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## We Are Finally Winning the War vs. Junk E-Mail

Let us run your network while you run your business  
June 15, 2007

**Dear Mark,**

Once gain, I am writing about SPAM, also known as Junk E-Mail and Bulk E-Mail. I have good news now. Two of the most prolific SPAMmers in history have been hit hard.

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### [Biggest SPAMmer in History Arrested](#)

At the end of May 2007, we saw headlines like the one I used (above). Federal authorities in Seattle arrested Robert Alan Soloway and charged him with mail fraud, e-mail fraud, identity theft, money laundering and wire fraud. He could go to jail for 65 years. The U.S. Attorney in Western Washington State called him the "SPAM King."

He didn't send SPAM himself. Rather, he (his company) sent millions of SPAM messages through hacked computers that were then used as points for sending the unwanted e-mails. We call these hacked computers "robots" or "bots" because they participate in somebody's master plan to inflict damage, send SPAM or flood somebody's servers with network traffic.



### Opening Notes



**Anybody out there tired of receiving SPAM every day?**

Hahaha. Now that I have told my annual joke twice, we can get back to business.

I am following up my April 30 e-mail RE: reducing SPAM with some good news for us. Microsoft is actively working with the U.S. Department of Commerce to identify and jail known SPAMmers. I have two

Part of the reason we keep virus protection current, maintain spyware protection and protect computers with business-class firewall devices is to prevent those computers from participating in these schemes.

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According to MSN, "Microsoft has filed more than 135 anti-spam lawsuits worldwide in recent years, about 100 of them in the United States. All told, the company said it has won \$838 million in judgments against spammers."

Back in 2005, Microsoft won a \$7 million judgement against Scott Richter and his company, OptInRealBig.com. OptinRealBig.com was accused of being the world's third most prolific SPAMmer, and had sent 38 million pieces of SPAM per year.

SPAM is cheap. It is so cheap that even if it has a 1% success rate, it is still profitable. Do not click links in any SPAM messages. Delete them immediately. Do not become part of the 1% that helps SPAMmers stay in business.

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### [Watchguard Certified System Professional - Firewall](#)



Some have asked what the Watchguard logo and WCSPF after my name mean. These represent the Watchguard Certified System Professional - Firewall certifications I received last Summer. The knowledge I gained while earning these certifications helps me keep businesses like yours in business.

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