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# Tolly Common Test Plan 1058: Anti-Spam Gateway Accuracy

A best practices guide to benchmarking Anti-spam gateway accuracy

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# Introduction to the Tolly Common Test Plan™ Series

## DEFINITION

The Tolly Common Test Plan series presents a collection of detailed test plans that are designed to help validate feature/function and performance characteristics of Information Technology products and solutions. The Common Test Plan can assist Information Technology professionals as well as technology vendors in conducting detailed, consistent assessments of product features and performance. Early versions of this document will be limited in scope for the purposes of receiving critical comment before expanding the test set.

## PURPOSE & SCOPE

The Test Plan document does not present a product feature “checklist” nor does it specify levels of achievement required to “pass” a given test. Rather, the purpose of the Tolly Common Test Plan is to provide a wide range of specific evaluation points - more items and elements than are likely required by any single user. Users of this document can select those tests and evaluation points that they find relevant to their environments.

Ultimately, the purpose of the Common Test Plan series is to reduce the amount of time and effort expended by end-users in the RFP process. While users may have some unique requirements, it is likely that there are many requirements that are common across a great many users. This document aims to identify and document those common requirements and, most importantly, how to quantify how well a device or solution meets a given requirement.

This Test Plan document is a “living document” to which tests are added over time. Thus, any document should be considered a subset of all possible tests rather than a comprehensive collection. We welcome suggestions for additional areas to be covered either within this document or of other technologies.

## DEVELOPMENT

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## AUDIENCE

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# Document Abstract - V1.0

This is the first version of the Test Plan and was released in June 2009.

This version covers anti-spam accuracy testing.

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