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## Sendmail Flow Control

### Overview

Sendmail Flow Control is a robust solution for controlling the message traffic into and out of your email system. It enables fine-grained control over connections to your Sendmail Switch email gateways, giving administrators the power to regulate connections to ensure optimal email performance.



Effectively controls  
email traffic flow.

**Operating Systems:** Solaris 8, 9; SLES 7;  
RHL AS/ES 2.1; AIX 4.3.3, 5.1

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### Features and Benefits

Sendmail Flow Control is part of the comprehensive Mailstream Manager suite of products from Sendmail, which are designed to manage and protect the flow of email into and out of the enterprise.

Sendmail Flow Control plugs directly into the email stream via Sendmail Switch to help organizations:

- *Regulate message flow for capacity optimization*
- *Defend the mail system against denial-of-service attacks*
- *Thwart spammers from harvesting email addresses*

Sendmail Flow Control uses administrator-defined rules to filter all inbound and outbound email messages, regulating connections to Sendmail Switch based on the originating IP address, hostname, domain name or IP address range.

Flow Control rules can include limits on numbers of connections during a defined period of time, limits on recipients attempted per connection or per time period and the limits on total bytes transmitted during a defined time period. Based on rule matches, email may be rejected, discarded (apparently accepted, but silently deleted) or deferred until a later time.

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