

# Block Spam with russian encoding

## PROBLEM:

Lately the amount of spam with russian encoding/charset that I was getting had increased significantly. Spamassassin's configuration options "ok\_locales" and "ok\_languages" were not enough because I didn't want to whitelist some language, but I just wanted to blacklist some.

## SOLUTION:

So the solution is to create a custom rule file by logging in as root.

For example create /etc/mail/spamassassin/myrules.cf and insert the following lines:

```
header LOCAL_CHARSET_RUSSIAN Subject:raw =~/\=?koi8-r\?/i
score LOCAL_CHARSET_RUSSIAN 7
describe LOCAL_CHARSET_RUSSIAN Contains russian charset that is not acceptable
```

If you want to add even more charsets:

```
header LOCAL_CHARSET_BLOCKED Subject:raw =~/\=?(koi8-r|windows-1251)\?/i
score LOCAL_CHARSET_BLOCKED 5
describe LOCAL_CHARSET_BLOCKED Contains charsets that are not acceptable
```

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