

GFI MailEssentials For Exchange/SMTP

Summary: You'll see a dramatic decrease in spam with the GFI product that receives our Editor's Choice Award for price and functionality.

Price: \$400

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Internet technology has certainly been a boon to employee business activity with the ability to research products and ideas in addition to the ability to video conference and share company ideas. Email is also an essential activity providing a way where they message employees and others. A caveat in this area is the vast volume of time wasting spam email messages that seem to plague all of us with an email address. If your company is looking for a solid product that can significantly reduce these types of messages, then you'll want to look into GFI MailEssentials for Exchange/SMTP that wins our Editor's Choice Award for price and functionality.

GFI MailEssentials is quite easy to install with the supplied program discs. Installation is on the same computer that houses your SMTP-based email server or Microsoft Exchange Server. We found it quite easy to set up the product although it may take a little longer if you are using it with a product other than Exchange Server. There are two main areas in the operation of this program that includes the configuration section and all of the options that it offers. The monitoring capabilities of the product provide quite a bit of information about the email server and processing in a real-time environment.

One of the more interesting facets of the GFI MailEssentials for Exchange/SMTP package is the ability to archive messages to several different ODBC-

compliance database products. This allows companies to save messages for legal or regulatory reasons. You can expect the software to block more than 98-percent of all spam email that attempts to reach corporate users. Both white and blacklists are used by GFI MailEssentials including an automatic whitelist that will be helpful in bringing down the number of false positives in the future. It also uses keyword scanning and Bayesian filters to detect spam attempts, and the use of URI (Uniform Resource Identifier) technology can block phishing attempts. Administrators can configure the program to quarantine messages with HTML script, viruses and macros in an attachment while you can also add a corporate disclaimer to outgoing messages.

If your company is looking for an effective method to distinctly cut down on spam in an effective manner, then you'll want to

check out the GFI MailEssentials for Exchange/SMTP software package that has a starting cost of \$400 that includes licenses for 25 mailboxes and you can expect to pay around \$3,000 for 500 users. More information and technical specifications on this product is available directly from the company from their web site at www.gfi.com.

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It works with Microsoft's Exchange or any SMTP email server.

