

Intermediate Web Course Development

E-Mail Issues

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How to read an e-mail header

Given this header:

X-URL: <http://www.mail2web.com/>¹
Date: Mon, 08 May 2001 10:25:39 -0400
From: cmerun@mail.fallow.com²
Subject: hi
Sender: "cmerun@mail.fallow.com"
To: randy.patton@vt.edu³
Reply-to: cmerun@fallow.com⁴
X-Originating-IP: 205.188.196.54⁵
X-Priority: 3⁶

We know:

1. The e-mail client (Mail2Web)
 2. The sender's regular e-mail account (cmerun@mail.fallow.com), which indicates the user receives his mail at a different account (and most likely a different client) than the one he's using to send this message
 3. Our e-mail address
 4. The sender's preferred return address
 5. The IP number of the computer used to send the message
 6. The sender's opinion of the importance of his message
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Attachments

Attachments are recognized by your e-mail client according to **MIME type** and **file extension**. If you receive a file without an extension, or with an extension your operating system doesn't recognize, your client may not know what application to use to open it. You may need to set the appropriate MIME type for new extensions manually.

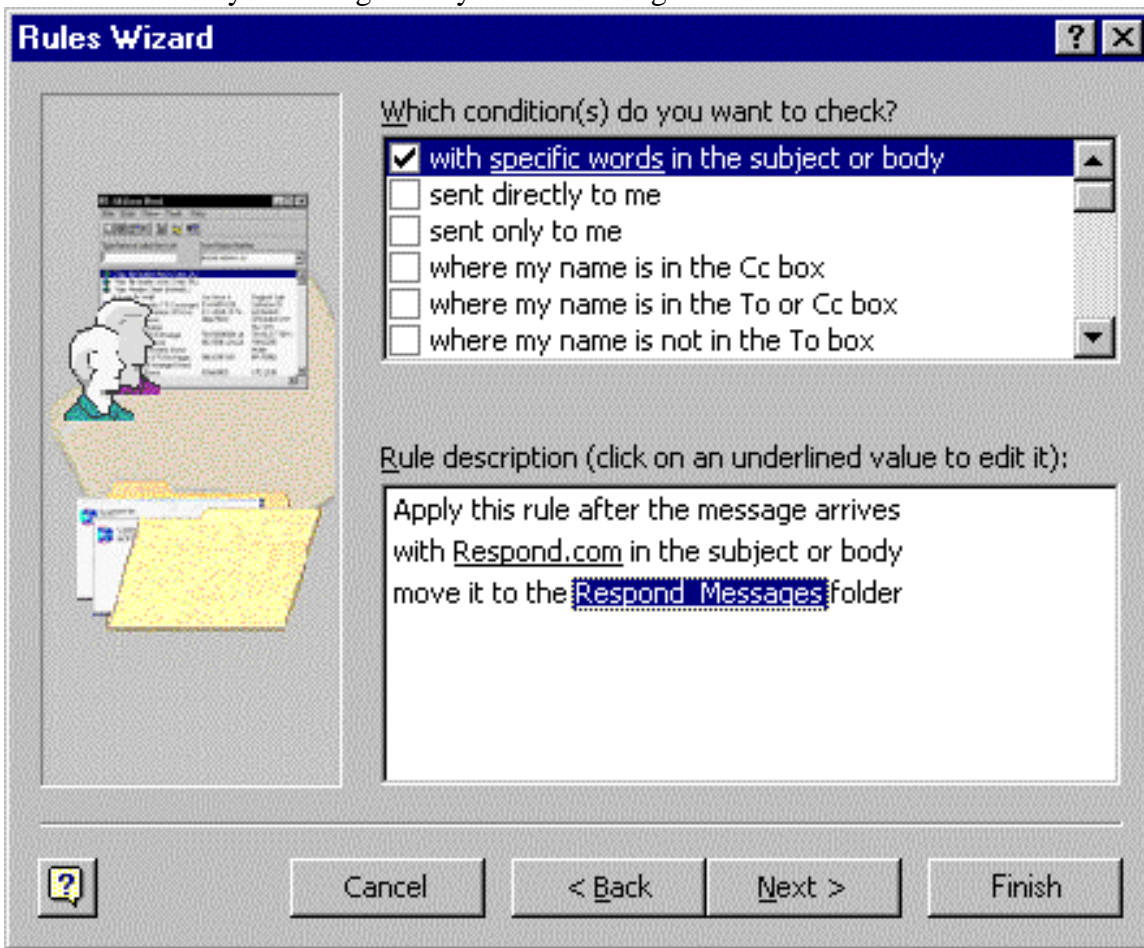
- **Windows:** My Computer -> View -> Folder Options -> File Types
- **Mac OS:** Apple Menu -> Control Panels -> Internet -> Advanced -> Helper Applications

Attachments can spread viruses, worms, trojans and other harmful programs. Some can even e-mail copies of themselves to everyone in a user's address book or nicknames list

Cross-Platform Hints

Eudora “Filters” = Outlook/Entourage“Rules” = UNIX “filters”

Four different ways of doing exactly the same thing:



The Outlook Rules Wizard (Windows)

