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# **aiospamc Documentation**

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aiospamc is an asyncio-based library to interact with SpamAssassin's SPAMD service.



## 1.1 User Guide

### 1.1.1 Requirements

- Python 3.5 or later is required to use the new `async/await` syntax provided by the `asyncio` library.
- SpamAssassin running as a service.

### 1.1.2 Install

#### With PIP

```
pip install aiospamc
```

#### With GIT

```
git clone https://github.com/mjcaley/aiospamc.git
python3 aiospamc/setup.py install
```

### 1.1.3 How to use aiospamc

Instantiating the `aiospamc.client.Client` class will be the primary way to interact with aiospamc.

Parameters are available to specify how to connect to the SpamAssassin SPAMD service including host, port, and whether SSL is enabled. They default to `localhost`, `783`, and SSL being disabled. Additional optional parameters are the username that requests will be sent as (no user by default) and whether to compress the request body (disabled by default).

A coroutine method is available for each type of request that can be sent to SpamAssassin.

An example using the `aiospamc.client.Client.check()` method:

```
import asyncio
import aiospamc

example_message = ('From: John Doe <jdoe@machine.example>'
                   'To: Mary Smith <mary@example.net>'
                   'Subject: Saying Hello'
                   'Date: Fri, 21 Nov 1997 09:55:06 -0600'
                   'Message-ID: <1234@local.machine.example>'
                   ''
                   'This is a message just to say hello.'
                   'So, "Hello".')

loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()
client = aiospamc.Client()
response = loop.run_until_complete(client.check(example_message))
print(response)
```

Other requests can be seen in the `aiospamc.client.Client` class.

### 1.1.4 Making your own requests

If a request that isn't built into aiospamc is needed a new request can be created and sent.

A new request can be made by instantiating the `aiospamc.requests.Request` class. The `aiospamc.requests.Request.verb` defines the method/verb of the request.

Standard headers or the `aiospamc.headers.XHeader` extension header is available in the `aiospamc.headers` module. Headers are managed on the request object with the methods:

- `aiospamc.requests.Request.add_header()`
- `aiospamc.requests.Request.get_header()`
- `aiospamc.requests.Request.delete_header()`

Once a request is composed, it can be sent through the `aiospamc.client.Client.send()` method as-is. The method will automatically add the `aiospamc.headers.User` and `aiospamc.headers.Compress` headers if required.

For example:

```
import asyncio

import aiospamc from aiospamc.requests import Request from aiospamc.headers import XHeader

example_message = ('From: John Doe <jdoe@machine.example>' 'To: Mary Smith'
                   '<mary@example.net>' 'Subject: Saying Hello' 'Date: Fri, 21 Nov 1997 09:55:06 -0600'
                   'Message-ID: <1234@local.machine.example>' '' 'This is a message just to say hello.' 'So,'
                   '"Hello".')

request = Request(verb='FAKE') fake_header1 = XHeader('fake_header', 'Fake values') re-
quest.add_header(fake_header1) request.body = example_message

loop = asyncio.get_event_loop() client = aiospamc.Client() response =
loop.run_until_complete(client.send(request)) print(response)
```



### 1.1.5 Interpreting results

Responses are encapsulated in the `aiospamc.responses.Response` class. It includes the status code, headers and body.

## 1.2 aiospamc API Reference

### 1.2.1 aiospamc package

#### Submodules

#### aiospamc.client module

Contains the Client class that is used to interact with SPAMD.

```
class aiospamc.client.Client (socket_path='/var/run/spamassassin/spamd.sock',    host=None,
                               port=783, user=None, compress=False, ssl=False, loop=None)
```

Bases: object

Client object for interacting with SPAMD.

#### **connection**

`aiospamc.connections.ConnectionManager` – Manager instance to open connections.

#### **user**

str – Name of the user that SPAMD will run the checks under.

#### **compress**

bool – If true, the request body will be compressed.

#### **sleep\_len**

float – Length of time to wait to retry a connection in seconds.

#### **retry\_attempts**

float – Number of times to retry a connection.

#### **loop**

`asyncio.AbstractEventLoop` – The asyncio event loop.

#### **logger**

`logging.Logger` – Logging instance, logs to 'aiospamc.client'

```
__init__ (socket_path='/var/run/spamassassin/spamd.sock', host=None, port=783, user=None, com-
           press=False, ssl=False, loop=None)
```

Client constructor.

#### Parameters

- **socket\_path** (str, optional) – The path to the Unix socket for the SPAMD service.
- **host** (str, optional) – Hostname or IP address of the SPAMD service, defaults to local-host.
- **port** (int, optional) – Port number for the SPAMD service, defaults to 783.
- **user** (str, optional) – Name of the user that SPAMD will run the checks under.
- **compress** (bool, optional) – If true, the request body will be compressed.
- **ssl** (bool, optional) – If true, will enable SSL/TLS for the connection.

- **loop** (`asyncio.AbstractEventLoop`) – The asyncio event loop.

**Raises** `ValueError` – Raised if the constructor can't tell if it's using a TCP or a Unix domain socket connection.

**coroutine check** (*message*)

Request the SPAMD service to check a message with a CHECK request.

The response will contain a 'Spam' header if the message is marked as spam as well as the score and threshold.

SPAMD will perform a scan on the included message. SPAMD expects an RFC 822 or RFC 2822 formatted email.

**Parameters** **message** (`str`) – A string containing the contents of the message to be scanned.

SPAMD will perform a scan on the included message. SPAMD expects an RFC 822 or RFC 2822 formatted email.

**Returns** The response will contain a 'Spam' header if the message is marked as spam as well as the score and threshold.

**Return type** `aiospamc.responses.Response`

**Raises**

- `aiospamc.exceptions.BadResponse` – If the response from SPAMD is ill-formed this exception will be raised.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.AIOspamcConnectionFailed` – Raised if an error occurred when trying to connect.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.UsageException` – Error in command line usage.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.DataErrorException` – Error with data format.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoInputException` – Cannot open input.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoUserException` – Addressee unknown.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoHostException` – Hostname unknown.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.UnavailableException` – Service unavailable.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.InternalSoftwareException` – Internal software error.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.OSErrorException` – System error.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.OSFileException` – Operating system file missing.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.CantCreateException` – Cannot create output file.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.IOErrorException` – Input/output error.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.TemporaryFailureException` – Temporary failure, may reattempt.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.ProtocolException` – Error in the protocol.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoPermissionException` – Permission denied.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.ConfigException` – Error in configuration.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.TimeoutException` – Timeout during connection.

**coroutine headers** (*message*)

Request the SPAMD service to check a message with a HEADERS request.

**Parameters** `message` (`str`) – A string containing the contents of the message to be scanned.

SPAMD will perform a scan on the included message. SPAMD expects an RFC 822 or RFC 2822 formatted email.

**Returns**

The response will contain a ‘Spam’ header if the message is marked as spam as well as the score and threshold.

The body will contain the modified headers of the message.

**Return type** `aiospamc.responses.Response`

**Raises**

- `aiospamc.exceptions.BadResponse` – If the response from SPAMD is ill-formed this exception will be raised.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.AIOSpamcConnectionFailed` – Raised if an error occurred when trying to connect.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.UsageException` – Error in command line usage.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.DataErrorException` – Error with data format.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoInputException` – Cannot open input.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoUserException` – Addressee unknown.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoHostException` – Hostname unknown.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.UnavailableException` – Service unavailable.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.InternalSoftwareException` – Internal software error.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.OSErrorException` – System error.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.OSFileException` – Operating system file missing.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.CantCreateException` – Cannot create output file.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.IOErrorException` – Input/output error.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.TemporaryFailureException` – Temporary failure, may retry.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.ProtocolException` – Error in the protocol.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoPermissionException` – Permission denied.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.ConfigException` – Error in configuration.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.TimeoutException` – Timeout during connection.

**coroutine** `ping()`

Sends a ping request to the SPAMD service and will receive a response if the service is alive.

**Returns** Response message will contain ‘PONG’ if successful.

**Return type** `aiospamc.responses.Response`

**Raises**

- `aiospamc.exceptions.BadResponse` – If the response from SPAMD is ill-formed this exception will be raised.

- `aiospamc.exceptions.AIOSpamcConnectionFailed` – Raised if an error occurred when trying to connect.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.UsageException` – Error in command line usage.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.DataErrorException` – Error with data format.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoInputException` – Cannot open input.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoUserException` – Addressee unknown.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoHostException` – Hostname unknown.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.UnavailableException` – Service unavailable.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.InternalSoftwareException` – Internal software error.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.OSErrorException` – System error.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.OSFileException` – Operating system file missing.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.CantCreateException` – Cannot create output file.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.IOErrorException` – Input/output error.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.TemporaryFailureException` – Temporary failure, may retry.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.ProtocolException` – Error in the protocol.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoPermissionException` – Permission denied.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.ConfigException` – Error in configuration.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.TimeoutException` – Timeout during connection.

**coroutine process** (*message*)

Request the SPAMD service to check a message with a PROCESS request.

**Parameters** `message` (`str`) – A string containing the contents of the message to be scanned.

SPAMD will perform a scan on the included message. SPAMD expects an RFC 822 or RFC 2822 formatted email.

**Returns**

The response will contain a ‘Spam’ header if the message is marked as spam as well as the score and threshold.

The body will contain a modified version of the message.

**Return type** `aiospamc.responses.Response`

**Raises**

- `aiospamc.exceptions.BadResponse` – If the response from SPAMD is ill-formed this exception will be raised.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.AIOSpamcConnectionFailed` – Raised if an error occurred when trying to connect.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.UsageException` – Error in command line usage.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.DataErrorException` – Error with data format.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoInputException` – Cannot open input.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoUserException` – Addressee unknown.

- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoHostException` – Hostname unknown.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.UnavailableException` – Service unavailable.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.InternalSoftwareException` – Internal software error.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.OSErrorException` – System error.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.OSFileException` – Operating system file missing.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.CantCreateException` – Cannot create output file.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.IOErrorException` – Input/output error.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.TemporaryFailureException` – Temporary failure, may retry.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.ProtocolException` – Error in the protocol.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoPermissionException` – Permission denied.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.ConfigException` – Error in configuration.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.TimeoutException` – Timeout during connection.

**coroutine report** (*message*)

Request the SPAMD service to check a message with a REPORT request.

**Parameters** *message* (*str*) – A string containing the contents of the message to be scanned.

SPAMD will perform a scan on the included message. SPAMD expects an RFC 822 or RFC 2822 formatted email.

**Returns**

The response will contain a ‘Spam’ header if the message is marked as spam as well as the score and threshold.

The body will contain a report composed by the SPAMD service.

**Return type** `aiospamc.responses.Response`

**Raises**

- `aiospamc.exceptions.BadResponse` – If the response from SPAMD is ill-formed this exception will be raised.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.AIOspamcConnectionFailed` – Raised if an error occurred when trying to connect.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.UsageException` – Error in command line usage.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.DataErrorException` – Error with data format.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoInputException` – Cannot open input.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoUserException` – Addressee unknown.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.NoHostException` – Hostname unknown.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.UnavailableException` – Service unavailable.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.InternalSoftwareException` – Internal software error.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.OSErrorException` – System error.
- `aiospamc.exceptions.OSFileException` – Operating system file missing.

- *aiospamc.exceptions.CantCreateException* – Cannot create output file.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.IOExceptionException* – Input/output error.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.TemporaryFailureException* – Temporary failure, may retry.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.ProtocolException* – Error in the protocol.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.NoPermissionException* – Permission denied.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.ConfigException* – Error in configuration.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.TimeoutException* – Timeout during connection.

**coroutine** `report_if_spam(message)`

Request the SPAMD service to check a message with a REPORT\_IFSPAM request.

**Parameters** `message` (str) – A string containing the contents of the message to be scanned.

SPAMD will perform a scan on the included message. SPAMD expects an RFC 822 or RFC 2822 formatted email.

**Returns**

The response will contain a ‘Spam’ header if the message is marked as spam as well as the score and threshold.

The body will contain a report composed by the SPAMD service only if message is marked as being spam.

**Return type** *aiospamc.responses.Response*

**Raises**

- *aiospamc.exceptions.BadResponse* – If the response from SPAMD is ill-formed this exception will be raised.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.AIOspamcConnectionFailed* – Raised if an error occurred when trying to connect.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.UsageException* – Error in command line usage.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.DataErrorException* – Error with data format.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.NoInputException* – Cannot open input.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.NoUserException* – Addressee unknown.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.NoHostException* – Hostname unknown.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.UnavailableException* – Service unavailable.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.InternalSoftwareException* – Internal software error.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.OSErrorException* – System error.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.OSFileException* – Operating system file missing.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.CantCreateException* – Cannot create output file.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.IOExceptionException* – Input/output error.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.TemporaryFailureException* – Temporary failure, may retry.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.ProtocolException* – Error in the protocol.

- *aiospamc.exceptions.NoPermissionException* – Permission denied.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.ConfigException* – Error in configuration.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.TimeoutException* – Timeout during connection.

**coroutine** **send** (*request*)

Sends a request to the SPAMD service.

If the SPAMD service gives a temporary failure response, then

**Parameters** **request** (*aiospamc.requests.Request*) – Request object to send.

**Returns**

**Return type** *aiospamc.responses.Response*

**Raises**

- *aiospamc.exceptions.BadResponse* – If the response from SPAMD is ill-formed this exception will be raised.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.AIOSpamcConnectionFailed* – Raised if an error occurred when trying to connect.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.UsageException* – Error in command line usage.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.DataErrorException* – Error with data format.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.NoInputException* – Cannot open input.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.NoUserException* – Addressee unknown.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.NoHostException* – Hostname unknown.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.UnavailableException* – Service unavailable.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.InternalSoftwareException* – Internal software error.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.OSErrorException* – System error.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.OSFileException* – Operating system file missing.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.CantCreateException* – Cannot create output file.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.IOErrorException* – Input/output error.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.TemporaryFailureException* – Temporary failure, may retry.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.ProtocolException* – Error in the protocol.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.NoPermissionException* – Permission denied.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.ConfigException* – Error in configuration.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.TimeoutException* – Timeout during connection.

**coroutine** **symbols** (*message*)

Request the SPAMD service to check a message with a SYMBOLS request.

The response will contain a ‘Spam’ header if the message is marked as spam as well as the score and threshold.

**Parameters** **message** (*str*) – A string containing the contents of the message to be scanned.

SPAMD will perform a scan on the included message. SPAMD expects an RFC 822 or RFC 2822 formatted email.

**Returns**

Will contain a 'Spam' header if the message is marked as spam as well as the score and threshold.

The body will contain a comma separated list of all the rule names.

**Return type** *aiospamc.responses.Response*

**Raises**

- *aiospamc.exceptions.BadResponse* – If the response from SPAMD is ill-formed this exception will be raised.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.AIOSpamcConnectionFailed* – Raised if an error occurred when trying to connect.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.UsageException* – Error in command line usage.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.DataErrorException* – Error with data format.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.NoInputException* – Cannot open input.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.NoUserException* – Addressee unknown.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.NoHostException* – Hostname unknown.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.UnavailableException* – Service unavailable.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.InternalSoftwareException* – Internal software error.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.OSErrorException* – System error.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.OSFileException* – Operating system file missing.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.CantCreateException* – Cannot create output file.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.IOErrorException* – Input/output error.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.TemporaryFailureException* – Temporary failure, may retry.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.ProtocolException* – Error in the protocol.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.NoPermissionException* – Permission denied.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.ConfigException* – Error in configuration.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.TimeoutException* – Timeout during connection.

**coroutine tell** (*message\_class*, *message*, *remove\_action=None*, *set\_action=None*)

Instruct the SPAMD service to mark the message

**Parameters**

- **message\_class** (*aiospamc.options.MessageClassOption*) – An enumeration to classify the message as 'spam' or 'ham.'
- **message** (*str*) – A string containing the contents of the message to be scanned.  
  
SPAMD will perform a scan on the included message. SPAMD expects an RFC 822 or RFC 2822 formatted email.
- **remove\_action** (*aiospamc.options.ActionOption*) – Remove message class for message in database.



- **set\_action**(*aiospamc.options.ActionOption*) – Set message class for message in database.

### Returns

Will contain a 'Spam' header if the message is marked as spam as well as the score and threshold.

The body will contain a report composed by the SPAMD service only if message is marked as being spam.

**Return type** *aiospamc.responses.Response*

### Raises

- *aiospamc.exceptions.BadResponse* – If the response from SPAMD is ill-formed this exception will be raised.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.AIOspamcConnectionFailed* – Raised if an error occurred when trying to connect.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.UsageException* – Error in command line usage.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.DataErrorException* – Error with data format.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.NoInputException* – Cannot open input.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.NoUserException* – Addressee unknown.
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- *aiospamc.exceptions.OSErrorException* – System error.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.OSFileException* – Operating system file missing.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.CantCreateException* – Cannot create output file.
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- *aiospamc.exceptions.TemporaryFailureException* – Temporary failure, may retry.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.ProtocolException* – Error in the protocol.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.NoPermissionException* – Permission denied.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.ConfigException* – Error in configuration.
- *aiospamc.exceptions.TimeoutException* – Timeout during connection.

## aiospamc.common module

Common classes for the project.

**class** `aiospamc.common.RequestResponseBase` (*body=None, headers=None*)

Bases: `object`

Base class for requests and responses.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*body=None, headers=None*)

**Parameters**

- **body** (`str`, optional) – String representation of the body. An instance of the `aiospamc.headers.ContentLength` will be automatically added.
- **headers** (tuple of `aiospamc.headers.Header`, optional) – Collection of headers to be added. If it contains an instance of `aiospamc.headers.Compress` then the body is automatically compressed.

**add\_header** (*header*)

Adds a header to the request. A header with the same name will be overwritten.

**Parameters** **header** (`aiospamc.headers.Header`) – A header object to be added.

**body**

Contains the contents of the body.

The getter will return a bytes object.

The setter expects a string. If the `aiospamc.headers.Compress` header is present then the value of body will be compressed.

The deleter will automatically remove the `aiospamc.headers.ContentLength` header.

**delete\_header** (*header\_name*)

Deletes the header from the request.

**Parameters** **header\_name** (`str`) – String name of the header.

**Raises** `KeyError`

**get\_header** (*header\_name*)

Gets the header matching the name.

**Parameters** **header\_name** (`str`) – String name of the header.

**Returns** A Header object or subclass of it.

**Return type** `aiospamc.headers.Header`

**Raises** `KeyError`

**aiospamc.connections package****Submodules****aiospamc.connections.tcp\_connection module**

TCP socket connection and manager.

```
class aiospamc.connections.tcp_connection.TcpConnection (host, port, ssl,  
                                                    loop=None)
```

Bases: `aiospamc.connections.Connection`

Manages a TCP connection.

**host**

*str* – Hostname or IP address of server.

**port**

*str* – Port number

**ssl**  
*bool* – Whether to use SSL/TLS.

**loop**  
*asyncio.AbstractEventLoop* – The asyncio event loop.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*host, port, ssl, loop=None*)  
 Constructor for TcpConnection.

**host**  
*str* – Hostname or IP address of server.

**port**  
*str* – Port number

**ssl**  
*bool* or optional – SSL/TLS enabled.

**connection\_string**  
 String representation of the connection.

**Returns** Hostname and port.

**Return type** *str*

**coroutine open** ()  
 Opens a connection.

**Returns**

- *asyncio.StreamReader*
- *asyncio.StreamWriter*

**Raises** *aiospamc.exceptions.AIOSpamcConnectionFailed*

**class** aiospamc.connections.tcp\_connection.TcpConnectionManager (*host, port, ssl=False, loop=None*)

Bases: *aiospamc.connections.ConnectionManager*

Creates new connections based on host and port provided.

**host**  
*str* – Hostname or IP address of server.

**port**  
*str* – Port number.

**ssl**  
*bool* – Whether to use SSL/TLS.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*host, port, ssl=False, loop=None*)  
 Constructor for TcpConnectionManager.

**Parameters**

- **host** (*str*) – Hostname or IP address of server.
- **port** (*str*) – Port number
- **ssl** (*bool* or optional) – SSL/TLS enabled.
- **loop** (*asyncio.AbstractEventLoop*) – The asyncio event loop.

**new\_connection** ()  
 Creates a new TCP connection.

**Raises** `aiospamc.exceptions.AIOSpamcConnectionFailed`

## **aiospamc.connections.unix\_connection module**

Unix domain socket connection and manager.

**class** `aiospamc.connections.unix_connection.UnixConnection` (*path*, *loop=None*)

Bases: `aiospamc.connections.Connection`

Manages a Unix domain socket connection.

**path**

*str* – Path of the socket.

**loop**

`asyncio.AbstractEventLoop` – The asyncio event loop.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*path*, *loop=None*)

Constructor for UnixConnection.

### **Parameters**

- **path** (*str*) – Path of the socket.
- **loop** (`asyncio.AbstractEventLoop`) – The asyncio event loop.

**connection\_string**

String representation of the connection.

**Returns** Path to the Unix domain socket.

**Return type** `str`

**coroutine** `open()`

Opens a connection.

### **Returns**

- `asyncio.StreamReader`
- `asyncio.StreamWriter`

**Raises** `aiospamc.exceptions.AIOSpamcConnectionFailed`

**class** `aiospamc.connections.unix_connection.UnixConnectionManager` (*path*,  
*loop=None*)

Bases: `aiospamc.connections.ConnectionManager`

Creates new connections based on Unix domain socket path provided.

**path**

*str* – Path of the socket.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*path*, *loop=None*)

Constructor for UnixConnectionManager.

### **Parameters**

- **path** (*str*) – Path of the socket.
- **loop** (`asyncio.AbstractEventLoop`) – The asyncio event loop.

**new\_connection()**

Creates a new Unix domain socket connection.

**Raises** `AIOSpamcConnectionFailed`

## Module contents

Connection and ConnectionManager base classes.

**class** aiospamc.connections.**Connection** (*loop=None*)

Bases: object

Base class for connection objects.

**connected**

*bool* – Status on if the connection is established.

**loop**

*asyncio.AbstractEventLoop* – The asyncio event loop.

**logger**

*logging.Logger* – Logging instance. Logs to ‘aiospamc.connections’

**\_\_init\_\_** (*loop=None*)

Connection constructor.

**Parameters** *loop* (*asyncio.AbstractEventLoop*) – The asyncio event loop.

**close** ()

Closes the connection.

**connection\_string**

String representation of the connection.

**Returns** String of the connection address.

**Return type** str

**coroutine open** ()

Connect to a service.

**Returns**

- *asyncio.StreamReader* – Instance of stream reader.
- *asyncio.StreamWriter* – Instance of stream writer.

**Raises** *aiospamc.exceptions.AIOSpamcConnectionFailed* – If connection failed for some reason.

**coroutine receive** ()

Receives data from the connection.

**Returns** Data received.

**Return type** bytes

**coroutine send** (*data*)

Sends data through the connection.

**Parameters** *data* (*bytes*) – Data to send.

**class** aiospamc.connections.**ConnectionManager** (*loop=None*)

Bases: object

Stores connection parameters and creates connections.

**loop**

*asyncio.AbstractEventLoop* – The asyncio event loop.

**new\_connection()**

Creates a connection object.

**Returns** Instance of a Connection object.

**Return type** *Connection*

## aiospamc.exceptions module

Collection of exceptions.

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.AIOSpamcConnectionException

Bases: Exception

Base class for exceptions from the connection.

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.AIOSpamcConnectionFailed

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.AIOSpamcConnectionException*

Connection failed.

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.BadRequest

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ClientException*

Request is not in the expected format.

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.BadResponse

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ClientException*

Response is not in the expected format.

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.CantCreateException

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ResponseException*

Can't create (user) output file.

**code** = 73

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.ClientException

Bases: Exception

Base class for exceptions raised from the client.

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.ConfigException

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ResponseException*

Configuration error.

**code** = 78

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.DataErrorException

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ResponseException*

Data format error.

**code** = 65

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.IOErrorException

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ResponseException*

Input/output error.

**code** = 74

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.**InternalSoftwareException**

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ResponseException*

Internal software error.

**code** = 70

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.**NoHostException**

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ResponseException*

Hostname unknown.

**code** = 68

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.**NoInputException**

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ResponseException*

Cannot open input.

**code** = 66

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.**NoPermissionException**

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ResponseException*

Permission denied.

**code** = 77

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.**NoUserException**

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ResponseException*

Addressee unknown.

**code** = 67

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.**OSErrorException**

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ResponseException*

System error (e.g. can't fork the process).

**code** = 71

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.**OSFileException**

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ResponseException*

Critical operating system file missing.

**code** = 72

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.**ProtocolException**

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ResponseException*

Remote error in protocol.

**code** = 76

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.**ResponseException**

Bases: *Exception*

Base class for exceptions raised from a response.

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.**TemporaryFailureException**

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ResponseException*

Temporary failure, user is invited to try again.

**code** = 75

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.TimeoutException

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ResponseException*

Read timeout.

**code** = 79

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.UnavailableException

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ResponseException*

Service unavailable.

**code** = 69

**exception** aiospamc.exceptions.UsageException

Bases: *aiospamc.exceptions.ResponseException*

Command line usage error.

**code** = 64

## aiospamc.headers module

Collection of request and response headers.

**class** aiospamc.headers.Compress

Bases: *aiospamc.headers.Header*

Compress header. Specifies what encryption scheme to use. So far only ‘zlib’ is supported.

**zlib**

*bool* – True if the zlib compression algorithm is used.

**field\_name** ()

**class** aiospamc.headers.ContentLength (*length=0*)

Bases: *aiospamc.headers.Header*

ContentLength header. Indicates the length of the body in bytes.

**length**

*int* – Length of the body.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*length=0*)

ContentLength constructor.

**Parameters** **length** (*int*, optional) – Length of the body.

**field\_name** ()

**class** aiospamc.headers.DidRemove (*action=None*)

Bases: *aiospamc.headers.\_SetRemoveBase*

DidRemove header. Used by SPAMD to indicate if a message was removed from either a local or remote database in response to a TELL request.

**action**

*aiospamc.options.ActionOption* – Actions to be done on local or remote.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*action=None*)

*\_SetRemoveBase* constructor.

**Parameters** **action** (*aiospamc.options.ActionOption*, optional) – Actions to be done on local or remote.



**field\_name()**

**class** aiospamc.headers.**DidSet** (*action=None*)

Bases: aiospamc.headers.\_SetRemoveBase

DidRemove header. Used by SPAMD to indicate if a message was added to either a local or remote database in response to a TELL request.

**action**

*aiospamc.options.ActionOption* – Actions to be done on local or remote.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*action=None*)

\_SetRemoveBase constructor.

**Parameters** **action** (*aiospamc.options.ActionOption*, optional) – Actions to be done on local or remote.

**field\_name()**

**class** aiospamc.headers.**Header**

Bases: object

Header base class.

**field\_name()**

Returns the the field name for the header.

**Returns**

**Return type** str

**class** aiospamc.headers.**MessageClass** (*value=None*)

Bases: *aiospamc.headers.Header*

MessageClass header. Used to specify whether a message is ‘spam’ or ‘ham.’

**value**

*aiospamc.options.MessageClassOption* – Specifies the classification of the message.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*value=None*)

MessageClass constructor.

**Parameters** **value** (*aiospamc.options.MessageClassOption*, optional) – Specifies the classification of the message.

**field\_name()**

**class** aiospamc.headers.**Remove** (*action=None*)

Bases: aiospamc.headers.\_SetRemoveBase

Remove header. Used in a TELL request to ask the SPAMD service remove a message from a local or remote database. The SPAMD service must have the –allow-tells switch in order for this to do anything.

**action**

*aiospamc.options.ActionOption* – Actions to be done on local or remote.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*action=None*)

\_SetRemoveBase constructor.

**Parameters** **action** (*aiospamc.options.ActionOption*, optional) – Actions to be done on local or remote.

**field\_name()**

```
class aiospamc.headers.Set (action=None)
    Bases: aiospamc.headers._SetRemoveBase

    Set header. Used in a TELL request to ask the SPAMD service add a message from a local or remote database.
    The SPAMD service must have the --allow-tells switch in order for this to do anything.

    action
        aiospamc.options.ActionOption – Actions to be done on local or remote.

    __init__ (action=None)
        _SetRemoveBase constructor.

        Parameters action (aiospamc.options.ActionOption, optional) – Actions to be
            done on local or remote.

    field_name ()

class aiospamc.headers.Spam (value=False, score=0.0, threshold=0.0)
    Bases: aiospamc.headers.Header

    Spam header. Used by the SPAMD service to report on if the submitted message was spam and the
    score/threshold that it used.

    value
        bool – True if the message is spam, False if not.

    score
        float – Score of the message after being scanned.

    threshold
        float – Threshold of which the message would have been marked as spam.

    __init__ (value=False, score=0.0, threshold=0.0)
        Spam header constructor.

        Parameters

        • value (bool, optional) – True if the message is spam, False if not.

        • score (float, optional) – Score of the message after being scanned.

        • threshold (float, optional) – Threshold of which the message would have been
            marked as spam.

    field_name ()

class aiospamc.headers.User (name=None)
    Bases: aiospamc.headers.Header

    User header. Used to specify which user the SPAMD service should use when loading configuration files.

    name
        str – Name of the user account.

    __init__ (name=None)
        User constructor.

        Parameters name (str, optional) – Name of the user account.

    field_name ()

class aiospamc.headers.XHeader (name, value)
    Bases: aiospamc.headers.Header

    Extension header. Used to specify a header that's not supported natively by the SPAMD service.
```

**name**  
     str – Name of the header.

**value**  
     str – Contents of the value.

**\_\_init\_\_**(*name*, *value*)  
     XHeader constructor.

#### Parameters

- **name** (str) – Name of the header.
- **value** (str) – Contents of the value.

**field\_name**()

## aiospamc.options module

Data structures used for function parameters.

```
class aiospamc.options.ActionOption(local, remote)
    Bases: tuple

    count(value) → integer – return number of occurrences of value
    index(value[, start[, stop]]) → integer – return first index of value.
        Raises ValueError if the value is not present.

    local
        Alias for field number 0

    remote
        Alias for field number 1

class aiospamc.options.MessageClassOption
    Bases: enum.IntEnum

    Option to be used for the MessageClass header.

    ham = 2
    spam = 1
```

## aiospamc.parser module

Parser combinators for the SPAMC/SPAMD protocol.

```
class aiospamc.parser.Body
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches the remaining stream as the body of the request/response.

class aiospamc.parser.Boolean
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches and returns a bool.

class aiospamc.parser.CompressHeader
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches a aiospamc.headers.Compress header and returns an instance if successful.
```

```

class aiospamc.parser.ContentLengthHeader
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches a aiospamc.headers.ContentLength header and returns an instance if successful.

class aiospamc.parser.CustomHeader
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches a custom header and returns an instance of aiospamc.headers.XHeader if successful.

class aiospamc.parser.DidRemoveHeader
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches a aiospamc.headers.DidRemove header and returns an instance if successful.

class aiospamc.parser.DidSetHeader
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches a aiospamc.headers.DidSet header and returns an instance if successful.

class aiospamc.parser.Digits
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches a sequence of digits and returns a string.

class aiospamc.parser.Discard(parser)
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Shortcut for Replace which replaces with a None value.

    Parameters parser (aiospamc.parser.Parser) –

class aiospamc.parser.Failure(error, remaining)
    Bases: object

    Contains error message and location the where the parser failed.

    error
        str – Error message.

    remaining
        aiospamc.parser.Stream – Remaining stream to parse.

    __init__(error, remaining)
        Failure object constructor.

    Parameters
        • error (str) – Error message.
        • remaining (aiospamc.parser.Stream) – Remaining stream to parse.

class aiospamc.parser.FalseValue
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches the string “false” or “False” and returns the boolean value.

class aiospamc.parser.Float
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches a floating point number and returns a float.

class aiospamc.parser.Header(name, value)
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches a header format, name and value separated by a colon and terminated by a newline.

```

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```

class aiospamc.parser.Headers
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches headers and returns an instance if successful.

class aiospamc.parser.Integer
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches a sequence of digits and returns an integer.

class aiospamc.parser.Map(parser, func)
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Applies the referenced function to the value returned from the parser.

    parser
        aiospamc.parser.Parser

    func
        callable

class aiospamc.parser.Match(match)
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches a regular expression. Returns the regular expression result as the value if successful.

    Parameters match (bytes) – Regular expression to match.

class aiospamc.parser.MessageClassHeader
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches a aiospamc.headers.MessageClass header and returns an instance if successful.

class aiospamc.parser.MessageClassOption
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches ‘spam’ or ‘ham’ and returns an instance of aiospamc.options.MessageClassOption.

class aiospamc.parser.Newline
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches newline sequence and returns regular expression result.

class aiospamc.parser.Number
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches either an integer or a float.

class aiospamc.parser.OneOrMore(parser)
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches one or more repetitions of the parser.

    Parameters parser (aiospamc.parser.Parser) –

class aiospamc.parser.Optional(parser)
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    If the parser is found then the value is returned, if not then a None value is returned.

    Parameters parser (aiospamc.parser.Parser) –

class aiospamc.parser.Or(left, right)
    Bases: aiospamc.parser.Parser

    Matches the left or right parser.

```

**left**

*aiospamc.parser.Parser*

**right**

*aiospamc.parser.Parser*

**class** aiospamc.parser.Parser

Bases: object

Parser base class. Overloads operators for ease of writing parsers.

The following lists the operator and the effect it has:

Operator	Effect
-A	Matches A, but discards the result
~A	Optionally matches A
A   B	Logical OR
A >> B	Sequence of A then B
A ^ B	Logical XOR

**class** aiospamc.parser.RemoveHeader

Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*

Matches a *aiospamc.headers.Remove* header and returns an instance if successful.

**class** aiospamc.parser.Replace(*parser, replace*)

Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*

If parser returns a successful result then it's replaced with the value given.

#### Parameters

- **parser** (*aiospamc.parser.Parser*) –
- **replace** – Value to replace a successful result with.

**class** aiospamc.parser.Request

Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*

Matches a SPAMC request and returns an instance of *aiospamc.requests.Request*.

**class** aiospamc.parser.RequestMethod

Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*

Matches a request method.

**class** aiospamc.parser.Response

Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*

Matches a SPAMD response and returns an instance of *aiospamc.responses.Response*.

**class** aiospamc.parser.SAParser

Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*

Start rule for the parser. Returns an instance of either *aiospamc.requests.Request* or *aiospamc.responses.Response*.

**class** aiospamc.parser.Sequence(*left, right*)

Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*

Matches the left and then the right parser in sequence.

**left**

*aiospamc.parser.Parser*

**right**

*aiospamc.parser.Parser*

**class** aiospamc.parser.**SetHeader**

Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*

Matches a *aiospamc.headers.Set* header and returns an instance if successful.

**class** aiospamc.parser.**SetRemoveValue**

Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*

Matches a value for the *aiospamc.headers.DidRemove*, *aiospamc.headers.DidSet*, *aiospamc.headers.Remove*, or *aiospamc.headers.Set*.

**class** aiospamc.parser.**SpamHeader**

Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*

Matches a *aiospamc.headers.Spam* header and returns an instance if successful.

**class** aiospamc.parser.**Str**(*match*)

Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*

Matches a regular expression and casts it to a string.

**Parameters** **match** (bytes) – Regular expression to match.

**class** aiospamc.parser.**Stream**(*stream*, *index*)

Bases: tuple

**count** (*value*) → integer – return number of occurrences of value

**index**

Alias for field number 1

**stream**

Alias for field number 0

**class** aiospamc.parser.**Success**(*value*, *remaining*)

Bases: object

Contains successful result and location for a parser.

**value**

Result of a successful parse.

**remaining**

*aiospamc.parser.Stream* – Remaining stream to parse.

**\_\_init\_\_**(*value*, *remaining*)

Success object constructor.

**Parameters**

- **value** – Result of a successful parse.
- **remaining** (*aiospamc.parser.Stream*) – Remaining stream to parse.

**class** aiospamc.parser.**TrueValue**

Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*

Matches the string “true” or “True” and returns the boolean value.

**class** aiospamc.parser.**UserHeader**

Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*

Matches a *aiospamc.headers.User* header and returns an instance if successful.

**class** aiospamc.parser.**Version**  
Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*  
Matches a version code and returns a string.

**class** aiospamc.parser.**Whitespace**  
Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*  
Matches sequence of whitespace and returns regular expression result.

**class** aiospamc.parser.**Xor** (*left, right*)  
Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*  
Matches only either the left or right parser.

**left**  
*aiospamc.parser.Parser*

**right**  
*aiospamc.parser.Parser*

**class** aiospamc.parser.**ZeroOrMore** (*parser*)  
Bases: *aiospamc.parser.Parser*  
Matches zero or more repetitions of the parser.

**Parameters** **parser** (*aiospamc.parser.Parser*) –

**aiospamc.parser.concat** (*container*)  
Concatenates items within a collection into a string.

**aiospamc.parser.flatten** (*container*)  
Flattens nested lists into one list.

**aiospamc.parser.remove\_empty** (*container*)  
Removes None and empty strings from the container.

## **aiospamc.requests module**

Contains all requests that can be made to the SPAMD service.

**class** aiospamc.requests.**Request** (*verb, version='1.5', headers=None, body=None*)  
Bases: *aiospamc.common.RequestResponseBase*  
SPAMC request object.

**verb**  
str – Method name of the request.

**version**  
str – Protocol version.

**body**  
str or bytes – String representation of the body. An instance of the *aiospamc.headers.ContentLength* will be automatically added.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*verb, version='1.5', headers=None, body=None*)  
Request constructor.

**Parameters**

- **verb** (str) – Method name of the request.
- **version** (str) – Version of the protocol.



- **body** (`str` or `bytes`, optional) – String representation of the body. An instance of the `aiospamc.headers.ContentLength` will be automatically added.
- **headers** (tuple of `aiospamc.headers.Header`, optional) – Collection of headers to be added. If it contains an instance of `aiospamc.headers.Compress` then the body is automatically compressed.

**add\_header** (*header*)

Adds a header to the request. A header with the same name will be overwritten.

**Parameters** **header** (`aiospamc.headers.Header`) – A header object to be added.

**body**

Contains the contents of the body.

The getter will return a bytes object.

The setter expects a string. If the `aiospamc.headers.Compress` header is present then the value of body will be compressed.

The deleter will automatically remove the `aiospamc.headers.ContentLength` header.

**delete\_header** (*header\_name*)

Deletes the header from the request.

**Parameters** **header\_name** (`str`) – String name of the header.

**Raises** `KeyError`

**get\_header** (*header\_name*)

Gets the header matching the name.

**Parameters** **header\_name** (`str`) – String name of the header.

**Returns** A Header object or subclass of it.

**Return type** `aiospamc.headers.Header`

**Raises** `KeyError`

## aiospamc.responses module

Contains classes used for responses.

**class** `aiospamc.responses.Response` (*version*, *status\_code*, *message*, *headers=None*, *body=None*)

Bases: `aiospamc.common.RequestResponseBase`

Class to encapsulate response.

**protocol\_version**

`str` – Protocol version given by the response.

**status\_code**

`aiospamc.responses.Status` – Status code give by the response.

**message**

`str` – Message accompanying the status code.

**body**

`str` or `bytes` – Contents of the response body.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*version*, *status\_code*, *message*, *headers=None*, *body=None*)

Response constructor.

**Parameters**

- **version** (*str*) – Version reported by the SPAMD service response.
- **status\_code** (*aiospamc.responses.Status*) – Success or error code.
- **message** (*str*) – Message associated with status code.
- **body** (*str* or *bytes*, optional) – String representation of the body. An instance of the *aiospamc.headers.ContentLength* will be automatically added.
- **headers** (tuple of *aiospamc.headers.Header*, optional) – Collection of headers to be added. If it contains an instance of *aiospamc.headers.Compress* then the body is automatically compressed.

**add\_header** (*header*)

Adds a header to the request. A header with the same name will be overwritten.

**Parameters** **header** (*aiospamc.headers.Header*) – A header object to be added.

**body**

Contains the contents of the body.

The getter will return a bytes object.

The setter expects a string. If the *aiospamc.headers.Compress* header is present then the value of body will be compressed.

The deleter will automatically remove the *aiospamc.headers.ContentLength* header.

**delete\_header** (*header\_name*)

Deletes the header from the request.

**Parameters** **header\_name** (*str*) – String name of the header.

**Raises** *KeyError*

**get\_header** (*header\_name*)

Gets the header matching the name.

**Parameters** **header\_name** (*str*) – String name of the header.

**Returns** A Header object or subclass of it.

**Return type** *aiospamc.headers.Header*

**Raises** *KeyError*

**class** *aiospamc.responses.Status*

Bases: *enum.IntEnum*

Enumeration of status codes that the SPAMD will accompany with a response.

Reference: <https://svn.apache.org/repos/asf/spamassassin/trunk/spamd/spamd.raw> Look for the %resphash variable.

**EX\_CANTCREAT** = 73

**EX\_CONFIG** = 78

**EX\_DATAERR** = 65

**EX\_IOERR** = 74

**EX\_NOHOST** = 68

**EX\_NOINPUT** = 66

```

EX_NOPERM = 77
EX_NOUSER = 67
EX_OK = 0
EX_OSERR = 71
EX_OSFILE = 72
EX_PROTOCOL = 76
EX_SOFTWARE = 70
EX_TEMPFAIL = 75
EX_TIMEOUT = 79
EX_UNAVAILABLE = 69
EX_USAGE = 64

```

## Module contents

aiospamc package.

An asyncio-based library to communicate with SpamAssassin's SPAMD service.

## 1.3 SPAMC/SPAMD Protocol As Implemented by SpamAssassin

### 1.3.1 Requests and Responses

The structure of a request is similar to an HTTP request.<sup>1</sup> The method/verb, protocol name and version are listed followed by headers separated by newline characters (carriage return and linefeed or `\r\n`). Following the headers is a blank line with a newline (`\r\n`). If there is a message body it will be added after all headers.

The current requests are *CHECK*, *HEADERS*, *PING*, *PROCESS*, *REPORT*, *REPORT\_IFSPAM*, *SKIP*, *SYMBOLS*, and *TELL*:

```

METHOD SPAMC/1.5\r\n
HEADER_NAME1 : HEADER_VALUE1\r\n
HEADER_NAME2 : HEADER_VALUE2\r\n
\r\n
REQUEST_BODY

```

The structure of responses are also similar to HTTP responses. The protocol name, version, status code, and message are listed on one line. Any headers are also listed and all are separated by newline characters. Following the headers is a newline. If there is a message body it's included after all headers:

```

SPAMD/1.5 STATUS_CODE MESSAGE\r\n
HEADER_NAME1 : HEADER_VALUE1\r\n
HEADER_NAME2 : HEADER_VALUE2\r\n
\r\n
RESPONSE_BODY

```

The following are descriptions of the requests that can be sent and examples of the responses that you can expect to receive.

<sup>1</sup> <https://svn.apache.org/viewvc/spamassassin/branches/3.4/spamd/PROTOCOL?revision=1676616&view=co>

## CHECK

Instruct SpamAssassin to process the included message.

### Request

#### Required Headers

- *Content-length*

#### Optional Headers

- *Compress*
- *User*

#### Required body

An email based on the [RFC 5322](#) standard.

### Response

Will include a Spam header with a “True” or “False” value, followed by the score and threshold. Example:

```
SPAMD/1.1 0 EX_OK
Spam: True ; 1000.0 / 5.0
```

## HEADERS

Process the included message and return only the modified headers.

### Request

#### Required Headers

- *Content-length*

#### Optional Headers

- *Compress*
- *User*

#### Required Body

An email based on the [RFC 5322](#) standard.

## Response

Will return the modified headers of the message in the body. The *Spam* header is also included.

```
SPAMD/1.1 0 EX_OK
Spam: True ; 1000.0 / 5.0
Content-length: 654

Received: from localhost by debian
        with SpamAssassin (version 3.4.0);
        Tue, 10 Jan 2017 11:09:26 -0500
From: Sender <sender@example.net>
To: Recipient <recipient@example.net>
Subject: Test spam mail (GTUBE)
Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2003 23:30:00 +0200
Message-Id: <GTUBE1.1010101@example.net>
X-Spam-Checker-Version: SpamAssassin 3.4.0 (2014-02-07) on debian
X-Spam-Flag: YES
X-Spam-Level: *****
X-Spam-Status: Yes, score=1000.0 required=5.0 tests=GTUBE,NO_RECEIVED,
        NO_RELAYS autolearn=no autolearn_force=no version=3.4.0
MIME-Version: 1.0Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary="-----=_58750736.
↪8D9F70BC"
```

## PING

Send a request to test if the server is alive.

## Request

### Required Headers

None.

### Optional Headers

None.

## Response

Example:

```
SPAMD/1.5 0 PONG
```

## PROCESS

Instruct SpamAssassin to process the message and return the modified message.

## Request

### Required Headers

- *Content-length*

### Optional Headers

- *Compress*
- *User*

### Required Body

An email based on the [RFC 5322](#) standard.

## Response

Will return a modified message in the body. The *Spam* header is also included. Example:

```
SPAMD/1.1 0 EX_OK
Spam: True ; 1000.0 / 5.0
Content-length: 2948

Received: from localhost by debian
        with SpamAssassin (version 3.4.0);
        Tue, 10 Jan 2017 10:57:02 -0500
From: Sender <sender@example.net>
To: Recipient <recipient@example.net>
Subject: Test spam mail (GTUBE)
Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2003 23:30:00 +0200
Message-Id: <GTUBE1.1010101@example.net>
X-Spam-Checker-Version: SpamAssassin 3.4.0 (2014-02-07) on debian
X-Spam-Flag: YES
X-Spam-Level: *****
X-Spam-Status: Yes, score=1000.0 required=5.0 tests=GTUBE,NO_RECEIVED,
        NO_RELAYS autolearn=no autolearn_force=no version=3.4.0
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary="-----=_5875044E.D4EFFF7"

This is a multi-part message in MIME format.

-----=_5875044E.D4EFFF7
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-Disposition: inline
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Spam detection software, running on the system "debian",
has identified this incoming email as possible spam. The original
message has been attached to this so you can view it or label
similar future email. If you have any questions, see
@@CONTACT_ADDRESS@@ for details.

Content preview: This is the GTUBE, the Generic Test for Unsolicited Bulk Email
```

If your spam filter supports it, the GTUBE provides a test by which you can verify that the filter is installed correctly and is detecting incoming spam. You can send yourself a test mail containing the following string of characters (in upper case and with no white spaces and line breaks): [...]

Content analysis details: (1000.0 points, 5.0 required)

pts	rule name	description
1000	GTUBE	BODY: Generic Test for Unsolicited Bulk Email
-0.0	NO_RELAYS	Informational: message was not relayed via SMTP
-0.0	NO_RECEIVED	Informational: message has no Received headers

-----=\_5875044E.D4EFFFFD7

Content-Type: message/rfc822; x-spam-type=original  
 Content-Description: original message before SpamAssassin  
 Content-Disposition: inline  
 Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Subject: Test spam mail (GTUBE)  
 Message-ID: <GTUBE1.1010101@example.net>  
 Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2003 23:30:00 +0200  
 From: Sender <sender@example.net>  
 To: Recipient <recipient@example.net>  
 Precedence: junk  
 MIME-Version: 1.0  
 Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
 Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This is the GTUBE, the  
     Generic  
     Test for  
     Unsolicited  
     Bulk  
     Email

If your spam filter supports it, the GTUBE provides a test by which you can verify that the filter is installed correctly and is detecting incoming spam. You can send yourself a test mail containing the following string of characters (in upper case and with no white spaces and line breaks):

XJS\*C4JDBQADN1.NSBN3\*2IDNEN\*GTUBE-STANDARD-ANTI-UBE-TEST-EMAIL\*C.34X

You should send this test mail from an account outside of your network.

-----=\_5875044E.D4EFFFFD7--

## REPORT

Send a request to process a message and return a report.

## Request

### Required Headers

- *Content-length*

### Optional Headers

- *Compress*
- *User*

### Required body

An email based on the [RFC 5322](#) standard.

## Response

Response returns the *Spam* header and the body containing a report of the message scanned.

Example:

```
SPAMD/1.1 0 EX_OK
Content-length: 1071
Spam: True ; 1000.0 / 5.0

Spam detection software, running on the system "debian",
has identified this incoming email as possible spam. The original
message has been attached to this so you can view it or label
similar future email. If you have any questions, see
@@CONTACT_ADDRESS@@ for details.

Content preview: This is the GTUBE, the Generic Test for Unsolicited Bulk Email
If your spam filter supports it, the GTUBE provides a test by which you can
verify that the filter is installed correctly and is detecting incoming spam.
You can send yourself a test mail containing the following string of characters
(in upper case and with no white spaces and line breaks): [...]

Content analysis details: (1000.0 points, 5.0 required)

pts rule name          description
-----
1000 GTUBE              BODY: Generic Test for Unsolicited Bulk Email
-0.0 NO_RELAYS          Informational: message was not relayed via SMTP
-0.0 NO_RECEIVED        Informational: message has no Received headers
```

## REPORT\_IFSPAM

Matches the *REPORT* request, with the exception a report will not be generated if the message is not spam.



## SKIP

Sent when a connection is made in error. The SPAMD service will immediately close the connection.

### Request

#### Required Headers

None.

#### Optional Headers

None.

## SYMBOLS

Instruct SpamAssassin to process the message and return the rules that were matched.

### Request

#### Required Headers

- *Content-length*

#### Optional Headers

- *Compress*
- *User*

#### Required body

An email based on the [RFC 5322](#) standard.

### Response

Response includes the *Spam* header. The body contains the SpamAssassin rules that were matched. Example:

```
SPAMD/1.1 0 EX_OK
Content-length: 27
Spam: True ; 1000.0 / 5.0

GTUBE,NO_RECEIVED,NO_RELAYS
```

## TELL

Send a request to classify a message and add or remove it from a database. The message type is defined by the *Message-class*. The *Remove* and *Set* headers are used to choose the location (“local” or “remote”) to add or remove it. SpamAssassin will return an error if a request tries to apply a conflicting change (e.g. both setting and removing to the same location).

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**Note:** The SpamAssassin daemon must have the `--allow-tell` option enabled to support this feature.

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## Request

### Required Headers

- *Content-length*
- *Message-class*
- *Remove* or *Set*
- *User*

### Optional Headers

- *Compress*

### Required Body

An email based on the [RFC 5322](#) standard.

## Response

If successful, the response will include the *DidRemove* or *DidSet* headers depending on the request.

Response from a request that sent a *Remove*:

```
SPAMD/1.1 0 EX_OK
DidRemove: local
Content-length: 2
```

Response from a request that sent a *Set*:

```
SPAMD/1.1 0 EX_OK
DidSet: local
Content-length: 2
```

## 1.3.2 Headers

Headers are structured very simply. They have a name and value which are separated by a colon (:). All headers are followed by a newline. The current headers include *Compress*, *Content-length*, *DidRemove*, *DidSet*, *Message-class*, *Remove*, *Set*, *Spam*, and *User*.

For example:

```
Content-length: 42\r\n
```

The following is a list of headers defined by SpamAssassin, although anything is allowable as a header. If an unrecognized header is included in the request or response it should be ignored.

## Compress

Specifies that the body is compressed and what compression algorithm is used. Contains a string of the compression algorithm. Currently only `zlib` is supported.

## Content-length

The length of the body in bytes. Contains an integer representing the body length.

## DidRemove

Included in a response to a [TELL](#) request. Identifies which databases a message was removed from. Contains a string containing either `local`, `remote` or both separated by a comma.

## DidSet

Included in a response to a [TELL](#) request. Identifies which databases a message was set in. Contains a string containing either `local`, `remote` or both separated by a comma.

## Message-class

Classifies the message contained in the body. Contains a string containing either `local`, `remote` or both separated by a comma.

## Remove

Included in a [TELL](#) request to remove the message from the specified database. Contains a string containing either `local`, `remote` or both separated by a comma.

## Set

Included in a [TELL](#) request to remove the message from the specified database. Contains a string containing either `local`, `remote` or both separated by a comma.

## Spam

Identify whether the message submitted was spam or not including the score and threshold. Contains a string containing a boolean if the message is spam (either `True`, `False`, `Yes`, or `No`), followed by a `;`, a floating point number representing the score, followed by a `/`, and finally a floating point number representing the threshold of which to consider it spam.

For example:

`Spam: True ; 1000.0 / 5.0`

## **User**

Specify which user the request will run under. SpamAssassin will use the configuration files for the user included in the header. Contains a string containing the name of the user.

### **1.3.3 Status Codes**

A status code is an integer detailing whether the request was successful or if an error occurred.

The following status codes are defined in the SpamAssassin source repository<sup>2</sup>.

#### **EX\_OK**

Code: 0

Definition: No problems were found.

#### **EX\_USAGE**

Code: 64

Definition: Command line usage error.

#### **EX\_DATAERR**

Code: 65

Definition: Data format error.

#### **EX\_NOINPUT**

Code: 66

Definition: Cannot open input.

#### **EX\_NOUSER**

Code: 67

Definition: Addressee unknown.

#### **EX\_NOHOST**

Code: 68

Definition: Hostname unknown.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://svn.apache.org/viewvc/spamassassin/branches/3.4/spamd/spamd.raw?revision=1749346&view=co>

## **EX\_UNAVAILABLE**

Code: 69

Definition: Service unavailable.

## **EX\_SOFTWARE**

Code: 70

Definition: Internal software error.

## **EX\_OSERR**

Code: 71

Definition: System error (e.g. can't fork the process).

## **EX\_OSFILE**

Code: 72

Definition: Critical operating system file missing.

## **EX\_CANTCREAT**

Code: 73

Definition: Can't create (user) output file.

## **EX\_IOERR**

Code: 74

Definition: Input/output error.

## **EX\_TEMPFAIL**

Code: 75

Definition: Temporary failure, user is invited to retry.

## **EX\_PROTOCOL**

Code: 76

Definition: Remote error in protocol.

## **EX\_NOPERM**

Code: 77

Definition: Permission denied.

## **EX\_CONFIG**

Code: 78

Definition: Configuration error.

## **EX\_TIMEOUT**

Code: 79

Definition: Read timeout.

### **1.3.4 Body**

SpamAssassin will generally want the body of a request to be in a supported RFC email format. The response body will differ depending on the type of request that was sent.

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