# Spam Technologies

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## **Key Points**

- Defining Spam
- Measuring Spam
- Fighting Spam
- Defeating Spam



## Spam Defined

Attorneys say:
"It's unsolicited bulk e-mail"

- Marketers say:
  "It's what spammers send"
- AOL Customers say: "It's mail I don't want"

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### Measuring Spam

- Different Email Addresses
- Different Domains
- Different IP space
- Different Content
- Same Reaction



## Methods of Fighting Spam

- Enforcement of state and federal laws
- Educating the public
- Technological solutions



#### Technological Solutions

- Email address blocks
- Domain blocks
- IP address blocks
  - \$\$\$ to spend
  - Hijacked networks
  - Reverse DNS
- URL blocks



#### Technological Solutions

- Open Relay Blocks
- High Volume Monitors
- Spammy
- Bayesian Filters
- Connection Paths



#### **Success Rates**

- AOL files lawsuits against spammers
- Raising Spam awareness with members
- 🙎 Ted's opinion
- Effective blocking



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