

Attachment Filtering - Inbound

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For outbound attachment filtering, see [Attachment Content Filtering - Outbound](#).

If you make setting changes, allow a few minutes for the changes to take effect.

All messages, except those from exempt senders, go through attachment filtering. Use the **Inbound Settings > Content Policies** page to specify actions to take on inbound messages if they contain attachments with certain file name patterns or MIME types. If email is sent to a recipient on a whitelist, content filtering is bypassed.

You can select **Archive Files Content** with any filter to search the contents of attached archives. Use the **Password Protected Archive Filtering** feature as follows:

- When set to **Scan**, any email containing a password protected attachment is blocked.
- When set to **Ignore**, your attachment filter policies are applied to any email containing a password protected attachment.

Messages that are blocked due to attachment filtering appear in the Message Log with the word **Attachment** for the **Reason** if you click **Show Details** for the message. For example, if you create a filter to block messages with attachments whose file names match a pattern of **word***, the entry in the Message Log would contain:

```
Action:Blocked Reason:Attachment (word_2010_xml.tgz)
```

where `word_2010_xml.tgz` is the attachment file name that caused the message to be blocked.

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