway. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to scan messages for viruses.

If the antivirus engine determines that a message is infected:

Use this option to designate the action to take when a message is found to contain a virus.



If you have enabled the "*Attempt to clean infected messages*" option below, SecurityGateway will first try to clean an infected message (i.e. remove the virus) rather than immediately refuse or quarantine it. If it succeeds then the message will be accepted and delivered. If the message cannot be cleaned then the message will be refused or quarantined.

...refuse the message

When this option is selected, messages are refused during the SMTP session when they are found to contain a virus. This is the default option.

...quarantine the message

Choose this option if you wish to place infected messages in the [administrative quarantine](#)^[307] rather than refuse them.

Quarantine messages that cannot be scanned

Click this option if you wish to quarantine messages that for some reason cannot be scanned by the anti-virus engines. An example of this type of message would be one with a password-protected zipped attachment. When this option is disabled, messages that cannot be scanned will be delivered normally. This option is enabled by default.

Allow message to pass if one Antivirus engine scans successfully

Check this box if you wish to allow a message to pass if at least one of the anti-virus engines can scan it successfully. Otherwise, if either of the engines can't successfully scan the message, then it will be quarantined.

Exclude the files listed below

Use this option to define specific files or file-types that you wish to exclude from the *Quarantine messages that cannot be scanned* restriction. File masks and wildcards are allowed, such as: *.zip, secret?.zip, *.doc?, and the like.

Attempt to clean infected messages

By default SecurityGateway will first attempt to remove a virus from (i.e. "clean") an infected message rather than immediately refuse or quarantine it. If the message is successfully cleaned then it will be delivered normally. If the message cannot be cleaned then it will be refused or quarantined, depending on the option that you have selected above. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to attempt to clean infected messages. In that case infected messages will immediately be refused or quarantined.

Flag attachments with documents that contain macros as virus

Use this option to detect macros in documents during virus scanning.

Exclusions**Do not scan messages from allowlisted IP addresses**

Enable this option if you wish to exempt messages from virus scanning when they come from an [allowlisted IP address](#)²⁶³.

Do not scan messages from domain mail servers

Enable this option if you wish to exempt messages from virus scanning when they are from one of your [domain mail servers](#)⁸⁰.

Do not scan messages sent from email addresses listed below

Use this option if you wish to exempt messages from virus scanning when they come from these specific senders.

Virus Scanning Engines (all domains)**Use the ClamAV engine to scan messages**

By default SecurityGateway will use the ClamAV anti-virus engine to scan messages for viruses. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to use the ClamAV engine to scan messages.

Use the IKARUS Anti-Virus engine to scan messages

By default SecurityGateway will use the IKARUS Anti-Virus engine to scan messages for viruses. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to use IKARUS Anti-Virus to scan messages.



Enabling both of these options means that SecurityGateway will scan each message twice - once with each engine. This can give you an extra layer of protection since one engine could identify a virus that the other might miss.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "*For Domain:*" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its Virus Scanning settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.2.2 Configure Updates

Because virus threats can emerge quickly, having an outdated database of virus signatures could cause a virus to be missed. Thus it is very important to update your virus signatures regularly. Use the options on this page to cause SecurityGateway to check for virus signature updates automatically, to force an immediate check for an update, and to view the anti-virus update logs. **NOTE: These options only apply to the ClamAV engine. The IKARUS Anti-Virus engine performs update checks every 10 minutes.**

Virus Updates

Enable automatic virus signature updates

Use this option to configure SecurityGateway to check for updated ClamAV virus signatures automatically at a regular interval. You can choose to check for updates automatically either once per hour or once per day. The auto-update feature is enabled by default.

Hourly - At [xx] minutes after the hour

By default SecurityGateway will check for updated ClamAV virus signatures once per hour, at the designated number of minutes after the hour, specified in this option. For example, if you use "29" in this option then the hourly check will be performed at 1:29, 2:29, and so on. Click the *Generate Random Time* link to generate a random value for this option. A large number of systems check for updates at common times such as the top or bottom of the hour (e.g. 1:00, 1:30, and so on), thus choosing a random time could potentially speed up your checks for updates since there would be less traffic at those other times.

Daily - At [xx:xx]

Use this option if you wish to check for updated virus signatures once per day, at the time specified in this option. The time must be specified using the 24-hour clock format. For example, if you use "13:05" in this option then the daily check will be performed at 1:05 PM. Click the *Generate Random Time* link to generate a random value for this option. A large number of systems check for updates at common times such as midnight (i.e. 00:00). Choosing a random time could potentially speed up your checks for updates since there would be less traffic at other times.

Click here to immediately force a check for updated virus signatures

Click this link to cause SecurityGateway to check immediately for updated virus signatures. This immediate check will be performed in addition to any automatic update check that you have configured above.

Click here to view the ClamAV update log file

Click this link to view the update log for Clam AntiVirus.

Click here to view the IKARUS Anti-Virus update log file

Click this link to view the update log for IKARUS Anti-Virus.

4.3 Anti-Spoofing



The Anti-Spoofing section under the [Security](#)^[148] menu contains tools to help you identify messages sent from forged, or "spoofed" addresses. There are six anti-spoofing features listed under this section:

Reverse Lookups^[180] - Using these lookup options you can check to see if the sender's domain actually exists and if the sending server's IP address is associated with that domain.

Sender Policy Framework (SPF)^[183] - SPF is an open standard used to identify forged sender addresses in email messages. Specifically it protects the domain found in the SMTP envelope sender address, or return path. It does this by checking the domain's DNS record for an SPF policy to find out exactly which mail hosts are permitted to send messages on the domain's behalf. If the domain has an SPF policy and the sending host is not listed in that policy, then you can know that the address is forged.

DKIM Verification^[185] - This feature is used to verify DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM) signatures in incoming messages. When an incoming message has been cryptographically signed, SecurityGateway will retrieve the public key from the DNS record of the domain taken from the signature and then use that key to test the message's DKIM signature to determine its validity. If the DKIM signature passes the verification test, the message will continue on to the next step in the regular delivery process and can optionally have its [Message Score](#)^[173] adjusted. DKIM verification helps to ensure not only that a message is coming from the purported sender, but that it hasn't been modified between the time it was signed and when it was delivered to you.

DKIM Signing^[187] - The signing options are used to control whether or not your domains' outgoing messages are cryptographically signed using DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM). You can also create the selectors and keys used for signing the domain's messages, and to designate which selector to use.

DMARC^[190] - There are three screens for configuring SecurityGateway's DMARC verification and reporting features: DMARC Verification, DMARC Reporting, and DMARC Settings.

Callback Verification^[204] - This is an anti-spoofing measure used to confirm the validity of the email address of an incoming message's purported sender. To do this, SecurityGateway will connect to the mail exchanger of the domain passed in the "MAIL From" statement during the SMTP session and attempt to verify whether or not that sender's address is a valid address at that domain. If the result of the check shows that the sender's address does not exist, then SecurityGateway can treat the message as if it is being sent from a forged address and therefore refuse the message, quarantine it, or accept it and optionally adjust its [Message Score](#)^[173] and add a tag to the Subject.

From Header Screening^[207] - This page contains options to help expose fraudulent (spoofed) "From:" headers in messages sent from spammers, that could potentially trick users into believing a message was sent from a legitimate source.

4.3.1 Reverse Lookups

PTR

Perform reverse PTR record lookup on inbound SMTP connections

By default SecurityGateway performs pointer record lookups on all inbound SMTP connections. Clear this option if you do not wish to do this.

Send 501 and close connection if no PTR record exists (caution)

If this box is checked then SecurityGateway will send a 501 error code (syntax error in parameters or arguments) and close the connection if no PTR record exists for the domain. This option is disabled by default.

Send 501 and close connection if no PTR record match

If this box is checked then SecurityGateway will send a 501 error code (syntax error in parameters or arguments) and close the connection if the results of a pointer record lookup fail to match. This option is disabled by default.

Exclude authenticated sessions from punitive actions

When this checkbox is enabled SecurityGateway will defer the PTR lookup on inbound SMTP connections until after the SMTP MAIL command, in order to see whether or not the connection used authentication. If the session is authenticated then no punitive actions will be taken against the sender. This option is disabled by default.

Exclude global allowlisted IP addresses from punitive actions

Click this checkbox if you wish to exclude Globally [allowlisted IP addresses](#)^[48] from PTR record lookups. This option is disabled by default.

HELO/EHLO

Perform lookup on HELO/EHLO domain

By default SecurityGateway performs a lookup on the domain name that is reported during the HELO/EHLO portion of the session. The HELO/EHLO command is used by the client (sending machine) to identify itself to the server. The domain name passed by the client in this command is used by the server to populate the `from` portion of the `Received` header. Disable this option if you do not wish to perform these lookups.

Send 501 and close connection on forged identification (caution)

Click this check box if you want a 501 error code to be sent and then the connection closed when the result of a lookup appears to be a forged identification. This option is disabled by default.



When the result of a reverse lookup states that the server is using a forged identification, this result may frequently be incorrect. It is very common for mail servers to identify themselves with values that do not match their IP addresses. This can be due to ISP limitations and restrictions and other legitimate reasons. For this reason, you should exercise caution before enabling this option. It is likely that using this option could result in your server refusing some legitimate messages.

Refuse to accept mail if a lookup returns 'domain not found'

When a lookup results in "domain not found", enabling this option will cause the message to be refused with a 451 error code (Requested action aborted: local error in processing) and then the session will be allowed to progress normally to its conclusion. This option is disabled by default.

...send 501 error code (normally sends 451 error code)

Enable this checkbox if you want the error code that is sent in response to a "domain not found" result to be 501 (syntax error in parameters or arguments) instead of 451.

...and then close the connection

Click this checkbox if you want the connection to be closed immediately instead of allowed to progress when "domain not found" is the result of the reverse lookup.

Exclude authenticated sessions from punitive actions

When this checkbox is enabled SecurityGateway will defer the lookup on inbound SMTP connections until after the SMTP MAIL command, in order to see whether or not the connection used authentication. If the session is authenticated then no punitive actions will be taken against the sender. This option is disabled by default.

Exclude global allowlisted IP addresses and hosts from punitive actions

Click this checkbox if you wish to exclude globally [allowlisted IP addresses](#)^[48] and globally [allowlisted hosts](#)^[261] from lookups on the HELO/EHLO domain. This option is disabled by default.

Mail

Perform lookup on value passed in the MAIL command

By default SecurityGateway will perform a lookup on the domain name that is passed during the MAIL command portion of the mail transaction. The address passed in the MAIL command is supposed to be the reverse-path for the message, and is usually the mailbox from which the message is originating. Sometimes, however, it is the address to which error messages should be directed instead. Disable this option if you do not wish to perform lookups on the MAIL value.

...send 501 and close connection on forged identification (caution)

Click this check box if you want a 501 error code to be sent and then the connection closed when the result of a lookup appears to be a forged identification. This option is disabled by default.



When the result of a reverse lookup states that the server is using a forged identification, this result may frequently be incorrect. It is very common for mail servers to identify themselves with values that do not match their IP addresses. This can be due to ISP limitations and restrictions and other legitimate reasons. For this reason, you should exercise caution before enabling this option. It is likely that using this option could result in your server refusing some legitimate messages.

Refuse to accept mail if a lookup returns 'domain not found'

By default, when a lookup on the `MAIL` value results in "domain not found," the message will be refused with a 451 error code (Requested action aborted: local error in processing) and then the session will be allowed to progress normally to its conclusion. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to refuse these messages.

...send 501 error code (normally sends 451 error code)

Enable this checkbox if you want the error code that is sent in response to a "domain not found" result to be 501 (syntax error in parameters or arguments) instead of 451.

...and then close the connection

Click this checkbox if you want the connection to be closed immediately instead of allowed to progress when "domain not found" is the result of the lookup.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

Messages arriving over authenticated sessions are excluded from lookups on the `MAIL` command value by default. Disable this option if you do not wish to exclude those messages.

Exclude globally allowlisted senders

Message from any globally allowlisted senders are excluded from lookups by default. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to exclude messages from those senders.

Configuration

Insert warning headers into suspicious messages

By default, SecurityGateway will insert a warning header into any message that fails a reverse lookup. The receiving mail server or client could then optionally use this header to filter the message. Uncheck this box if you do not wish to insert a warning header into suspicious messages.

4.3.2 SPF Verification

Sender Policy Framework (SPF) is an open standard used to identify forged sender addresses in email messages. Specifically it protects the domain found in the SMTP envelope sender address, or return path. It does this by checking the domain's DNS record for an SPF policy to find out exactly which mail hosts are permitted to send messages on the domain's behalf. If the domain has an SPF policy and the sending host is not listed in that policy, then you can know that the address is forged.

For more on SPF, visit: www.open-spf.org

Configuration

Verify sending host using SPF

By default, SecurityGateway will check the sending domain's DNS record to see if the sending host has the authority to send email on its behalf. This uses the domain found in the MAIL value passed during SMTP processing. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to use SPF processing.

When SPF processing returns a HARD FAIL result:

The following action will be taken when SPF processing of a message results in a HARD FAIL.

...refuse the message

By default messages receiving a HARD FAIL will be refused during the SMTP process.

...quarantine the message

Choose this option if you wish to quarantine messages that receive a HARD FAIL.

...accept the message

If you wish to accept messages that receive a HARD FAIL, choose this option. You can then insert some text into the message's subject and modify its Message Score.

...tag the subject with [text]

When you have configured SecurityGateway to accept a message that receives a HARD FAIL result, enable this option and specify some text if you wish to add something to the beginning of the message's Subject header. If enabled, the default text added to the subject is: "*** FRAUD ***". With this option you could leave it to the recipient's mail server or client to filter the message based on the tag. This option is disabled by default.



There are a number of other places within SecurityGateway where you can optionally add text to the Subject header. For example, the [DKIM Verification](#)¹⁸⁵ and [Message Scoring](#)¹⁷³ pages also have this option. When the designated text in these options matches, the tag will only be added to a message's subject once even if that message meets the criteria under each option. If, however, the text differs

between the options, then each unique tag will be added. For example, the default text in this option is "*** FRAUD ***" but the default text in Message Scoring is "*** SPAM ***". Because the two tags are different, both would be added to messages matching the criteria of both options. But, if you changed the text in one of the options to be identical to the other one, then the tag would be added only once.

...add [xx] points to message score

By default, when you have configured SecurityGateway to accept a message that receives a HARD FAIL result, this value is added to its Message Score. If the final score is high enough then that could cause the message to be quarantined or refused, depending on your [Message Scoring](#)^[173] settings. The default value for this option is 5.0.

When SPF processing returns a SOFT FAIL result:

The following action will be taken when SPF processing of a message results in a SOFT FAIL.

...refuse the message

Click this option if want messages receiving a SOFT FAIL to be refused during the SMTP process.

...quarantine the message

Choose this option if you wish to quarantine messages that receive a SOFT FAIL.

...accept the message

By default, messages that receive a SOFT FAIL will be accepted, but you can then insert some text into the message's subject and modify its Message Score.

...tag the subject with [text]

When SecurityGateway is configured to accept a message that receives a SOFT FAIL result, enable this option and specify some text if you wish to add something to the beginning of the message's Subject header. If enabled, the default text added to the subject is: "*** FRAUD ***". With this option you could leave it to the recipient's mail server or client to filter the message based on the tag. This option is disabled by default.

...add [xx] points to message score

By default, when you have configured SecurityGateway to accept a message that receives a SOFT FAIL result, this value is added to its Message Score. If the final score is high enough then that could cause the message to be quarantined or refused, depending on your [Message Scoring](#)^[173] settings. The default value for this option is 2.0.

When SPF processing returns a PASS result:**...add [xx] points to message score**

Click this option if you wish to adjust the Message Score when SPF processing of a message results in a PASS. This should be a negative number so the the score will be reduced, thus giving it a beneficial adjustment.

Exclusions**Exclude messages from allowlisted IP addresses**

Click this checkbox if you wish to exclude the sender from SPF processing when its IP address appears on the [Global IP allowlist](#)^[263]. This option is disabled by default.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

When the incoming message is using an authenticated session it will be excluded from the SPF processing requirement by default. Clear this option if you wish to use SPF processing even when the SMTP session was authenticated.

Exclude messages from domain mail servers

Messages coming from one of your [domain mail servers](#)^[80] will be exempt from SPF processing by default. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to exclude domain mail servers from SPF requirements.

Advanced**Insert 'Received-SPF' header into messages**

By default a "Received-SPF" header is inserted into each message, containing the SPF results for the message. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to insert this header.

...except when the SPF result is 'none'

By default, no "Received-SPF" header is inserted when the result of an SPF lookup is "none." Uncheck this option if you wish to insert the header even if no SPF data is found for the sender's domain.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its SPF settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.3.3 DKIM Verification

Use this page to configure SecurityGateway to verify DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM) signatures in incoming messages. When this feature is enabled and an incoming message has been [cryptographically signed](#)^[187], SecurityGateway will retrieve the public key from the DNS record of the domain taken from the signature and then use that key to test the message's DKIM signature to determine its validity. If the DKIM signature passes the verification test, the message will continue on to the next step in the regular delivery process and can optionally have its [Message Score](#)^[173] adjusted.

For more on DKIM, see: www.dkim.org.

Cryptographic verification

Verify signatures created using DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM)

By default SecurityGateway will verify messages that were [signed using DKIM](#)^[187]. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to verify DKIM signatures in messages.

When verification returns a PASS result:

...add [xx] points to message score

Use this option if you wish to adjust the Message Score when the message receives a PASS result from DKIM verification. By default the value of this option is set to 0.0, meaning that no scoring adjustment will be made. If you choose to adjust the score of these messages, you should use a negative value in this option, which would give the Message Score a beneficial adjustment. For example, using -0.5 in this option would lower the final score by .5 points.

Exclusions

Exclude messages from allowlisted IP addresses

By default, messages coming from [allowlisted IP addresses](#)^[263] will be exempt from DKIM verification. Clear this checkbox if you wish to verify DKIM signatures even when the sender is on the IP Address allowlist.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

Messages arriving over authenticated SMTP sessions are excluded from DKIM verification by default. Clear this checkbox if you wish to verify DKIM signatures even when the SMTP session was authenticated.

Exclude messages from domain mail servers

Messages coming from one of your [domain mail servers](#)^[80] will be exempt from DKIM verification by default. Clear this checkbox if you wish to verify DKIM signatures in message coming from those servers.

DKIM Verification Options (All domains)

Verifier honors body length count ("l=" tag)

When this option is enabled, SecurityGateway will honor the body length count tag when it is found in an incoming message's DKIM signature. When the actual body length count is greater than the value contained in this tag, SecurityGateway will only verify the amount specified in the tag; the remainder of the message will remain unverified. This indicates that something was appended to the message, and consequently that unverified portion could be considered suspect. When the actual body length count is less than the value contained in this tag, the signature will not pass verification (i.e. it will receive a "FAIL" result). This indicates that some portion of the message was deleted, causing the body length count to be less than the amount specified in the tag. This option is disabled by default.

Verifier requires signatures to protect the Subject header

Enable this option if you wish to require the DKIM signature of incoming messages to protect the Subject header. This option is disabled by default.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its DKIM Verification settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.3.4 DKIM Signing

Use the options on the DKIM Signing page to control whether or not a domain's outgoing messages will be cryptographically signed using DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM). You can also use this page to create the selectors and keys used for signing the domain's messages, and to designate which selector to use. All keys are unique — they are never the same from one domain to another, regardless of the selector specified.

For more on DKIM, see: www.dkim.org.

DKIM Signing

Sign outbound messages using DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM)

Click this option if you wish to use DomainKeys Identified Mail to cryptographically sign the domain's outbound messages. In order for a message to be signed, it must be received by SecurityGateway on an authenticated session via SMTP AUTH, or be received from a [Domain Mail Server](#)^[80]. This is to ensure that the message is genuine before signing it.

ARC Signing

ARC is an email authentication protocol that allows SecurityGateway, when acting as intermediate server for a message, to digitally sign the incoming message's authentication results, so that when the message continues to its final destination it can still be verified by the recipient's server. This is helpful, for example, when SecurityGateway is redirecting a message or dealing with a mailing list message that requires modifications to headers that were included in the message's DKIM signature. When the receiving server uses [ARC Verification](#)^[196] and has designated your SecurityGateway domain as a [trusted ARC sealer](#)^[196], it can verify your ARC signature and then accept the message as genuine.

Sign eligible messages using ARC

Check this box if you wish to use ARC to sign eligible messages. Messages from a local domain do not require ARC signing, as they can be DKIM signed. Therefore all outbound messages that are not from a local domain are eligible for ARC signing. ARC signing is necessary when SecurityGateway modifies a message or any message header included in the DKIM signature. These modifications may include actions like [From Header Screening](#)^[207], [adding a disclaimer](#)^[115], or similar changes. Note that when ARC signing is enabled, all outbound messages not originating from a local domain are signed, not only those that are modified. ARC Signing is disabled by default.

For more information on the ARC protocol, see: [RFC 8617: The Authenticated Received Chain \(ARC\) Protocol](#).

Selectors

Sign messages using this selector:

From the drop-down list, choose the selector whose corresponding public/private key pair you wish to use when signing the domain's messages. If you wish to create a new selector, click the *New* button, type the desired *Selector Name* in the space provided, and click *Save and Close*.

New

Click this button to create a new selector used for signing the domain's messages. Enter a Selector Name in the space provided and then click Save and Close.

Import

Click **Import** if you wish to import an RSA public/private key pair and create a new selector. It must be a .zip file and contain an rsa.private and rsa.public text file in PEM format. You must choose a name for the selector and the domain with which it will be associated (or set it as a global selector).

Export

Choose a selector and click **Export** to download that selector's RSA public/private key pair in a .zip file.

Delete

To delete a selector, choose it from the drop-down list box and then click *Delete*.

View DNS configuration (public key) for this selector

Choose a selector from the drop-down list box above and then click this button to view the selector's DNS configuration. This is the DKIM information that must be placed in the domain's DNS record. Without this information in the DNS record, no one will be able to verify the signatures in your messages. The DNS Configuration page lists the following information:

DKIM selector record for DNS

This is the information that other servers will need in order to verify the domain's DKIM signed messages. It contains the selector, the domain, the public key, and other necessary information.



Placing this information in the domain's DNS record is required if you wish to sign its outgoing messages. Without this, the receiving servers will have no way to verify the signatures. For more information and other parameters that may be included in your DNS records, visit www.dkim.org and the [DomainKeys Distribution Options](http://DomainKeysDistributionOptions) page at domainkeys.sourceforge.net.

Using a Shared/Global Selector

When you wish to use the same selector for multiple of your SecurityGateway domains, there are two ways to do this:

Publish a separate DKIM selector record to DNS for each domain, but using the same public key

1. In the "For Domain:" option, choose "-- **Global** --".
2. Choose a selector or create a new one, and click **View DNS configuration (public key) for this selector**.
3. Copy the text under **DKIM selector record for DNS**.
4. Paste that text when creating the DKIM selector in DNS for one of the domains that will be sharing the selector, but replace **%DOMAIN%** with the domain name. For example, replace "selector01._domainkey.%DOMAIN%." with "selector01._domainkey.example.com."
5. Repeat for each domain that will be sharing the selector.
6. Ensure that your DKIM Signing options are properly configured for all relevant domains to use the shared selector for signing.

Publish the DKIM selector record to DNS for one domain, then point additional domains to that domain using CNAME

1. Choose a selector and use the text under **View DNS configuration (public key) for this selector** to publish a DKIM record in DNS for one of your domains. For example:

```
selector01._domainkey.example.com IN TXT "v=DKIM1;
p=MIGfMA0GCSq..."
```

2. For each domain that will share the selector, set up a CNAME record for the "selector01._domainkey" sub-domain, to point to the original domain. For example:

```
example01.com - selector01._domainkey.example01.com IN CNAME
selector01._domainkey.example.com
```

```
example02.com - selector01._domainkey.example02.com IN CNAME
selector01._domainkey.example.com
```

3. Ensure that your DKIM Signing options are properly configured for all relevant domains to use the shared selector for signing.

DKIM Signing Options (All domains)

Signatures expire after [xx] days ("t=" tag, default 7 days)

Use this option to limit the number of days that a DKIM signature will be considered valid. Messages with expired signatures will always fail verification. This option corresponds to the signature's "x=" tag. It is enabled by default and is set to 7 days..

Signatures include query method(s) (include "q=" tag)

This option is used to include the query method tag in the DKIM signature (i.e. q=dns). It is included by default.

Signatures include body length count (include "l=" tag)

This option controls whether or not the body length count (the "l=" tag) will be included in DKIM signatures. This option is enabled by default.

Signatures include original header content (include "z=" tag)

Click this option if you wish to include the "z=" tag in the DKIM signature. This tag will contain a copy of the message's original headers, and can therefore potentially make signatures quite large. This option is disabled by default.

Canonicalization

Canonicalization is a process whereby the message's headers and body are converted into a canonical standard and "normalized" before the DKIM signature is created. This is necessary because some email servers and relay systems will make various inconsequential changes to the message during normal processing, which could otherwise break the signature if a canonical standard was not used to prepare each message for signing. Currently there are two canonicalization methods used for DKIM signing and verification: Simple and Relaxed. Simple is the strictest method, allowing little to no changes to the message. Relaxed is more forgiving than Simple, allowing several inconsequential changes.

Canonicalize headers using: Simple, Relaxed

This is the canonicalization method used for the message headers when signing the message. Simple allows no changes to the header field in any way. Relaxed allows for converting header names (not header values) to lower case, converting one or more sequential spaces to a single space, and other innocuous changes. The default setting is "Simple."

Canonicalize body using: Simple, Relaxed

This is the canonicalization method used for the message body when signing the message. Simple ignores empty lines at the end of the message body — no other changes to the body are allowed. Relaxed allows for blank lines at the end of the message, ignores spaces at the end of lines, reduces all sequences of spaces in a single line to a single space character, and other minor changes. The default setting is "Simple."

4.3.5 DMARC

Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting & Conformance (DMARC) is a specification designed to help reduce email message abuse, such as incoming spam and phishing messages that misrepresent their origins by forging the message's `From:` header. DMARC makes it possible for domain owners to use the Domain Name System (DNS) to inform receiving servers of their DMARC policy, which is how they want those servers to handle messages that purport to be sent from their domain but cannot be authenticated as having actually come from it. This policy, which is retrieved by the receiving server via a DNS query while processing the incoming message, can state that the server should quarantine or reject messages that do not align with the policy, or

take no action at all (i.e. let the message proceed normally). In addition to the policy, the domain's DMARC DNS record can also contain requests for the server to send DMARC reports to someone, outlining the number of incoming messages purporting to be from that domain and whether or not they passed or failed authentication, and with details about any failures. DMARC's reporting features can be useful for determining the effectiveness of your email authentication procedures and how frequently your domain name is being used in forged messages.

Under **Security » Anti-Spoofing**, there are three screens for configuring SecurityGateway's DMARC verification and reporting features: DMARC Verification, DMARC Reporting, and DMARC Settings.

DMARC Verification¹⁹⁶

As part of the DMARC verification process, SecurityGateway performs a DMARC DNS query on the domain found in the `From:` header of each incoming message. This is done to determine whether or not the domain uses DMARC, and if so, to retrieve its [DMARC DNS record](#)¹⁹², which contains its policy and other DMARC related information. Additionally, DMARC utilizes [SPF](#)¹⁸³ and [DKIM](#)¹⁸⁵ to validate each message and requires it to pass at least one of those tests in order to pass DMARC verification. If the message passes then it will proceed normally through the rest of SecurityGateway's delivery and filtering processes. If it fails, however, then the fate of the message is determined by a combination of the domain's DMARC policy and how you have configured SecurityGateway to deal with those messages.

If a message fails DMARC verification and the DMARC domain has a policy of "p=none" then no punitive action will be taken and normal message processing will continue. Conversely, when the DMARC domain has a restrictive policy of "p=quarantine" or "p=reject," SecurityGateway can optionally reject the message, filter it automatically to the receiving user's [Quarantine folder](#)³⁰⁶, add some text to its `Subject` header, or adjust its [Message Score](#)¹⁷³. Additionally for failed messages with restrictive policies, SecurityGateway will insert the "X-SGDMARC-Fail-policy: quarantine" or "X-SGDMARC-Fail-policy: reject" header, depending on the policy. This makes it possible for you to use a [Sieve Script](#)²⁶⁵ or your mail server's content filtering system to perform some action based on the presence of those headers, such as sending the message to a specific folder for further scrutiny.

DMARC Verification is enabled by default and recommended for most SecurityGateway configurations.

DMARC Reporting²⁰⁰

When SecurityGateway queries DNS for a DMARC record, the record may contain tags indicating that the domain owner wishes to receive DMARC aggregate or failure reports regarding messages claiming to be from that domain. The options on the DMARC Reporting screen are for designating whether or not you are willing to send the requested types of reports, and for specifying the meta-data those reports should contain. Aggregate reports are sent daily at Midnight UTC and failure reports are sent per message, as each incident occurs that triggers the report. Reports are always sent as zipped XML file attachments, and there are various parsing tools available online that can make them easy for the recipients to view. By default SecurityGateway sends only aggregate reports.

DMARC Settings²⁰³

The DMARC Settings screen contains various options for including certain info in DMARC reports, logging DMARC DNS records, and updating the Public Suffix file used by SecurityGateway for DMARC.

DMARC Verification and Mailing Lists

Because the purpose of DMARC is to ensure that the domain found in a message's `From:` header hasn't been forged, the sending server must be permitted to send messages on behalf of that domain. This can pose a unique problem for mailing lists, because it is common for lists to distribute messages on behalf of list members from outside domains, and yet leave the `From:` header unchanged. This means that when a receiving server attempts to use DMARC verification on one of these messages, the message will have been sent by a server that is not officially affiliated with the `From:` header domain. If the DMARC domain happens to be using a restrictive DMARC policy, this could cause the message to be quarantined or even rejected by the receiving server. In some cases this could also cause the recipient to be removed from the list's membership. To circumvent this problem, you should configure your domain mail servers to replace the sender's address in the `From:` header with the mailing list's address, or configure them to refuse to accept any message for a list when it is from a domain with a restrictive DMARC policy. If your email server is MDAemon 14.5 or later, by default it will replace the message's `From:` header with the mailing list's address when the sender's domain uses a restrictive DMARC policy.

Using DMARC for Your Domains

If you would like to use DMARC for one of your own domains, meaning that you want receiving mail servers that support DMARC to use DMARC to verify messages claiming to be from you, then you must first ensure that you have created properly formatted [SPF¹⁸³](#) and [DKIM¹⁸⁷](#) DNS records for the domain; you must have at least one of those options working correctly to use DMARC. If you are using DKIM then you must also configure SecurityGateway's [DKIM Signing¹⁸⁷](#) options to sign the domain's messages. Additionally, you must create a DMARC DNS record for the domain. By querying DNS for this specially formatted `txt` record, the receiving server can determine your DMARC policy and various optional parameters such as: the mode of authentication you use, whether or not you wish to receive aggregate reports, the email address to which reports should be sent, and others. Once you have properly configured DMARC and have begun to receive DMARC XML reports, there are a variety of online tools you can use to read those reports and diagnose any potential problems.

Defining a DMARC TXT Resource Record

The following is an overview of the most basic, commonly used components of a DMARC record. For more detailed information, or for information on more advanced configurations, see: www.dmarc.org.

Owner Field

The Owner (also called "Name" or "left-hand") field of the DMARC resource record must always be `_dmarc`, or it can take the form `_dmarc.domain.name` if you wish to specify the domain or subdomain to which the record applies.

Example:

DMARC record for the domain **example.com**

```
_dmarc IN TXT "v=DMARC1;p=none"
```

This record would apply to emails from user@example.com or any subdomains of example.com, such as user@support.example.com, user@mail.support.example.com, and so on.

```
_dmarc.support.example.com IN TXT "v=DMARC1;p=none"
```

This record would only apply to emails from user@support.example.com, not to emails from, for example, user@example.com.

```
_dmarc.support IN TXT "v=DMARC1;p=none"
```

This record would apply to emails from: user@support.example.com, user@a.support.example.com, user@a.b.support.example.com, and so on.

DMARC Record Tags and Values

Required Tags

Tag	Value	Notes
v=	DMARC1	<p>The is the Version tag, which must be the first tag in the DMARC specific text portion of the record. Although other DMARC tag values are not case sensitive, the value of the v= tag must have the uppercase value: DMARC1.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>_dmarc IN TXT "v=DMARC1;p=none"</pre>
p=	none quarantine reject	<p>This is the Policy tag, which must be the second tag in the DMARC record, following the v= tag.</p> <p>p=none means that the receiving server should take no action based on results of the DMARC query. Messages that fail the DMARC check should not be quarantined or rejected based on that failure. They could still be quarantined or rejected for other reasons, such as for failing spam filter tests or other security checks unrelated to DMARC. Using p=none is sometimes called "monitoring" or "monitor mode" because you can use it with the rua= tag to receive aggregate reports from recipient domains about your messages, but those messages will not be penalized by the domains for failing to pass the DMARC check. This is the policy to use until you have thoroughly tested your DMARC implementation and are sure you are ready to move on to the more restrictive p=quarantine policy.</p>

p=quarantine is the policy to use when you want other mail servers to treat a message as suspicious when its **From:** header says that it is coming from you but the message fails the DMARC check. Depending upon the server's local policy, this could mean subjecting the message to additional scrutiny, placing it into the recipient's junk email folder, routing it to a different server, or taking some other action.

p=reject indicates that you want the receiving server to reject any message that fails DMARC verification. Some servers, however, may still accept these message but quarantine them or subject them to additional scrutiny. This is the most restrictive policy and should generally not be used unless you have total confidence about your email policies and the types of messages or services you wish to allow your accounts to use. For example, if you wish to allow your users to join 3rd party mailing lists, use mail forwarding services, utilize "share this" features on websites, or the like, then using **p=reject** would almost certainly cause some legitimate messages to be rejected. It could also cause some users to be automatically dropped or banned from certain mailing lists.

Example:

```
_dmarc IN TXT "v=DMARC1;p=quarantine;rua=mailto:dmarc-report@example.net"
```

Optional Tags

All of the tags listed below are optional. When any of these tags are not used in a record then their default values are assumed.

Tag	Value	Notes
sp=	none quarantine reject — Default: If sp= is not used, the p= tag applies to the domain and	This tag is for specifying a policy to be used for subdomains of the domain to which the DMARC record applies. For example, if this tag is used in a record that has scope over example.com, then the policy designated in the p= tag will apply to messages from example.com and the policy designated in the sp= tag will apply to messages from subdomains of example.com, such as mail.example.com. If this tag is omitted from the record, the p= tag will apply to the domain and its subdomains. Example: <pre>_dmarc IN TXT "v=DMARC1;p=quarantine;sp=reject"</pre>

	subdomain s.	
rua=	<p>Comma-separated list of email addresses to which DMARC aggregate reports should be sent. The addresses must entered as URIs in the form: mailto:user@example.com</p> <p>—</p> <p>Default: none</p> <p>If this tag is not used then no aggregate reports will be sent.</p>	<p>This tag indicates that you wish to receive DMARC aggregate reports from servers who receive messages claiming to be From: a sender at your domain. Specify one or more email addresses as URIs in the form: mailto:user@example.com, separating multiple URIs with commas.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>_dmarc IN TXT "v=DMARC1;p=quarantine;rua=mailto:user01@example.com,mailto:user02@example.com"</pre> <p>Ordinarily these addresses will be at the domain covered by this record. If you wish to send reports to an address at some other domain, then that domain's DNS zone file must also contain a special DMARC record indicating that it will accept DMARC reports for the domain.</p> <p>Example record at example.com:</p> <pre>_dmarc IN TXT "v=DMARC1;p=quarantine;rua=mailto:non-local-user@example.net"</pre> <p>Required record at example.net:</p> <pre>example.com._report._dmarc TXT "v=DMARC1"</pre>
ruf=	<p>Comma-separated list of email addresses to which DMARC failure reports should be sent. The addresses must entered as URIs in the form: mailto:user@example.com</p> <p>—</p>	<p>This tag indicates that you wish to receive DMARC failure reports from servers who receive messages claiming to be From: a sender at your domain, when the conditions specified in the fo= tag have been met. By default, when there is no fo= tag specified, failure reports are sent when the message fails all DMARC verification checks (i.e. fails both SPF and DKIM). Specify one or more email addresses as URIs in the form: mailto:user@example.com, separating multiple URIs with commas.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>_dmarc IN TXT "v=DMARC1;p=quarantine;ruf=mailto:dmarc-failures@example.com"</pre> <p>Ordinarily these addresses will be at the domain covered by this record. If you wish to send reports to an address at some other domain, then that domain's DNS zone file must also contain a special DMARC record indicating that it will accept DMARC reports for the domain.</p>

<p>Default: none</p> <p>If this tag is not used then no failure reports will be sent.</p>	<p>Example record at example.com:</p> <pre>_dmarc IN TXT "v=DMARC1;p=quarantine;ruf=mailto:non-local-user@example.net"</pre> <p>Required record at example.net:</p> <pre>example.com._report._dmarc TXT "v=DMARC1"</pre>
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For more extensive information on the DMARC specification, see: www.dmarc.org.

4.3.5.1 DMARC Verification

As part of the DMARC verification process, SecurityGateway performs a DMARC DNS query on the domain found in the **From:** header of each incoming message. This is done to determine whether or not the domain uses DMARC, and if so, to retrieve its [DMARC DNS record](#)^[192], which contains its policy and other DMARC related information. Additionally, DMARC utilizes [SPF](#)^[183] and [DKIM](#)^[185] to validate each message and requires it to pass at least one of those tests in order to pass DMARC verification. If the message passes then it will proceed normally through the rest of SecurityGateway's delivery and filtering processes. If it fails, however, then the fate of the message is determined by a combination of the domain's DMARC policy and how you have configured SecurityGateway to deal with those messages.

If a message fails DMARC verification and the DMARC domain has a policy of "p=none" then no punitive action will be taken and normal message processing will continue. Conversely, when the DMARC domain has a restrictive policy of "p=quarantine" or "p=reject," SecurityGateway can optionally reject the message, filter it automatically to the receiving user's [Quarantine folder](#)^[306], add some text to its **Subject** header, or adjust its [Message Score](#)^[173]. Additionally for failed messages with restrictive policies, SecurityGateway will insert the "X-SGDMARC-Fail-policy: quarantine" or "X-SGDMARC-Fail-policy: reject" header, depending on the policy. This makes it possible for you to use a [Sieve Script](#)^[265] or your mail server's content filtering system to perform some action based on the presence of those headers, such as sending the message to a specific folder for further scrutiny.

DMARC Verification

Enable DMARC verification and reporting

When this option is enabled, SecurityGateway will perform DMARC DNS queries on the domain found in the **From:** header of incoming messages, and it will send aggregate and failure reports if you have set it to do so on the [DMARC Reporting](#)^[200] screen. DMARC uses [SPF](#)^[183] and [DKIM](#)^[185] to validate messages, therefore at least one of those features must be enabled before DMARC can be used. DMARC verification and reporting is enabled by default and should be used in most SecurityGateway configurations.

Enable Authenticated Received Chain (ARC) Verification

Check this box to enable ARC verification. ARC is an email authentication protocol that allows intermediate mail servers to digitally sign a message's authentication results, so that when the message continues to its final destination, it can still be verified even though SPF or DKIM verification might fail due to redirecting or mailing list modifications. ARC Verification allows you to specify domains whose ARC results you trust so that by reviewing those results SecurityGateway can determine whether to accept the message. For more information on the ARC protocol, see: [RFC 8617: The Authenticated Received Chain \(ARC\) Protocol](#).

Manage Trusted ARC Sealers

Click this button to manage your Trusted ARC Sealers, which are the domains whose ARC results you trust. ARC results from non-trusted domains are ignored when doing DMARC verification.



Disabling support for DMARC could allow an increase in spam, phishing, or otherwise forged messages getting to your users. In some cases it could also cause some of your mail servers' mailing list messages to be rejected by other servers and even cause some list members to be dropped from your lists. You should not disable DMARC unless you are absolutely sure that you have no need of it.

When verification returns a REJECT result:

This is the action that will be taken when an incoming message fails the DMARC verification process and the purported sending domain's DMARC DNS record is set to p=reject.

...refuse the message

Choose this option if you wish to refuse messages during the SMTP process when the DMARC verification process returns a REJECT result. This option is selected by default.



Even if you choose not to refuse these messages, a message could still be refused for some other reason, such as your SPF or DKIM settings, or for having a Message Score above the permitted threshold.

...quarantine the message

Choose this option if you wish to [quarantine](#)^[306] messages rather than reject them when the DMARC verification process returns a REJECT result. With this option you can also use the "...tag the subject with [text]" and "...add [xx] points to message score" options below.

...accept the message

When this option is chosen, SecurityGateway will accept messages that receive a REJECT result from the DMARC verification process, but you can still use the options below to tag their subject headers and adjust their [Message Scores](#)^[173].

...tag the subject with [text]

When you have configured SecurityGateway to accept or quarantine a message that fails DMARC verification with a REJECT directive, enable this option and specify some text if you wish to add something to the beginning of the message's Subject header. If enabled, the default text added to the subject is: "**** FRAUD ****". By using this option you could leave it to the recipient's mail server or client to filter the message based on the tag. This option is disabled by default.



There are a number of other places within SecurityGateway where you can optionally add text to the Subject header. For example, the [SPF](#)¹⁸³ and [Message Scoring](#)¹⁷³ pages also have this option. When the designated text in these options matches, the tag will only be added to a message's subject once even if that message meets the criteria under each option. If, however, the text differs between the options, then each unique tag will be added. For example, the default text in this option is "**** FRAUD ****" but the default text in Message Scoring is "**** SPAM ****". Because the two tags are different, both would be added to messages matching the criteria of both options. But, if you changed the text in one of the options to be identical to the other one, then the tag would be added only once.

...add [xx] points to message score

By default, when you have configured SecurityGateway to accept or quarantine a message that fails DMARC verification for a domain with a REJECT policy directive, this option adds the specified value to the [Message Score](#)¹⁷³. If the final score for the message is high enough then that could still cause the message to be quarantined or refused, depending on your Message Scoring settings. By default this option adds 5.0 points to the Message Score.

When verification returns a QUARANTINE result:

This is the action that will be taken when an incoming message fails the DMARC verification process and the purported sending domain's DMARC DNS record is set to p=quarantine.

...refuse the message

Choose this option if you wish to refuse messages during the SMTP process when the DMARC verification process returns a QUARANTINE result.

...quarantine the message

Choose this option if you wish to [quarantine](#)³⁰⁶ messages rather than reject them when the DMARC verification process returns a QUARANTINE result. With this option you can also use the *"...tag the subject with [text]"* and *"...add [xx] points to message score"* options below. This option is selected by default.

...accept the message

When this option is chosen, SecurityGateway will accept messages that receive a QUARANTINE result from the DMARC verification process, but you can still use the options below to tag their subject headers and adjust their [Message Scores](#)^[173].

...tag the subject with [text]

When you have configured SecurityGateway to accept or quarantine a message that fails DMARC verification with a QUARANTINE directive, enable this option and specify some text if you wish to add something to the beginning of the message's Subject header. If enabled, the default text added to the subject is: "*** FRAUD ***". By using this option you could leave it to the recipient's mail server or client to filter the message based on the tag. This option is disabled by default.



There are a number of other places within SecurityGateway where you can optionally add text to the Subject header. For example, the [SPF](#)^[183] and [Message Scoring](#)^[173] pages also have this option. When the designated text in these options matches, the tag will only be added to a message's subject once even if that message meets the criteria under each option. If, however, the text differs between the options, then each unique tag will be added. For example, the default text in this option is "*** FRAUD ***" but the default text in Message Scoring is "*** SPAM ***". Because the two tags are different, both would be added to messages matching the criteria of both options. But, if you changed the text in one of the options to be identical to the other one, then the tag would be added only once.

...add [xx] points to message score

By default, when you have configured SecurityGateway to accept or quarantine a message that fails DMARC verification for a domain with a QUARANTINE policy directive, this option adds the specified value to the [Message Score](#)^[173]. If the final score for the message is high enough then that could still cause the message to be quarantined or refused, depending on your Message Scoring settings. By default this option adds 2.0 points to the Message Score.

Exclusions

Exclude messages from allowlisted IP addresses

By default, messages coming from [allowlisted IP addresses](#)^[263] will be exempt from DMARC verification. Clear this checkbox if you wish to use DMARC verification even when the sender is on the IP Address allowlist.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

Messages arriving over authenticated SMTP sessions are excluded from DMARC verification by default. Clear this checkbox if you wish to use DMARC verification even when the SMTP session is authenticated.

Exclude messages from domain mail servers

Messages coming from one of your [domain mail servers](#)^[80] will be exempt from DMARC verification by default. Clear this checkbox if you wish to use DMARC verification even for messages coming from those servers.

4.3.5.2 DMARC Reporting

When SecurityGateway queries DNS for a DMARC record, the record may contain tags indicating that the domain owner wishes to receive DMARC aggregate or failure reports regarding messages claiming to be from that domain. The options on the DMARC Reporting screen are for designating whether or not you are willing to send the requested types of reports, and for specifying the meta-data those reports should contain. Aggregate reports are sent daily at Midnight UTC and failure reports are sent per message, as each incident occurs that triggers the report. Reports are always sent as zipped XML file attachments, and there are various parsing tools available online that can make them easy for the recipients to view. By default SecurityGateway sends only aggregate reports.

The options on this screen are only available when the *"Enable DMARC verification and reporting"* option is enabled on the [DMARC Verification](#)^[196] screen. Further, the DMARC specification requires the use of [STARTTLS](#)^[121] whenever it is offered by report receivers. You should therefore enable STARTTLS if possible.

DMARC Reporting

Send DMARC aggregate reports

Enable this option if you are willing to send DMARC aggregate reports to domains who request them. When a DMARC DNS query on an incoming message's `From: domain` indicates that its DMARC record contains the `"rua="` tag (e.g. `rua=mailto:dmarc-reports@example.com`), then that means the domain owner wishes to receive DMARC aggregate reports. SecurityGateway will therefore store DMARC related information about the domain and about the incoming messages claiming to be from that domain. It will log the email addresses to which the aggregate report should be sent, the verification methods used for each message (SPF, DKIM, or both), whether or not the message passed or failed, the sending server, its IP address, the DMARC policy applied, and so on. Then, each day at Midnight UTC SecurityGateway will use the stored data to generate each domain's report and send it to the designated addresses. Once the reports are sent, the stored DMARC data is cleared and SecurityGateway will start the whole process again.



SecurityGateway does not support the DMARC report interval tag (i.e. `"ri="`) for aggregate reporting. SecurityGateway will send aggregate reports each day at Midnight UTC, to any domain for which it has compiled DMARC data since the last time the DMARC reports were generated and sent.



Because SecurityGateway must be running at Midnight UTC to send aggregate reports and clear stored DMARC data automatically, if you have SecurityGateway shut down at that time then no reports will be generated and the DMARC data will not be cleared. DMARC data collection will continue whenever SecurityGateway is running again, but reports will not be generated and data will not be cleared until the next Midnight UTC event.

Send DMARC failure reports (reports are sent as incidents occur)

Enable this option if you are willing to send DMARC failure reports to domains who request them. When a DMARC DNS query on an incoming message's `From:` domain indicates that its DMARC record contains the "ruf=" tag (e.g. `ruf=mailto:dmarc-failure@example.com`), then that means the domain wishes to receive DMARC failure reports. Unlike aggregate reports, these reports are created in real-time as the incidents which trigger them occur, and they contain extensive detail regarding each incident and the errors that caused the failure. These reports can be used for forensic analysis by the domain's administrators to correct problems with their email system configuration or identify other problems, such as ongoing phishing attacks.

The type of failure that will trigger a failure report is dependent upon the value of the "fo=" tag in the domain's DMARC record. By default a failure report will only be generated if all of the underlying DMARC checks fail (i.e. both SPF and DKIM fail), but domains can use various "fo=" tag values to indicate that they wish to receive the reports only if SPF fails, only if DKIM fails, if either fail, or some other combination. Consequently, multiple failure reports can be generated from a single message depending upon the number of recipients in the DMARC record's "ruf=" tag, the value of the "fo=" tag, and number of independent authentication failures that are encountered for the message during processing. If you wish to limit the number of recipients to which SecurityGateway will send any given report, use the *"Honor up to this many DMARC 'rua' and 'ruf' recipients"* option below.

For the report format, SecurityGateway will only honor the `rf=afrf` tag ([Authentication Failure Reporting Using the Abuse Reporting Format](#)), which is the DMARC default. All reports are sent in this format, even if a domain's DMARC record contains the `rf=iodef` tag.



In order to support DMARC failure reporting, SecurityGateway fully supports: [RFC 5965: An Extensible Format for Email Feedback Reports](#), [RFC 6591: Authentication Failure Reporting Using the Abuse Reporting Format](#), [RFC 6652: Sender Policy Framework \(SPF\) Authentication Failure Reporting Using the Abuse Reporting Format](#), [RFC 6651: Extensions to DomainKeys Identified Mail \(DKIM\) for Failure Reporting](#), and [RFC 6692: Source Ports in Abuse Reporting Format \(ARF\) Reports](#).

When the DMARC "fo=" tag requests reporting of SPF related failures, SecurityGateway sends SPF failure reports according to RFC 6522. Therefore, that specification's extensions must

be present in the domain's SPF record. SPF failure reports are not sent independent of DMARC processing or in the absence of RFC 6522 extensions.

When the DMARC "fo=" tag requests reporting of DKIM related failures, SecurityGateway sends DKIM failure reports according to RFC 6651. Therefore, that specification's extensions must be present in the DKIM-Signature header field, and the domain must publish a valid DKIM reporting TXT record in DNS. DKIM failure reports are not sent independent of DMARC processing or in the absence of RFC 6651 extensions.

Honor up to this many DMARC 'rua' and 'ruf' recipients (0 = no limit)

If you wish to limit the number of recipients to which SecurityGateway will send any given DMARC aggregate report or DMARC failure report, specify the maximum number here. If a DMARC record's "rua=" or "ruf=" tag contains more addresses than your designated limit, then SecurityGateway will send a given report to the listed addresses, in order, until the maximum number of addresses is reached. By default this limit is set to 5.

Email a copy of all reports to:

Enter one or more comma-separated email addresses here to send them a copy of all DMARC aggregate and DMARC failure reports (fo=0 or fo=1 only).

DMARC Report Meta-Data

Use these options to specify your company or organization's meta-data, which will be included with the DMARC reports you send.

Default Domain

This is the SecurityGateway domain responsible for producing the DMARC reports. Choose the domain from the drop-down list.

Contact email

Use this option to specify local email addresses that report receivers can contact about problems with the report. Separate multiple addresses with a comma.

Contact information

Use this option to include any additional contact information for report receivers, such as a website, a phone number, or the like.

Report return-path

This is the SMTP return path (bounce address) used for report messages that SecurityGateway sends, in case there are delivery problems. Use `noreply@<mydomain.com>` to ignore such problems.

4.3.5.3 DMARC Settings

The DMARC Settings page contains various options for including certain info in DMARC reports, logging DMARC DNS records, and updating the Public Suffix file used by SecurityGateway for DMARC.

DMARC Settings

DKIM canonicalized headers are included in DMARC failure reports

Enable this option if you wish to include DKIM [canonicalized headers](#)^[187] in DMARC [failure reports](#)^[200]. This is disabled by default.

DKIM canonicalized body is included in DMARC failure reports

Enable this option if you wish to include the DKIM [canonicalized body](#)^[187] in DMARC [failure reports](#)^[200]. This is disabled by default.



The previous two options are useful for debugging problems but do reveal email content in the process.

Replace Reserved IPs in DMARC reports with "X.X.X.X"

By default SecurityGateway replaces your reserved IP addresses in DMARC reports with "x.x.x.x". Disable this option if you wish to make your reserved IPs visible in DMARC reports. This option does not apply to DKIM canonicalized data.

Refuse to accept messages if 'From' is incompatible with DMARC

Enable this option if you wish to refuse messages that are incompatible with DMARC requirements regarding 'From' header construction. These are messages with multiple 'From' headers or multiple email addresses in a single 'From' header. Such messages are currently exempt from DMARC processing. This setting is disabled by default because having multiple addresses in a single 'From' header is not technically a protocol violation, but enabling the setting would help maximize DMARC protection. This setting is only applied when [DMARC verification](#)^[196] is enabled.

Insert "Precedence: bulk" header into DMARC report emails

By default SecurityGateway will insert a bulk mail header into DMARC report emails. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to insert this header.

Include full DMARC records in log file

By default SecurityGateway logs the full DMARC DNS record it obtains during DMARC DNS queries. Disable this option if you do not wish to include the full DMARC record in the log file.

Auto-update public suffix file if older than this many days

DMARC requires a public suffix file to reliably determine the proper domains to query for DMARC DNS records. By default SecurityGateway will automatically update its stored public suffix file whenever it exceeds 15 days old. Change the value of this option if you wish to update the public suffix file more or less often. Disable the option if you do not wish to update it automatically.

Public suffix file URL

This is the URL of the public suffix file that SecurityGateway will download to use for DMARC. By default SecurityGateway uses the file located at:
http://publicsuffix.org/list/effective_tld_names.dat.

Update public suffix file now

Click this button to manually update the public suffix file, from the *Public suffix file URL* specified above.

4.3.6 Callback Verification

Callback Verification is an anti-spoofing measure used to confirm the validity of the email address of an incoming message's purported sender. To do this, SecurityGateway will connect to the mail exchanger of the domain passed in the "MAIL From" statement during the SMTP session and attempt to verify whether or not that sender's address is a valid address at that domain. If the result of the check shows that the sender's address does not exist, then SecurityGateway can treat the message as if it is being sent from a forged address and therefore refuse the message, quarantine it, or accept it and optionally adjust its [Message Score](#)¹⁷³ or add a tag to the Subject. Because there are a number of potential problems and drawbacks associated with callback verification in general, this feature is disabled by default.

For general information on callback verification, see the [Callback verification article](#) at Wikipedia.org.

Configuration

Use callback verification to verify senders

Click this checkbox if you wish to use callback verification to check the validity of sender email addresses. SecurityGateway will use the value that is passed by the sending server during the SMTP "MAIL From" statement to connect to the purported sender's domain and verify whether or not that address exists. Callback verification is disabled by default.

Try VRFY command first (if supported by the sender's mail server)

By default, SecurityGateway will first try to use the SMTP "VRFY" command to verify a sender's address when the server indicates that it supports that command. Servers indicate they support VRFY by responding to SecurityGateway with the "250-VRFY" statement at the beginning of the SMTP session. If you disable this option or if the server does not support VRFY, then SecurityGateway will use the "MAIL From" and "RCPT To" commands instead. SecurityGateway verifies that the sender's address is valid at the domain by using these commands as if it were going to send a message to the address in question, although no message will actually be sent.

Send message from this address:

This is the From address that will be used in the "MAIL From" SMTP statement when a NULL from address is not permitted by the server, or when you disable the "Try NULL from address first" option below. The default value of this option is

"postmaster". The domain portion that will be appended is the recipient's domain (e.g. postmaster@RecipientsDomain.com). If you specify a full email address in this option, then that address will be used instead. For example, using "xyz@example.com" in this option would mean that the recipient's domain would not be used.



No message is actually sent to the sender's email server. SecurityGateway connects to the server and sends the MAIL From and RCPT To commands as if it were going to send a message, but then ends the connection without sending one. By testing to see if the server will accept a message for the sender address in question, SecurityGateway can confirm that the server considers the address valid.

Try NULL from address first

When using the "MAIL From" and "RCPT To" commands to verify a sender's address, SecurityGateway will first try to use a From with NULL value (i.e. "MAIL From <>"). If this option is disabled or if the server does not allow a NULL From, then SecurityGateway will use the "Send message from this address:" value designated above.

If a sender fails callback verification:

When the callback verification test indicates that the sender's address is invalid, the message can be refused, quarantined, or accepted and optionally tagged and have its [Message Score](#)¹⁷³ adjusted. Select the option below that you wish to use for messages that fail callback verification.

...refuse the message

When this option is selected, messages with senders who fail callback verification will be refused during the SMTP session.

...quarantine the message

Choose this option if you wish to quarantine messages that fail callback verification. This is the default option.

...accept the message

Use this option if you wish to accept a message that fails callback verification but wish to adjust its message score or add some text to the subject.

...tag the subject with [text]

Click this option and specify some text if you wish to add something to the beginning of the message's Subject header when the sender's email address fails the callback verification test. By default this option is disabled. If you enable it, then "*** CBV ***" is added to the subject by default, but you can edit that text if you choose.



There are a number of other places within SecurityGateway where you can optionally add text to the Subject header. For

example, the [Message Scoring](#)^[173] and [URI Blocklists \(URIBL\)](#)^[165] pages also have this option. When the designated text in these options matches, the text will only be added to a message's subject once even if that message meets the criteria under each option. If, however, you change the text in one or more places then that customized text will be added as well. So, for example, if you set the text under all three of these options to "*SPAM*" then that text would only be added to the subject once, regardless of whether or not it matched the criteria under more than one of the options. But, if you changed the DNSBL optional text to "*DNS blocklisted*" and the message matched the criteria under that option and the others then the subject would have both "*SPAM*" and "*DNS blocklisted*" added to it.

...add [xx] points to message score

By default a message that fails the callback verification check will have its Message Score adjusted by 1.0 points. You can adjust this value if you choose, or you can disable the option if you do not wish callback verification to affect the score.



Even when SecurityGateway is configured to accept a message rather than refuse or quarantine it, it could still be refused or quarantined if its Message Score ends up being sufficiently high, depending on how you have configured the other [Security](#)^[148] options and the options on the [Message Scoring](#)^[173] page.

Exclusions

Exclude messages from allowlisted senders

Messages from [allowlisted senders](#)^[258] are exempt from callback verification checks by default. Disable this option if you do not wish to exclude allowlisted senders from callback verification requirements.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

By default, messages being sent over authenticated sessions are excluded from callback verification requirements. Uncheck this box if you wish to verify senders even when the session is authenticated.

Exclude messages from local senders

Messages from your local senders are excluded from Callback Verification by default. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to exempt local senders.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit

its Callback Verification settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.3.7 From Header Screening

This security feature modifies the "From:" header of incoming messages to cause the name-only portion of the header to contain both the name and email address. This is done to combat a common tactic used in spam and attacks where the message is made to appear to be coming from someone else. When displaying a list of messages, email clients commonly display only the sender's name rather than the name and email address. To see the email address, the recipient must first open the message or take some other action, such as right-click the entry, hover over the name, or the like. For this reason attackers commonly construct an email so that a legitimate person or company name appears in the visible portion of the "From:" header while an illegitimate email address is hidden. For example, a message's actual "From:" header might be, "Honest Bank and Trust" <lightfingers.klepto@example.com>, but your client might display only "Honest Bank and Trust" as the sender. This feature changes the visible portion of the header to display both parts. In the above example the sender would now appear as "Honest Bank and Trust (lightfingers.klepto@example.com)" <lightfingers.klepto@example.com>, giving you a clear indication that the message is fraudulent.

From Header Screening

Add email address to display-name

Enable this option if you wish to modify the client-visible portion of the "From:" header of incoming messages to include both the name and email address of the sender. The construction of the new header will change from "Sender's Name" <mailbox@example.com> to "Sender's Name (mailbox@example.com)" <mailbox@example.com>. This only applies to messages to local users, and this option is disabled by default. Consider carefully before enabling this option as some users may neither expect nor want the From: header to be modified, even if it might help them identify fraudulent emails.

Put email address before name

When using the *Add email address to display-name* option above, enable this option if you wish to swap the name and email address in the modified "From:" header, putting the email address first. Using the example above, "Sender's Name" <mailbox@example.com> would now be modified to: "mailbox@example.com (Sender's Name)" <mailbox@example.com>.

Replace mismatched email addresses in display-names with real ones

Another tactic used in spam is to put a seemingly legitimate name and email address in the display-name portion of the "From:" header, even though it is not the actual sending email address. Use this option if you wish to replace the visible email address in messages like this with the actual sender's address. For example: "Frank's Company (frank@company.test)" <spoof@example.com> would be changed to "Frank's Company (spoof@example.com)" <spoof@example.com>.

Exclusions

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

By default, messages being sent over authenticated sessions are excluded from the From Header Screening settings. Uncheck this box if you wish to apply these settings even when the session is authenticated.

Exclude messages from domain mail servers

Messages coming from one of your [domain mail servers](#)^[80] will be exempt from the From Header Screening settings by default. Clear this checkbox if you wish to apply these settings even for messages coming from those servers.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its From Header Screening settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.4 Anti-Abuse



The Anti-Abuse section under the [Security](#)^[148] menu contains tools to help you prevent others from abusing or improperly using your email system to relay spam messages, use large amounts of bandwidth, connect to your server too frequently, and the like. There are eight items under the Anti-Abuse section:

Relay Control^[210] - When a message arrives that is neither to nor from a local domain, SecurityGateway is being asked to deliver, or relay, the message on behalf of some third party. The settings on the Relay Control page govern who is allowed to do that. Relay Control also has options for designating whether or not the address passed during the SMTP `MAIL` or `RCPT` command must exist when it contains a local domain.

SMTP Authentication^[211] - This page governs the SMTP-AUTH options, which extend SMTP to include an authentication step. This effectively allows users to log in to the server when sending messages, thus ensuring that their identity is known and valid. SMTP Authentication allows you to skip many other security steps designed to catch spammers or other unauthorized users attempting to relay mail through your server by using a forged identity.

IP Shielding^[212] - The IP Shield is a list of domain names with associated IP addresses that will be checked during the SMTP `MAIL FROM` command. An SMTP connection

claiming to be from someone at one of the listed domains will be honored only if the IP address of the sending server matches one of the permitted IP addresses listed for that domain.

Dynamic Screening^[214] - Using this feature, SecurityGateway can track the behavior of sending servers to identify suspicious activity and then respond accordingly. For example, with Dynamic Screening you can ban an IP address from future connections to your server once a specified number of "unknown recipient" errors occur during a mail session with that IP address. You can ban senders that connect to your server more than a specified number of times in a specified number of minutes, and you can also ban senders that fail authentication attempts more than a designated number of times. However, a Dynamic Screening ban is not permanent. The IP address is banned only for the number of minutes that you specify, and each IP address and the amount of time that has passed since its ban is listed.

Location Screening^[216] - This is a geographically based blocking system that you can use to block incoming connections from unauthorized regions of the world. SecurityGateway determines the country associated with the connecting IP address and then blocks that connection if it is from a restricted location. By default, Location Screening blocks only connections attempting to authenticate. This is useful, for example, when you have no users in a specific country but still wish to be able to receive mail from there. That way you would only block those attempting to log in to your server.

Tarpitting^[217] - Tarpitting makes it possible for you to deliberately slow down a connection once a specified number of RCPT commands have been received from a message's sender. This is to discourage spammers from trying to send unsolicited bulk email ("spam") to your domains. You can specify the number of RCPT commands allowed before tarpitting begins and the number of seconds to delay the connection each time a subsequent RCPT command is received from that host during the connection. The reasoning behind this technique is that if it takes spammers an inordinately long period of time to send each message to you then that will discourage them from trying to do so again in the future.

Bandwidth Throttling^[218] - This feature makes it possible for you to police the consumption of bandwidth used by SecurityGateway, both globally and for individual domains. Using Bandwidth Throttling you can control the rate at which each inbound and outbound SMTP session progresses. Further, you can exclude allowlisted senders, authenticated sessions, and your domain email servers from these restrictions.

Account Hijack Detection^[219] - The options on this screen can be used to detect a possibly hijacked account on your server and automatically prevent it from sending messages. For example, if a spammer somehow obtained an account's email address and password then this feature could prevent the spammer from using the account to send bulk junk e-mail through your system. You can designate a maximum number of messages that may be sent by an account in a given number of minutes, and optionally cause an account to be disabled if it reaches that limit.

QR Code Detection^[220] - QR phishing (also called "QRshing" or "Quishing") is a technique that cyber criminals or scammers sometimes use. They attach a fake QR code to a message in an attempt to get the message recipient to scan the code and then be taken to a site that will be used to harvest information from the person or perpetrate some other scam. Using the options on this page you can configure SecurityGateway to detect and take action if a QR code image is attached to a message.

4.4.1 Relay Control

When a message arrives that is neither to nor from a local domain, SecurityGateway is being asked to deliver, or relay, the message on behalf of some third party. SecurityGateway does not allow indiscriminate open relaying, but you can use the settings on this page to allow relaying for your [domain mail servers](#)^[80] if necessary. Relay Control also has options for designating whether or not the address passed during the SMTP `MAIL` or `RCPT` command must exist when it contains a local domain.

Mail Relaying

This server does not 'relay' messages...

SecurityGateway will not relay messages that are neither to nor from one of its domains, because spammers exploit open relay servers to hide their tracks, and therefore relaying mail indiscriminately could result in your domain being blocklisted by one or more [DNSBL](#)^[161] services.

...unless sent from domain mail server

Click this option if you wish to go ahead and relay messages if they are neither to nor from one of your domains but are being sent by one of your [domain mail servers](#)^[80]. This option is disabled by default.

Only domain email servers can send local mail

By default SecurityGateway will only accept messages FROM a local domain when the sending server is one of the [domain email servers](#)^[80] designated for that domain. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to restrict the sending of local mail to each domain's designated email servers.

...unless message is TO a local account

Check this box if you wish to accept local mail not sent by a one of your [domain email servers](#)^[80] if the message is addressed TO a local account. This option is disabled by default.

...unless sent via authenticated SMTP session

When a message from a local domain is not being sent by one of the domain's designated email servers, SecurityGateway will still accept the message if this option is enabled and the message is being sent over an authenticated session. An example of this would be a local user sending his outbound email directly through SecurityGateway rather than through the domain email server. This option is enabled by default.

...unless sent from allowlisted IP address or host

Click this option if you wish to allow local mail to be sent from [allowlisted](#)^[258] IP addresses and hosts, even when the sending server is not one of your [domain email servers](#)^[80]. This option is disabled by default.

Account Verification

SMTP MAIL address must exist if it uses a local domain

By default SecurityGateway will verify that the MAIL value (i.e. the sender) passed during the SMTP process points to an actual valid account when the message is

purported to be from a local domain. If the address does not exist then the message will be refused.

...unless sent via domain email server

Enable this option if you wish to exempt a message from the "*SMTP MAIL address must exist...*" option when it is being sent from a [domain mail server](#)^[80]. This is enabled by default.

...unless sent via authenticated SMTP session

Enable this option if you wish to exempt a message from the "*SMTP MAIL address must exist...*" option when it is being sent via an authenticated SMTP mail session. This option is enabled by default.

...unless sent from allowlisted IP address or host

Click this option if you wish to exempt a message from the "*SMTP MAIL address must exist...*" option when it is being sent from an [allowlisted](#)^[258] IP address or host. This is disabled by default.

SMTP RCPT address must exist if it uses a local domain

SecurityGateway will verify that the RCPT value (i.e. the recipient) passed during the SMTP process points to an actual valid account when the message is purported to be for a local domain. If the address does not exist then the message will be refused.

4.4.2 SMTP Authentication

The settings on this page govern SMTP-AUTH, which extends SMTP to include an authentication step. This effectively allows users to log in to the server when sending messages, thus ensuring that their identity is known and valid. SMTP Authentication allows you to skip many other security steps designed to catch spammers or other unauthorized users attempting to relay mail through your server by using a forged identity.

SMTP Authentication

Authentication is always required when mail is from local accounts

Click this checkbox if you wish to require authentication whenever a message is purported to be from a local account. If the SMTP session is not authenticated then the message will be refused. This option is disabled by default.

...unless message is to a local account

When you have enabled the *Authentication is always required when mail is from local accounts* option above, click this option if you wish to exempt messages from that requirement when the recipient is a local account. In other words, when a message from a local address is also to a local address, authentication will not be required. This option is disabled by default.

...unless message is from a domain mail server

Click this option if you wish to exempt messages from the *Authentication is always required when mail is from local accounts* option when they come from one of your [domain mail servers](#)^[80].

...unless message is from an allowlisted IP address or host

Check this box if you wish to exempt the local account from the SMTP authentication requirement when the message is from an allowlisted [IP address](#)²⁶³ or [host](#)²⁶¹.

Authentication credentials must match those of the email sender

Use this option if you wish to require a sender to use only his own credentials for authentication. So, for example, *frank@example.com* would only be allowed to authenticate using the *frank@example.com* account credentials. If he attempted to authenticate using *frank02@example.com* then it would not be allowed, even if the *frank02@example.com* credentials were valid. This option is disabled by default.

Note: this option does not apply to the [SMTP AUTH Password](#)⁵².

Mail from 'postmaster', 'abuse', 'webmaster' requires authentication

When an email claims to be from *postmaster*, *abuse*, or *webmaster* at one of your local domains, authentication is required by default. This is because many spammers and unauthorized users know that those accounts or aliases exist on servers and attempt to use them to relay mail or pose as one of those authoritative addresses.

Do not allow authentication on the SMTP port

When this option is enabled, AUTH will not be offered in the EHLO response and will be treated as an unknown command if provided by the SMTP client. This setting is useful in configurations where all legitimate accounts are using the [MSA](#)⁹² or other port to submit authenticated mail. In such configurations the assumption is that any attempt to authenticate on the SMTP port must be from an attacker.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its SMTP Authentication settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.4.3 IP Shielding

The IP Shield is a list of domain names with associated IP addresses that will be checked during the SMTP MAIL FROM command. An SMTP connection claiming to be from someone at one of the listed domains will be honored only if the IP address of the sending server matches one of the permitted IP addresses listed for that domain.

Configuration**Enable IP Shielding**

Check this box to enable the IP Shielding feature.

Check FROM header address against IP Shielding database

Check this box if you want the IP Shield to compare the address taken from the message's FROM header in addition to that taken from the SMTP MAIL value. This option is disabled by default.



Using this option could cause problems for certain types of messages, such as those coming from some mailing lists. It should therefore be enabled only if you are sure you need it.

Currently defined domain/IP pairs

This is the list of domains and associated IP addresses that will be checked when a message is purported to be from one of those domains. The IP address of the server delivering the message must be listed for the corresponding domain.

Exclude messages to valid local users

By default when a message is addressed to a valid local user the server delivering the message will not be checked against the IP shield. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to exclude messages from IP Shielding when they are addressed to local users.

New

To add a new domain/IP address entry to the list, click *New*. This will open the IP Shield Entry page.

Edit

To edit an existing entry, double-click that entry or select it from the list and click *Edit*. This will open that entry in the IP Shield Entry page.

Delete

To delete an entry from the list, select the entry and click *Delete*.

IP Shield Entry

Domain & IP Information

This is the page that will open when creating a new IP Shield entry or editing an existing one.

Save and Close

After adding or editing the domain, IP address, and any comments associated with an IP Shield entry, click *Save and Close* to save the entry and go back to the IP Shielding page.

Close

Click *Close* to go back to the IP Shielding page without saving any information or changes you may have made to the IP Shield Entry page.

Domain

Enter the domain name here that you wish to add to the IP Shield.

IP Address

Enter the IP address that will be associated with the domain listed above. When a message claims to be from this domain then the IP address of the server delivering the message must match this one.

Comment

Use this area for listing any comments associated with the entry.


Exclusions**Exclude messages to valid local users**

Check this box if you wish to exclude messages from IP Shielding when they are addressed to valid local users.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

Check this box if you want an incoming message that is being sent from an authenticated session to be exempt from IP Shielding.

Exclude messages from domain mail servers

Messages coming from one of your [domain mail servers](#)  are exempt from IP Shielding by default. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to exclude domain mail servers from IP Shielding.

4.4.4 Dynamic Screening

Using the Dynamic Screening feature, SecurityGateway can track the behavior of sending servers to identify suspicious activity and then respond accordingly. For example, with Dynamic Screening you can ban an IP address from future connections to your server once a specified number of "unknown recipient" errors occur during a mail session with that IP address. You can ban senders that connect to your server more than a specified number of times in a specified number of minutes, and you can also ban senders that fail authentication attempts more than a designated number of times. However, a Dynamic Screening ban is not permanent. The IP address is banned only for the number of minutes that you specify on this page, and each IP address and the amount of time that has passed since its ban is listed in the Blocked IP List at the bottom of the page.

Automatic IP Screening**Enable Dynamic Screening**

Click this option to activate the Dynamic Screening feature. Dynamic Screening is disabled by default.

Ban senders who cause this many failed RCPT attempts:

When Dynamic Screening is enabled, an IP address will be temporarily banned when a designated number of RCPT attempts from it fail during an SMTP session. It is a common tactic of spammers to send many RCPT commands, many of which will be invalid addresses. The default value for this option is 10.

Ban senders that connect more than [xx] times in [xx] minutes

This option designates how many times someone is allowed to connect to SecurityGateway in a given number of minutes. If they exceed that number of connections in the specified time then they will be temporarily banned. This option is disabled by default.

Ban senders that fail this many authentication attempts:

This is the number of times that a sender may fail to authenticate before being temporarily banned. Someone using an incorrect password is an example of something that would cause a failed authentication attempt. By default, if a sender fails to authenticate 3 times their IP address will be temporarily banned. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to ban these senders, regardless of the number of failed attempts.

Ban senders for this many minutes:

This is the number of minutes that an IP address will be banned when it violates one of the restrictions above. The default length of time that an IP address will be banned is 10 minutes.

Close SMTP session after banning sender

When an IP address is banned, by default the SMTP session will be closed immediately. In other words, the session will not be allowed to continue through any further steps in the normal SMTP protocol; the connection will be cut. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to immediately end the connection with a banned IP address.

Exclusions

Exclude messages from allowlisted IP addresses and hosts

By default, all [allowlisted](#)^[258] IP addresses and hosts are exempt from the Dynamic Screening restrictions. Clear this checkbox if you wish to require even allowlisted IPs and hosts to adhere to these restrictions.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

When an incoming message is being sent over an authenticated session, it will be exempt from the Dynamic Screening restrictions by default. Uncheck this box if you wish to apply the restrictions to authenticated sessions as well.

Exclude messages from domain mail servers

Messages coming from one of your [domain mail servers](#)^[80] are exempt from Dynamic Screening by default. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to exclude domain mail servers from Dynamic Screening restrictions.

Blocked IP List

This area lists all currently banned IP addresses and the amount of time that has passed since each was banned. You can remove an entry from the list by selecting it and clicking the delete button on the toolbar above the list.

4.4.5 Location Screening

Location Screening

Location Screening is a geographically based blocking system that you can use to block incoming connections from unauthorized regions of the world. SecurityGateway determines the country associated with the connecting IP address and then blocks that connection if it is from a restricted location. By default, Location Screening blocks only connections attempting to authenticate. This is useful, for example, when you have no users in a specific country but still wish to be able to receive mail from there. That way you would only block those attempting to log in to your server.

Enable Location Screening

To use Location Screening, enable this option, click the box next to any region or country that you wish to block, and click **Save**. A checked box indicates that all connections from that region or country will be blocked, except for any IP addresses that you have specifically excluded from this restriction (see Exclusions below). If you click a box a second time, the check mark will be changed to a dash. For those regions or countries, SMTP mail connections will be accepted, but connections attempting to authenticate will be blocked. This can be useful when you wish to be able to receive email from a country but know that you have no users in that country, meaning that any attempt to authenticate to your server from that country would be fraudulent and could be part of a brute force or dictionary attack. Finally, it is worth noting that it is not possible to use [Secure Messaging](#)^[108] for recipients in any blocked country, because they will not be able to connect to SecurityGateway to view the secure message.

Add 'X-SGOrigin-Country' header to messages

By default, when Location Screening is on, SecurityGateway will insert the "X-SGOrigin-Country" header into messages, for content filtering or other purposes. This header contains two-letter ISO 3166 country and continent codes instead of full names. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to insert the header into messages.

Select/Deselect all

Use these button to select or deselect all locations in the list.

Exclusions

Exclude connections from allowlisted IP addresses

By default, all [allowlisted IP addresses](#)^[263] are exempt from the Location Screening restrictions. Clear this checkbox if you wish to apply Location Screening even to allowlisted IPs.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its Location Screening settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.4.6 Tarpitting

Tarpitting makes it possible for you to deliberately slow down a connection once a specified number of RCPT commands have been received from a message's sender. This is to discourage spammers from trying to send unsolicited bulk email ("spam") to your domains. You can specify the number of RCPT commands allowed before tarpitting begins and the number of seconds to delay the connection each time a subsequent RCPT command is received from that host during the connection. The reasoning behind this technique is that if it takes spammers an inordinately long period of time to send each message to you then that will discourage them from trying to do so again in the future.

Tarpit Settings

Activate tarpitting

Click this checkbox to activate the Tarpitting feature. Tarpitting is disabled by default.

SMTP EHLO/HELO delay (in seconds):

Use this option to delay the SecurityGateway's response to EHLO/HELO SMTP commands. Delaying the responses by even as little as ten seconds can potentially save a significant amount of processing time by reducing the amount of spam received. Frequently spammers depend on rapid delivery of their messages and therefore do not wait long for a response to EHLO/HELO commands. With even a small delay, spam tools will sometimes give up and move on rather than wait for a response. Connections on the MSA port (designated on the [Email Protocol](#)⁹² page) are always exempt from this delay. The default setting for this option is "0", meaning EHLO/HELO will not be delayed.

Authenticated IPs experience a single HELO/EHLO delay per day

When you have designated an EHLO/HELO delay, an IP address over which an authenticated SMTP session has taken place will experience only a single delay per day. This delay occurs right before the first time the session is authenticated. This option is disabled by default.

SMTP RCPT tarpit threshold:

Use this option to specify the number of SMTP RCPT commands that you wish to allow for a given host during a mail session before SecurityGateway will begin tarpitting, or delaying, that host. For example, if this number is set to 10 and a sending host attempts to send a message to 20 addresses (i.e. 20 RCPT commands), then SecurityGateway will allow the first 10 normally and then pause after each subsequent command for the number of seconds specified in the *SMTP RCPT tarpit delay* option below. The default value for this option is 5.

SMTP RCPT tarpit delay (in seconds):

Once the *SMTP RCPT tarpit threshold* is reached for a host, this is the number of seconds that SecurityGateway will pause after each subsequent RCPT command is received during the mail session with that host. Each subsequent RCPT command will be delayed 10 seconds by default.

Scaling Factor:

This value is a multiplier by which the base tarpit delay will be increased over time. When the tarpit threshold is reached and the tarpit delay is applied to a session, each delay will be multiplied by this value to determine the length of the next delay in the session. For example, if the tarpit delay is set to 10 and the scaling factor is set to 1.5 then the first delay will be 10 seconds, the second will be 15 seconds, the third 22.5, then 33.75, and so on (i.e. $10 \times 1.5 = 15$, $15 \times 1.5 = 22.5$, etc.). The default Scaling factor is 1, meaning that the delay will not be increased.

Exclusions**Exclude messages from allowlisted senders**

By default all messages coming from [allowlisted](#)^[258] senders are excluded from tarpitting restrictions. Clear this checkbox if you wish to subject allowlisted senders to the tarpitting rules as well.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

Messages coming in over authenticated sessions are exempt from tarpitting by default. Uncheck this box and the tarpitting restrictions will also apply to those messages.

Exclude messages from domain mail servers

Messages coming from one of your [domain mail servers](#)^[80] are exempt from Tarpitting by default. Clear this checkbox if you do not wish to exclude domain mail servers from Tarpitting restrictions.

4.4.7 Bandwidth Throttling

Bandwidth Throttling makes it possible for you to police the consumption of bandwidth used by SecurityGateway, both globally and for individual domains. Using Bandwidth Throttling you can control the rate at which each inbound and outbound SMTP session progresses. Further, you can exclude allowlisted senders, authenticated sessions, and your domain email servers from these restrictions. The Bandwidth Throttling system is calibrated in kilobytes (KB) per second, with default values of 10 for both inbound and outbound SMTP sessions (although both options are disabled by default).



Up to 8 KB of data can be sent/received before Bandwidth Throttling takes effect. Therefore this could exceed your limits, depending upon the amounts you have designated below.

Bandwidth throttling**Limit inbound SMTP connections to: [xx] KB per second**

Click this option if you wish to limit the bandwidth of inbound SMTP sessions. The default value of this option is 10 KB per second, but it is disabled by default.

Limit outbound SMTP connections to: [xx] KB per second

Click this option if you wish to limit the bandwidth of outbound SMTP sessions. The default value of this option is 10 KB per second, but it is disabled by default.

Exclusions**Exclude messages from allowlisted senders**

Enable this option if you wish to exempt all [allowlisted senders](#)^[258] from the Bandwidth Throttling restrictions. This option is disabled by default.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

Use this option if you wish to exclude a session from the Bandwidth Throttling restrictions when the session is authenticated. This option is disabled by default.

Exclude domain mail servers

Check this box if you wish to exclude your [domain mail servers](#)^[80] from the Bandwidth Throttling restrictions. This option is disabled by default.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its Bandwidth Throttling settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.4.8 Account Hijack Detection

Account Hijack Detection

The options on this screen can be used to detect a possibly hijacked account on your server and automatically prevent it from sending messages. For example, if a spammer somehow obtained an account's email address and password then this feature could prevent the spammer from using the account to send bulk junk e-mail through your system. You can designate a maximum number of messages that may be sent by an account in a given number of minutes, and optionally cause an account to be disabled if it reaches that limit. You can exempt a specific user from Account Hijack Detection by enabling the *Exempt this account from "Account Hijack Detection"* option on the user's [Account Settings page](#)^[35]. You can set the default value for the user-specific option on the [User Options](#)^[73] page.



Account Hijack Detection only applies to local accounts over authenticated sessions, and the Postmaster account is automatically exempt.

Accounts may send no more than [xx] msgs in [xx] minutes

Use this option if you wish to prevent local accounts from sending more than the specified number of messages in the designated number of minutes. If an account attempts to send more than the allowable number of messages then SecurityGateway will not drop the connection but it will reject the over-the-limit

messages with a 452 error until the time-limit expires. Then it will again accept messages from the account.

Disable account when limit is reached

Check this box if you wish to disable accounts that attempt to send more than the allowable number of messages. When this happens, the server sends a 552 error, the connection is dropped, and the account is immediately disabled. The disabled account will no longer be able send mail or check its mail, but SecurityGateway will still accept incoming mail for the account. Finally, when the account is disabled an email is then sent to the postmaster about the account. If the postmaster wishes to re-enable the account that he can simply reply to the message.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "*For Domain:*" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its Account Hijack Detection settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.4.9 QR Code Detection

QR phishing (also called "QRshing" or "Quishing") is a technique that cyber criminals or scammers sometimes use. They attach a fake QR code to a message in an attempt to get the message recipient to scan the code and then be taken to a site that will be used to harvest information from the person or perpetrate some other scam. Using the options on this page you can configure SecurityGateway to detect and take action if a QR code image is attached to a message.

Configuration**Enable QR Code detection**

Click this option to turn on QR Code detection.

When a QR Code is found attached th a message:**...refuse the message**

Choose this option if you want SecurityGateway to refuse a message when a QR code is attached.

...quarantine the message

Choose this option if you wish to quarantine a message when a QR code is found to be attached. When this option is selected you can also use the "tag subject with" and "add points to" options below.

...accept the message

Choose this option if you wish to accept a message even when a QR code is found to be attached. You can then use the "tag subject with" and "add points to" options below to draw attention to the message or cause some other action to be taken by using SecurityGateway's [filtering](#)²³⁶ and [anti-spam](#)¹⁷³ options.

...tag subject with [* QR CODE ***]**

When you choose to quarantine or accept messages with a QR code attached, you can use this option to add some text to the message's Subject header. You can then optionally use SecurityGateway's [filtering](#)^[236] options to take some other action based on that added text.

...add [xx] points to message score

When you choose to quarantine or accept messages with a QR code attached, you can use this option to add points to the Message Score, which can then cause some other action based on your [Message Scoring](#)^[173] settings. By default this option adds 2.0 points to the message score.

Exclusions

Exclude messages from allowlisted senders

Enable this option if you wish to exempt all [allowlisted senders](#)^[258] from QR Code Detection. This option is enabled by default.

Exclude messages from authenticated sessions

Use this option if you wish to exclude a session from QR Code Detection when the session is authenticated. This option is enabled by default.

Exclude domain mail servers

Check this box if you wish to exclude your [domain mail servers](#)^[80] from QR Code Detection. This option is enabled by default.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its QR Code Detection settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.5 RMail™

[RMail™](#) is a service from [RPost®](#) that is intuitive to use and that doesn't require your recipients to have any special software. RMail empowers email usage for consumers and businesses of all sizes, across all industries and departments.

The RMail service is powered by RPost's Registered Email technology, the global standard for email delivery proof. The RMail service extends your email platform, providing:

- Tracking of your important emails and knowledge of precisely when they are delivered and opened.
- Proof of Delivery, Time, and Exact Content.
- Ease of encrypting sensitive emails and attachments for security or legal compliance.

- An easy way for all parties to e-sign documents and complete a transaction.

Using a trial RPost account, each user is limited to sending/receiving 5 encrypted messages per month. Additional messages can be purchased through RPost. Go to RPost.com for information on plans/pricing for increased message limits.

The RMail service may be enabled and configured from the [RMail page](#)²²¹ under the Security menu. It can also be implemented as an [action in a Message Content Filter Rule](#)²⁴².

Encryption

Enable RMail Encryption Service

Check this box if you wish to use RMail's encryption service for messages. You can configure SecurityGateway to use RMail encryption for all messages or only messages that have a subject that starts with a certain designated keyword.

Exclude calendar invitations

Check this box if you wish to exclude calendar invitation messages from RMail processing.

Encrypt all messages

Select this option if you wish to use RMail encryption for all messages.

Encrypt only these messages...

Select this option if you wish to use RMail encryption for only those messages with a subject that starts with one of the keywords designated below.

Encrypt messages when subject starts with...

When *Encrypt only these messages...* is selected above, RMail encryption will be used for messages that have a subject that starts with one of the these designated keywords. Use the Add/Remove button to manage the keywords.

Remove matching tag from subject

Check this box if you wish to remove the matching subject tag from the message that triggered RMail processing.

Encrypt messages when message is to...

Use this option if you wish to encrypt messages addressed to certain recipients.

Track & Prove

Enable RMail Track & Prove Service

Check this box if you wish to use RMail's Registered Email technology for messages. You can configure SecurityGateway to do this for all messages or only messages that contain certain designated keywords. This allows users to track their messages, receiving timestamped reports for proof of when a message was delivered and when it was opened.

Exclude calendar invitations

Check this box if you wish to exclude calendar invitation messages from RMail Track & Prove service.

Track all messages

Select this option if you wish to use the RMail track and prove options for all messages.

Track only these messages...

Select this option if you wish to use the RMail track and prove options for only those messages that contain one of the keywords designated below. The keyword can be in the message's Subject header or body.

Track messages when the message subject or body contains...

When *Track only these messages...* is selected above, RMail's track and prove options will be used for messages that contain one of these words in the subject or body. Use the Add/Remove button to manage the designated keywords.

Remove matching tag from subject

Check this box if you wish to remove the matching subject tag from the message that triggered RMail Track & Prove.

E-Sign**Enable RMail E-Sign Service**

Check this box if you wish to use RMail's E-Sign service for electronically signing documents. You can configure SecurityGateway to do this for all messages or only messages that contain certain designated keywords.

Exclude calendar invitations

Check this box if you wish to exclude calendar invitation messages from RMail E-Sign service.

Sign all messages

Select this option if you wish to electronically sign all messages.

Sign only these messages...

Select this option if you wish to electronically sign only those messages that contain one of the keywords designated below. The keyword can be in the message's Subject header or body.

Sign messages when the message subject or body contains...

When *Sign only these messages...* is selected above, RMail's E-Sign service will be used only for messages that contain one of these words in the subject or body. Use the Add/Remove button to manage the designated keywords.

Remove matching tag from subject

Check this box if you wish to remove the matching subject tag from the message that triggered RMail E-Sign.

4.6 Data Leak Prevention



Based on the [Message Content Filtering](#)^[236] system, Data Leak Prevention can be used to create filtering rules to look for messages containing specific kinds of sensitive information, and then prevent those messages from being delivered.

There are many global rules included for you, to search for data such as: credit card numbers, bank account info, passport numbers, and the like. When you enable one of these rules, by default it will only apply to outbound messages, and it will send a message to the [Administrative Quarantine](#)^[307] when it matches the rule. The included rules can be managed and modified like any other rules.

Use this page to manage your Data Leak Prevention Rules. From here you can create, edit, and delete your rules, and you can quickly enable or disable any rule by clicking a single checkbox in its entry. Just like Message Content Filtering rules, Data Leak Prevention rules can be used to designate certain criteria by which SecurityGateway will test each message it processes. Then, when a message matches a rule, a number of actions can be taken. You can create rules to check for the existence of specific headers, check for certain senders or recipients, search for specific text in a header or the message body, test against the size of the message, and many other things. When a message matches a rule's test, the rule can cause the messages to be refused, deleted, quarantined, copied or redirected to a different address, and more.

The Data Leak Prevention rules list has three columns: Enabled, Description, and Preview. The Enabled column contains a checkbox for each entry, which can be used to quickly enable/disable the rule. The Description column contains the *Rule Name*, which you designate when creating a rule. The Preview column contains an icon for each rule, which will display a tooltip about the rule when you hover your pointer over it. The tooltip contains the actual [Sieve Script](#)^[265] that was generated for the rule when it was created with the [Data Leak Prevention Rule Editor](#)^[225].

The toolbar at the top of the page contains the following four options:

New

Click *New* to open the [Data Leak Prevention Rule Editor](#)^[225], used for creating a new rule.

Edit

Select a rule and then click *Edit* on the toolbar to open it in the [Data Leak Prevention Rule Editor](#)^[225]. Alternatively, you can simply double-click a rule to open it.

Delete

To delete one or more rules, select the entries from the list and then click *Delete*. A box will open asking you to confirm the decision to delete them. You can select multiple entries by using the Ctrl and Shift keys.

For Domain:

Use the *For Domain*: drop-down list box to choose which rules to display in the list. You can display Global rules, which apply to all domains, or you can display rules for specific domains.

Data Leak Prevention Rule Editor

The Data Leak Prevention Rule Editor is used to create new rules or edit existing ones. To create a new rule, click *New* on the Data Leak Prevention Rules toolbar and then step through the options on the editor from top to bottom, one option at a time. When you are finished, click *Save and Close* to create the new rule.

This rule is enabled

This box must be checked to create a new rule. For existing rules, you can uncheck the box to disable the rule. Disabled rules will not be used by SecurityGateway when testing messages. This option corresponds to the *Enabled* column in the Data Leak Prevention Rules list.

For domain:

Use this option to choose the domain to which this rule will apply. If "--Global--" is selected, all messages to or from all of your SecurityGateway domains will be tested against the rule. If a specific domain is selected then only messages to or from that specific domain will be tested against it.

Rule name:

Enter a descriptive name for your rule here. This options corresponds to the *Description* column in the Data Leak Prevention Rules list.

Apply this rule if:

All conditions are met (AND)

Choose this option if you want a message to match a rule ONLY when it meets ALL of the test conditions you supply below. This is performing a logical "AND" on the test conditions. In other words, "if condition A is true AND condition B is true, then perform the specified action."

...within a proximity of [xx] characters

When enabled, this option only applies when the *item to compare* is BODY, which also includes attachments from which SecurityGateway is able to extract text. If multiple conditions exist for the BODY, then all of those must be found within the specified proximity (number of characters before or after) of each other. The matches must all occur within the same mime part, that is the message body, alternative body, or attachment. Other conditions included in the "AND" must be true but do not need to be in proximity to each other.

Any conditions are met (OR)

Choose this option if you want a message to match a rule when it meets ANY of the test conditions you supply below. This is performing a logical "OR" on the test conditions. In other words, "if condition A is true OR condition B is true, then perform the specified action."

Conditions:

This box displays all of the current test conditions that you have supplied for a rule. You can edit any condition by clicking that condition in the box. You can remove any condition by clicking **[Remove]** next to the condition.

Add Condition

Click **Add Condition** to create a new one to add to the rule's current list of *Conditions*. After adding one, you can add additional conditions by clicking the link again. For information on the different types of conditions, see [Rule Conditions](#)^[226] below.

Action:

Choose the action from this list that you wish to be performed when a message matches the rule's conditions. If additional data is required for a selected action, a corresponding control will appear below the action for you to enter that data. For information on the different types of actions that can be performed, see [Actions](#)^[230] below. After you have set all of the conditions for your rule and selected an action, click *Save and Close* to close the editor and add the new rule to the list.

Rule Conditions

When you wish to add a test condition to a rule, you will use the "*Click here to add a condition for this rule*" link to open the Rule Conditions screen. When using this screen to create a test condition, you must first specify the message attribute, or item, that you wish to test or compare. Then, you must specify how to test or compare that item: does the item contain certain text, is it exactly equal to certain text, does a certain header exist, and so on. There are several items that can be tested and numerous ways to test them. After selecting an item and test method and entering any required information, click *Save and Close* to add the test condition to your rule.

Item to compare:

These are the items you can test in a message.

- **MAIL (From)** — This test uses the value passed in the SMTP "MAIL From" command. This is who the message is from, but it will not necessarily be the same information that is contained in the message's From header. Sometimes the From header will contain additional or different information. In addition to the nine common ways to test or compare items (see below), this item can also be compared using the "Is local user" and "Is not local user" tests.
- **RCPT (To)** — This test uses the value passed in the SMTP "RCPT To" command. This is who the message is to, but it will not necessarily be the same information that is contained in the message's To header. Sometimes the To header will contain additional or different information. In addition to the nine common ways to test or compare items (see below), this item can also be compared using the "Is local user" and "Is not local user" tests.
- **MAIL and RCPT** — Choose this item to use both the SMTP "MAIL From" and SMTP "RCPT To" commands to determine whether a message is or is not an inbound, outbound, or an internal message (see "*Additional test methods*" below).
- **IP** — Select this item to test against the IP address of the sending server or client.
- **HEADER** — Select this item if you wish to specify a header to compare. When

selected, a *Name of header* option will appear for you to specify which header to use for this test condition. In addition to the nine common ways to test items, this item can also be compared using the "Header exists" and "Header does not exist" tests. **NOTE:** when specifying the *Name of header*, do not use a colon in the header name. For example, use "From" as the *Name of header*, not "From:" if you wish to compare against the From header.

- **SUBJECT** — This is the message's *Subject* header. Select this item if you wish to test against the subject of the message.
- **BODY** — Choose *BODY* if you wish to use the message body as the test item to compare.
- **BODY or SUBJECT** — Choose this item if you wish create a rule that will be true if either the message *Body* or *Subject* matches the rule's criteria. This item is provided to simplify rule creation, because it is effectively the same as creating a rule with two separate "OR" statements, one to search the *Body* and the other to search the *Subject* for the same text.
- **ENVIRONMENT (SecurityGateway)** — Choose this item if you want the test condition to be based on a SecurityGateway environmental factor, such as: is the message coming from a [Domain Mail Server](#)^[80], is the sender authenticated or on an [Allowlist](#)^[258] or [Blocklist](#)^[249], is the [Message Score](#)^[173] greater than or equal to a specified amount, or is the message flagged as [Quarantined \(User\)](#)^[306] or [Quarantined \(Admin\)](#)^[307].

How to compare:

This list contains the methods that can be used to test or compare the item selected in the *Item to compare* option above. There are numerous ways to test that are common to all but two of the items. The MAIL and RCPT and ENVIRONMENT (SecurityGateway) items have unique sets of comparators, and Mail (From), RCPT (To), and Header have additional ways to test.

Common test methods:

Each of these test methods compares the item selected in *Item to compare* above to the *Search value* that you will specify below the *How to compare* method selected. All of these types of comparison are available for all of the *Item to compare* options above, except for MAIL and RCPT and ENVIRONMENT (SecurityGateway). They each have a unique set of comparators.

- **Contains** — When this method is selected, the comparison will match or be "True" if the *Search value* is a substring or part of the *Item to compare* designated above. For example, if you select MAIL (From) as the item to compare, then choose Contains as the method of comparison, with "example.com" as the *Search value*, then any message from an address containing "example.com" will match the condition.
- **Does not contain** — This comparison will match or be "True" if the *Search value* is NOT a substring or part of the *Item to compare* designated above. For example, if you select MAIL (From) as the item to compare, then choose Does not contain as the method of comparison, with "@example.com" as the *Search value*, then every message EXCEPT those from an address at "example.com" will match the condition.

- **Contains the word** — This comparator is similar to "contains" but will only match if there is a [word boundary anchor](#) preceding and following the string. This avoids the need to manually create a regular expression in the format of: `\b(word1|word2|word3)\b`. For example, a rule searching for a message body that *Contains the word* "cat," would only match if the message contained the whole word "cat." It would not match simply because the body happened to contain the word *catfish* or *certificate*.
- **Does not contain the word** — This comparator is similar to "Does not contain" but will only match if there is no occurrence of the string with a [word boundary anchor](#) preceding and following it. For example, a rule searching for a message body that *Does not contain the word* "cat" would match any message that did not contain the whole word "cat," even if it did contain the words *catfish* or *certificate*.
- **Is equal to** — This method is similar to *Contains* above, except that the *Search value* must match the value of the *Item to compare* exactly, rather than simply be a part of that value. For example, if you select `IP` as the item to compare, then choose `Is equal to` as the method of comparison, with "192.168.0.1" as the *Search value*, then ONLY messages coming from that exact IP address will match the condition.
- **Is not equal to** — This type of comparison is the opposite of the previous method. If the value of the *Item to compare* is NOT exactly the same as the *Search value*, then the comparison will be true. For example, if you select `IP` as the item to compare, then choose `Is not equal to` as the method of comparison, with "192.168.0.1" as the *Search value*, then every message EXCEPT those coming from that exact IP address will match the condition.
- **Starts with** — Use this type of comparison if you wish to consider a condition to be true when the *Search value* matches the beginning of the value of the *Item to compare* designated above. For example, if you select *Subject* as the item to compare and "[allstaff]" as the *Search value*, then all messages with a Subject line beginning with "[allstaff]" will match the condition.
- **Does not start with** — This is the opposite of the previous comparison type. Use this option if you wish to consider a condition to be true when the *Search value* DOES NOT match the beginning of the value of the *Item to compare* designated above. For example, if you select *Subject* as the item to compare and "[allstaff]" as the *Search value*, then all messages EXCEPT those with a Subject line beginning with "[allstaff]" will match the condition.
- **Ends with** — This comparison means the condition will match whenever the value of the *Item to compare* ends with the *Search value*. For example, if you select `RCPT (To)` as the item to compare and *Ends with* as the comparison method, with ".cn" as the *Search value*, then ALL messages to anyone with an address ending with ".cn" will match the condition.
- **Does not end with** — This comparison means the condition will match whenever the value of the *Item to compare* DOES NOT end with the *Search value*. For example, if you select `RCPT (To)` as the item to compare and *Ends with* as the comparison method, with ".cn" as the *Search value*, then

all messages EXCEPT those to addresses ending with ".cn" will match the condition.

- **Matches regular expression** — Choose this option if you wish to use a [Regular Expression](#) when comparing the item selected in the *Item to compare* option above.

Additional test methods:

- **Is local user** — This comparison method is only available for the MAIL(From) and RCPT(To) options above. Choose this option when you want the condition to match or be "True" when the address is a local SecurityGateway user. For example, if you select MAIL(From) as the *Item to compare*, then only messages from local users will match the condition.
- **Is not local user** — This comparison method is only available for the MAIL(From) and RCPT(To) options above. Choose this option when you want the condition to match or be "True" when the address is NOT a local SecurityGateway user. For example, if you select MAIL(From) as the *Item to compare*, then all messages from remote users will match the condition; messages from local users will NOT match.
- **Header exists** — This option is only available when have selected Header as the *Item to compare*. When you select this option and specify the *Name of header* in the option provided, the condition will match only if the specified header exists in the message. For example, if you specify "X-My-Custom-Header" as the *Name of header*, then all messages with that header will match the condition. Any message without that header will not match.
- **Header does not exist** — This option is only available when have selected Header as the *Item to compare*. When you select this option and specify the *Name of header* in the option provided, the condition will match only if the specified header DOES NOT exist in the message. For example, if you specify "X-My-Custom-Header" as the *Name of header*, then all messages WITHOUT that header will match the condition. Any message with that header will not match.
- **Message is/is not [Inbound | Outbound | Internal]** — These comparators are only available for the MAIL and RCPT item. Both the SMTP "MAIL From" and SMTP "RCPT To" values are used to determine whether a message is or is not an inbound, outbound, or an internal message.
 - **Inbound** — Message is to a local user and is not from a local user of the same domain.
 - **Outbound** — Message is from a local user and is not to a local user of the same domain.
 - **Internal** — Message is to and from a local user of the same domain.
- **ENVIRONMENT (SecurityGateway) test methods** — The following test methods are only available when you have selected ENVIRONMENT (SecurityGateway) as the the *Item to compare*:
 - **Domain Mail Server** — The message is or is not from one of your [Domain Mail Servers](#)⁸⁰.

- **Sender Authenticated** — Choose this option to set a condition based on whether or not the sender is authenticated.
- **Sender on [Allowlist | Blocklist]** — Is or is not the sender on an [Allowlist](#)^[258] or [Blocklist](#)^[249].
- **Message Score (is greater than or equal to)** — Use this option to set a rule based on the [Message Score](#)^[173].
- **Message Flagged: [Quarantine (User) | Quarantined (Admin)]** — Sets a condition based on whether or not the message is flagged as [Quarantined \(User\)](#)^[306] or [Quarantined \(Admin\)](#)^[307].

Actions

After setting all of the conditions for your rule, use the *Action* option on the Rule Editor to choose the action that will be taken when a message matches the rule's conditions. There are seven actions to choose from:

- **Reject**—Choose this action if you wish to reject a message that matches the conditions of the rule. When this option is selected, an *SMTP Response* option will appear below the action so that you can specify a text response to send when the message is rejected. For example, if you used, "We don't want your spam!" in the *SMTP Response* option, SecurityGateway will send, "550 We don't want your spam!" during the SMTP process when it rejects a message that matches the rule.
- **Discard**—This action causes a message to be discarded when it matches the rule's conditions. Unlike the *Reject* action, this option does not send an SMTP response, nor does it send a delivery failure message; the message is simply deleted.
- **Quarantine**—When this action is selected, messages matching the rule's conditions will be placed into the recipient's [Quarantine](#)^[306] when the recipient is a local user. If the recipient is a remote user, the message will be placed into the [Administrative Quarantine](#)^[307] instead.
- **Administrative Quarantine**—Choose this action if you wish to send a message to the [Administrative Quarantine](#)^[307] when it matches the rule's conditions.
- **Redirect**—Using this action redirects the message to a different address when it matches the rule's conditions. A *To* option is provided below the Action so that you can specify the email address to which to redirect the message. Redirected messages will NOT be delivered to the original recipient...they are rerouted to the address specified in the action.
- **Copy**—Use this option if you wish to copy a message to an additional email address. A *To* option is provided below the Action so that you can specify the additional email address to which to send the message. This is similar to *Redirect* except that both the original recipient and the address specified in the Action will receive a copy of the message. If you wish to copy a message to multiple addresses, make an additional rule for each address.
- **Send Note (Alert)**—Use this action to send a note or alert email message to

someone when a message matches the rule's conditions. When this action is selected, options are provided for you to specify the note's *To*, *From*, *Subject*, and *Message Text* (the body of the message). There are a number of macros that you can use in the note to include certain information dynamically. When SecurityGateway encounters a macro in the note's text, it will replace that macro with its corresponding value. You can use the following macros:

\$SENDER\$—This is replaced by the SMTP `MAIL From` address that was used for the message that matched the rule. For example, "sender@example.net".

\$SENDERMAILBOX\$—This macro is replaced by only the mailbox portion of the email address that was passed in the SMTP `MAIL From` command. For example, "sender" from the "sender@example.net" address.

\$SENDERDOMAIN\$—This macro is replaced by only the domain portion of the email address that was passed in the SMTP `MAIL From` command. For example, "example.net" from the "sender@example.net" address.

\$RECIPIENT\$—This is replaced by the SMTP `RCPT To` address that was used for the message that matched the rule. For example, "recipient@example.com"..

\$RECIPIENTMAILBOX\$—This macro is replaced by only the mailbox portion of the email address that was passed in the SMTP `RCPT To` command. For example, "recipient" from the "recipient@example.com" address.

\$RECIPIENTDOMAIN\$—This macro is replaced by only the domain portion of the email address that was passed in the SMTP `RCPT To` command. For example, "example.com" from the "recipient@example.com" address.

\$SUBJECT\$—This macro is replaced by the contents of the matched message's `Subject` header.

\$MESSAGEID\$—This is replaced by value of the message's `Message-ID` header.

\$DATESTAMP\$—This macro is replaced by the message's `Date`.

\$CURRENTTIME\$—This is replaced by the current time when SecurityGateway creates the note.

\$HELONAME\$—This is the HELO domain that was passed during the SMTP process when the matched message was received by SecurityGateway.

- **Add to message score**—Use this action if you wish to add a specific number of points to the message score when a message matches the rule's conditions.
- **Send as Registered Email (RMail)**—Use this action if you wish to use one or more of RMail's Registered Email features when a message matches the rule's conditions.

Encrypt—Choose this option if you want to encrypt the message.

Track & Prove—Choose this option if use RMail's track and prove features.

E-Sign—Choose this option if you wish to use RMail's E-Sign feature for electronically signing documents.

- **Flag message for REQUIRETLS**—Indicates the message should use [RequireTLS](#)^[122].
- **Send as secure web message**—Choose this action if you wish to use SecurityGateway's [Secure Messaging](#)^[108] web portal system to send a message instead of using traditional mail delivery.
- **Add Header** — This is an [AI Classification](#)^[292] rule action that you can use to add a header to a message that matches the rule's conditions. Specify a name for the header, and then choose if you want the value of the header to be the [Classification Label](#)^[289] of the message or a custom value you provide.
- **Tag Subject Header** — This is an [AI Classification](#)^[292] rule action that you can use to add a tag to a message's Subject header. You can choose if you want the tag to be the [Classification Label](#)^[289] of the message or a custom value you provide.

Regular Expressions

The Data Leak Prevention [Rule Conditions](#)^[226] support "Matches regular expression" as a comparison method. Regular Expressions (regex) is a versatile system that makes it possible for you to search not only for specific text strings, but also for text patterns. A regex text pattern consists of a combination of special characters known as *metacharacters* and alphanumeric text characters, or "*literals*" (i.e. abc, 123, and so on). The pattern is used to match against text strings—with the result of the match being either successful or not.



SecurityGateway's regexps implementation uses the PERL Compatible Regular Expression (PCRE) library. You can find more information on this implementation of regexps at: <http://www.pcre.org/> and <http://perldoc.perl.org/perlre.html>.

For a comprehensive look at regular expressions, see: [Mastering Regular Expressions, Third Edition](#) published by O'Reilly Media, Inc.

Metacharacters

Metacharacters are special characters that have specific functions and uses within regular expressions. The regex implementation within SecurityGateway's allows the following metacharacters:

\ | () [] ^ \$ * + ? .

Metacharacter	Description
\	When used before a metacharacter, the backslash ("\ ") causes the metacharacter to be treated as a literal character. This is necessary if you want the regular expression to search for one of the special

	characters that are used as metacharacters. For example, to search for "+" your expressions must include "\+".
	The <i>alternation</i> character (also called "or" or "bar") is used when you want either expression on the side of the character to match the target string. The regexp "abc xyz" will match any occurrence of either "abc" or "xyz" when searching a text string.
[...]	A set of characters contained in brackets ("[" and "]") means that any character in the set may match the searched text string. A dash ("-") between characters in the brackets denotes a range of characters. For example, searching the string "abc" with the regexp "[a-z]" will yield three matches: "a," "b," and "c." Using the expression "[az]" will yield only one match: "a."
^	Denotes the beginning of the line. In the target string, "abc ab a" the expression "^a" will yield one match—the first character in the target string. The regexp "^ab" will also yield one match—the first <i>two</i> characters in the target string.
[^...]	The caret ("^") immediately following the left-bracket ("[" has a different meaning. It is used to exclude the remaining characters within brackets from matching the target string. The expression "[^0-9]" indicates that the target character should not be a digit.
(...)	<p>The parenthesis affects the order of pattern evaluation, and also serves as a <i>tagged</i> expression that can be used in <i>search and replace</i> expressions.</p> <p>The results of a search with a regular expression are kept temporarily and can be used in the <i>replace</i> expression to build a new expression. In the <i>replace</i> expression, you can include a "&" or "\0" character, which will be replaced by the sub-string found by the regular expression during the search. So, if the <i>search</i> expression "a(bcd)e" finds a sub-string match, then a <i>replace</i> expression of "123-&-123" or "123-\0-123" will replace the matched text with "123-abcde-123".</p> <p>Similarly, you can also use the special characters "\1," "\2," "\3," and so on in the <i>replace</i> expression. These characters will be replaced only by the results of the <i>tagged</i> expression instead of the entire sub-</p>

	string match. The number following the backslash denotes which tagged expression you wish to reference (in the case of a regexp containing more than one tagged expression). For example, if your <i>search</i> expression is "(123)(456)" and your <i>replace</i> expression is "a-\2-b-\1" then a matching sub-string will be replaced with "a-456-b-123" whereas a <i>replace</i> expression of "a-\0-b" will be replaced with "a-123456-b"
\$	The dollar sign ("\$\$") denotes the end of the line. In the text string, "13 321 123" the expression "3\$" will yield one match—the last character in the string. The regexp "123\$" will also yield one match—the last <i>three</i> characters in the target string.
*	The asterisk ("*") quantifier indicates that the character to its left must match <i>zero or more</i> occurrences of the character in a row. Thus, "1*abc" will match the text "111abc" and "abc."
+	Similar to the asterisk quantifier, the "+" quantifier indicates that the character to its left must match <i>one or more</i> occurrences of the character in a row. Thus, "1+abc" will match the text "111abc" but not "abc."
?	The question mark ("?") quantifier indicates that the character to its left must match <i>zero or one</i> times. Thus, "1*abc" will match the text "abc," and it will match the "1abc" portion of "111abc."
.	The period or dot (".") metacharacter will match any other character. Thus ".+abc" will match "123456abc," and "a.c" will match "aac," "abc," "acc," and so on.

4.6.1 Medical Terms



Use these [Data Leak Prevention](#) ²²⁴ options to search for medical terminology in messages and take actions on those messages based on scoring criteria. A list of almost 2000 medical terms is predefined for you, and you can add custom terms or remove terms as you see fit. Each term is assigned a score, and messages are scanned for matching terms and then the sum of the scores is calculated. Then a specified action is performed on messages when the calculated score is greater than or equal to a defined threshold. You can choose to quarantine

messages and to use the [RMail Encryption Service](#)^[221] on them. You can also choose to exclude inbound and local messages from the medical term search.

Configuration

Check mail sent for medical terms

Check this box if you wish to scan messages for medical terms. Each term is assigned a score and the message's total score will determine what action, if any, is taken regarding the message.

Administrative Quarantine messages with score greater or equal to [xx]

When this option is enabled and a message's medical terms score meets or exceeds this value, then the message will be moved to the [Administrative Quarantine](#)^[307].

Use RMail Encryption Service for messages with score greater or equal to [xx]

When this option is enabled and a message's medical terms score meets or exceeds this value, then your [RMail Encryption Service](#)^[221] options will be used for the message.

Exclude Inbound Messages (recipient is a local user and sender is not a local user of the same domain)

This option will exclude incoming messages from the medical terms search when the recipient is a local user and the sender is not a local user of the same domain.

Exclude Internal Messages (sender and recipient are local users of the same domain)

This option will exclude messages from the medical terms search when both the sender and recipient are local users of the same domain.

Currently Defined Terms

This list contains all of your defined medical terms and their corresponding scores. When a message is scanned for medical terms, the scores for each occurrence of any listed terms are added together to get a final score. If the score meets or exceeds one of the specified thresholds set above then the associated action is taken.

Adding or Editing Terms

Click **New** to add a new term to the list, or select a term and click **Edit** to make changes to that term or its score. After defining the term and its score, click **Save and Close**.

Deleting Terms

To remove one or more terms from the list, select the desired terms and click **Delete**. Click **Yes** to confirm you decision to delete the terms.

Importing a List of Medical Terms

To import a list of Medical Terms:

1. Create a plain text file with the following as the first line: "Term", "Score"
2. For each line thereafter, list one term and its associated score, using the same format. For example: "Abacavir sulfate", "10"

3. When finished, save the file with the extension ".csv". For example, "medical_terms.csv"
4. On the Medical Terms page, click **Import**.
5. Click **Choose File**, navigate to the file you created, and click **Open**.
6. Click **Delete existing terms** if you wish to replace the current list of medical terms with your custom list. **Warning: This will delete the entire list of medical terms, replacing it with your list.** Leave the box unchecked if you simply wish to add your custom terms to the list.
7. Click **Import Terms**.
8. Click **Close**.

Exporting the List of Medical Terms

To export the list of currently defined terms, click **Export**, choose a location, and click **Save**.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its Medical Terms settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.7 Filtering

4.7.1 Message Content



This page is used to manage your Message Content Filter Rules. From here you can create, edit, and delete your rules, and you can quickly enable or disable any rule by clicking a single checkbox in its entry. Filter rules can be used to designate certain criteria by which SecurityGateway will test each message it processes. Then, when a message matches a rule, a number of actions can be taken. You can create rules to check for the existence of specific headers, check for certain senders or recipients, search for specific text in a header or the message body, test against the size of the message, and many other things. When a message matches a rule's test, the rule can cause the messages to be refused, deleted, quarantined, copied or redirected to a different address, and more.

The Content Filter Rules list has three columns: Enabled, Description, and Preview. The Enabled column contains a checkbox for each entry, which can be used to quickly enable/disable the rule. The Description column contains the *Rule Name*, which you designate when creating a rule. The Preview column contains an icon for each rule, which will display a tooltip about the rule when you hover your pointer over it. The tooltip contains the actual [Sieve Script](#)^[265] that was generated for the rule when it was created with the [Content Filter Rule Editor](#)^[237].

The toolbar at the top of the page contains the following four options:

New

Click *New* to open the [Content Filter Rule Editor](#)²³⁷, used for creating a new rule.

Edit

Select a rule and then click *Edit* on the toolbar to open it in the [Content Filter Rule Editor](#)²³⁷. Alternatively, you can simply double-click a rule to open it.

Delete

To delete one or more rules, select the entries from the list and then click *Delete*. A box will open asking you to confirm the decision to delete them. You can select multiple entries by using the Ctrl and Shift keys.

For Domain:

Use the *For Domain:* drop-down list box to choose which rules to display in the list. You can display Global rules, which apply to all domains, or you can display rules for specific domains.

Content Filter Rule Editor

The Content Filter Rule Editor is used to create new rules or edit existing ones. To create a new rule, click *New* on the Content Filter Rules toolbar and then step through the options on the editor from top to bottom, one option at a time. When you are finished, click *Save and Close* to create the new rule.

This rule is enabled

This box must be checked to create a new rule. For existing rules, you can uncheck the box to disable the rule. Disabled rules will not be used by SecurityGateway when testing messages. This option corresponds to the *Enabled* column in the Content Filter Rules list.

For domain:

Use this option to choose the domain to which this rule will apply. If "--Global--" is selected, all messages to or from all of your SecurityGateway domains will be tested against the rule. If a specific domain is selected then only messages to or from that specific domain will be tested against it.

Rule name:

Enter a descriptive name for your rule here. This options corresponds to the *Description* column in the Content Filter Rules list.

Apply this rule if:**All conditions are met (AND)**

Choose this option if you want a message to match a rule ONLY when it meets ALL of the test conditions you supply below. This is performing a logical "AND" on the test conditions. In other words, "if condition A is true AND condition B is true, then perform the specified action."

...within a proximity of [xx] characters

When enabled, this option only applies when the *item to compare* is BODY, which also includes attachments from which SecurityGateway is able to

extract text. If multiple conditions exist for the BODY, then all of those must be found within the specified proximity (number of characters before or after) of each other. The matches must all occur within the same mime part, that is the message body, alternative body, or attachment. Other conditions included in the "AND" must be true but do not need to be in proximity to each other.

Any conditions are met (OR)

Choose this option if you want a message to match a rule when it meets ANY of the test conditions you supply below. This is performing a logical "OR" on the test conditions. In other words, "if condition A is true OR condition B is true, then perform the specified action."

Conditions:

This box displays all of the current test conditions that you have supplied for a rule. You can edit any condition by clicking that condition in the box. You can remove any condition by clicking **[Remove]** next to the condition.

Add Condition

Click **Add Condition** to create a new one to add to the rule's current list of *Conditions*. After adding one, you can add additional conditions by clicking the link again. For information on the different types of conditions, see [Rule Conditions](#)^[238] below.

Action:

Choose the action from this list that you wish to be performed when a message matches the rule's conditions. If additional data is required for a selected action, a corresponding control will appear below the action for you to enter that data. For information on the different types of actions that can be performed, see [Actions](#)^[242] below. After you have set all of the conditions for your rule and selected an action, click *Save and Close* to close the editor and add the new rule to the list.

Rule Conditions

When you wish to add a test condition to a rule, you will use the "*Click here to add a condition for this rule*" link to open the Rule Conditions screen. When using this screen to create a test condition, you must first specify the message attribute, or item, that you wish to test or compare. Then, you must specify how to test or compare that item: does the item contain certain text, is it exactly equal to certain text, does a certain header exist, and so on. There are several items that can be tested and numerous ways to test them. After selecting an item and test method and entering any required information, click *Save and Close* to add the test condition to your rule.

Item to compare:

These are the items you can test in a message.

- **MAIL (From)** — This test uses the value passed in the SMTP "MAIL From" command. This is who the message is from, but it will not necessarily be the same information that is contained in the message's From header. Sometimes the From header will contain additional or different information. In addition to

the nine common ways to test or compare items (see below), this item can also be compared using the "Is local user" and "Is not local user" tests.

- **RCPT (To)** — This test uses the value passed in the SMTP "RCPT To" command. This is who the message is to, but it will not necessarily be the same information that is contained in the message's To header. Sometimes the To header will contain additional or different information. In addition to the nine common ways to test or compare items (see below), this item can also be compared using the "Is local user" and "Is not local user" tests.
- **MAIL and RCPT** — Choose this item to use both the SMTP "MAIL From" and SMTP "RCPT To" commands to determine whether a message is or is not an inbound, outbound, or an internal message (see "Additional test methods" below).
- **IP** — Select this item to test against the IP address of the sending server or client.
- **HEADER** — Select this item if you wish to specify a header to compare. When selected, a *Name of header* option will appear for you to specify which header to use for this test condition. In addition to the nine common ways to test items, this item can also be compared using the "Header exists" and "Header does not exist" tests. **NOTE:** when specifying the *Name of header*, do not use a colon in the header name. For example, use "From" as the *Name of header*, not "From:" if you wish to compare against the From header.
- **SUBJECT** — This is the message's Subject header. Select this item if you wish to test against the subject of the message.
- **BODY** — Choose BODY if you wish to use the message body as the test item to compare.
- **BODY or SUBJECT** — Choose this item if you wish create a rule that will be true if either the message Body or Subject matches the rule's criteria. This item is provided to simplify rule creation, because it is effectively the same as creating a rule with two separate "OR" statements, one to search the Body and the other to search the Subject for the same text.
- **ENVIRONMENT (SecurityGateway)** — Choose this item if you want the test condition to be based on a SecurityGateway environmental factor, such as: is the message coming from a [Domain Mail Server](#)^[80], is the sender authenticated or on an [Allowlist](#)^[258] or [Blocklist](#)^[249], is the [Message Score](#)^[173] greater than or equal to a specified amount, or is the message flagged as [Quarantined \(User\)](#)^[306] or [Quarantined \(Admin\)](#)^[307].

How to compare:

This list contains the methods that can be used to test or compare the item selected in the *Item to compare* option above. There are numerous ways to test that are common to all but two of the items. The MAIL and RCPT and ENVIRONMENT (SecurityGateway) items have unique sets of comparators, and Mail (From), RCPT (To), and Header have additional ways to test.

Common test methods:

Each of these test methods compares the item selected in *Item to compare*

above to the *Search value* that you will specify below the *How to compare* method selected. All of these types of comparison are available for all of the *Item to compare* options above, except for MAIL and RCPT and ENVIRONMENT (SecurityGateway). They each have a unique set of comparators.

- **Contains** — When this method is selected, the comparison will match or be "True" if the *Search value* is a substring or part of the *Item to compare* designated above. For example, if you select MAIL (From) as the item to compare, then choose Contains as the method of comparison, with "example.com" as the *Search value*, then any message from an address containing "example.com" will match the condition.
- **Does not contain** — This comparison will match or be "True" if the *Search value* is NOT a substring or part of the *Item to compare* designated above. For example, if you select MAIL (From) as the item to compare, then choose Does not contain as the method of comparison, with "@example.com" as the *Search value*, then every message EXCEPT those from an address at "example.com" will match the condition.
- **Contains the word** — This comparator is similar to "contains" but will only match if there is a [word boundary anchor](#) proceeding and following the string. This avoids the need to manually create a regular expression in the format of: \b(word1|word2|word3)\b. For example, a rule searching for a message body that *Contains the word* "cat," would only match if the message contained the whole word "cat." It would not match simply because the body happened to contain the word *catfish* or *certificate*.
- **Does not contain the word** — This comparator is similar to "Does not contain" but will only match if there is no occurrence of the string with a [word boundary anchor](#) proceeding and following it. For example, a rule searching for a message body that *Does not contain the word* "cat" would match any message that did not contain the whole word "cat," even if it did contain the words *catfish* or *certificate*.
- **Is equal to** — This method is similar to *Contains* above, except that the *Search value* must match the value of the *Item to compare* exactly, rather than simply be a part of that value. For example, if you select IP as the item to compare, then choose Is equal to as the method of comparison, with "192.168.0.1" as the *Search value*, then ONLY messages coming from that exact IP address will match the condition.
- **Is not equal to** — This type of comparison is the opposite of the previous method. If the value of the *Item to compare* is NOT exactly the same as the *Search value*, then the comparison will be true. For example, if you select IP as the item to compare, then choose Is not equal to as the method of comparison, with "192.168.0.1" as the *Search value*, then every message EXCEPT those coming from that exact IP address will match the condition.
- **Starts with** — Use this type of comparison if you wish to consider a condition to be true when the *Search value* matches the beginning of the value of the *Item to compare* designated above. For example, if you select Subject as the item to compare and "[allstaff]" as the *Search value*, then all messages with a Subject line beginning with "[allstaff]" will match the condition.

- **Does not start with** — This is the opposite of the previous comparison type. Use this option if you wish to consider a condition to be true when the *Search value* DOES NOT match the beginning of the value of the *Item to compare* designated above. For example, if you select *Subject* as the item to compare and "[allstaff]" as the Search value, then all messages EXCEPT those with a Subject line beginning with "[allstaff]" will match the condition.
- **Ends with** — This comparison means the condition will match whenever the value of the *Item to compare* ends with the *Search value*. For example, if you select `RCPT (To)` as the item to compare and *Ends with* as the comparison method, with ".cn" as the Search value, then ALL messages to anyone with an address ending with ".cn" will match the condition.
- **Does not end with** — This comparison means the condition will match whenever the value of the *Item to compare* DOES NOT end with the *Search value*. For example, if you select `RCPT (To)` as the item to compare and *Ends with* as the comparison method, with ".cn" as the Search value, then all messages EXCEPT those to addresses ending with ".cn" will match the condition.
- **Matches regular expression** — Choose this option if you wish to use a **Regular Expression** when comparing the item selected in the *Item to compare* option above.

Additional test methods:

- **Is local user** — This comparison method is only available for the `MAIL (From)` and `RCPT (TO)` options above. Choose this option when you want the condition to match or be "True" when the address is a local SecurityGateway user. For example, if you select `MAIL (From)` as the *Item to compare*, then only messages from local users will match the condition.
- **Is not local user** — This comparison method is only available for the `MAIL (From)` and `RCPT (TO)` options above. Choose this option when you want the condition to match or be "True" when the address is NOT a local SecurityGateway user. For example, if you select `MAIL (From)` as the *Item to compare*, then all messages from remote users will match the condition; messages from local users will NOT match.
- **Header exists** — This option is only available when have selected *Header* as the *Item to compare*. When you select this option and specify the *Name of header* in the option provided, the condition will match only if the specified header exists in the message. For example, if you specify "X-My-Custom-Header" as the *Name of header*, then all messages with that header will match the condition. Any message without that header will not match.
- **Header does not exist** — This option is only available when have selected *Header* as the *Item to compare*. When you select this option and specify the *Name of header* in the option provided, the condition will match only if the specified header DOES NOT exist in the message. For example, if you specify "X-My-Custom-Header" as the *Name of header*, then all messages WITHOUT that header will match the condition. Any message with that header will not match.

- **Message is/is not [Inbound | Outbound | Internal]** — These comparators are only available for the `MAIL` and `RCPT` item. Both the SMTP "MAIL From" and SMTP "RCPT To" values are used to determine whether a message is or is not an inbound, outbound, or an internal message.
 - **Inbound** — Message is to a local user and is not from a local user of the same domain.
 - **Outbound** — Message is from a local user and is not to a local user of the same domain.
 - **Internal** — Message is to and from a local user of the same domain.
- **ENVIRONMENT (SecurityGateway) test methods** — The following test methods are only available when you have selected `ENVIRONMENT` (SecurityGateway) as the the *Item to compare*:
 - **Domain Mail Server** — The message is or is not from one of your [Domain Mail Servers](#)^[80].
 - **Sender Authenticated** — Choose this option to set a condition based on whether or not the sender is authenticated.
 - **Sender on [Allowlist | Blocklist]** — Is or is not the sender on an [Allowlist](#)^[258] or [Blocklist](#)^[249].
 - **Message Score (is greater than or equal to)** — Use this option to set a rule based on the [Message Score](#)^[173].
 - **Message Flagged: [Quarantine (User) | Quarantined (Admin)]** — Sets a condition based on whether or not the message is flagged as [Quarantined \(User\)](#)^[306] or [Quarantined \(Admin\)](#)^[307].

Actions

After setting all of the conditions for your rule, use the *Action* option on the Rule Editor to choose the action that will be taken when a message matches the rule's conditions. There are seven actions to choose from:

- **Reject**—Choose this action if you wish to reject a message that matches the conditions of the rule. When this option is selected, an *SMTP Response* option will appear below the action so that you can specify a text response to send when the message is rejected. For example, if you used, "We don't want your spam!" in the *SMTP Response* option, SecurityGateway will send, "550 We don't want your spam!" during the SMTP process when it rejects a message that matches the rule.
- **Discard**—This action causes a message to be discarded when it matches the rule's conditions. Unlike the *Reject* action, this option does not send an SMTP response, nor does it send a delivery failure message; the message is simply deleted.
- **Quarantine**—When this action is selected, messages matching the rule's conditions will be placed into the recipient's [Quarantine](#)^[306] when the recipient is a local user. If the recipient is a remote user, the message will be placed into

the [Administrative Quarantine](#)^[307] instead.

- **Administrative Quarantine**—Choose this action if you wish to send a message to the [Administrative Quarantine](#)^[307] when it matches the rule's conditions.
- **Redirect**—Using this action redirects the message to a different address when it matches the rule's conditions. A *To* option is provided below the Action so that you can specify the email address to which to redirect the message. Redirected messages will NOT be delivered to the original recipient...they are rerouted to the address specified in the action.
- **Copy**—Use this option if you wish to copy a message to an additional email address. A *To* option is provided below the Action so that you can specify the additional email address to which to send the message. This is similar to *Redirect* except that both the original recipient and the address specified in the Action will receive a copy of the message. If you wish to copy a message to multiple addresses, make an additional rule for each address.
- **Send Note (Alert)**—Use this action to send a note or alert email message to someone when a message matches the rule's conditions. When this action is selected, options are provided for you to specify the note's *To*, *From*, *Subject*, and *Message Text* (the body of the message). There are a number of macros that you can use in the note to include certain information dynamically. When SecurityGateway encounters a macro in the note's text, it will replace that macro with its corresponding value. You can use the following macros:

\$SENDER\$—This is replaced by the SMTP `MAIL From` address that was used for the message that matched the rule. For example, "sender@example.net".

\$SENDERMAILBOX\$—This macro is replaced by only the mailbox portion of the email address that was passed in the SMTP `MAIL From` command. For example, "sender" from the "sender@example.net" address.

\$SENDERDOMAIN\$—This macro is replaced by only the domain portion of the email address that was passed in the SMTP `MAIL From` command. For example, "example.net" from the "sender@example.net" address.

\$RECIPIENT\$—This is replaced by the SMTP `RCPT To` address that was used for the message that matched the rule. For example, "recipient@example.com"..

\$RECIPIENTMAILBOX\$—This macro is replaced by only the mailbox portion of the email address that was passed in the SMTP `RCPT To` command. For example, "recipient" from the "recipient@example.com" address.

\$RECIPIENTDOMAIN\$—This macro is replaced by only the domain portion of the email address that was passed in the SMTP `RCPT To` command. For example, "example.com" from the "recipient@example.com" address.

\$SUBJECT\$—This macro is replaced by the contents of the matched message's *Subject* header.

\$MESSAGEID\$—This is replaced by value of the message's *Message-ID* header.

\$DATESTAMP\$—This macro is replaced by the message's *Date*.

\$CURRENTTIME\$—This is replaced by the current time when SecurityGateway creates the note.

\$HELONAME\$—This is the HELO domain that was passed during the SMTP process when the matched message was received by SecurityGateway.

- **Add to message score**—Use this action if you wish to add a specific number of points to the message score when a message matches the rule's conditions.
- **Send as Registered Email (RMail)**—Use this action if you wish to use one or more of RMail's Registered Email features when a message matches the rule's conditions.

Encrypt—Choose this option if you want to encrypt the message.

Track & Prove—Choose this option if use RMail's track and prove features.

E-Sign—Choose this option if you wish to use RMail's E-Sign feature for electronically signing documents.

- **Flag message for REQUIRETLS**—Indicates the message should use [RequireTLS](#)^[122].
- **Send as secure web message**—Choose this action if you wish to use SecurityGateway's [Secure Messaging](#)^[108] web portal system to send a message instead of using traditional mail delivery.
- **Add Header** — This is an [AI Classification](#)^[292] rule action that you can use to add a header to a message that matches the rule's conditions. Specify a name for the header, and then choose if you want the value of the header to be the [Classification Label](#)^[289] of the message or a custom value you provide.
- **Tag Subject Header** — This is an [AI Classification](#)^[292] rule action that you can use to add a tag to a message's Subject header. You can choose if you want the tag to be the [Classification Label](#)^[289] of the message or a custom value you provide.

Regular Expressions

The Content Filter [Rule Conditions](#)^[238] support "Matches regular expression" as a comparison method. Regular Expressions (regex) is a versatile system that makes it possible for you to search not only for specific text strings, but also for text patterns. A regex text pattern consists of a combination of special characters known as *metacharacters* and alphanumeric text characters, or "*literals*" (i.e. abc, 123, and so on). The pattern is used to match against text strings—with the result of the match being either successful or not.



SecurityGateway's regexps implementation uses the PERL Compatible Regular Expression (PCRE) library. You can find more information on this implementation of regexps at: <http://www.pcre.org/> and <http://perldoc.perl.org/perlre.html>.

For a comprehensive look at regular expressions, see:
[*Mastering Regular Expressions, Third Edition*](#) published by
 O'Reilly Media, Inc.

Metacharacters

Metacharacters are special characters that have specific functions and uses within regular expressions. The regexp implementation within SecurityGateway's allows the following metacharacters:

\ | () [] ^ \$ * + ? .

Metacharacter	Description
\	When used before a metacharacter, the backslash ("\ ") causes the metacharacter to be treated as a literal character. This is necessary if you want the regular expression to search for one of the special characters that are used as metacharacters. For example, to search for "+" your expressions must include "\+".
	The <i>alternation</i> character (also called "or" or "bar") is used when you want either expression on the side of the character to match the target string. The regexp "abc xyz" will match any occurrence of either "abc" or "xyz" when searching a text string.
[...]	A set of characters contained in brackets ("[" and "]") means that any character in the set may match the searched text string. A dash ("-") between characters in the brackets denotes a range of characters. For example, searching the string "abc" with the regexp "[a-z]" will yield three matches: "a," "b," and "c." Using the expression "[az]" will yield only one match: "a."
^	Denotes the beginning of the line. In the target string, "abc ab a" the expression "^a" will yield one match—the first character in the target string. The regexp "^ab" will also yield one match—the first <i>two</i> characters in the target string.
[^...]	The caret ("^") immediately following the left-bracket ("[") has a different meaning. It is used to exclude the remaining characters within brackets from matching the target string. The expression "[^0-9]"

	indicates that the target character should not be a digit.
(...)	<p>The parenthesis affects the order of pattern evaluation, and also serves as a <i>tagged</i> expression that can be used in <i>search and replace</i> expressions.</p> <p>The results of a search with a regular expression are kept temporarily and can be used in the <i>replace</i> expression to build a new expression. In the <i>replace</i> expression, you can include a "&" or "\0" character, which will be replaced by the sub-string found by the regular expression during the search. So, if the <i>search</i> expression "a(bcd)e" finds a sub-string match, then a <i>replace</i> expression of "123-&-123" or "123-\0-123" will replace the matched text with "123-abcde-123".</p> <p>Similarly, you can also use the special characters "\1," "\2," "\3," and so on in the <i>replace</i> expression. These characters will be replaced only by the results of the <i>tagged</i> expression instead of the entire sub-string match. The number following the backslash denotes which tagged expression you wish to reference (in the case of a regexp containing more than one tagged expression). For example, if your <i>search</i> expression is "(123)(456)" and your <i>replace</i> expression is "a-\2-b-\1" then a matching sub-string will be replaced with "a-456-b-123" whereas a <i>replace</i> expression of "a-\0-b" will be replaced with "a-123456-b"</p>
\$	The dollar sign ("\$\$") denotes the end of the line. In the text string, "13 321 123" the expression "3\$" will yield one match—the last character in the string. The regexp "123\$" will also yield one match—the last <i>three</i> characters in the target string.
*	The asterisk ("*") quantifier indicates that the character to its left must match <i>zero or more</i> occurrences of the character in a row. Thus, "1*abc" will match the text "111abc" and "abc."
+	Similar to the asterisk quantifier, the "+" quantifier indicates that the character to its left must match <i>one or more</i> occurrences of the character in a row. Thus, "1+abc" will match the text "111abc" but not "abc."
?	The question mark ("?") quantifier indicates that the character to its left must match <i>zero or one</i> times.

	Thus, "1*abc" will match the text "abc," and it will match the "1abc" portion of "111abc."
.	The period or dot (".") metacharacter will match any other character. Thus ".+abc" will match "123456abc," and "a.c" will match "aac," abc," acc," and so on.

4.7.2 Attachments



You can use the options on this page to designate specific types of files that will cause a message to be either blocked or quarantined when one of those files is attached. You can define the filtering restrictions both globally and per domain.

Attachments to Block

Specify file types in this section that you wish to block. When a message has one of these file types attached it will be refused during the SMTP process.



If you list the same file type in both the Block and Quarantine section, messages containing attachments of that type will be **blocked**, they will not be quarantined.

Add

To add a new file type to the block list, enter it here and click *Add*.

Remove

To remove a file type from the block list, select the file from the list and click *Remove*. You can select multiple files by pressing CTRL while selecting them.

Suggestions

These links provide a quick way to add common file types to the block list. Simply click a link to add those types of files to the list. **Note:** A confirmation box will open, listing all specific files types that will be blocked if you wish to continue.

Block recommended files (default):

Click this link to add the default recommended file types to the block list. This can be useful when you have updated SecurityGateway and wish to ensure that you have the latest recommended file types blocked.

Block executable files:

This link adds APP, CMD, COM, DMG, EXE, HTA, PIF, SCR, and VBS to the block list.

Block image files:

Clicking this link adds the following image file types to the block list: BMP, GIF, JPG, PNG, TIF, TIFF.

Block movie files:

Click this link to block these movie file types: 3GP, ASX, AVI, DIVX, M4U, MOV, MP4, MPEG, MPG, QT, RM, RTS, SWF, WM, WMV.

Block audio files:

This link blocks the following audio file types: AAC, AIF, AIFF, AU, CDR, M3U, M4A, MID, MIDI, MOD, MP3, OGG, RA, WAV, WAVE.

Block compressed files:

This link adds these file compression types to the block list: GZ, GZIP, RAR, TAR, TAR.GZ, TGZ, ZIP.

Exclude messages sent to email addresses listed below

Check this box and add any recipient addresses that you wish to exclude from Attachments to Block options. Email address masks are allowed. Example:

@company.mail, user@company.mail, admin@*.mail

Attachments to Quarantine

Specify file types in this section that you wish to quarantine. When a message has one of these file types attached it will be accepted but then quarantined.



If you list the same file type in both the Block and Quarantine section, messages containing attachments of that type will be **blocked**, they will not be quarantined.

Add

To add a new file type to the quarantine list, enter it here and click *Add*.

Remove

To remove a file type from the quarantine list, select the file from the list and click *Remove*. You can select multiple files by pressing CTRL while selecting them.

Suggestions

These links provide a quick way to add common file types to the quarantine list. Simply click a link and those types of files will be added.

Quarantine executable files:

This link adds APP, CMD, COM, DMG, EXE, HTA, PIF, SCR, and VBS to the quarantine list.

Quarantine image files:

Clicking this link adds the following image file types to the quarantine list: BMP, GIF, JPG, PNG, TIF, TIFF.

Quarantine movie files:

Click this link to quarantine these movie file types: 3GP, ASX, AVI, DIVX, M4U, MOV, MP4, MPEG, MPG, QT, RM, RTS, SWF, WM, WMV.

Quarantine audio files:

This link quarantines the following audio file types: AAC, AIF, AIFF, AU, CDR, M3U, M4A, MID, MIDI, MOD, MP3, OGG, RA, WAV, WAVE.

Quarantine compressed files:

This link adds these file compression types to the quarantine list: GZ, GZIP, RAR, TAR, TAR.GZ, TGZ, ZIP.

Exclude messages sent to email addresses listed below

Check this box and add any recipient addresses that you wish to exclude from the Attachments to Quarantine options. Email address masks are allowed. Example:

@company.mail, user@company.mail, admin@*.mail

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the "For Domain:" drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit its Attachment Filtering settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.8 Blocklists



Blocklists are lists of email addresses, hosts, and IP addresses whose messages you wish to block or quarantine. By default those messages will be refused during the SMTP session, but on the [Blocklist Action](#)^[257] page you can change this setting so that they will be quarantined instead. The action that will be taken can be set globally and for specific domains, and the blocklists themselves can also be set as global or domain specific. Further, although items are typically added to blocklists one at a time, each blocklist also has an import feature, which allows you to use a comma separated values (CSV) file to add multiple items at once. Finally, each list also has an export feature, which allows you to save the contents of the blocklist to a CSV file. There are three types of blocklists, all of which can be set globally and for specific domains:

Addresses Blocklist^[250] - Use this blocklist to block or quarantine messages that are from specific email addresses.

Host Blocklist^[252] - This blocklist is used to block or quarantine messages based on the specific hosts delivering them (e.g. mail.example.com, smtp.example.net, and so on).

IP Blocklist^[254] - The IP Blocklist blocks or quarantines messages based on the IP address of the host attempting to send them.

4.8.1 Addresses



Use this blocklist to block or quarantine messages that are from specific email addresses. By default those messages will be refused during the SMTP session, but on the [Blocklist Action](#)^[257] page you can change this setting so that they will be quarantined instead. The action that will be taken can be set globally and for specific domains, and the Addresses Blocklist itself can also be set as global or domain specific. Further, although items are typically added to this blocklist one at a time, it has an import feature that makes it possible for you to use a comma separated values (CSV) file to add multiple items at once. Finally, it also has an export feature that will allow you to save the contents of the blocklist to a CSV file.

Adding Addresses to the Blocklist

To add an address to the Addresses Blocklist, click *New* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the [Blocklist Entry](#)^[251] page for adding the address (see below).

Editing a Blocklisted Address

To edit one of the blocklisted addresses, double-click the entry you wish to edit, or select the desired entry and then click *Edit* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open that entry in the [Blocklist Entry](#)^[251] page.

Deleting Blocklisted Addresses

To delete one or more of the blocklisted addresses, select the desired entries and then click *Delete* on the toolbar at the top of the page. You can select more than one entry by holding down the CTRL key while clicking each one. After clicking *Delete*, a confirmation box will pop up asking you if you are sure that you would like to delete the selected entries.

Importing Addresses to the Blocklist

To import a list of addresses to the Addresses Blocklist, click *Import* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the Import List page. Use the *Browse* button on this page to navigate to the CSV file containing the addresses that you wish to import, and then click *Import Lists*.

CSV File Formats

You can use any text editor such as Notepad to create the CSV file for adding addresses to the blocklists. Simply create the file according to the format below and save it as *filename.csv*. The first line of each CSV file must be a mapping row, which allows the server to know in what order the data will appear. Each item in this file must be contained in quotes and separated by a comma.

Importing addresses to the Global Blocklist:

The *Value* column is for the email addresses you wish to blocklist, the *Type* column should say, "BlockListAddressGlobal", and the *Comments* column is for any notes you may wish to add regarding an entry, for your own reference. The *Comments* column is optional, but if you include it then use empty quotes for any entry for which you do not include a comment.

Example CSV file:

```
"Value","Type","Comments"
"address01@example.net","BlockListAddressGlobal","This is a comment
about the address."
"address01@example.org","BlockListAddressGlobal",""
"address02@example.net","BlockListAddressGlobal","This is another
comment."
```

Importing addresses to a specific domain's Addresses Blocklist:

The *Domain* column is for the domain to which this blocklist belongs. For example, if you are wanting to add addresses to example.com's blocklist, then use "example.com" in the *Domain* column. The *Value* column is for the email addresses you wish to blocklist, the *Type* column should say, "BlockListAddressDomain", and the *Comments* column is for any notes you may wish to add regarding an entry, for your own reference. The *Comments* column is optional, but if you include it then use empty quotes for any entry for which you do not include a comment.

Example CSV file:

```
"Domain","Value","Type","Comments"
"example.com","address01@example.net","BlockListAddressDomain","This
is a comment about the address."
"example.com","address01@example.org","BlockListAddressDomain",""
"example.com","address02@example.net","BlockListAddressDomain","This
is another comment."
```

Exporting Addresses from the Blocklist

To export an Addresses Blocklist:

1. In the *For Domain:* drop-down list box, choose Global or a specific domain.
2. Click *Export* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the File Download dialog.
3. Click *Save*.
4. Choose a file name and location for the file.
5. Click *Save* and then *Close*.

Blocklist Entry

This page is used for adding new addresses to the blocklist and for editing existing entries. It will be opened whenever you click *New* or *Edit* on the Addresses Blocklist.

List Entry

For Domain:

Use this drop-down list box to add an address to a specific domain's blocklist, or choose Global if you wish to add the address to the global list.

Email Address:

Enter the email address here whose messages you wish to block or quarantine. The settings on the [Blocklist Action](#)^[257] page determine whether or not the messages will be blocked or quarantined. You can use an asterisk in the mailbox portion of the address to blocklist all addresses at that domain. For example, "*@example.org" would block or quarantine all messages from anyone at example.org.

Comment:

Use this area for any comments or notes you wish to make about this entry, for your own reference.

Save and Close

When you are finished with the entry, click *Save and Close* to save the entry to the blocklist.

Close

Click this button if you wish to close the Blocklist Entry page without saving it.

4.8.2 Hosts



Use this blocklist to block or quarantine messages that are being delivered by specific hosts (for example, "mail.example.com"). By default those messages will be refused during the SMTP session, but on the [Blocklist Action](#)^[257] page you can change this setting so that they will be quarantined instead. The action that will be taken can be set globally and for specific domains, and the Host Blocklist itself can also be set as global or domain specific. Further, although items are typically added to this blocklist one at a time, it has an import feature that makes it possible for you to use a comma separated values (CSV) file to add multiple items at once. Finally, it also has an export feature that will allow you to save the contents of the blocklist to a CSV file.

Adding Hosts to the Blocklist

To add a host to the Host Blocklist, click *New* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the [Blocklist Entry](#)^[254] page for adding the host (see below).

Editing a Blocklisted Host

To edit one of the blocklisted hosts, double-click the entry you wish to edit, or select the desired entry and then click *Edit* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open that entry in the [Blocklist Entry](#)^[254] page.

Deleting a Blocklisted Host

To delete one or more of the blocklisted hosts, select the desired entries and then click *Delete* on the toolbar at the top of the page. You can select more than one entry by holding down the CTRL key while clicking each one. After clicking *Delete*, a confirmation box will pop up asking you if you are sure that you would like to delete the selected entries.

Importing Hosts to the Blocklist

To import a list of hosts to the Host Blocklist, click *Import* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the Import List page. Use the *Browse* button on this page to navigate to the CSV file containing the hosts that you wish to import, and then click *Import Lists*.

CSV File Formats

You can use any text editor such as Notepad to create the CSV file for adding hosts to the blocklists. Simply create the file according to the format below and save it as *filename.csv*. The first line of each CSV file must be a mapping row, which allows the server to know in what order the data will appear. Each item in this file must be contained in quotes and separated by a comma.

Importing hosts to the Global Blocklist:

The *Value* column is for the host that you wish to blocklist (e.g. mail.example.com, domain.com, and the like), the *Type* column should say, "BlockListHostGlobal", and the *Comments* column is for any notes you may wish to add regarding an entry, for your own reference. The *Comments* column is optional, but if you include it then use empty quotes for any entry for which you do not include a comment.

Example CSV file:

```
"Value","Type","Comments"
"example.net","BlockListHostGlobal","This is a comment about the address."
"mail.domain.com","BlockListHostGlobal",""
"smtp.company.mail","BlockListHostGlobal","This is another comment."
```

Importing hosts to a specific domain's Host Blocklist:

The *Domain* column is for the domain to which this blocklist belongs. For example, if you are wanting to add hosts to example.com's Host Blocklist, then use "example.com" in the *Domain* column. The *Value* column is for the host that you wish to blocklist (e.g. mail.example.com, domain.com, and the like), the *Type* column should say, "BlockListHostDomain", and the *Comments* column is for any notes you may wish to add regarding an entry, for your own reference. The *Comments* column is optional, but if you include it then use empty quotes for any entry for which you do not include a comment.

Example CSV file:

```
"Domain","Value","Type","Comments"
"example.com","example.net","BlockListHostDomain","This is a comment about the address."
"example.com","mail.domain.com","BlockListHostDomain",""
"example.com","smtp.company.mail","BlockListHostDomain","This is another comment."
```

Exporting Hosts from the Blocklist

To export a Host Blocklist:

1. In the *For Domain:* drop-down list box, choose Global or a specific domain.

2. Click *Export* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the File Download dialog.
3. Click *Save*.
4. Choose a file name and location for the file.
5. Click *Save* and then *Close*.

Blocklist Entry

This page is used for adding new hosts to the blocklist and for editing existing entries. It will be opened whenever you click *New* or *Edit* on the Host Blocklist.

List Entry

For Domain:

Use this drop-down list box to add a host to a specific domain's blocklist, or choose Global if you wish to add the host to the global list.

Host:

Enter the host here whose messages you wish to block or quarantine. The settings on the [Blocklist Action](#)^[257] page determine whether or not the messages will be blocked or quarantined. You can use an asterisk in the host name if you wish to blocklist all hosts of a particular domain. For example, "*.example.org" would block or quarantine all messages coming from any sub-domain of example.org, such as mail.example.org, smtp.example.org, and so on.

Comment:

Use this area for any comments or notes you wish to make about this entry, for your own reference.

Save and Close

When you are finished with the entry, click *Save and Close* to save the entry to the blocklist.

Close

Click this button if you wish to close the Blocklist Entry page without saving it.

4.8.3 IPs



Use this blocklist to block or quarantine messages that are being delivered by a specific IP address (e.g. "1.2.3.4," "192.168.0.1," and so on). By default those messages will be refused during the SMTP session, but on the [Blocklist Action](#)^[257] page you can change this setting so that they will be quarantined instead. The action that will be taken can be set globally and for specific domains, and the IP Blocklist itself can also be set as global or domain specific. Further, although items are typically added to this blocklist one at a time, it has an import feature that makes it possible for you to use a comma separated values (CSV) file to add multiple items at once. Finally, it also

has an export feature that will allow you to save the contents of the blocklist to a CSV file.

Adding IPs to the Blocklist

To add an IP address to the IP Blocklist, click *New* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the [Blocklist Entry](#)²⁵⁶ page for adding the IP address (see below).

Editing a Blocklisted IP Address

To edit one of the blocklisted IP addresses, double-click the entry you wish to edit, or select the desired entry and then click *Edit* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open that entry in the [Blocklist Entry](#)²⁵⁶ page.

Deleting a Blocklisted IP Address

To delete one or more of the blocklisted IP addresses, select the desired entries and then click *Delete* on the toolbar at the top of the page. You can select more than one entry by holding down the CTRL key while clicking each one. After clicking *Delete*, a confirmation box will pop up asking you if you are sure that you would like to delete the selected entries.

Importing IP Addresses to the Blocklist

To import a list of IP addresses to the IP Blocklist, click *Import* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the Import List page. Use the *Browse* button on this page to navigate to the CSV file containing the IP addresses that you wish to import, and then click *Import Lists*.

CSV File Formats

You can use any text editor such as Notepad to create the CSV file for adding IP addresses to the blocklists. Simply create the file according to the format below and save it as *filename.csv*. The first line of each CSV file must be a mapping row, which allows the server to know in what order the data will appear. Each item in this file must be contained in quotes and separated by a comma.

Importing IP addresses to the Global Blocklist:

The *Value* column is for the IP address that you wish to blocklist (CIDR notation and *, ?, and # wildcards are all supported), the *Type* column should say, "BlockListIPGlobal", and the *Comments* column is for any notes you may wish to add regarding an entry, for your own reference. The *Comments* column is optional, but if you include it then use empty quotes for any entry for which you do not include a comment.

Example CSV file:

```
"Value","Type","Comments"
"1.2.3.4","BlockListIPGlobal","This is a comment about the address."
"1.1.1.1","BlockListIPGlobal",""
"192.168.*.*","BlockListIPGlobal","This is another comment."
```

Importing IP addresses to a specific domain's IP Blocklist:

The *Domain* column is for the domain to which this blocklist belongs. For example, if you are wanting to add IP addresses to example.com's IP Blocklist, then use

"example.com" in the *Domain* column. The *Value* column is for the IP address that you wish to blocklist (CIDR notation and *, ?, and # wildcards are all supported), the *Type* column should say, "BlockListIPDomain", and the *Comments* column is for any notes you may wish to add regarding an entry, for your own reference. The *Comments* column is optional, but if you include it then use empty quotes for any entry for which you do not include a comment.

Example CSV file:

```
"Domain","Value","Type","Comments"
"example.com","1.2.3.4","BlockListIPDomain","This is a comment about
the address."
"example.com","1.1.1.1","BlockListIPDomain",""
"example.com","192.168.*.*","BlockListIPDomain","This is another
comment."
```

Exporting IP Addresses from the Blocklist

To export an IP Blocklist:

1. In the *For Domain:* drop-down list box, choose Global or a specific domain.
2. Click *Export* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the File Download dialog.
3. Click *Save*.
4. Choose a file name and location for the file.
5. Click *Save* and then *Close*.

Blocklist Entry

This page is used for adding new IP addresses to the blocklist and for editing existing entries. It will be opened whenever you click *New* or *Edit* on the IP Blocklist.

List Entry

For Domain:

Use this drop-down list box to add an IP address to a specific domain's blocklist, or choose Global if you wish to add the IP address to the global list.

IP Address:

Enter the IP address here whose messages you wish to block or quarantine. The settings on the [Blocklist Action](#)²⁵⁷ page determine whether or not the messages will be blocked or quarantined. CIDR notation is permitted, and you can use the wildcards: *, ?, and # to blocklist blocks of addresses with a single entry.

Comment:

Use this area for any comments or notes you wish to make about this entry, for your own reference.

Save and Close

When you are finished with the entry, click *Save and Close* to save the entry to the blocklist.

Close

Click this button if you wish to close the Blocklist Entry page without saving it.

4.8.4 Configuration



Whenever a message matches the requirements of any of SecurityGateway's [Blocklists](#)^[249], the action that will be taken is determined by the settings on this page. By default the message will be refused during the SMTP session, but you can change that setting so that it will be quarantined instead. The action can be set globally and for specific domains. To configure this setting for a specific domain, choose that domain from the *For Domain:* drop-down list box at the top of the page, choose your setting, and then click *Save*.

Configuration

Allowlist match takes precedence over blocklist match

Check this box if you wish to give precedence to the [allowlist](#)^[258] match when a messages matches both an allowlist and blocklist. By default this option is disabled, meaning that if a message matches both an allowlist and blocklist, then precedence is given to the blocklist. In that case the message would be refused or quarantined, depending on your *If a message matches a blocklist* setting below.

If a message matches a blocklist:

This is the action that will be taken when an incoming message is from a blocklisted sender.

...Refuse the message

When this option is selected, the blocklisted sender's message will be refused during the SMTP session. This option is selected by default.

Disconnect from the sending server

By default when a message is refused the SMTP session will be allowed to continue normally. Click this checkbox if you instead would like the session to be ended immediately. SecurityGateway will disconnect from the sending server immediately after the message is refused.

...Quarantine the message

Choose this option if you wish to quarantine messages from blocklisted senders instead of refusing them.

Exceptions - Domains

If you select a specific domain in the *"For Domain:"* drop-down list box at the top of the page when configuring these settings, that domain will be listed here after saving the settings. Click the *View/Edit* link for the corresponding domain to review or edit

its Blocklist Action settings, or click *Reset* to reset the domain's settings to the default Global values.

4.9 Allowlists



Allowlists are lists of email addresses, hosts, and IP addresses whose messages you wish to exempt from a number of security restrictions. [Heuristics and Bayesian](#)^[155], [DNSBL](#)^[161], [DKIM Verification](#)^[185], and almost every other [Security](#)^[148] feature in SecurityGateway has the option to exempt senders, hosts, messages, and so on if they appear on the appropriate allowlist. Each allowlist can be set as global or domain specific, and, although items are typically added to allowlists one at a time, each allowlist has an import feature, which allows you to use a comma separated values (CSV) file to add multiple items at once. Finally, each list also has an export feature, which allows you to save the contents of the allowlist to a CSV file. There are three types of allowlists, all of which can be set globally and for specific domains:

Addresses Allowlist^[258] - Use this allowlist to exempt messages that are from specific email addresses.

Host Allowlist^[261] - This allowlist is used to exempt specific hosts from designated security restrictions, and to exempt messages based on the specific hosts delivering them (e.g. mail.example.com, smtp.example.net, and so on).

IP Allowlist^[263] - The IP Allowlist exempts specific IP addresses from designated security restrictions, and exempts messages based on the IP address of the host attempting to send them.

4.9.1 Addresses




The Addresses Allowlist is list of sender email addresses whose messages you wish to exempt from a number of security restrictions. [Heuristics and Bayesian](#)^[155], [DNSBL](#)^[161], and many other [Security](#)^[148] features in SecurityGateway have the option to exempt messages based on the sender's email address. You can add addresses to this allowlist both globally and for specific domains, and even though addresses are typically added one at a time, there is also an import feature to allow you to use a comma separated values (CSV) file to add multiple addresses at once. Finally, the Addresses Allowlist also has an export feature, which allows you to save the contents of the allowlist to a CSV file.

Adding Addresses to the Allowlist

To add an address to the Addresses Allowlist, click *New* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the [Allowlist Entry](#)^[260] page for adding the address (see below).

Editing an Allowlisted Address

To edit one of the allowlisted addresses, double-click the entry you wish to edit, or select the desired entry and then click *Edit* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open that entry in the [Allowlist Entry](#)  page.

Deleting Allowlisted Addresses

To delete one or more of the allowlisted addresses, select the desired entries and then click *Delete* on the toolbar at the top of the page. You can select more than one entry by holding down the CTRL key while clicking each one. After clicking *Delete*, a confirmation box will pop up asking you if you are sure that you would like to delete the selected entries.

Importing Addresses to the Allowlist

To import a list of addresses to the Addresses Allowlist, click *Import* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the Import List page. Use the *Browse* button on this page to navigate to the CSV file containing the addresses that you wish to import, and then click *Import Lists*.

CSV File Formats

You can use any text editor such as Notepad to create the CSV file for adding addresses to the allowlists. Simply create the file according to the format below and save it as *filename.csv*. The first line of each CSV file must be a mapping row, which allows the server to know in what order the data will appear. Each item in this file must be contained in quotes and separated by a comma.

Importing addresses to the Global Allowlist:

The *Value* column is for the email addresses you wish to allowlist, the *Type* column should say, "AllowListAddressGlobal", and the *Comments* column is for any notes you may wish to add regarding an entry, for your own reference. The *Comments* column is optional, but if you include it then use empty quotes for any entry for which you do not include a comment.

Example CSV file:

```
"Value","Type","Comments"
"address01@example.net","AllowListAddressGlobal","This is a comment
about the address."
"address01@example.org","AllowListAddressGlobal",""
"address02@example.net","AllowListAddressGlobal","This is another
comment."
```

Importing addresses to a specific domain's Addresses Allowlist:

The *Domain* column is for the domain to which this allowlist belongs. For example, if you are wanting to add addresses to example.com's allowlist, then use "example.com" in the *Domain* column. The *Value* column is for the email addresses you wish to allowlist, the *Type* column should say, "AllowListAddressDomain", and the *Comments* column is for any notes you may wish to add regarding an entry, for your own reference. The *Comments* column is optional, but if you include it then use empty quotes for any entry for which you do not include a comment.

Example CSV file:

```
"Domain","Value","Type","Comments"
"example.com","address01@example.net","AllowListAddressDomain","This
is a comment about the address."
"example.com","address01@example.org","AllowListAddressDomain",""
"example.com","address02@example.net","AllowListAddressDomain","This
is another comment."
```

Exporting Addresses from the Allowlist

To export an Addresses Allowlist:

1. In the *For Domain:* drop-down list box, choose Global or a specific domain.
2. Click *Export* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the File Download dialog.
3. Click *Save*.
4. Choose a file name and location for the file.
5. Click *Save* and then *Close*.

Allowlist Entry

This page is used for adding new addresses to the allowlist and for editing existing entries. It will be opened whenever you click *New* or *Edit* on the Addresses Allowlist.

List Entry

For Domain:

Use this drop-down list box to add an address to a specific domain's allowlist, or choose Global if you wish to add the address to the global list.

Email Address:

Enter the email address here whose messages you wish to exempt from whatever security feature you have set to exempt "allowlisted senders." You can use an asterisk in the mailbox portion of the address to allowlist all addresses at that domain. For example, `"*@example.org"` would allowlist all messages from anyone at example.org.

Comment:

Use this area for any comments or notes you wish to make about this entry, for your own reference.

Save and Close

When you are finished with the entry, click *Save and Close* to save the entry to the allowlist.

Close

Click this button if you wish to close the Allowlist Entry page without saving it.

4.9.2 Hosts



Use the Host Allowlist to exempt specific hosts (e.g. "mail.example.com") from a number of security restrictions. [Heuristics and Bayesian](#)^[155], [DNSBL](#)^[161], and many other [Security](#)^[148] features in SecurityGateway have the option to exempt allowlisted hosts, or to exempt messages being delivered by those hosts. You can add hosts to this allowlist both globally and for specific domains, and even though hosts are typically added one at a time, there is also an import feature to allow you to use a comma separated values (CSV) file to add multiple hosts at once. Finally, the Host Allowlist also has an export feature, which allows you to save the contents of the allowlist to a CSV file.

Adding Hosts to the Allowlist

To add a host to the Host Allowlist, click *New* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the [Allowlist Entry](#)^[262] page for adding the host (see below).

Editing an Allowlisted Host

To edit one of the allowlisted hosts, double-click the entry you wish to edit, or select the desired entry and then click *Edit* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open that entry in the [Allowlist Entry](#)^[262] page.

Deleting an Allowlisted Host

To delete one or more of the allowlisted hosts, select the desired entries and then click *Delete* on the toolbar at the top of the page. You can select more than one entry by holding down the CTRL key while clicking each one. After clicking *Delete*, a confirmation box will pop up asking you if you are sure that you would like to delete the selected entries.

Importing Hosts to the Allowlist

To import a list of hosts to the Host Allowlist, click *Import* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the Import List page. Use the *Browse* button on this page to navigate to the CSV file containing the hosts that you wish to import, and then click *Import Lists*.

CSV File Formats

You can use any text editor such as Notepad to create the CSV file for adding hosts to the allowlists. Simply create the file according to the format below and save it as *filename.csv*. The first line of each CSV file must be a mapping row, which allows the server to know in what order the data will appear. Each item in this file must be contained in quotes and separated by a comma.

Importing hosts to the Global Allowlist:

The *Value* column is for the host that you wish to allowlist (e.g. mail.example.com, domain.com, and the like), the *Type* column should say, "AllowListHostGlobal", and the *Comments* column is for any notes you may wish to add regarding an entry, for your own reference. The *Comments* column is optional, but if you include it then use empty quotes for any entry for which you do not include a comment.

Example CSV file:

```
"Value","Type","Comments"
"example.net","AllowListHostGlobal","This is a comment about the
address."
"mail.domain.com","AllowListHostGlobal",""
"smtp.company.mail","AllowListHostGlobal","This is another comment."
```

Importing hosts to a specific domain's Host Allowlist:

The *Domain* column is for the domain to which this allowlist belongs. For example, if you are wanting to add hosts to example.com's Host Allowlist, then use "example.com" in the *Domain* column. The *Value* column is for the host that you wish to allowlist (e.g. mail.example.com, domain.com, and the like), the *Type* column should say, "AllowListHostDomain", and the *Comments* column is for any notes you may wish to add regarding an entry, for your own reference. The *Comments* column is optional, but if you include it then use empty quotes for any entry for which you do not include a comment.

Example CSV file:

```
"Domain","Value","Type","Comments"
"example.com","example.net","AllowListHostDomain","This is a comment
about the address."
"example.com","mail.domain.com","AllowListHostDomain",""
"example.com","smtp.company.mail","AllowListHostDomain","This is
another comment."
```

Exporting Hosts from the Allowlist

To export a Host Allowlist:

1. In the *For Domain:* drop-down list box, choose Global or a specific domain.
2. Click *Export* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the File Download dialog.
3. Click *Save*.
4. Choose a file name and location for the file.
5. Click *Save* and then *Close*.

Allowlist Entry

This page is used for adding new hosts to the allowlist and for editing existing entries. It will be opened whenever you click *New* or *Edit* on the Host Allowlist.

List Entry

For Domain:

Use this drop-down list box to add a host to a specific domain's allowlist, or choose Global if you wish to add the host to the global list.

Host:

Enter the host here whose messages you wish to exempt from whatever security feature you have set to exempt "allowlisted senders" or "allowlisted hosts." You can use an asterisk in the host name if you wish to allowlist all hosts of a particular domain. For example, "*.example.org" would allowlist all messages coming from any sub-domain of example.org, such as mail.example.org, smtp.example.org, and so on.

Comment:

Use this area for any comments or notes you wish to make about this entry, for your own reference.

Save and Close

When you are finished with the entry, click *Save and Close* to save the entry to the allowlist.

Close

Click this button if you wish to close the Allowlist Entry page without saving it.

4.9.3 IPs



Use the IP Allowlist to exempt specific IP addresses (IPs) from a number of security restrictions. [Heuristics and Bayesian](#)^[155], [DNSBL](#)^[161], [DKIM Verification](#)^[185], and many other [Security](#)^[148] features in SecurityGateway have the option to exempt allowlisted IPs, or to exempt messages being delivered by those IPs. You can add IP addresses to this allowlist both globally and for specific domains, and even though IPs are typically added one at a time, there is also an import feature to allow you to use a comma separated values (CSV) file to add multiple IP addresses at once. Finally, the IP Allowlist also has an export feature, which allows you to save the contents of the allowlist to a CSV file.

Adding IPs to the Allowlist

To add an IP address to the IP Allowlist, click *New* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the [Allowlist Entry](#)^[265] page for adding the IP address (see below).

Editing an Allowlisted IP Address

To edit one of the allowlisted IPs, double-click the entry you wish to edit, or select the desired entry and then click *Edit* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open that entry in the [Allowlist Entry](#)^[265] page.

Deletin an Allowlisted IP Address

To delete one or more of the allowlisted IP addresses, select the desired entries and then click *Delete* on the toolbar at the top of the page. You can select more than one entry by holding down the CTRL key while clicking each one. After clicking *Delete*, a confirmation box will pop up asking you if you are sure that you would like to delete the selected entries.

Importing IP Addresses to the Allowlist

To import a list of IPs to the IP Allowlist, click *Import* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the Import List page. Use the *Browse* button on this page to navigate to the CSV file containing the IP addresses that you wish to import, and then click *Import Lists*.

CSV File Formats

You can use any text editor such as Notepad to create the CSV file for adding IP addresses to the allowlists. Simply create the file according to the format below and save it as *filename.csv*. The first line of each CSV file must be a mapping row, which allows the server to know in what order the data will appear. Each item in this file must be contained in quotes and separated by a comma.

Importing IP addresses to the Global Allowlist:

The *Value* column is for the IP address that you wish to allowlist (CIDR notation and *, ?, and # wildcards are all supported), the *Type* column should say, "AllowListIPGlobal", and the *Comments* column is for any notes you may wish to add regarding an entry, for your own reference. The *Comments* column is optional, but if you include it then use empty quotes for any entry for which you do not include a comment.

Example CSV file:

```
"Value","Type","Comments"
"1.2.3.4","AllowListIPGlobal","This is a comment about the address."
"1.1.1.1","AllowListIPGlobal",""
"192.168.*.*","AllowListIPGlobal","This is another comment."
```

Importing IP addresses to a specific domain's IP Allowlist:

The *Domain* column is for the domain to which this allowlist belongs. For example, if you are wanting to add IP addresses to example.com's IP Allowlist, then use "example.com" in the *Domain* column. The *Value* column is for the IP address that you wish to allowlist (CIDR notation and *, ?, and # wildcards are all supported), the *Type* column should say, "AllowListIPDomain", and the *Comments* column is for any notes you may wish to add regarding an entry, for your own reference. The *Comments* column is optional, but if you include it then use empty quotes for any entry for which you do not include a comment.

Example CSV file:

```
"Domain","Value","Type","Comments"
"example.com","1.2.3.4","AllowListIPDomain","This is a comment about the address."
"example.com","1.1.1.1","AllowListIPDomain",""
"example.com","192.168.*.*","AllowListIPDomain","This is another comment."
```

Exporting IP Addresses from the Allowlist

To export an IP Allowlist:

1. In the *For Domain:* drop-down list box, choose Global or a specific domain.

2. Click *Export* on the toolbar at the top of the page. This will open the File Download dialog.
3. Click *Save*.
4. Choose a file name and location for the file.
5. Click *Save* and then *Close*.

Allowlist Entry

This page is used for adding new IP addresses to the allowlist and for editing existing entries. It will be opened whenever you click *New* or *Edit* on the IP Allowlist.

List Entry

For Domain:

Use this drop-down list box to add an IP address to a specific domain's allowlist, or choose Global if you wish to add the IP address to the global list.

IP Address:

Enter the IP address here whose messages you wish to exempt from whatever security feature you have set to exempt "allowlisted senders" or "allowlisted IP addresses." CIDR notation is permitted, and you can use the wildcards: *, ?, and # to allowlist blocks of addresses with a single entry.

Comment:

Use this area for any comments or notes you wish to make about this entry, for your own reference.

Save and Close

When you are finished with the entry, click *Save and Close* to save the entry to the allowlist.

Close

Click this button if you wish to close the Allowlist Entry page without saving it.

4.10 Sieve Scripts



Sieve is a proposed standard email filtering language that is extensible and highly versatile. SecurityGateway makes extensive use of Sieve scripts in its core functionality, uses Sieve as the basis of the [Message Content Filtering](#)²³⁶ feature, and supports custom scripts that can be used for a large variety of purposes. There are two categories of scripts used by SecurityGateway, managed from the Sieve Scripts page:

System Generated—SecurityGateway's core functionality is implemented by these scripts. When a configuration change is made via the administrative interface, the script that is associated with the changed option is modified on the Sieve Scripts page. This is the only way that system generated scripts can be modified; they are read only

and therefore cannot be edited directly on the Sieve Scripts page. However, even though you cannot edit the system generated scripts themselves, you can use the up and down arrows associated with each listed script to rearrange the order in which they will be processed.

Administrator Defined—you can use the Sieve Scripts page to create your own custom scripts, and because Sieve provides such flexible filtering methodology, you can define any number of these scripts to suit your specific needs. However, a basic working knowledge of SMTP and scripting with the Sieve filtering language is required to create these scripts. SecurityGateway's implementation of Sieve includes the base language, several standard extensions, and a significant number of [custom extensions](#)^[278].



Although basic information about Sieve and how it is used in SecurityGateway is provided here and on the [Creating Sieve Scripts](#)^[268] and [SecurityGateway Sieve Extensions](#)^[278] pages, a complete discussion of the language itself is beyond the scope of this guide. For more information on Sieve, you should review the authoritative documents online at the IETF web site: [Sieve: An Email Filtering Language \(RFC-5228\)](#), [Sieve's Copy Extension \(RFC 3894\)](#), [Sieve's Body Extension \(RFC-5173\)](#), [Sieve's Reject Extension \(RFC-5429\)](#), [Sieve's Variables Extension \(RFC-5229\)](#), and [Spamtest and VirusTest Extensions \(RFC-3685\)](#).

Sieve Script List

The Sieve Script page contains a list of all system generated and administrator defined scripts. The list contains six sections: IP, HELO, AUTH, MAIL, RCPT, and DATA. These sections correspond to the various stages or *Mail Events* of the SMTP process, with each script listed in the section to which it relates. Scripts are processed one section at a time, global scripts first and domain specific scripts second, in the order that they are listed. You can control the order in which the scripts are processed in each section by using the up and down arrows associated with a given script to change its position in the list.

The toolbar at the top of the page contains the following three options:

New

Click *New* to open the [Sieve Script Editor](#)^[267], used for creating your script.

Edit

Select a script and then click *Edit* on the toolbar to open it in the [Sieve Script Editor](#)^[267]. Alternatively, you can simply double-click the script. System generated scripts cannot be edited, but they can still be opened in the script editor for review or to copy the text of the script so that you can paste it into a new, custom rule.

Delete

To delete a custom script, select it in the list and then click *Delete*. A box will open asking you to confirm the decision to delete the script. System generated scripts cannot be deleted.

The script list has the following five columns:

Enabled

This column has a checkbox for each listed script, so that you can quickly enable or disable a script by checking or clearing its corresponding box. Only custom scripts can be enabled and disabled using this option. To enable or disable a system generated script you must use the interface's controls that correspond to the feature associated with that script (i.e. Greylisting, IP Shielding, Bayesian Auto Learning, and so on).

Scope

This column lists the scope of the script. The scope can be "Global" or domain specific. Global scripts are processed for all messages. Domain specific scripts are only processed for the associated domain's messages.

Order

Scripts are processed in the order in which they are listed. If you wish to change their order then you can use the up and down arrows in this column to rearrange them.

Script Name

This is a title or descriptive name used to identify the script. You will designate this name when you create a custom script.

Script

Hover your mouse over this icon to see the script's text displayed in a tooltip. If you wish to examine a script's text more thoroughly then double-click the script to open it in the [Sieve Script Editor](#)^[267].

Sieve Script Editor

The Sieve Script Editor is opened whenever you click *New* or *Edit* on the Sieve Script page's toolbar. It is used both to create new Sieve Scripts and to edit existing ones. After using the editor to create or edit your script, click *Save and Close* on the toolbar to save the script and return to the Sieve Scripts page.

Script Properties

Enable processing of this script

This box corresponds to the *Enabled* column in the Sieve Script list. By default, scripts are enabled when you create them, meaning that they will be added to the list of scripts and processed during the *Mail Event* designated below. Clear this box if you wish to disable the script. When disabled, the script will still appear in the list but will not be processed with the others. Further, system generated scripts cannot

be enabled or disabled with this option. They must be managed via the options on the various interface pages corresponding to the specific scripts.

Script Name:

Use this text box to designate a title or descriptive name for your script. System generated scripts cannot be renamed.

Mail Event:

When creating a script, use this drop-down list to choose the mail event or stage of the SMTP session during which you wish the script to be processed. For example, if you create a script that compares something to the recipient of a message, then you would choose either RCPT or DATA in this option since the recipient of the message isn't known until the RCPT phase of the SMTP session is reached. The six mail events, listed in the order in which they occur, are: IP, HELO, AUTH, MAIL, RCPT, and DATA.

Scope:

Use this option to designate the scope of the script: Global or Domain. When *Global* is chosen the script will be processed regardless of the domain to which the message is addressed. When *Domain* is chosen the script will only be tested against messages for the domain that you designate. *Domain* can only be chosen when the RCPT or DATA *Mail Event* is selected above, because the recipient's domain isn't known before those phases of the SMTP process.

Domain:

When you select *Domain* as the *Scope* of the script, this drop-down list will appear. Use it to choose the specific domain that you wish to associate with this script.

Script Text:

Use this area to enter the actual text of your script, using the Sieve email filtering language. For example scripts and basic information on the Sieve language, see:

[Creating Sieve Scripts](#)^[268].

4.10.1 Creating Sieve Scripts

This page, along with the [Sieve Scripts](#)^[265] and [SecurityGateway Sieve Extensions](#)^[278] pages, provides a basic outline of the Sieve email filtering language and its implementation within SecurityGateway. The first section of this page outlines the basic parts of a Sieve Script. The next section outlines various [structural elements](#)^[270] of the language. Then there are lists of the standard [Control](#)^[271], [Test](#)^[272], and [Action](#)^[275] commands that are supported. And last, there are several [sample scripts](#)^[276] provided at the bottom of the page for your review.



For a more extensive look at the Sieve email filtering language, you should review the authoritative documents online at the IETF web site: [Sieve: An Email Filtering Language \(RFC-5228\)](#),

[Sieve's Copy Extension \(RFC 3894\)](#), [Sieve's Body Extension \(RFC-5173\)](#), [Sieve's Reject Extension \(RFC-5429\)](#), [Sieve's Variables Extension \(RFC-5229\)](#), and [Spamtest and VirusTest Extensions \(RFC-3685\)](#).

You can also visit www.mdaemon.com/Support/ for SecurityGateway's latest technical support and help options, including: telephone support, email support, a Knowledge Base, Frequently Asked Questions, community forums, and more.

Parts of a Sieve Script

A Sieve Script has four basic parts:

1. **Requirements**—this part is used to declare the Sieve extensions that are required for a given script. When commands belonging to optional extensions will be used in a script, you **MUST** use the `require` control command to list those required extensions at the beginning of the script. A semicolon is required at the end of the `require` command's arguments.

Examples:

```
require "securitygateway";
```

-and-

```
require ["securitygateway", "fileinto"];
```

2. **Conditions**—this part of a script is where you declare the specific types of things you are looking for in a message and how you will be testing and comparing those things.

Examples:

```
if size :over 1M
```

-and-

```
if header :contains ["to", "cc"] "Frank Thomas"
```

3. **Actions**—these are the actions that will be taken and commands that will be executed when the designated conditions are `True`. Each Action must be followed by a semicolon and each block of actions must be contained in curly braces (i.e. "{" and "}").

Examples:

```
if size :over 1M { discard; }
```

-and-

```
if header :contains ["to", "cc"] "Frank Thomas" {
```

```
bayes-learn "spam";  
fileinto "spam";  
}
```

4. **Comments**—you can include comments in your Sieve scripts for your own reference, to remind you what the script does, and the like. There are two types of comments that you can use: single-line comments and multi-line comments. Single-line comments start with "#" and continue to the end of the line (i.e. until the next CRLF). Multi-line comments start with "/*", can span multiple lines, and then end with "*/".

Examples:

```
# discards messages over 1 mb  
if size :over 1M { discard; }  
  
-and-  
  
if header :contains "from" "Frank Thomas" {  
/* Frank Thomas sends mostly spam to us, so this script  
will automatically move everything we get from him to  
the user quarantine. */  
fileinto "spam";  
}
```

Structural Elements

Strings

Text strings start and end with a single double-quote. For example: "Frank Thomas".

To include a backslash or double-quote within a quoted string the character must be preceded by another backslash. So, \\ will be treated as \ and \" will be treated as " in a quoted string. No other characters should be escaped in strings.

String Lists

Whenever you wish to use a groups of strings in a script, separate each quoted string with a comma and enclose the set in square brackets.

Example:

```
if header :contains ["to", "cc"] ["me@xyz.com", "you@xyz.com",  
"us@xyz.com"]
```

The result of this test is `True` if either the To or CC header contains any of the three addresses.

Headers

Do not include a colon in header names.

Example:

```
if header :is "to:" (invalid)
if header :is "to" (valid)
```

Test Lists

Similar to string lists, you can include a group of tests in a script by enclosing the group in parentheses. This is sometimes necessary when using the `allof` or `anyof` Test commands, since those are logical "AND" and logical "OR" statements respectively.

Example:

```
if anyof (size :over 1M, header :contains "subject" ["big file",
"mega file"])
{
discard;
}
```

Arguments and Match Types

Most commands take one or more arguments in order for you to specify what to do. There are several types of arguments, such as positional arguments, tagged arguments, and optional arguments. Tagged arguments and Match Type arguments, for example, are preceded by a colon. `:contains`, `:is`, `:matches`, `:over`, and `:under` are all examples of tagged arguments. Some tagged arguments are limited to specific commands. For more on the different types of arguments, see: [RFC-5228](#).

Actions

Each action must be followed by a semicolon and each block of actions must be enclosed in curly braces.

Example:

```
if header :contains ["to", "cc"] "Frank Thomas" {
bayes-learn "spam";
fileinto "spam";
}
```

Control Commands

There are three control commands used in the Sieve language:

require

This control command is used at the beginning of a script to declare which optional extensions will be used in the script.

Example:

```
require ["securitygateway", "fileinto"];
```

if / elsif / else

The `if` command is the core control command. Although there are technically three interrelated commands, `elsif` and `else` cannot be used independently of `if`. When `if` is encountered in a script, the test condition will be evaluated to see if it is true. If it is, then the actions associated with it will be executed.

If the `if` test is false then the first `elsif` test will be evaluated. If the `elsif` is true then the actions associated with that test will be executed. If the `elsif` test proves to be false as well, then the process will continue with the next `elsif`, and so on until one of them is true.

If the `if` and all `elsif` tests are false, and if there is an `else` command, then that command's actions will be executed.

stop

The `stop` control command ends all processing.

Test Commands

These are the standard Test commands supported in SecurityGateway's implementation of Sieve. The `body` and `envelope` commands are extensions, however, so you must include them in the `require` control command whenever you wish to use either of them in a script. Further, there is a significant number of additional Test commands included in the `securitygateway` extension outlined on the [SecurityGateway Sieve Extensions](#) ²⁷⁸ page.

address

With this command you can test on only an email address in a header rather than on the included phrase or name it might contain. For example, if the "to" header contained "Frank Thomas" <frank@example.com>, then the result of the the test header `:is "to" "frank@example.com"` would be false. But the test address `:is "to" "frank@example.com"` would be true because only the address is considered in the evaluation.

There are also three optional tagged arguments you can use with this command: `:localpart`, `:domain`, and `:all`. The `:localpart` argument evaluates only the left part of the address (e.g. "frank" in "frank@example.com"), the `:domain` argument only uses the domain portion of the address (e.g. "example.com"), and `:all` uses the entire address. If none of these arguments are included then `:all` is used by default.

Example:

```
require "fileinto";
if address :domain :is "from" "spammer.com" {
  fileinto "spam";
}
```

allof

This test is a logical "AND", meaning that ALL of the conditions being evaluated must be true in order for the action be taken.

Example:

```
if allof (header :contains "from" "J.Lovell", header :contains "to"
"Bubba")
{
fileinto "spam";
}
```

anyof

This test is a logical "OR", meaning that if ANY of the conditions being evaluated are true then the associated action will be taken.

Example:

```
if anyof (size :over 1M, header :contains "subject" "big file
attached")
{
reject "I don't want messages that claim to have big files.";
}
```

body

The `body` test command is an optional extension and therefore you must use the `require "body"` control command at the beginning of any script that will use it. This command compares against the message's body. For more on this command, see: [Sieve's Body Extension \(RFC-5173\)](#).

Example:

```
require ["body", "fileinto"];
if body :text :contains "secret formula" {
fileinto "admin";
}
```

envelope

The `envelope` command is an optional extension and therefore you must use the `require "envelope"` control command at the beginning of any script that will use it. This command compares against the SMTP `MAIL From` and `RCPT To` envelope parts when `"from"` or `"to"` is used respectively as the command's argument.

Example:

```
require "envelope";
if envelope :is "from" "MrsFrank@company.com" {
redirect "frankshome@example.com";
}
```

exists

This test is true if the headers listed in the argument exist within the message. All listed headers must exist or the test is false.

Example:

```
if exists "x-custom-header" {  
  redirect "admin@example.com";  
}
```

-and-

```
if not exists ["from", "date"] {  
  discard;  
}
```

false

This test always evaluates to "FALSE".

header

The header test evaluates to true when the value of the named header matches the conditions set by the argument. When no Match Type argument is specified, `:is` will be used by default.

Example:

```
require "fileinto"  
if header :is "x-custom-header" "01" {  
  fileinto "admin";  
}
```

not

Using this command with another test means that the result of the test must be reversed in order for the test's action to be taken. For example, the test `if not exists ["from", "date"] { discard; }` means that if a message does NOT contain both "from" and "date" headers then the `discard` action will be taken. If the `not` command were omitted then that would mean the message would be discarded if the headers DID exist.

size

The `size` command accepts the tagged arguments `:over` and `:under`, which must be followed by a numerical value. These arguments are used to designate whether a message's size must be higher or lower than the specified value in order for the test to be TRUE. You can use an M after the value to indicate megabytes, a K for kilobytes, or no letter for bytes.

Example:

```
if size :over 500K {  
  discard;  
}
```

true

This test always evaluates to "TRUE".

spamtest

The `spamtest` command is an optional Sieve extension discussed in the [Spamtest and VirusTest Extensions \(RFC-3685\)](#) document at ietf.org. See that document for information on this extension.

virustest

The `virustest` command is an optional Sieve extension discussed in the [Spamtest and VirusTest Extensions \(RFC-3685\)](#) document at ietf.org. See that document for information on this extension.

Action Commands

These standard Action commands are supported by SecurityGateway. The `fileinto` and `reject` commands are extensions, so you must include them in the `require` control command whenever you wish to use either of them in a script. There are many other action commands available via the `securitygateway` extension outlined on the [SecurityGateway Sieve Extensions](#)^[278] page.

fileinto

The `fileinto` action command is an optional extension and therefore you must use the `require "fileinto"` control command at the beginning of any script that will use it. This command accepts two arguments: "spam" and "admin". "spam" moves the message to the [User quarantine](#)^[306] and "admin" moves it to the [Administrative quarantine](#)^[307].

Example:

```
require "fileinto";
if header :contains "from" "Frank Thomas" {
  fileinto "spam";
}
```

discard

This action causes a message to be silently deleted, without sending a delivery status notification or any other message.

Example:

```
if size :over 2M { discard; }
```

keep

This action causes the message to be saved to the default location.

redirect

This command redirects the message to the address specified in the associated argument, without changing the message's body or existing headers. This command also supports the optional `:copy` extension, which will cause a copy of the message to be sent to the specified address rather than redirecting the message. This allows other actions to be performed in addition to sending a copy to the specified address.

Example:

```
require "copy";
if header :contains "subject" "Response to XYZ" {
  redirect :copy "offers@example.com";
  bayes-learn "ham";
}
```

reject

The `reject` action command is an optional extension and therefore you must use the `require "reject"` control command at the beginning of any script that will use it. This command causes the message to be refused during the SMTP process with a 5xx response code and an optional short message specified in the argument.

```
require "reject";
if size :over 5M {
  reject "No way! This message is too big for me to accept.";
}
```

vnd.mdaemon.securewebmsg

Use this action command to use SecurityGateway's [Secure Messaging](#)¹⁰⁸ web portal to send a message.

Example:

```
require
["securitygateway", "reject", "fileinto", "envelope", "body", "regex"];
if allof(header :matches "subject" "[Secure Message]*")
{
  vnd.mdaemon.securewebmsg;
}
```

Sample Sieve Scripts

Reject any message with subject containing "[SPAM]"

```
require "reject";
if header :contains "subject" "[SPAM]"
{
  reject "I don't want your spam";
}
```

Reject any message to a specific real name

```
require ["securitygateway", "reject"];
```

```
if header :contains "to" "Real Name"
{
  bayes-learn "spam";
  reject "I don't want your spam";
}
```

Custom Bayes Auto Learning

```
require ["securitygateway","comparator-i;ascii-numeric"];
if allowlisted
{
  bayes-learn "ham";
}
elsif anyof(blocklisted,spamtotal :value "gt" :comparator "i;ascii-
numeric" "20.0")
{
  bayes-learn "spam";
}
```

Greylist DNSBL matches

```
require "securitygateway";
if not lookup "rblip" "all" {greylist;}
```

Notify admin when large message is received

```
require ["securitygateway"];
if size :over 1M
{
  alert text:
  To: admin@company.mail
  From: postmaster@$RECIPIENTDOMAIN$
  Subject: SecurityGateway Content-Filter Message
  X-Attach-Msg: No
  $RECIPIENT$ received a message larger than 1MB.
  .
  ;
}
```

Send as a secure message when subject starts with "[Secure Message]"

```
require
["securitygateway","reject","fileinto","envelope","body","regex"];
if allof(header :matches "subject" "[Secure Message]*")
```

```
{
    vnd.mdaemon.securewebmsg;
}
```

4.10.2 Sieve Extensions

To use any of SecurityGateway's custom Sieve extensions, you must include the following `require` command at the top of any script in which you wish to use them:

```
require "securitygateway";
```

Test Commands

ip

The `ip` test can be performed during any stage of the SMTP process (i.e. during any [mail event](#)^[267]).

- **cidr**—second argument is IP address or pattern to compare with client IP address. Can be exact IP address, range specified using CIDR (eg. 10.0.0.0/24), or wildcard pattern: ? (1 any char), * (0+ any chars), # (1+ digits) in pattern (eg. 10.*.*.*).

Example code: `if not ip :cidr "10.0.0.0/24" { greylist; }`

- **public**—true if client IP address is not in the RFC-1918 private subnets, and not a loopback address and not a DHCP auto IP address, otherwise false (127.0.0.0/8, 192.168.0.0/16, 10.0.0.0/8, 172.16.0.0/12, 169.254.0.0/16).

Example code: `if ip "public" { greylist; }`

- **private**—logical inverse of public.
- **ssl**—true if client has successfully negotiated a secure (SSL) connection
- **des**—true if client is a domain email server

lookup

When the `lookup` test can be called depends on the first argument:

- **ptr**—when this is the first argument, the `lookup` test can be performed at any time. The second argument can be a standard tagged argument or "resolves", "resolvestoclient", or "error".

For example: `if lookup "ptr" :matches "*.domain.com" { greylist; }.`

- **resolves**—return true if the PTR record exists.

- **resolvestoclient**—returns true if the PTR record matches – that is to say the A lookup of the PTR host returns the IP address of the client.
- **error**—returns true if there was a temporary DNS query error.
- **helo**—when this is the first argument, the `lookup` test can only be performed in the HELO event or after. The second argument can be “resolves”, “resolvestoclient”, or “error”.
 - **resolves**—return true if the HELO argument is a valid IP or hostname.
 - **resolvestoclient** – returns true if the HELO argument matches – that is to say the A lookup of the HELO argument returns the IP address of the client.
 - **error** – returns true if there was a temporary DNS query error.
- **mail**—when this is the first argument, the `lookup` test can be performed in the MAIL event or after. The second argument can be “resolves”, “resolvestoclient”, or “error”.
 - **resolves**—return true if the MAIL FROM domain is a valid domain.
 - **resolvestoclient**—returns true if the MAIL FROM domain matches – that is to say the A lookup of the MAIL FROM DOMAIN returns the IP address of the client.
 - **error**—returns true if there was a temporary DNS query error.
- **spf**—when this is the first argument, the `lookup` test can be performed in the MAIL event or after. The second argument can be “pass” “fail” or “error”.
 - **pass**—returns true if sender passes SPF, false for neutral or fail result.
 - **fail**—returns true if sender fails SPF, false for neutral or pass result.
 - **error**—returns true if there was an error in processing (usually DNS query error)
- **rbldp**—when this is the first argument, the `lookup` test can be performed at any time. The second argument can be “all”, “any”, or “error”.
 - **all**—returns true if client IP address passes all DNS blocklists
 - **any**—returns true if client IP address passes any DNS blocklist.
 - **error**—return trues if there was an error in processing (usually DNS query error)
- **rbldhr**—when this is the first argument, the `lookup` test can only be performed in the DATA event. The second argument can be “all”, “any”, or “error”.
 - **all**—returns true if received headers passes all DNS blocklists
 - **any**—returns true if received headers address passes any DNS blocklist.
 - **error**—return trues if there was an error in processing (usually DNS query error)

port

The `port` test can be performed at any time. The one and only argument is the port number to compare with the actual port the client connected to.

Example code: `if port 25 { greylist; }`

auth

When the `auth` test can be called depends on the first argument:

- **succeeded**—true if authentication was successful. When this is the first argument, the `auth` test can be performed in the AUTH event or after.
- **match**—true if authentication successful and the MAIL FROM address matches the authenticated account. When this is the first argument, the `auth` test can be performed in the MAIL event or after.

verify

The `verify` test validates addresses (see: [User Verification Sources](#)^[63]). Unlike all other tests, this test is always performed, even if it is not encountered in a sieve filter. That is to say, every MAIL FROM and RCPT TO address is verified and the results cached. When the `verify` test can be called depends on the first argument:

- **from**—true if the MAIL FROM address is a valid local address. When this is the first argument, the `verify` test can be performed in the MAIL event or after.
- **fromdomain**—true if the MAIL FROM address is from a valid local domain. When this is the first argument, the `verify` test can be performed in the MAIL event or after.
- **fail_from**—true if there was an error verifying the MAIL FROM address. When this is the first argument, the `verify` test can be performed in the MAIL event or after.
- **to**—true if the RCPT TO address is a valid local address. When this is the first argument, the `verify` test can be performed in the RCPT event or after.
- **todomain**—true if the RCPT TO address is to a valid local domain. When this is the first argument, the `verify` test can be performed in the RCPT event or after.
- **fail_to**—true if there was an error verifying the RCPT TO address. When this is the first argument, the `verify` test can be performed in the RCPT event or after.

dkim

The `dkim` test checks against [DomainKeys Identified Mail \(DKIM\)](#)^[185] verification and can only be performed in the DATA event.

- **pass**—returns true if message is signed with DKIM and the signature passes verification.

- **fail**—return true if DKIM processing returns a hard fail. (requires SSP option)
- **error**—return true if there was an error in DKIM processing.

cbv

The `cbv` test can be performed in the MAIL event or after. Without an argument, it returns true if the MAIL FROM address passes [Callback Verification](#)^[204].

- **error**—returns true if there was an error in CBV processing.

spamttotal

The `spamttotal` test checks against the [Message Score](#)^[173] and can be performed in any event. However, in most cases it should be run in the last filter of the DATA event so that all other filters can make their contribution to the message score.

The `spamttotal` test has a single argument: the threshold value. If the message score is greater than or equal to the threshold, it returns true, otherwise false.

OutbreakProtection

The `OutbreakProtection` test can only be performed in the DATA event. Without an argument it returns true if [Outbreak Protection](#)^[150] classifies the message as spam, virus, or bulk email.

- **spam**—returns true if Outbreak Protection classifies the message as spam.
- **virus**—returns true if Outbreak Protection classifies the message as containing a virus.
- **phish**—returns true if Outbreak Protection classifies the message as a phishing email.
- **suspect**—returns true if Outbreak Protection classifies the message as suspected spam.
- **bulk**—returns true if Outbreak Protection classifies the message as bulk email.
- **error**—returns true if there was an error in Outbreak Protection processing.

allowlisted

This test has an alias: `exempt` (for backwards compatibility). When this test can be performed depends on the first argument:

- **all**—same as no argument; returns true if client is [allowlisted](#)^[258]. This can be called in any event and will only use the information available. For example, when called in the IP event (the first event), only the allowlisted IPs and Hosts that match the PTR record will be compared.
- **ip**—returns true if client is listed in the [IPs allowlist](#)^[263]. Can be performed in any event.

- **host**—returns true if client is listed in the [Hosts allowlist](#)^[261]. The match can be either with the HELO argument or the PTR host. Can be performed in the HELO event or after.
- **mail**—returns true if MAIL FROM is in the [Addresses allowlist](#)^[258]. Can be performed in the MAIL event or after.
- **from**—returns true if From: header is in the [Addresses allowlist](#)^[258]. Can only be performed in the DATA event.

blacklisted

This test has an alias: `blacklist` (for backwards compatibility). The arguments and functionality are identical to the `allowlist` test, except the comparison is to the [Blocklists](#)^[249].

Action Commands

error

The `error` command is identical to the `reject` command as defined in RFC 3028, except that it has 2 arguments. The first argument is the SMTP error code and the second argument is a text message. Both are sent in response to the current client command.

disconnect

The `disconnect` command is identical to the “error” command, except it also closes the TCP/IP socket. This is analogous to the shutdown option in MD.

greylist

The `greylist` command activates [Greylisting](#)^[168].

dynamicscreen

The `dynamicscreen` command activates [Dynamic Screening](#)^[214].

tarpit

The `tarpit` command activates [Tarpitting](#)^[217].

sign

The `sign` command adds a [signature](#)^[187] header to the message. The first argument can be:

- **dkim**—sign the message with [DKIM](#)^[187]. The second argument is the name of the selector to use.

throttle

The `throttle` command activates [Bandwidth Throttling](#)^[218]. The first argument is bandwidth limit in characters per second.

ipshield

The `ipshield` command activates [IP Shielding](#)^[212].

spamscore

The `spamscore` command adds the first argument to the current [message score](#)^[173] total of the message. See the `spamttotal` test.

tagheader

The `tagheader` command prepends a tag to a header in the message. The first argument is the header to modify. The second argument is the text to insert in the header value.

addheader

The `addheader` command adds a new header to the message. The first argument is the header to add and the second argument is the value.

removeheader

The `removeheader` command deletes a header from the message. The first argument is the header to remove.

alert

The `alert` command sends a note. The single argument is an email body containing from:, to:, subject: and other headers. The entire string is subject to macro expansion.

changesender

The `changesender` action is used to change the value of the `SMTP MAIL FROM` command that SecurityGateway uses when delivering a message. This could be used, for example, when an internal-only domain name is being used and must be changed when sending mail outside the domain.

Example:

```
require ["securitygateway", "envelope"];
if envelope :matches "From" "frank@internal.mail"
{
  changesender "frank@example.com";
}
```

execute

- The script must be placed in the "Sieve Executable Path" directory which can be configured from [Setup » System » Directories](#)^[132]. The "execute" sieve keyword may be used as an action and a test.
- First parameter is the name of the script. .bat, .exe, and PowerShell are supported.
- The second parameter is arguments that will be passed to the process. The `message_filename` sieve variable is populated with the full path to the RFC822 source of the message being currently processed.
- The Sieve variable `${vnd.mdaemon.execute.exit_code}` exposes the exit code of a process executed via the `execute` command. This variable is available only after the `execute` command has completed.

Example:

```
require ["securitygateway", "relational", "comparator-i;ascii-numeric"];
execute "Test.ps1" "-msg '${message_filename}'";
```

The text of the PowerShell script that will log the filename of each message processed is...

```
param
(
    [string]$msg = ""
)
```

```
Add-Content -Path "c:\files_processed.txt" -Value $msg
Write-Host $msg
```

Example 2:

```
require ["variables", "securitygateway"];

execute "some-script.bat";

if string "${vnd.mdaemon.execute.exit_code}" "1" {
    fileinto "spam";
} elseif string "${vnd.mdaemon.execute.exit_code}" "2" {
    reject "This message looks like spam";
}
```

Section



5 AI Classification

AI Classification is a noteworthy feature that enables you to leverage artificial intelligence to analyze message content and classify messages. This involves sending message data, such as headers and body content, to a third-party AI provider (or processing it with a local AI model) for analysis. Then, based on that analysis, the message can be assigned a classification, or category, such as LEGITIMATE, PHISHING, COMMERCIAL, SPAM, PII_DETECTED, or the like. You can set rules to determine which messages will be analyzed and what actions will be taken based on the resulting AI classification. If your organization's policies permit handling data in this way, this feature can offer significant benefits, such as:

- **Advanced Threat Detection** — Identify sophisticated phishing attempts that traditional filters might miss.
- **Sensitive Content Identification** — Detect messages containing Personally Identifiable Information (PII) or other sensitive data.
- **Improved Filtering** — Filter unwanted messages (e.g., unsolicited commercial emails) with greater accuracy.

Configuring AI Classification

AI Classification is configured from the following pages:

Models^[286] — Use this page to manage the list of AI models that you will use to analyze your selected messages. You can add, edit, or remove models, and view their configuration details such as name, endpoint URL, AI profile, timeout, and API key.

Prompts^[289] — Create and manage the prompts that will be sent to your selected AI model when a message matches a given rule.

Rules^[292] — This page is where you will create the rules to determine which messages to analyze, which prompts to send, and what to do based on the resulting classification assigned to the message.

5.1 Models

Use this page to manage the list of AI models that you will use to analyze your selected messages. You can add, edit, or remove models, and view their configuration details such as name, endpoint URL, AI profile, timeout, and API key. You can choose to use cloud-based AI models and your own locally hosted models.

Cloud-Based AI Models

Here are some things to consider when choosing a cloud-based AI model.

Cost and Testing Considerations

Cost is a valid concern when using cloud-based AI models, therefore you should test various models to see which would work best for you. You may find the cost of using

the models recommended below to be quite manageable, especially when [AI Rules](#)²⁹² are configured to restrict which messages are sent for classification. For example, you could choose to use AI Classification only for messages addressed to certain users, such as those whom you think may be most vulnerable to phishing attempts.

OpenAI API — OpenAI may offer a certain amount of free tokens for new accounts. For more extensive testing or if you agree to their data usage policies (which might involve allowing them to use your data for training purposes), you might find options for reduced-cost or free testing. Always review the current terms of service for any AI provider.

Google Cloud AI — With a free Google Cloud account, Google often provides a limited number of free requests as part of their free tier, which can be useful for initial testing and familiarization.

Recommended Cloud-Based AI Models

For the best balance of capability and cost-effectiveness, considering the following models:

1. OpenAI:

- **gpt-4.1-mini** — Often a good balance of performance and cost for general tasks.
- **gpt-4.1** — A more powerful option, potentially better for complex analysis, but may incur higher costs.

2. Google Gemini:

- **gemini-2.0-flash** — Designed for speed and efficiency.

Local AI Models

Local AI models that support the OpenAI API are also an option if sending data to a third party is not feasible. Some platforms that facilitate this include:

[LocalAI](#)

[Ollama \(OpenAI Compatibility\)](#)

With local models, performance will be a concern, especially if you don't have a dedicated GPU or AI accelerator hardware. Local models are also typically less capable than the leading cloud models at nuanced tasks like accurately detecting if a message is phishing or purely commercial. However, they can be very effective for other use cases, such as tagging messages based on specific content patterns you define.

Adding or Editing an AI Model

To add a new AI model to the [Models](#)²⁸⁶ list, click **New** on the Models page toolbar. To edit an existing model's entry, select the entry and click **Edit**.

Properties

Profile:

Select a built-in AI profile, or choose **Custom** to enter your own settings when using a different AI model.

Display Name:

Enter a name for this AI model's entry; this name is just for your reference. For the predefined profiles, a generic name is added for you, which can be changed if you prefer.

Endpoint URL:

This is the specific web address where the AI model's API can be accessed to send requests and receive responses. In most cases this URL will be automatically added for you when you select a *Profile* above.

API Key:

Use this option to provide any necessary API key obtained from your chosen AI service provider.

Model Name:

Enter a model name or click **Fetch List** to produce a drop-down list of available models.

Fetch List

Click this button to produce a drop-down list of available AI models. **Note:** You must first enter an *Endpoint URL* and *API Key* to use the *Fetch List* option.

Timeout (seconds):

This is the number of seconds the server will wait for an AI response before giving up.

Default Temperature:

AI Classification's default temperature is set to 1.0. The temperature parameter controls the randomness of the AI responses, on a scale of 0 to 2. A temperature of 0.1, for example, would be very narrow and deterministic, which could cause incorrect classifications due to the extreme level of rigidity. Conversely, a setting of 2.0 would be highly random and could produce strange, unrelated, or even nonsensical results. In most cases you should leave this set to the default value of 1.0. If you are regularly experiencing incorrect classifications, you should first try making adjustments to your [Prompts](#) ²⁸⁹ rather than the temperature setting.

Allow Invalid SSL Certificates

When using a Local or Custom *Profile*, check this box if you wish to allow Invalid SSL Certificates.

Additional HTTP Request Headers:

If you need to include any additional HTTP request headers, enter those here.

Test Connection

Once your AI model is configured, click **Test Connection** on the top of the dialog to make sure your server is connecting to and getting a response from the configured AI model.

5.2 Prompts

Use this page to create and manage the [AI Classification](#)^[286] prompts that will be sent to your selected [AI model](#)^[286] when a message matches one of your AI Classification [Rules](#)^[292]. You can add, edit, and delete your prompts, and view each prompt's configuration details. The Prompt List displays an *Enabled* column, for enabling/disabling a prompt, a *Prompt Name* column, and a column showing which *AI Model* the prompt uses.

Adding or Editing AI Prompts

To add a new AI prompt to the [Prompts](#)^[289] list, click **New** on the Prompts page toolbar. To edit an existing prompt, select the prompt's entry and click **Edit**.

Properties

Enabled

Check this box to enable the selected prompt for use.

Name:

Assign a unique name to your prompt.

Description:

Use this box for a description of your prompt. This is optional and only for your reference.

AI Model:

Use this drop-down list to choose which preconfigured [AI Model](#)^[286] will receive this prompt.

Prompt Text:

This is the text that will be sent to the selected *AI Model* when a message matches one of the AI Classification [Rules](#)^[292] associated with this prompt. The prompt must ask the model to return **one** of the *Allowed Classification Labels* specified below for each message analyzed, optionally followed by some additional text after a comma. The labels mentioned in the prompt must exactly match the labels you have specified in that option, otherwise messages may not be classified properly. There are a number of variables available for use in the prompt to control exactly which message data gets included in that prompt. Click **View all available variables** for a list of those variables. See [Sample Prompts](#)^[290] below for two examples of acceptable prompts, with explanations for each.

View all available variables

Click this button to display a list of all variables that are allowed in your prompts.

Variables must be enclosed in curly braces: i.e. {variable_name}. To set a maximum number of characters allowed by a variable, use: {variable_name,max_chars}. For example: {body.text,50000} would limit the size of the text that replaces the variable to 50,000 characters. Any text beyond that would be truncated.

Variable	Description
{classification_labels}	The allowed classification labels
{remote_ip}	Remote client IP address
{remote_ip.ptr}	PTR (reverse DNS) record
{ehlo_domain}	EHLO/HELO domain
{ehlo_domain.ptr}	EHLO/HELO domain (reverse DNS)
{env_from}	Envelope sender address
{subject}	Email subject
{body.text}	Plain text message body
{body.html}	HTML message body
{attachments}	List of attachments
{headers}	Message headers (decoded)
{headers.raw}	Message headers (raw)
{message.raw}	Full raw message data (RFC 5322)

View example prompt

Click this button to see an example prompt, which can be used as a template or starting point for creating an AI Classification prompt. On that page, click the *Use This Template* button to copy the example prompt into the *Prompt Text* box below. See: [Sample Prompts](#)²⁹⁰, for more information about how to construct a prompt.

Allowed Classification Labels:

These are the classification labels that you will prompt the AI to assign to the messages that are analyzed. If you manually define the classification labels in the prompt itself, rather than simply using the {classification_labels} variable, then they must match these labels exactly. If the labels in the prompt do not match the labels specified here, the messages will not be classified properly.

Sample Prompts

Below are two sample AI Classification prompts. The first is simple and the second is more complex. **Tip:** AI tools like ChatGPT can be helpful in suggesting and refining prompts for various classification tasks.

Prompt Sample #1:

With this prompt, the AI model determines, completely on its own, the definitions of

the listed classifications. If, for example, your classifications are LEGITIMATE, SPAM, and SUSPICIOUS, then it is left to the model to determine what constitutes "spam," what makes a message "legitimate," and what details it should consider to be "suspicious." This sample also uses the `{classification_labels}` variable to include your *Allowed Classification Labels* automatically. Note that it also instructs the model to respond with "exactly one" of the labels, "followed by a comma and the explanation." For AI Classification, the model must return only ONE of the classification labels, and optionally some additional text after a comma, such as an explanation for why it assigned that classification to the message. Finally, variables are used to include the data to analyze: the message's headers, up to 50,000 characters of the message's html body, and a list of any included attachments.

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Analyze this email and classify it based on content. Respond with exactly one of: `{classification_labels}`, followed by a comma and the explanation.

Headers: `{headers}`

Body: `{body.html,50000}`

Attachments: `{attachments}`

Prompt Sample #2:

In this prompt, each of the classifications is defined in the prompt; it isn't left to the model to determine what each classification means. It also tells the model to respond with only one classification, or category, followed by a comma and then the explanation. Telling the model to explain why it chose the classification can sometimes yield better results, reducing the possibility of hallucinations or illogical answers. Further, that extra information is logged, which could potentially help you to troubleshoot a problem or refine the prompt. Finally, variables are used to include the message's headers and up to 50,000 characters of the message body.

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You are an email classification assistant. Your task is to read an email and classify it into one of the following categories:

LEGITIMATE: Personal, work-related, transactional, or expected emails from trusted sources (e.g., receipts, order confirmations, service updates).

UNSOLICITED: Unrequested emails that are not clearly harmful or selling something, such as newsletters, surveys, or random contact attempts.

COMMERCIAL: Emails promoting or selling a product or service, including advertisements, offers, and marketing campaigns.

HARMFUL: Emails that appear to be phishing attempts, contain malware,

impersonate known brands or services to steal information, involve scams, or have malicious intent. Use this label only if there is clear evidence of deception, fraud, or threat. Emails from well-known companies that are DMARC aligned should not be marked HARMFUL unless they show signs of impersonation or malicious content (e.g., mismatched links, suspicious attachments, urging immediate login via unknown URLs).

Respond with only the one category followed by a comma and the explanation.

Headers: {headers}

Body: {body.text,50000}

5.3 Rules

This page is where you will create the [AI Classification](#)^[286] rules to determine which messages to analyze, which prompts to send, and what actions to take based on the resulting classification label assigned to the message. The Rules List has three columns: *Enabled*, *Rule Name*, and *Prompt*. The *Enabled* column contains a checkbox for each entry, which you can use to quickly enable/disable the rule. The *Rule Name* is specified when creating a rule, and the *Prompt* column displays the name of the [Prompt](#)^[289] that you have associated with the rule. The page's toolbar has options for created, editing, or deleting your rules.

Adding or Editing AI Rules

To create a new rule, click **New** on the Rules toolbar and then step through the options on the editor from top to bottom. When you are finished, click **Save and Close** to create the new rule. To edit a rule, select a rule in the list, and click **Edit**.

Properties

This rule is enabled

This box must be checked to create a new rule. For existing rules, you can uncheck the box to disable the rule. Disabled rules will not be used by SecurityGateway when testing messages. This option corresponds to the *Enabled* column in the Rules list.

For domain:

Use this option to choose the domain to which this rule will apply. If "--Global--" is selected, all messages to or from all of your SecurityGateway domains will be tested against the rule. If a specific domain is selected then only messages to or from that specific domain will be tested against it.

Rule name:

Enter a descriptive name for your rule here. This options corresponds to the

Description column in the Content Filter Rules list.

AI Prompt:

Use the drop-down list to choose which preconfigured [Prompt](#)^[289] to use when this rule causes a message to be analyzed.

Conditions to execute AI prompt:

The prompt will only be executed if the following conditions are met:

All conditions are met (AND)

Choose this option if you want a message to match a rule ONLY when it meets ALL of the test conditions you supply below. This is performing a logical "AND" on the test conditions. In other words, "if condition A is true AND condition B is true, then perform the specified action."

...within a proximity of [xx] characters

When enabled, this option only applies when the *item to compare* is BODY, which also includes attachments from which SecurityGateway is able to extract text. If multiple conditions exist for the BODY, then all of those must be found within the specified proximity (number of characters before or after) of each other. The matches must all occur within the same mime part, that is the message body, alternative body, or attachment. Other conditions included in the "AND" must be true but do not need to be in proximity to each other.

Any conditions are met (OR)

Choose this option if you want a message to match a rule when it meets ANY of the test conditions you supply below. This is performing a logical "OR" on the test conditions. In other words, "if condition A is true OR condition B is true, then perform the specified action."

Conditions:

This box displays all of the current test conditions that you have supplied for a rule. You can edit any condition by clicking that condition in the box. You can remove any condition by clicking **[Remove]** next to the condition.

Add Condition

Click **Add Condition** to create a new one to add to the rule's current list of *Conditions*. After adding one, you can add additional conditions by clicking the link again. For information on the different types of conditions, see [Rule Conditions](#)^[294] below.

Actions Based on AI Classification Results:**Add Action**

Click this button to open the AI Classification Action page for specifying the action you wish to take based on the [Classification Label](#)^[289] assigned to the message by the AI model. If additional data is required for a selected action, a corresponding control will appear below the action for you to enter that data. For information on the different types of actions that can be performed, see [Actions](#)^[242] below. After you have set all of the conditions for your rule and selected one or more actions,

click *Save and Close* to close the editor and add the new rule to the list.

Rule Conditions

When you wish to add a test condition to a rule, you will use the "*Click here to add a condition for this rule*" link to open the Rule Conditions screen. When using this screen to create a test condition, you must first specify the message attribute, or item, that you wish to test or compare. Then, you must specify how to test or compare that item: does the item contain certain text, is it exactly equal to certain text, does a certain header exist, and so on. There are several items that can be tested and numerous ways to test them. After selecting an item and test method and entering any required information, click *Save and Close* to add the test condition to your rule.

Item to compare:

These are the items you can test in a message.

- **MAIL (From)** — This test uses the value passed in the SMTP "MAIL From" command. This is who the message is from, but it will not necessarily be the same information that is contained in the message's From header. Sometimes the From header will contain additional or different information. In addition to the nine common ways to test or compare items (see below), this item can also be compared using the "Is local user" and "Is not local user" tests.
- **RCPT (To)** — This test uses the value passed in the SMTP "RCPT To" command. This is who the message is to, but it will not necessarily be the same information that is contained in the message's To header. Sometimes the To header will contain additional or different information. In addition to the nine common ways to test or compare items (see below), this item can also be compared using the "Is local user" and "Is not local user" tests.
- **MAIL and RCPT** — Choose this item to use both the SMTP "MAIL From" and SMTP "RCPT To" commands to determine whether a message is or is not an inbound, outbound, or an internal message (see "*Additional test methods*" below).
- **IP** — Select this item to test against the IP address of the sending server or client.
- **HEADER** — Select this item if you wish to specify a header to compare. When selected, a *Name of header* option will appear for you to specify which header to use for this test condition. In addition to the nine common ways to test items, this item can also be compared using the "Header exists" and "Header does not exist" tests. **NOTE:** when specifying the *Name of header*, do not use a colon in the header name. For example, use "From" as the *Name of header*, not "From:" if you wish to compare against the From header.
- **SUBJECT** — This is the message's Subject header. Select this item if you wish to test against the subject of the message.
- **BODY** — Choose *BODY* if you wish to use the message body as the test item to compare.
- **BODY or SUBJECT** — Choose this item if you wish create a rule that will be

true if either the message *Body* or *Subject* matches the rule's criteria. This item is provided to simplify rule creation, because it is effectively the same as creating a rule with two separate "OR" statements, one to search the *Body* and the other to search the *Subject* for the same text.

- **ENVIRONMENT (SecurityGateway)** — Choose this item if you want the test condition to be based on a SecurityGateway environmental factor, such as: is the message coming from a [Domain Mail Server](#)^[80], is the sender authenticated or on an [Allowlist](#)^[258] or [Blocklist](#)^[249], is the [Message Score](#)^[173] greater than or equal to a specified amount, or is the message flagged as [Quarantined \(User\)](#)^[306] or [Quarantined \(Admin\)](#)^[307].

How to compare:

This list contains the methods that can be used to test or compare the item selected in the *Item to compare* option above. There are numerous ways to test that are common to all but two of the items. The MAIL and RCPT and ENVIRONMENT (SecurityGateway) items have unique sets of comparators, and Mail (From), RCPT (To), and Header have additional ways to test.

Common test methods:

Each of these test methods compares the item selected in *Item to compare* above to the *Search value* that you will specify below the *How to compare* method selected. All of these types of comparison are available for all of the *Item to compare* options above, except for MAIL and RCPT and ENVIRONMENT (SecurityGateway). They each have a unique set of comparators.

- **Contains** — When this method is selected, the comparison will match or be "True" if the *Search value* is a substring or part of the *Item to compare* designated above. For example, if you select MAIL (From) as the item to compare, then choose Contains as the method of comparison, with "example.com" as the *Search value*, then any message from an address containing "example.com" will match the condition.
- **Does not contain** — This comparison will match or be "True" if the *Search value* is NOT a substring or part of the *Item to compare* designated above. For example, if you select MAIL (From) as the item to compare, then choose Does not contain as the method of comparison, with "@example.com" as the *Search value*, then every message EXCEPT those from an address at "example.com" will match the condition.
- **Contains the word** — This comparator is similar to "contains" but will only match if there is a [word boundary anchor](#) preceding and following the string. This avoids the need to manually create a regular expression in the format of: \b(word1|word2|word3)\b. For example, a rule searching for a message body that *Contains the word* "cat," would only match if the message contained the whole word "cat." It would not match simply because the body happened to contain the word *catfish* or *certificate*.
- **Does not contain the word** — This comparator is similar to "Does not contain" but will only match if there is no occurrence of the string with a [word boundary anchor](#) preceding and following it. For example, a rule searching for a message body that *Does not contain the word* "cat" would match any message that did not contain the whole word "cat," even if it did

contain the words *catfish* or *certificate*.

- **Is equal to** — This method is similar to *Contains* above, except that the *Search value* must match the value of the *Item to compare* exactly, rather than simply be a part of that value. For example, if you select `IP` as the item to compare, then choose `Is equal to` as the method of comparison, with "192.168.0.1" as the *Search value*, then ONLY messages coming from that exact IP address will match the condition.
- **Is not equal to** — This type of comparison is the opposite of the previous method. If the value of the *Item to compare* is NOT exactly the same as the *Search value*, then the comparison will be true. For example, if you select `IP` as the item to compare, then choose `Is not equal to` as the method of comparison, with "192.168.0.1" as the *Search value*, then every message EXCEPT those coming from that exact IP address will match the condition.
- **Starts with** — Use this type of comparison if you wish to consider a condition to be true when the *Search value* matches the beginning of the value of the *Item to compare* designated above. For example, if you select *Subject* as the item to compare and "[allstaff]" as the *Search value*, then all messages with a Subject line beginning with "[allstaff]" will match the condition.
- **Does not start with** — This is the opposite of the previous comparison type. Use this option if you wish to consider a condition to be true when the *Search value* DOES NOT match the beginning of the value of the *Item to compare* designated above. For example, if you select *Subject* as the item to compare and "[allstaff]" as the *Search value*, then all messages EXCEPT those with a Subject line beginning with "[allstaff]" will match the condition.
- **Ends with** — This comparison means the condition will match whenever the value of the *Item to compare* ends with the *Search value*. For example, if you select `RCPT (To)` as the item to compare and `Ends with` as the comparison method, with ".cn" as the *Search value*, then ALL messages to anyone with an address ending with ".cn" will match the condition.
- **Does not end with** — This comparison means the condition will match whenever the value of the *Item to compare* DOES NOT end with the *Search value*. For example, if you select `RCPT (To)` as the item to compare and `Ends with` as the comparison method, with ".cn" as the *Search value*, then all messages EXCEPT those to addresses ending with ".cn" will match the condition.
- **Matches regular expression** — Choose this option if you wish to use a **Regular Expression** when comparing the item selected in the *Item to compare* option above.

Additional test methods:

- **Is local user** — This comparison method is only available for the `MAIL (From)` and `RCPT (TO)` options above. Choose this option when you want the condition to match or be "True" when the address is a local SecurityGateway user. For example, if you select `MAIL (From)` as the *Item to compare*, then only messages from local users will match the condition.

- **Is not local user** — This comparison method is only available for the `MAIL (From)` and `RCPT (TO)` options above. Choose this option when you want the condition to match or be "True" when the address is NOT a local SecurityGateway user. For example, if you select `MAIL (From)` as the *Item to compare*, then all messages from remote users will match the condition; messages from local users will NOT match.
- **Header exists** — This option is only available when have selected `Header` as the *Item to compare*. When you select this option and specify the *Name of header* in the option provided, the condition will match only if the specified header exists in the message. For example, if you specify "X-My-Custom-Header" as the *Name of header*, then all messages with that header will match the condition. Any message without that header will not match.
- **Header does not exist** — This option is only available when have selected `Header` as the *Item to compare*. When you select this option and specify the *Name of header* in the option provided, the condition will match only if the specified header DOES NOT exist in the message. For example, if you specify "X-My-Custom-Header" as the *Name of header*, then all messages WITHOUT that header will match the condition. Any message with that header will not match.
- **Message is/is not [Inbound | Outbound | Internal]** — These comparators are only available for the `MAIL` and `RCPT` item. Both the SMTP "MAIL From" and SMTP "RCPT To" values are used to determine whether a message is or is not an inbound, outbound, or an internal message.
 - **Inbound** — Message is to a local user and is not from a local user of the same domain.
 - **Outbound** — Message is from a local user and is not to a local user of the same domain.
 - **Internal** — Message is to and from a local user of the same domain.
- **ENVIRONMENT (SecurityGateway) test methods** — The following test methods are only available when you have selected `ENVIRONMENT (SecurityGateway)` as the the *Item to compare*:
 - **Domain Mail Server** — The message is or is not from one of your [Domain Mail Servers](#)^[80].
 - **Sender Authenticated** — Choose this option to set a condition based on whether or not the sender is authenticated.
 - **Sender on [Allowlist | Blocklist]** — Is or is not the sender on an [Allowlist](#)^[258] or [Blocklist](#)^[249].
 - **Message Score (is greater than or equal to)** — Use this option to set a rule based on the [Message Score](#)^[173].
 - **Message Flagged: [Quarantine (User) | Quarantined (Admin)]** — Sets a condition based on whether or not the message is flagged as [Quarantined \(User\)](#)^[306] or [Quarantined \(Admin\)](#)^[307].

Actions

After setting all of the conditions for your rule, use the *Action* option on the Rule Editor to choose the action that will be taken when a message matches the rule's conditions. There are seven actions to choose from:

- **Reject**—Choose this action if you wish to reject a message that matches the conditions of the rule. When this option is selected, an *SMTP Response* option will appear below the action so that you can specify a text response to send when the message is rejected. For example, if you used, "We don't want your spam!" in the *SMTP Response* option, SecurityGateway will send, "550 We don't want your spam!" during the SMTP process when it rejects a message that matches the rule.
- **Discard**—This action causes a message to be discarded when it matches the rule's conditions. Unlike the *Reject* action, this option does not send an SMTP response, nor does it send a delivery failure message; the message is simply deleted.
- **Quarantine**—When this action is selected, messages matching the rule's conditions will be placed into the recipient's [Quarantine](#)^[306] when the recipient is a local user. If the recipient is a remote user, the message will be placed into the [Administrative Quarantine](#)^[307] instead.
- **Administrative Quarantine**—Choose this action if you wish to send a message to the [Administrative Quarantine](#)^[307] when it matches the rule's conditions.
- **Redirect**—Using this action redirects the message to a different address when it matches the rule's conditions. A *To* option is provided below the Action so that you can specify the email address to which to redirect the message. Redirected messages will NOT be delivered to the original recipient...they are rerouted to the address specified in the action.
- **Copy**—Use this option if you wish to copy a message to an additional email address. A *To* option is provided below the Action so that you can specify the additional email address to which to send the message. This is similar to *Redirect* except that both the original recipient and the address specified in the Action will receive a copy of the message. If you wish to copy a message to multiple addresses, make an additional rule for each address.
- **Send Note (Alert)**—Use this action to send a note or alert email message to someone when a message matches the rule's conditions. When this action is selected, options are provided for you to specify the note's *To*, *From*, *Subject*, and *Message Text* (the body of the message). There are a number of macros that you can use in the note to include certain information dynamically. When SecurityGateway encounters a macro in the note's text, it will replace that macro with its corresponding value. You can use the following macros:

\$SENDER\$—This is replaced by the SMTP `MAIL From` address that was used for the message that matched the rule. For example, "sender@example.net".

\$SENDERMAILBOX\$—This macro is replaced by only the mailbox portion of the email address that was passed in the SMTP `MAIL From` command. For example, "sender" from the "sender@example.net" address.

\$SENDERDOMAIN\$—This macro is replaced by only the domain portion of the email address that was passed in the SMTP `MAIL From` command. For example, "example.net" from the "sender@example.net" address.

\$RECIPIENT\$—This is replaced by the SMTP `RCPT To` address that was used for the message that matched the rule. For example, "recipient@example.com"..

\$RECIPIENTMAILBOX\$—This macro is replaced by only the mailbox portion of the email address that was passed in the SMTP `RCPT To` command. For example, "recipient" from the "recipient@example.com" address.

\$RECIPIENTDOMAIN\$—This macro is replaced by only the domain portion of the email address that was passed in the SMTP `RCPT To` command. For example, "example.com" from the "recipient@example.com" address.

\$SUBJECT\$—This macro is replaced by the contents of the matched message's `Subject` header.

\$MESSAGEID\$—This is replaced by value of the message's `Message-ID` header.

\$DATESTAMP\$—This macro is replaced by the message's `Date`.

\$CURRENTTIME\$—This is replaced by the current time when SecurityGateway creates the note.

\$HELONAME\$—This is the HELO domain that was passed during the SMTP process when the matched message was received by SecurityGateway.

- **Add to message score**—Use this action if you wish to add a specific number of points to the message score when a message matches the rule's conditions.
- **Send as Registered Email (RMail)**—Use this action if you wish to use one or more of RMail's Registered Email features when a message matches the rule's conditions.

Encrypt—Choose this option if you want to encrypt the message.

Track & Prove—Choose this option if use RMail's track and prove features.

E-Sign—Choose this option if you wish to use RMail's E-Sign feature for electronically signing documents.

- **Flag message for REQUIRETLS**—Indicates the message should use [RequireTLS](#)^[122].
- **Send as secure web message**—Choose this action if you wish to use SecurityGateway's [Secure Messaging](#)^[108] web portal system to send a message instead of using traditional mail delivery.
- **Add Header** — This is an [AI Classification](#)^[292] rule action that you can use to add a header to a message that matches the rule's conditions. Specify a name for the header, and then choose if you want the value of the header to be the [Classification Label](#)^[289] of the message or a custom value you provide.
- **Tag Subject Header** — This is an [AI Classification](#)^[292] rule action that you can use to add a tag to a message's Subject header. You can choose if you want

the tag to be the [Classification Label](#)²⁸⁹ of the message or a custom value you provide.

Regular Expressions

The [Rule Conditions](#)²³⁸ support "Matches regular expression" as a comparison method. Regular Expressions (regex) is a versatile system that makes it possible for you to search not only for specific text strings, but also for text patterns. A regex text pattern consists of a combination of special characters known as *metacharacters* and alphanumeric text characters, or "*literals*" (i.e. abc, 123, and so on). The pattern is used to match against text strings—with the result of the match being either successful or not.



SecurityGateway's regexps implementation uses the PERL Compatible Regular Expression (PCRE) library. You can find more information on this implementation of regexps at: <http://www.pcre.org/> and <http://perldoc.perl.org/perlre.html>.

For a comprehensive look at regular expressions, see: [Mastering Regular Expressions, Third Edition](#) published by O'Reilly Media, Inc.

Metacharacters

Metacharacters are special characters that have specific functions and uses within regular expressions. The regexp implementation within SecurityGateway's allows the following metacharacters:

\ | () [] ^ \$ * + ? .

Metacharacter	Description
\	When used before a metacharacter, the backslash ("\ ") causes the metacharacter to be treated as a literal character. This is necessary if you want the regular expression to search for one of the special characters that are used as metacharacters. For example, to search for "+" your expressions must include "\+".
	The <i>alternation</i> character (also called "or" or "bar") is used when you want either expression on the side of the character to match the target string. The regexp "abc xyz" will match any occurrence of either "abc" or "xyz" when searching a text string.
[...]	A set of characters contained in brackets ("[" and "]") means that any character in the set may match

	the searched text string. A dash ("-") between characters in the brackets denotes a range of characters. For example, searching the string "abc" with the regexp "[a-z]" will yield three matches: "a," "b," and "c." Using the expression "[az]" will yield only one match: "a."
^	Denotes the beginning of the line. In the target string, "abc ab a" the expression "^a" will yield one match—the first character in the target string. The regexp "^ab" will also yield one match—the first <i>two</i> characters in the target string.
[^...]	The caret ("^") immediately following the left-bracket "[" has a different meaning. It is used to exclude the remaining characters within brackets from matching the target string. The expression "[^0-9]" indicates that the target character should not be a digit.
(...)	<p>The parenthesis affects the order of pattern evaluation, and also serves as a <i>tagged</i> expression that can be used in <i>search and replace</i> expressions.</p> <p>The results of a search with a regular expression are kept temporarily and can be used in the <i>replace</i> expression to build a new expression. In the <i>replace</i> expression, you can include a "&" or "\0" character, which will be replaced by the sub-string found by the regular expression during the search. So, if the <i>search</i> expression "a(bcd)e" finds a sub-string match, then a <i>replace</i> expression of "123-&-123" or "123-\0-123" will replace the matched text with "123-abcde-123".</p> <p>Similarly, you can also use the special characters "\1," "\2," "\3," and so on in the <i>replace</i> expression. These characters will be replaced only by the results of the <i>tagged</i> expression instead of the entire sub-string match. The number following the backslash denotes which tagged expression you wish to reference (in the case of a regexp containing more than one tagged expression). For example, if your <i>search</i> expression is "(123)(456)" and your <i>replace</i> expression is "a-\2-b-\1" then a matching sub-string will be replaced with "a-456-b-123" whereas a <i>replace</i> expression of "a-\0-b" will be replaced with "a-123456-b"</p>
\$	The dollar sign ("\$") denotes the end of the line. In the text string, "13 321 123" the expression "3\$" will

	yield one match—the last character in the string. The regexp "123\$" will also yield one match—the last <i>three</i> characters in the target string.
*	The asterisk ("*") quantifier indicates that the character to its left must match <i>zero or more</i> occurrences of the character in a row. Thus, "1*abc" will match the text "111abc" and "abc."
+	Similar to the asterisk quantifier, the "+" quantifier indicates that the character to its left must match <i>one or more</i> occurrences of the character in a row. Thus, "1+abc" will match the text "111abc" but not "abc."
?	The question mark ("?") quantifier indicates that the character to its left must match <i>zero or one</i> times. Thus, "1*abc" will match the text "abc," and it will match the "1abc" portion of "111abc."
.	The period or dot (".") metacharacter will match any other character. Thus ".+abc" will match "123456abc," and "a.c" will match "aac," "abc," "acc," and so on.

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6 Messages/Queues

The Messages/Queues menu selection in the left pane gives you access to two sections: Message Log and Message Queues.



[Message Log](#)^[305]

The Message Log contains an entry for every message that your users send or receive. It lists the date and time the message was processed, the sender and recipient, and the subject of the message. It also lists the result of the delivery attempt, such as whether or not it was delivered, quarantined, or refused, and if it wasn't delivered it gives you a reason, such as the sender was blocklisted, the message contained a restricted attachment, or the like. Finally, each entry also lists the size of the message and its [Message Score](#)^[173].

From the Message Log you can view the details of each message, including the transcript of its delivery and the message's content and source (when available). You can also mark messages as spam or non-spam to help refine SecurityGateway's [Bayesian Learning](#)^[157] features and more accurately categorize messages.



The Message Log can also be reached from the [Logging](#)^[312] menu.

Message Queues

This section provides links to four different message queues: [User Quarantine](#)^[306], [Administrative Quarantine](#)^[307], messages [Queued for Delivery](#)^[308], and [Bad Messages](#)^[309].

- The [User Quarantine](#)^[306] is a holding queue for incoming messages that do not pass SecurityGateway's various [Security](#)^[148] features when a given feature is configured to place failed messages into quarantine instead of reject them or simply tag them. Users can log in to SecurityGateway and view the contents of their quarantine folder, and from there choose to view the messages, delete them, or release them from quarantine to be delivered normally.
- The [Administrative Quarantine](#)^[307] is similar to the User Quarantine, but it is for outbound messages and messages containing viruses. Only [Administrators](#)^[60] have access to the Administrative Quarantine.
- [Queued for Delivery](#)^[308] is a queue for all messages waiting to be delivered, including those that were undeliverable and are currently in the [retry system](#)^[92]. From this page you can view any message in the queue, bounce a message back its sender, stop a message's delivery, or immediately retry delivery of a selected message or all messages in the queue.
- The [Bad Messages](#)^[309] queue is for messages that could not be delivered due to some fatal processing error, such as a message caught in a recursive

loop, causing it to reach the [Maximum message hop count](#)^[94]. From the Bad Message queue you can view any message in the queue, try to bounce a message back its sender, delete a message, or immediately retry delivery of a selected message or all messages in the queue.

6.1 All Messages



Click **All Messages** to display the Message Log. The Message Log contains an entry for every message that your users send or receive. It lists the date and time the message was processed, the sender and recipient, and the subject of the message. It also lists the result of the delivery attempt, such as whether or not it was delivered, quarantined, or refused, and if it wasn't delivered it gives you a reason, such as the sender was blocklisted, the message contained a restricted attachment, or the like. Finally, each entry also lists the size of the message and its [Message Score](#)^[173].

There are several buttons on the toolbar at the top of the Message Log that you can use to perform a number of tasks:

- **Refresh**—Click this button to refresh the message log to display entries that may have been added since you started viewing the log.
- **Search**—Use the extensive search feature to filter the message log to display only specific messages. You can search the log based on whether the message was inbound or outbound, search for specific text in any header, search all dates or a range of dates, and more. To search the message log: click *Show Search* on the toolbar to open the search window, then choose your search criteria, and finally click the *Search* button in that window to perform the search. The Search window will then be hidden and the search results will appear in the Message Log. Click *Show Search* again to modify the search, or click *X Cancel Search* to cancel the search and return the Message Log to normal.
- **Details**—Select a message and then click this button (or double-click the message) to open the **Message Information** screen. This screen has three tabs: Transcript, Message, and Source. The Transcript tab contains the transcript of the delivery process, including the SMTP Session, internal processing, and so on. The Message tab contains the actual content of the message and has options to download the message and its attachments. This may or may not be available depending on how old the message is, whether or not the message was delivered successfully, and what options are enabled on the [Data Retention](#)^[140] page. The Source tab contains the message's source, including the message's headers, html code, and so on. The source may not be available if the message is old or SecurityGateway's [Data Retention](#)^[140] options are not set to save that information.
- **Redeliver**—Select one or more messages from the list and then click this button to redeliver them to the recipients. Use Ctrl+Click or Shift+Click to select multiple messages. This option can only be used when the message's content has not been deleted from the database.
- **Spam**—Select a message and click this button to mark the message as spam.

This can help SecurityGateway more accurately identify spam messages in the future. This option will not be available when the [Bayesian Learning](#)^[157] features are disabled.

- **Not Spam**—Select a message and click this button to mark the message as non-spam. This can help prevent SecurityGateway from mistakenly identifying legitimate messages as spam in the future. This option will not be available when the [Bayesian Learning](#)^[157] features are disabled.
- **Allowlist/Blocklist**—Select a message and click [Allowlist](#)^[258] or [Blocklist](#)^[250]. Then click the address list to which you wish to add the sender or sender's domain: the user's list, domain's list, or the global list.

6.2 Message Queues

6.2.1 Quarantined (User)



The User Quarantine is a holding queue for incoming messages that do not pass SecurityGateway's various [Security](#)^[148] features, providing a means whereby your mail servers and users can be protected from receiving an influx of spam and other suspicious or unwanted messages. Most of SecurityGateway's Security features provide an option to have messages which meet certain criteria quarantined rather than rejected or tagged. Messages in the User Quarantine will be held by SecurityGateway where they can be managed by the recipient or an administrator—users can log in and view the contents of their quarantine folder, and from there choose to view the messages, delete them, or release them from quarantine to be delivered normally.



Quarantined outbound messages and messages containing viruses will be held in the [Administrative Quarantine](#)^[307]. Only [administrators](#)^[60] have access to those messages.

Each entry in the Quarantine has a column listing the date and time the message was quarantined, and columns for the sender, recipient, and subject. There are also columns for the reason the message was quarantined, its size, and its [Message Score](#)^[173].

There are several buttons on the toolbar at the top of the Quarantine that you can use to perform a number of tasks:

- **Refresh**—Click this button to refresh the Quarantine to display messages that may have been added since you started viewing it.
- **Search**—Use the extensive search feature to filter the User Quarantine to display only specific messages. You can search based on whether the message was inbound or outbound, search for specific text in any header, search all dates or a range of dates, and more. To search the Quarantine: click *Search* on the toolbar to open the search window, then choose your search criteria, and finally click the Search button in that window to perform the search. The search results will appear below the search window—the Quarantine will be filtered to display only message matching the search parameters. To hide the

search window while retaining the filtered results below it, click *Search* on the toolbar again. When you are finished with your search, click *Cancel* in the search window to return the User Quarantine to normal.

- **View**—Select a message and then click this button to open the Message Information screen. This screen has three tabs: Transcript, Message, and Source. The Transcript tab contains the transcript of the delivery process, including the SMTP Session, internal processing, and so on. The Message tab contains the actual content of the message, and the Source tab contains the message's source, including the message's headers, html code, and so on.
- **Release**—Select a message and then click this button to release it from quarantine for delivery.
- **Delete**—Select a message and click this button to delete it.
- **Delete All**—Click this button to delete all quarantined messages.

6.2.2 Quarantined (Admin)



The Administrative Quarantine is similar to the [User Quarantine](#)^[306]. But rather than being for incoming messages, it is for messages containing viruses and outbound messages that do not pass SecurityGateway's various [Security](#)^[148] features when a given feature is configured to place failed messages into quarantine instead of reject or tag them. Unlike the User Quarantine, only administrators have access to messages in the Administrative Quarantine. Administrators can view the messages, delete them, or release them from quarantine to be delivered normally.

Each entry in the Administrative Quarantine has a column listing the date and time the message was quarantined, and columns for the sender, recipient, and subject. There are also columns for the reason the message was quarantined, its size, and its [Message Score](#)^[173].

There are several buttons on the toolbar at the top of the Administrative Quarantine that you can use to perform a number of tasks:

- **Refresh**—Click this button to refresh the list of quarantined messages, to display messages that may have been added since you came to the page.
- **Search**—Use the extensive search feature to filter the Administrative Quarantine to display only specific messages. You can search based on whether the message was inbound or outbound, search for specific text in any header, search all dates or a range of dates, and more. To search the Administrative Quarantine: click *Search* on the toolbar to open the search window, then choose your search criteria, and finally click the Search button in that window to perform the search. The search results will appear below the search window—the Administrative Quarantine will be filtered to display only message matching the search parameters. To hide the search window while retaining the filtered results below it, click *Search* on the toolbar again. When you are finished with

your search, click *Cancel* in the search window to return the Quarantine to normal.

- **View**—Select a message and then click this button to open the Message Information screen. This screen has three tabs: Transcript, Message, and Source. The Transcript tab contains the transcript of the delivery process, including the SMTP Session, internal processing, and so on. The Message tab contains the actual content of the message, and the Source tab contains the message's source, including the message's headers, html code, and so on.
- **Release**—Select a message and then click this button to release it from quarantine for delivery.
- **Delete**—Select a message and click this button to delete it.
- **Delete All**—Click this button to delete all quarantined messages.

6.2.3 Queued for Delivery



Queued for Delivery is a queue for all messages that are to or from a remote address and waiting to be delivered, including those that were undeliverable and are currently in the [retry system](#)⁹². From this page you can view any message in the queue, bounce a message back its sender, stop a message's delivery, or immediately retry delivery of a selected message or all messages in the queue. Each entry in the Queued for Delivery list shows whether the message is inbound or outbound, has a column listing the date and time the message was received, and has columns for the sender, recipient, subject, and size of the message, and a column for the Result of the delivery attempt.

There are several buttons on the toolbar at the top of the Queued for Delivery list that you can use to perform a number of tasks:

- **Refresh**—Click this button to refresh the list of queued messages, to display messages that may have been added since you came to the page.
- **Search**—Use the extensive search feature to filter the list to display only specific messages. You can search based on whether the message is inbound or outbound, search for specific text in any header, search all dates or a range of dates, and more. To search the Queued for Delivery list: click *Search* on the toolbar to open the search window, then choose your search criteria, and finally click the Search button in that window to perform the search. The search results will appear below the search window—the Queued for Deliver list will be filtered to display only message matching the search parameters. To hide the search window while retaining the filtered results below it, click *Search* on the toolbar again. When you are finished with your search, click *Cancel* in the search window to return the list to normal.
- **View**—Select a message and then click this button to open the Message Information screen. This screen has three tabs: Transcript, Message, and Source. The Transcript tab contains the transcript of the delivery process, including the SMTP Session, internal processing, and so on. The Message tab

contains the actual content of the message, and the Source tab contains the message's source, including the message's headers, html code, and so on.

- **Bounce**—Select a message and then click this button to return, or "bounce", the message to the sender. This will stop attempts to deliver the message to its intended recipient.
- **Stop Delivery**—Selecting one or more queued messages and then clicking this button changes the state of the messages to "Delivery Failed" and thus prevents them from being sent. However, if a message is already in the process of being delivered when this button is clicked, it will not stop that message from being sent.
- **Stop All**—This is like the *Stop Delivery* option above except that it applies to all messages in the queue. If you filter the list using the Search feature, only those messages that appear in the list will be stopped.
- **Retry Delivery**—Select a message in the queue and click this button to cause SecurityGateway to retry delivering the message immediately, rather than waiting for the next [retry cycle](#)^[92].
- **Retry All**—Click this button to cause SecurityGateway to attempt to deliver all queued messages immediately, rather than wait for the next [retry cycle](#)^[92] for each message.

6.2.4 Bad Messages



The [Bad Messages](#)^[309] queue is for messages that could not be delivered due to some fatal processing error, such as a message caught in a recursive loop, causing it to reach the [Maximum message hop count](#)^[94]. From the Bad Messages queue you can view any message in the queue, try to bounce a message back its sender, delete a message, or immediately retry delivery of a selected message or all messages in the queue. Each entry in the Bad Messages list shows whether the message was inbound or outbound, has a column listing the date and time the message was received, and has columns for the sender, recipient, subject, and size of the message.

There are several buttons on the toolbar at the top of the Bad Messages list that you can use to perform a number of tasks:

- **Refresh**—Click this button to refresh the list of messages, to display messages that may have been added since you came to the page.
- **Search**—Use the extensive search feature to filter the list to display only specific messages. You can search based on whether the message was inbound or outbound, search for specific text in any header, search all dates or a range of dates, and more. To search the Bad Messages list: click *Search* on the toolbar to open the search window, then choose your search criteria, and finally click the Search button in that window to perform the search. The search results will appear below the search window—the Bad Messages list will be filtered to display only message matching the search parameters. To hide the search window while retaining the filtered results below it, click *Search* on the

toolbar again. When you are finished with your search, click *Cancel* in the search window to return the list of messages to normal.

- **View**—Select a message and then click this button to open the Message Information screen. This screen has three tabs: Transcript, Message, and Source. The Transcript tab contains the transcript of the delivery process, including the SMTP Session, internal processing, and so on. The Message tab contains the actual content of the message, and the Source tab contains the message's source, including the message's headers, html code, and so on.
- **Bounce**—Select a message and then click this button to attempt to return, or "bounce", the message to the sender.
- **Delete**—Select a message and then click this button to delete it from the Bad Messages queue. Use the Delete button's drop-down list to choose to delete only the selected messages or to delete all messages in the list.
- **Retry Delivery**—Select a message in the queue and click this button to cause SecurityGateway to attempt to deliver the message again. This will move the message to the [Queued for Delivery](#)^[308] page. If the error that caused it to end up in the Bad Messages queue has been corrected, then delivery may succeed. Otherwise it may fail again and be placed back in the Bad Messages queue.
- **Retry All**—Click this button to cause SecurityGateway to reattempt to deliver all messages contained in the Bad Messages queue. This is useful if you have corrected some error that caused a lot of messages to be placed in the queue.

Section



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7 Logging

The Logging menu selection in the left pane gives you access to three sections: Message Log, Log Files, and Configuration.



[Message Log](#)³⁰⁵

The Message Log contains an entry for every message that your users send or receive. It lists the date and time the message was processed, the sender and recipient, and the subject of the message. It also lists the result of the delivery attempt, such as whether or not it was delivered, quarantined, or refused, and if it wasn't delivered it gives you a reason, such as the sender was blocklisted, the message contained a restricted attachment, or the like. Finally, each entry also lists the size of the message and its [Message Score](#)¹⁷³.

From the Message Log you can view the details of each message, including the transcript of its delivery and the message's content and source (when available). You can also mark messages as spam or non-spam to help refine SecurityGateway's [Bayesian Learning](#)¹⁵⁷ features and more accurately categorize messages.



The Message Log can also be reached from the [Messages/Queues](#)³⁰⁴ menu.



[Log Files](#)³¹⁴

You can use the Log Files section to view SecurityGateway's various log files stored in your [Logs folder](#)¹³². Unlike the Message Log, the log files are not stored in the database, providing sortable lists and separate entries for each event. Instead, they are plain text files containing transcripts of the various SMTP connections and other functions that SecurityGateway performs. The All Log Files page under the Log Files section lists all of the log files contained in your logs folder, including the current log files and [roll-over](#)³¹⁵ log files. From that page you can view any of the files listed. The other pages in the Log Files section provide shortcuts to view SecurityGateway's current log files, such as the system log, inbound and outbound logs, virus update logs, and more.



[Configuration](#)³¹⁵

The Configuration section provides a link to the [Logging Configuration](#)³¹⁵ page, which is used to configure your logging preferences and options. On that page you can designate how extensive you want the level of detail to be for the data written to the Inbound, Outbound, and HTTP logs. You can also choose the type of log files to create: a standard set, a new set each day with the date incorporated into the filenames, or a new set each day with the day of the week incorporated into the filenames. Finally, you can choose various log file maintenance settings, such as how large a file can be before it will be saved and

a new file started, how many of these "roll-over" files can be created, how long a file can exist before it will be archived, and more.

7.1 All Messages



Click **All Messages** to display the Message Log. The Message Log contains an entry for every message that your users send or receive. It lists the date and time the message was processed, the sender and recipient, and the subject of the message. It also lists the result of the delivery attempt, such as whether or not it was delivered, quarantined, or refused, and if it wasn't delivered it gives you a reason, such as the sender was blocklisted, the message contained a restricted attachment, or the like. Finally, each entry also lists the size of the message and its [Message Score](#)^[173].

There are several buttons on the toolbar at the top of the Message Log that you can use to perform a number of tasks:

- **Refresh**—Click this button to refresh the message log to display entries that may have been added since you started viewing the log.
- **Search**—Use the extensive search feature to filter the message log to display only specific messages. You can search the log based on whether the message was inbound or outbound, search for specific text in any header, search all dates or a range of dates, and more. To search the message log: click *Show Search* on the toolbar to open the search window, then choose your search criteria, and finally click the *Search* button in that window to perform the search. The Search window will then be hidden and the search results will appear in the Message Log. Click *Show Search* again to modify the search, or click *X Cancel Search* to cancel the search and return the Message Log to normal.
- **Details**—Select a message and then click this button (or double-click the message) to open the **Message Information** screen. This screen has three tabs: Transcript, Message, and Source. The Transcript tab contains the transcript of the delivery process, including the SMTP Session, internal processing, and so on. The Message tab contains the actual content of the message and has options to download the message and its attachments. This may or may not be available depending on how old the message is, whether or not the message was delivered successfully, and what options are enabled on the [Data Retention](#)^[140] page. The Source tab contains the message's source, including the message's headers, html code, and so on. The source may not be available if the message is old or SecurityGateway's [Data Retention](#)^[140] options are not set to save that information.
- **Redeliver**—Select one or more messages from the list and then click this button to redeliver them to the recipients. Use Ctrl+Click or Shift+Click to select multiple messages. This option can only be used when the message's content has not been deleted from the database.
- **Spam**—Select a message and click this button to mark the message as spam. This can help SecurityGateway more accurately identify spam messages in the

future. This option will not be available when the [Bayesian Learning](#)^[157] features are disabled.

- **Not Spam**—Select a message and click this button to mark the message as non-spam. This can help prevent SecurityGateway from mistakenly identifying legitimate messages as spam in the future. This option will not be available when the [Bayesian Learning](#)^[157] features are disabled.
- **Allowlist/Blocklist**—Select a message and click [Allowlist](#)^[258] or [Blocklist](#)^[250]. Then click the address list to which you wish to add the sender or sender's domain: the user's list, domain's list, or the global list.

7.2 Log Files



You can use the Log Files section to view SecurityGateway's various log files stored in your [Logs folder](#)^[132]. Unlike the Message Log, the log files are not stored in the database, providing sortable lists and separate entries for each event. Instead, they are plain text files containing transcripts of the various SMTP connections and other functions that SecurityGateway performs. The All Log Files page under the Log Files section lists all of the log files contained in your logs folder, including the current log files and [roll-over](#)^[315] log files. From that page you can view any of the files listed. The other pages in the Log Files section provide shortcuts to view SecurityGateway's current log files, such as the system log, inbound and outbound logs, virus update logs, and more.



Log Files are not included in the backup files created using SecurityGateway's internal [Backup](#)^[142] options. But you can use the archiving option located on the [Logging Configuration](#)^[315] page to archive them. If you wish to save or backup the log files to a location other than the designated [Logs](#)^[132] directory, then you must use your backup software or some other external method to do so.

All Log Files

The All Log Files page lists all log files contained in your Logs folder, designated on the [Directories](#)^[132] page. It lists the current files, which are still being written to by SecurityGateway, and the [roll-over](#)^[315] log files. Each entry lists the file's name, its size, and the date and time it was last modified. You can view any listed file by double-clicking its entry or by selecting the entry and clicking View on the toolbar at the top of the page. You can download a file by selecting the file and clicking the Download button. You can delete a file by selecting it and clicking the Delete button.

Current Logs

The remaining links in the Log Files section take you directly to the current files being used by SecurityGateway. There are direct links to view the following current log files:

- **System**—The System log is for events such as the SecurityGateway service starting and stopping, the SMTP, SSL, HTTP, and other services initializing, certain system errors occurring, and the like.
- **Inbound**—SecurityGateway's Inbound log contains the session transcripts for all inbound messages.
- **Outbound**—This log contains the session transcripts for all outbound messages.
- **Routing**—The Routing log lists all activity related to SecurityGateway routing messages to your users and servers after being received.
- **Change**—The Change log lists all changes to SecurityGateway's configuration and who made them.
- **Archiving**—This log contains all [archiving](#)^[103] related activities.
- **POP**—This log contains transcripts of any activities related to any configured [POP accounts](#)^[82].
- **HTTP**—This log contains all HTTP related data and activities.
- **ClamAV Update**—The ClamAV Update log file lists the data regarding your ClamAV virus signature updates.
- **IKARUS Anti-Virus Logs**—There are three log files related to IKARUS virus signature updates, engine status, and scanning.

7.3 Configure Logging



Logging Configuration is used to configure your logging preferences and options. To reach the Logging Configuration page, click *Logging»Configuration»Configure Logging* in the left pane. On this page you can designate how extensive you want the level of detail to be for the data written to the Inbound, Outbound, and HTTP logs. You can also choose the type of log files to create: a standard set, a new set each day with the date incorporated into the filenames, or a new set each day with the day of the week incorporated into the filenames. Additionally, you can choose various log file maintenance settings, such as how large a file can be before it will be saved and a new file started, how many of these "roll-over" files can be created, how long a file can exist before it will be archived, and more. All log files are stored in the Logs folder designated on the [Directories](#)^[132] page.

Log Level

The option selected in this section governs the size of the inbound SMTP, outbound SMTP, and HTTP [log files](#)^[314]. This setting will not affect the system, routing, or other log files.

Debug

This is the most verbose of the logging options for the inbound, outbound, and HTTP log files. Because this option produces large log files, it can have a negative impact

on performance and therefore shouldn't generally be the logging method chosen. It is helpful, however, when attempting to debug a problem.

Informational

This is the default option, and is the recommended setting for most situations. The logging isn't as extensive as the Debug option above, but log entries are still created for both successful and failed events.

Warning

Choose this option if you only wish to log failed events and other potential problems.

Error

When this option is selected, only failures are logged. Selecting this log level may improve performance.

None

Choose this option if you do not wish to log any Inbound, Outbound, or HTTP events. This option is NOT recommended.

Log Mode

The option that you select in this section governs the naming convention used in the log files.

Create a standard set of log files

When selected, SecurityGateway will produce a standard set of log files, using the naming scheme: `SecurityGateway-Inbound.log`, `SecurityGateway-Outbound.log`, `SecurityGateway-System.log`, and so on.

Create a new set of log files each day

This is the default option. This option creates a new set of log files at midnight each night, and the date is incorporated into the name of each file. For example:

`SecurityGateway-20080315-Inbound.log` for the Inbound SMTP log file created on March 15, 2008.

Include computer name in log filename

Enable this option if you wish to include the computer name in the log file name. This option is required if the log folder is set to a UNC path, and it allows multiple servers in a [cluster](#)¹³⁴ to log to the same location.

Do not log SMTP or HTTP connections from these IP addresses

Use this option to specify any IP addresses for which you do NOT wish to log SMTP or HTTP connections. Incomplete and rejected SMTP messages from a specified IP address will also not be added to database. If the message is accepted for delivery it will be added to the database.

Log Maintenance

The options in this section govern log file size, the number of roll-over log files allowed, whether existing log files will be overwritten, and how often to archive old log files.

Maximum log file size: [xx] KB (0 = no size limitation)

Use this option to designate the maximum size (in KB) allowed for any log file. When a file reaches the maximum size it is renamed to *.OLD and a new file is started. The number of these "roll-over" files allowed is determined by the *Maximum number of log roll-over files* option below.

Maximum number of log roll-over files:

This option governs how many roll-over files are allowed for each log file. A new roll-over file is produced whenever a log file reaches the *Maximum log file size* designated above. These files use the following naming scheme: "filename(1).old", "filename(2).old", "filename(3).old", and so on. Each time a new roll-over file is produced, all of the other roll-over files are renamed so that the most recent data will be in the first file. For example, "filename(1).old" will always be the most recent roll-over file, "filename(2).old" will be the next most recent, and so on. When the maximum number of files is reached, the oldest will be deleted and the rest of the files will be renamed like normal. The default value of this option is 10.

Overwrite existing log files when log file names change at midnight

When the *Create log files based on the day of the week* option above is selected, each night at midnight SecurityGateway will create a new set of log files incorporating the day of the week into each filename. When that happens, this option determines whether or not existing files of the same name will be overwritten or if SecurityGateway will append the new data to the end of the old files. For example, if this option is enabled and on Sunday SecurityGateway finds that "SecurityGateway-Sunday-Inbound.log" already exists, then that file will be overwritten and therefore contain only information for the current day. If the option is disabled, then all of the current day's data will be appended to the end of the already existing file. This option is disabled by default.

Automatically ZIP and archive log files older than: [xx] days (0 = never)

At midnight each night, SecurityGateway will compress and move all log files older than the number of days specified in this option into the \Logs\OldLogs\[directory](#)¹³². The default value of this option is 14 days.

Section



8 Reports



The Reports section provides interactive, detailed graphical reports of SecurityGateway's activity. You can generate reports showing the number of inbound versus outbound messages, reports showing a breakdown of the types of junk email received, bandwidth reports, top senders by cumulative message size, virus reports, and more. Further, each report provides options that allow you to designate the parameters of the report. For example, a report can include data for a specific domain or all domains; delineate data by hour, day, or month; and encompass fixed time periods such as a day, week, or month, or use a specific range of dates. Additionally, below each report there is a tabular breakdown of the report's content, providing links to the [Message Log](#)³¹³, which will filter the log to display only the data related to that entry in the report. For example, it can provide links to display all inbound messages received at a specific hour listed on a report, all message's that contained a virus received on a certain day, all of the messages received by the top recipient for a domain, and so on. After selecting the parameters for a report, simply click *View* on the toolbar at the top of the page to generate a new report using that criteria.

There are six sections under the Reports menu:



Scheduled Reports

This section contains the Statistics Report option:

- **Statistics Report**—This is a general statistical report that can be used to quickly ascertain the status and filtering effectiveness of the server. It can be sent on a nightly or weekly basis to the global administrators, domain administrators, and a manually defined list of email addresses. For domain administrators, the report will only contain statistics for the domains over which the administrator has administrative rights.

On the Statistics Report screen, choose *Nightly* or *Weekly* in the Scheduling section to designate how often the report will be sent. Then in the Recipients section, click *Send to all global administrators* or *Send to all domain administrators* to send the report to all of your global or domain administrators respectively. If you wish to prevent certain administrators from receiving the report, use the option in the Exclusions section to specify those whom you wish to exclude. Use the *Additional Recipients* option to specify any additional email addresses that you wish to receive the report.



Summary

The reports in the Summary section are general summary reports that you can use to see the number of inbound versus outbound messages processed, the amount and type of good email versus junk email, and the amount of bandwidth used by email.

- **Inbound vs. Outbound Messages**—This report shows the total of inbound messages received and the total of outbound messages sent for the

selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report. The table below the graph contains columns for inbound messages and outbound messages, and each row corresponds to the *Summary* time period by which the report is delineated (hours, days, or months). Click any link in the table to open the Message Log and display the inbound or outbound messages processed during the corresponding time period for that entry. The number of entries in the report is limited by the *Max Records* setting. When the report is generated, SecurityGateway will start with the first *Summary* time period and continue until the *Max Records* value is reached. If the *Max Records* value isn't set high enough, then the report may not cover the entire *Date Range* specified. To generate a new report, specify its parameters and then click *View* on the toolbar above the report.

- Good vs. Junk Messages**—This report shows the total of good or legitimate messages versus junk messages processed for the selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report. Junk messages are message identified as spam, spoofed, containing viruses, and the like. The table below the graph contains columns for good messages and junk messages, and each row corresponds to the *Summary* time period by which the report is delineated (hours, days, or months). Click any link in the table to open the Message Log and display the good or junk messages processed during the corresponding time period for that entry. The number of entries in the report is limited by the *Max Records* setting. When the report is generated, SecurityGateway will start with the first *Summary* time period and continue until the *Max Records* value is reached. If the *Max Records* value isn't set high enough, then the report may not cover the entire *Date Range* specified. To generate a new report, specify its parameters and then click *View* on the toolbar above the report.
- Junk Email Breakdown**—This report displays the total of all junk email, categorized by type, for the selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report. Junk email is categorized into six types: [Spam](#)^[149], [Virus](#)^[175], [Spoofing](#)^[179], [Abuse](#)^[208], Incomplete, and User. The *Incomplete* category is for all sessions where a timeout occurs or the client closes the socket or issues a quit command before sending the data. SMTP probes fall under this category. The *User* category is for [Blocklists](#)^[249], [Content Filter Rules](#)^[236], [Attachment Filtering](#)^[247], and custom [Sieve Scripts](#)^[265]. The remaining categories refer to their corresponding [Security](#)^[148] sections. The table below the graph contains columns for each type, and each row corresponds to the *Summary* time period by which the report is delineated (hours, days, or months). Click any link in the table to open the Message Log and display the junk messages in that category that were processed during the corresponding time period for that entry. The number of entries in the report is limited by the *Max Records* setting. When the report is generated, SecurityGateway will start with the first *Summary* time period and continue until the *Max Records* value is reached. If the *Max Records* value isn't set high enough, then the report may not cover the entire *Date Range* specified. To generate a new report, specify its parameters and then click *View* on the toolbar above the report.
- Junk Email - Top Countries**—This report displays the amount of junk email received, by country, for the *Domain* and *Date Range* specified.

- **Total Bandwidth Used by Email**—This report shows the amount of bandwidth used by email during the *Date Range* specified in the report. The table below the graph contains a column for the amount of bandwidth used, and each row corresponds to the *Summary* time period by which the report is delineated (hours, days, or months). Click any time period in the table to open the Message Log and display the messages processed during that period. The number of entries in the report is limited by the *Max Records* setting. When the report is generated, SecurityGateway will start with the first *Summary* time period and continue until the *Max Records* value is reached. If the *Max Records* value isn't set high enough, then the report may not cover the entire *Date Range* specified. As with all reports in this section, to generate a new report, specify its parameters and then click *View* on the toolbar above the report.



Inbound Email

The reports in the Inbound Email section deal with inbound messages only. You can generate reports detailing all inbound messages processed, reports of the top email recipients by number of messages, and reports of the top recipients by cumulative message size.

- **Inbound Messages Processed**—This report shows the total number of inbound messages processed for the selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report. The table below the graph contains a column showing the total number of inbound message processed during each *Summary* time period by which the report is delineated (hours, days, or months). Click any of the time period links in the table to open the Message Log to display the inbound messages that were processed during that period. The number of entries in the report is limited by the *Max Records* setting. When the report is generated, SecurityGateway will start with the first *Summary* time period and continue until the *Max Records* value is reached. If the *Max Records* value isn't set high enough, then the report may not cover the entire *Date Range* specified. To generate a new report, specify its parameters and then click *View* on the toolbar above the report.
- **Top Countries**—This report shows the top countries of origin of incoming messages for the selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report.
- **Top Email Recipients**—This report shows the top email recipients of incoming messages for the selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report. The table below the graph contains a column for the recipient and for the number of messages each recipient received. Click any recipient to open the Message Log to display the inbound messages received by that recipient during the date range of the report. To generate a new report, specify its parameters and then click *View* on the toolbar above the report.
- **Top Recipients by Cumulative Message Size**—This report shows the top email recipients by cumulative message size or bandwidth, of incoming messages for the selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report. The table below the graph contains a column for the recipient and a column for the combined size of the messages each recipient received. Click any recipient to open the Message Log to display the inbound messages

received by that recipient during the date range of the report. To generate a new report, specify its parameters and then click *View* on the toolbar above the report.



Outbound Email

The reports in the Outbound Email section deal with outbound messages only. You can generate reports detailing all outbound messages processed, reports of the top email sender by number of messages, and reports of the top senders by cumulative message size.

- **Outbound Messages Processed**—This report shows the total number of outbound messages processed for the selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report. The table below the graph contains a column showing the total number of outbound message processed during each *Summary* time period by which the report is delineated (hours, days, or months). Click any of the time period links in the table to open the Message Log to display the outbound messages that were processed during that period. The number of entries in the report is limited by the *Max Records* setting. When the report is generated, SecurityGateway will start with the first *Summary* time period and continue until the *Max Records* value is reached. If the *Max Records* value isn't set high enough, then the report may not cover the entire *Date Range* specified. To generate a new report, specify its parameters and then click *View* on the toolbar above the report.
- **Top Email Senders**—This report shows the top email senders of outbound messages from the selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report. The table below the graph contains a column for the sender's address and for the number of messages sent. Click any sender's address to open the Message Log to display the outbound messages sent by that user during the date range of the report. To generate a new report, specify its parameters and then click *View* on the toolbar above the report.
- **Top Senders by Cumulative Message Size**—This report shows the top email senders by cumulative message size or bandwidth, of outbound messages from the selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report. The table below the graph contains a column for the sender's address and a column for the combined size of the messages each user sent. Click any sender's address to open the Message Log to display the outbound messages sent by that user during the date range of the report. To generate a new report, specify its parameters and then click *View* on the toolbar above the report.



Anti-Spam

The reports in the Anti-Spam section allow you to quickly see which domains are sending the most spam to your users, and to see which of your users are receiving the most.

- **Top Spam Domains**—This report shows the top domains sending spam messages to the selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report. The table below the graph contains a column for the domain sending

the spam and for the number of messages received from that domain. Click any of the domains in the list to open the Message Log to display the messages sent by that domain to your users during the date range of the report. To generate a new report, specify its parameters and then click *View* on the toolbar above the report.

- **Top Spam Recipients**—This report shows the top recipients of inbound spam for the selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report. The table below the graph contains a column for the recipient's address and a column for the number of spam messages received. Click any recipient's address to open the Message Log to display the spam messages received by that user during the date range of the report. To generate a new report, specify its parameters and then click *View* on the toolbar above the report.
- **Top Countries**—This report shows the top countries from which you have received spam for the selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report.



Anti-Virus

The reports in the Anti-Virus section allow you to quickly see the number of viruses in inbound and outbound messages that were stopped by SecurityGateway, and exactly which viruses there were.

- **Inbound Viruses Blocked**—This report shows the total number of inbound messages containing viruses that were stopped by SecurityGateway, for the selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report. The table below the graph contains a column showing the total number of inbound messages with viruses stopped during each *Summary* time period by which the report is delineated (hours, days, or months). Click any of the time period links in the table to open the Message Log to display the inbound messages with viruses that were stopped during that period. The number of entries in the report is limited by the *Max Records* setting. When the report is generated, SecurityGateway will start with the first *Summary* time period and continue until the *Max Records* value is reached. If the *Max Records* value isn't set high enough, then the report may not cover the entire *Date Range* specified. To generate a new report, specify its parameters and then click *View* on the toolbar above the report.
- **Top Inbound Viruses by Name**—This report shows the top viruses in inbound messages that were stopped by SecurityGateway for the selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report. The table below the graph contains a column listing the names of the viruses stopped, and a column listing the number of instances of each virus. Click any virus name to open the Message Log to display the inbound messages containing that particular virus that were stopped during the date range of the report. To generate a new report, specify its parameters and then click *View* on the toolbar above the report.
- **Outbound Viruses Blocked**—This report shows the total number of outbound messages containing viruses that were stopped by SecurityGateway, that were sent from the selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report. The table below the graph contains a column

showing the total number of outbound messages with viruses stopped during each *Summary* time period by which the report is delineated (hours, days, or months). Click any of the time period links in the table to open the Message Log to display the outbound messages with viruses that were stopped during that period. The number of entries in the report is limited by the *Max Records* setting. When the report is generated, SecurityGateway will start with the first *Summary* time period and continue until the *Max Records* value is reached. If the *Max Records* value isn't set high enough, then the report may not cover the entire *Date Range* specified. To generate a new report, specify its parameters and then click *View* on the toolbar above the report.

- **Top Outbound Viruses by Name**—This report shows the top viruses in outbound messages stopped by SecurityGateway, that were sent from the selected *Domain* during the *Date Range* specified in the report. The table below the graph contains a column listing the names of the viruses stopped, and a column listing the number of instances of each virus. Click any virus name to open the Message Log to display the outbound messages containing that particular virus that were stopped during the date range of the report. To generate a new report, specify its parameters and then click *View* on the toolbar above the report.

Performance Monitor Counters

In addition to the reporting options listed here, SecurityGateway provides various Performance Counters for use in the Windows Performance Monitor, which allow you to monitor SecurityGateway's status in real time. There are counters for the number of active inbound and outbound SMTP sessions, the number of messages queued for delivery, how many messages are quarantined, how long SecurityGateway has been running, the domain and user counts, and so on. **Note:** the following counters are only updated every minute: Delivery Queue, Admin Quarantine, User Count, Domain Count.

To use the counters, in Windows:

1. Open Administrative Tools in the Control Panel, and double-click **Performance Monitor** (or Run **perfmon**).
2. Under Monitoring Tools, click **Performance Monitor**, and then click "+" (Add) on the toolbar to open the Add Counters dialog.
3. In the list under "Available counters," click **SecurityGateway**, and click **Add >>** to add all SecurityGateway counters. Alternatively, if you don't wish to add all the counters, expand the SecurityGateway group and select any desired counters before clicking **Add >>**.
4. Click **OK**.

Note: To see the performance counters from SecurityGateway running on another machine you must have the "Remote Registry" service enabled and have access through any firewalls.

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