# A Quick Tutorial on MagicSpam PRO

Once you have activated MagicSpam PRO, you are able to use MagicSpam to its fullest potential. The following sections will show you what you should expect for each page on the MagicSpam interface.

## **Overview of the MagicSpam PRO Pages**

At the top of the MagicSpam PRO extension page, you will see a number of interface component. Below is an overview of what you can find for each interface component.



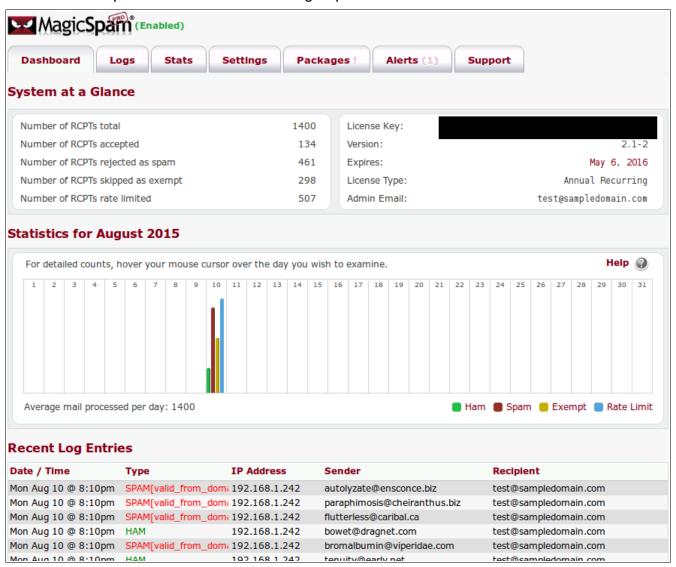
## **Dashboard**

The *Dashboard* is your main MagicSpam extension screen which provides a summary of mail activities on your server. The Dashboard also include monthly statistics of:

- Ham Messages that were not identified as spam.
- Spam Messages identified as spam and blocked.
- Exempt Messages that spam checking was skipped for due to an exemption entry.
- Rate Limited Messages Messages received from an IP / user who has been ratelimited.

You can hover your mouse cursor over any day in the graph to see details about the statistical counts for each day respectively.

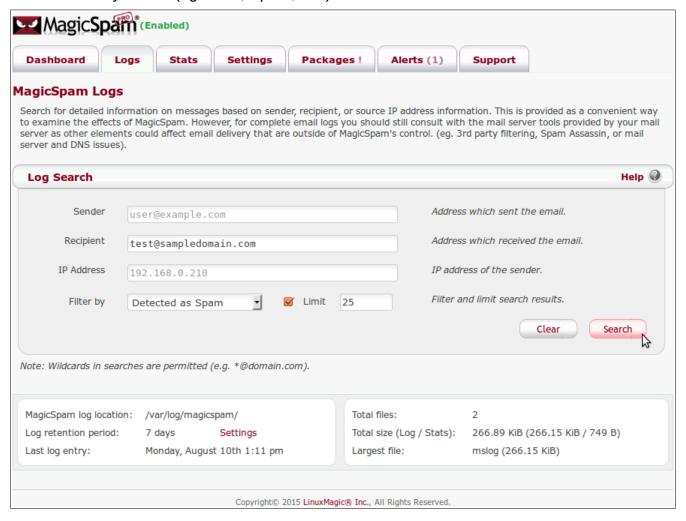
Below is a sample screen shot of what MagicSpam PRO's Dashboard looks like.



## Logs

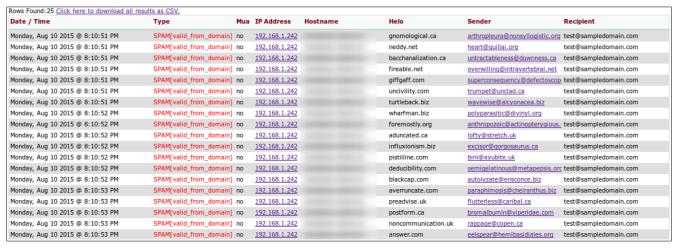
The *Logs* section will provide you with a simple way to search the logs generated by MagicSpam® PRO. It allows you to search based on the following parameters:

- Sender
- Recipient
- IP Address
- Delivery Result (eg. Ham, Spam, etc.)



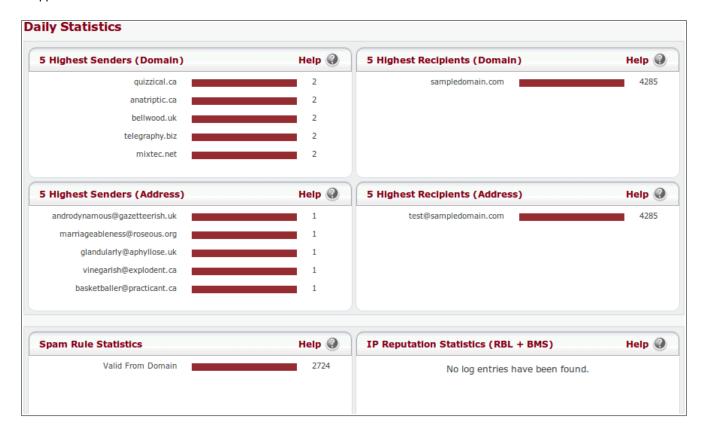
Underneath the Log Search box is an outline of where MagicSpam's log files are kept on the server. It will show you additional information such as the last entry logged in the file and disk space the log files are occupying.

Upon pressing "Search", you will be able to view the result based on the parameters you provided. This will take you to a new window which will generate the result. You also have the option of downloading the result table as a csv file format – which can be opened and read by most spread sheet programs.

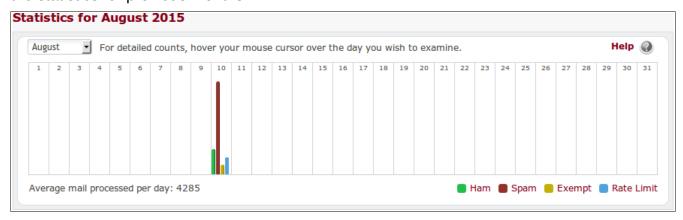


### **Stats**

The *Stats* section will allow you to analyze important daily and monthly statistics. Daily statistics will show you the five highest senders and recipients per domain or individual addresses, as well as Spam Rule Statistics and IP Reputation Statistics.



The monthly statistics gives an overview for the current month or for any previous month. This is similar to the statistics displayed in the dashboard, but also gives you the option to see the statistics for previous months.



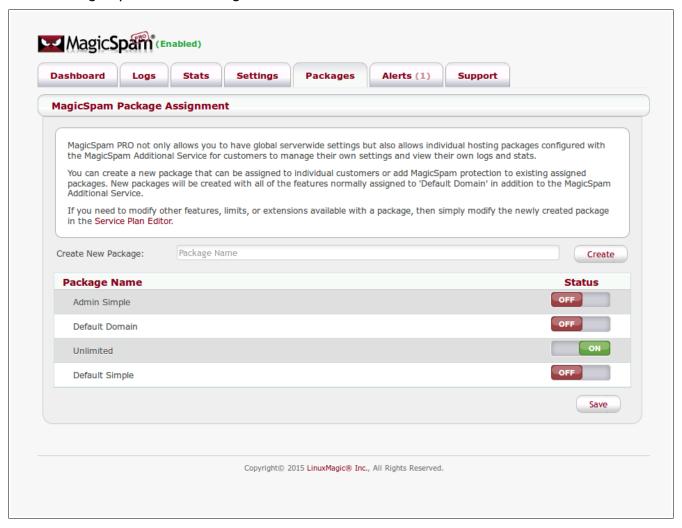
## **Settings**

The *Settings* section allows you to customize your MagicSpam's core settings, server policies, and global protection settings. See <u>Configuring MagicSpam PRO</u> for more details.

## **Packages**

The *Packages* section allows you to extend MagicSpam PRO to your customers as a value added service. You may add MagicSpam PRO to any service package you currently have or create a new MagicSpam enabled service plan.

The following screen shot example will allow all your customers with an "Unlimited" package to have MagicSpam PRO settings in their own interface.

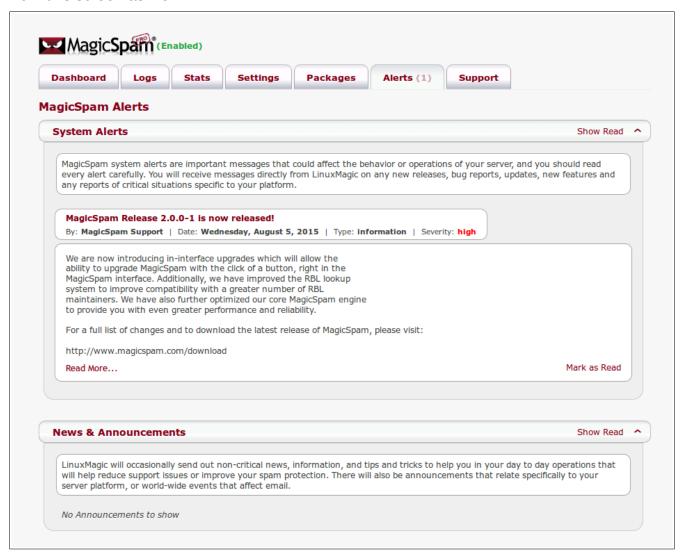


See Customer Specific Navigation for more detail.

### **Alerts**

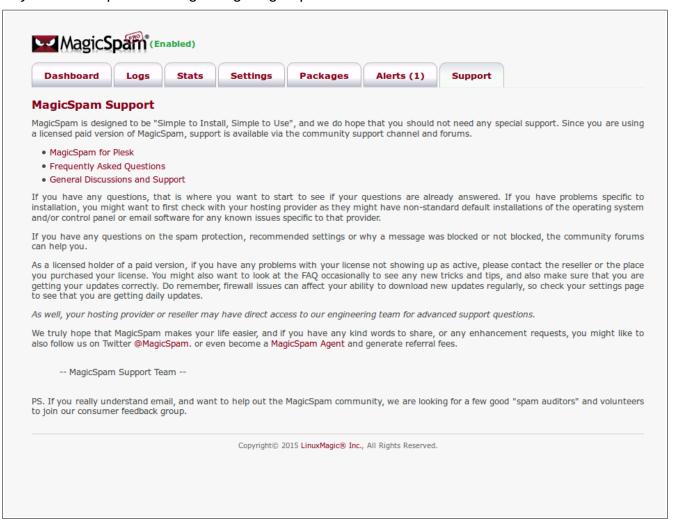
The *Alerts* section notifies you of any news about MagicSpam PRO. Here you can find announcements and additional information from the MagicSpam team, which keeps you informed about MagicSpam PRO updates.

If there is an update available for MagicSpam PRO, you will have the option of upgrading it from this screen as well.



## **Support**

The *Support* section will provide you information on where to seek assistance if you ever have any issues or questions regarding MagicSpam Pro.



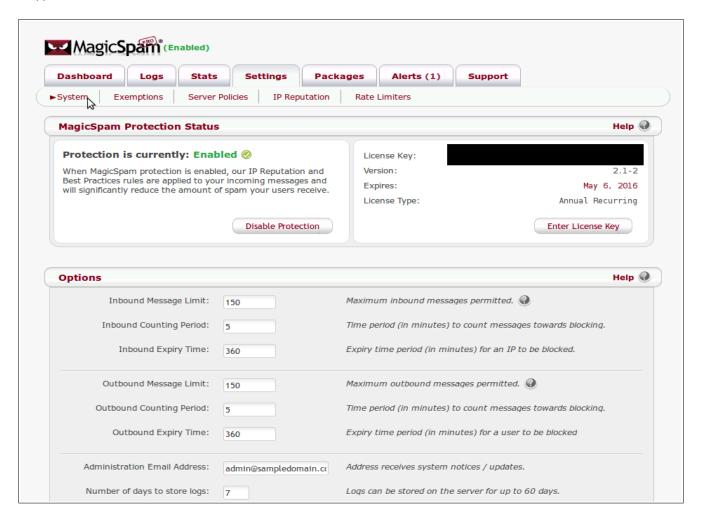
# **Configuring MagicSpam PRO**

MagicSpam PRO has a wide variety of options to choose from. The next section will provide a detailed explanation as to what you can configure for each subsection under the *Settings* page.

## **System**

The *System* section, will provide configuration settings for the Rate Limiter, administrator's email and the number of days that MagicSpam PRO keeps its log entries. The maximum number of days you can keep a log entry file is 60 days. By default (and recommended), MagicSpam PRO will keep its log for seven days.

MagicSpam® PRO will send notifications or updates to the email specified in the Administration Email Address. Please ensure that the administration email address is correct and checked regularly.

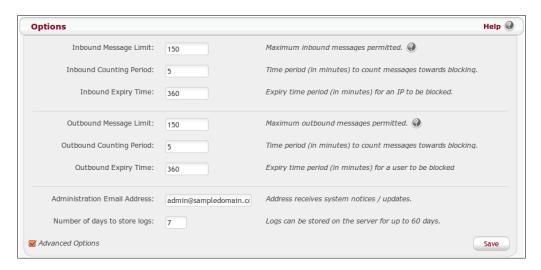


The *MagicSpam Protection Status* section shows detailed information about your subscription and status. If your subscription expires, simply press the "Enter License Key" button to update with a new License Key. In normal circumstances this should not be required as subscriptions should automatically renew and update on your server.

The *Options* section allows you to configure both inbound and outbound Rate Limiter settings, which includes:

- Number of messages permitted.
- Time Period for Consideration.
- The Expiry Time of blocked IP addresses.

By clicking on the *Advanced Options* check box, you are given an option to specify a number of parameters to customize MagicSpam's Rate Limiter system.

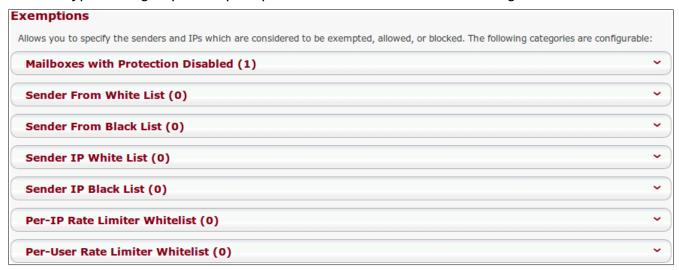


The inbound Rate Limiter automatically blocks incoming IP addresses from flooding the server with an excess number of delivery attempts within a set period of time. The outbound Rate Limiter is designed to prevent customer mailboxes (authenticated senders) from sending too many messages within a set period of time in the event of a mailbox compromise or viral activity.

See **Exemptions** below for more information related to Rate limiter exemptions.

## **Exemptions**

The *Exemptions* section will allow you to specify IP addresses or email addresses that you wish to bypass MagicSpam's spam protection or even be blocked outright.



The use of wild card (\*) is permitted in most cases, but not recommended. The next section will explain what each exemption does and guide you on when to use each exemption.

Please note that the email addresses listed under the Exemption lists are still candidates to be Rate Limited unless there is a rate limiter specific exemption entry.

For more information on bypassing the Rate Limiter,

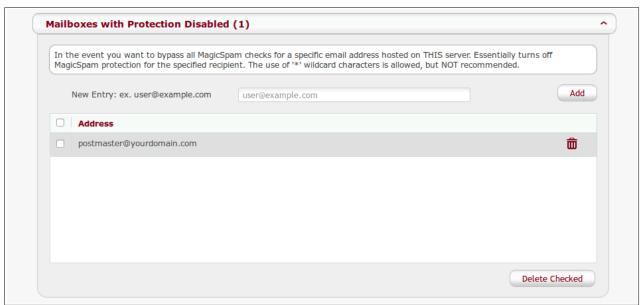
see the Per-IP Rate Limiter Whitelist

or Per-User Rate Limiter Whitelist section below.

## Mailboxes with Protection Disabled

The *Mailboxes with Protection Disabled* section will allow you to specify an email address hosted on YOUR server to fully bypass MagicSpam's check.

For example, if you want to allow "postmaster@yourdomain.com" to be able to receive all messages without MagicSpam intervening, simply add the email "postmaster@yourdomain.com" under the "Mailboxes with Protection Disabled" section.



It should be noted that the messages will be classified as EXEMPT[to\_whitelist] in your log entry.

### **Sender From White List**

Any email address listed under the *Sender from White List* will be allowed to send messages to any mailbox on the MagicSpam server.

The screen shot example below will allow "alice@anothercompany.com" to send messages to any mailbox on the MagicSpam server.

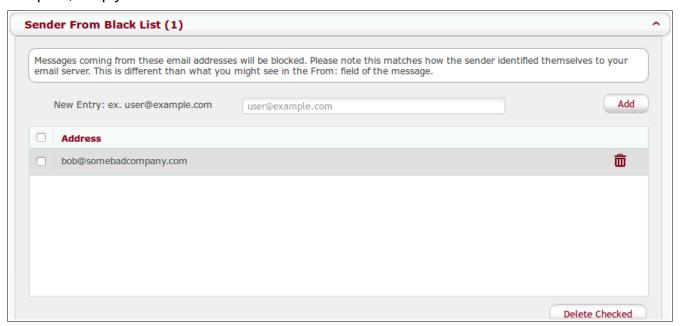


It should be noted that the messages will be classified as EXEMPT[from\_whitelist] in your log entry.

### Sender From Black List

While not exactly an 'exemption', the email addresses under the *Sender From Black List* section will be instantly blocked by MagicSpam. The *Sender From Black List* section is generally used to prevent unwanted email from specified email addresses.

For example, if you want to block "bob@somebadcompany.com" and automatically classify it as spam, simply add the email in this list.



When "bob@somebadcompany.com" sends a message to your server, it will show up as SPAM[from blacklist] in your log entry.

### Sender IP White List

The Sender IP White List section works the same as the Sender From White List, except here you can specify an IP address instead of an email address.



For example, if you want to allow 192.168.1.123 to send and receive messages, you would add "192.168.1.123" under the Sender IP White List section. Log entries will be classified as EXEMPT[ip whitelist] when connections are made that match an entry in this list.

## Sender IP Black List

The Sender IP Black List section works the same as the Sender From Black List, except you can specify an IP address instead of an email address. MagicSpam will check the IP address of the message instead of the FROM: field of the message.

If you want to prevent the user from "192.168.1.111" from sending and receiving messages, simply add "192.168.1.111" under the Sender IP Black List section.



Log entries will be classified as SPAM[ip blacklist].

## **Per-IP Rate Limiter Whitelist**

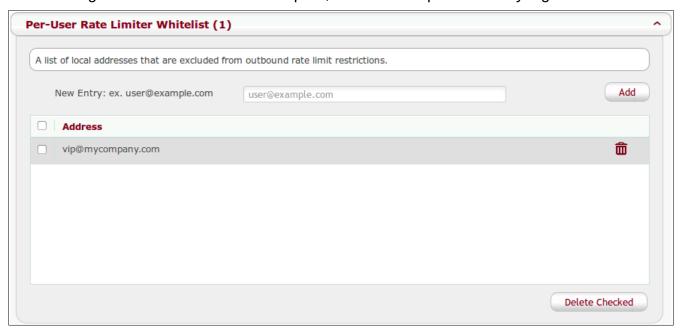
The *Per-IP Rate Limiter Whitelist* sections allow IP addresses to bypass the inbound Rate Limiter. MagicSpam will still filter messages as spam, ham or exempt. However, this will allow IP addresses in this list to freely send messages without a ilmitation on the amount within the configured time period. This is commonly useful for cases where you may have a server in your network used to send distribution emails to all of your customers for example.



### Per-User Rate Limiter Whitelist

The *Per-User Rate Limiter Whitelist* works the same way that the *Per-IP Rate Limiter Whitelist* work, where email addresses specified here will bypass the Per-User Rate Limiter system. This will allow the email address to freely send or receive messages without being blocked by the Rate Limiter system.

The messages will still be classified as spam, ham or exempt in the entry log.



## **Three-Way Toggle Switch**

The following spam policies and rules are available with a three-way switch.



There are three states a rule or policy can be set as:

On – The policy or rule is strictly enforced and all triggered emails get quarantined

Flag – The policy or rule is strictly enforced but it will only flag an email as spam

Off – The policy or rule will not be used to trigger spam hits

Note: You can enable an option to send flagged emails to the spam folder with a checkbox in the 'System' section of the admin panel.

## **Server Policies**

Through MagicSpam server policies you are given the power to customize the server-wide rules which will apply to all customers with a MagicSpam enabled service plan, these policies will dictate how individual users are allowed to change each respective rule in their user panel for MagicSpam. Entries in the 'Exemptions' section will override these policies.



When tuning these settings you should take care to only fully enable the 'Recommended' policies and allow your customers with a MagicSpam enabled service plan to further customize their own settings as they desire.

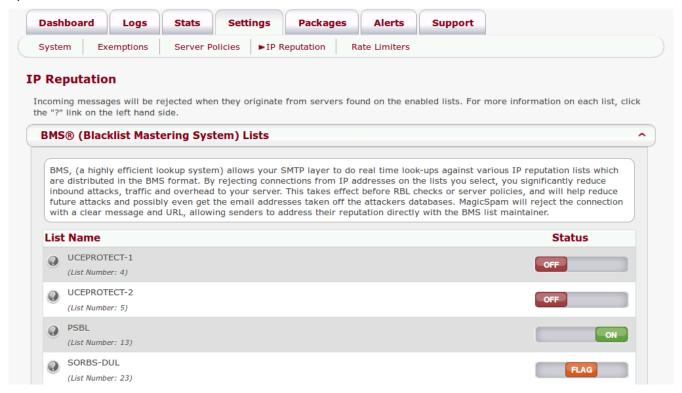
If you are unsure as to what any of the policies do, simply click on the question mark (?) In the left-hand column for an explanation of the rule.

At the bottom of this page you can also check the 'Show Advanced Rejections' box if you wish to create custom rejection messages that will be issued when specific rules are triggered. This can be handy if you wish to give customized information such as your corporate website or contact information specific to your organization – or if you wish to 'localize' the language of rejections specific to your region.



## **IP Reputation**

The IP Reputation section allows you to select from a list of IP Reputation Lists that will be managed by the Blacklist Mastering Systems (BMS). IP Reputation lists are automatically updated databases of known IP addresses of spammers from various sources maintained by a variety of operators, and they are essential to keeping you and your customers' mailboxes spam-free.



You can click on the question mark (?) icon to the left for the Site URL of the individual list maintainers, or to learn more about the list and the intended use.

Policies set at this level will apply to **all** email traffic coming to your server so you should ensure you only fully enable the safest set of lists, and allow those of your customers with MagicSpam enabled service plans to select any additional reputation lists they wish to enable.

Additionally, you have the ability to utilize any custom RBL (Realtime Blackhole Lists) inside of MagicSpam. If you would like to do this, simply add your list to the RBL menu.

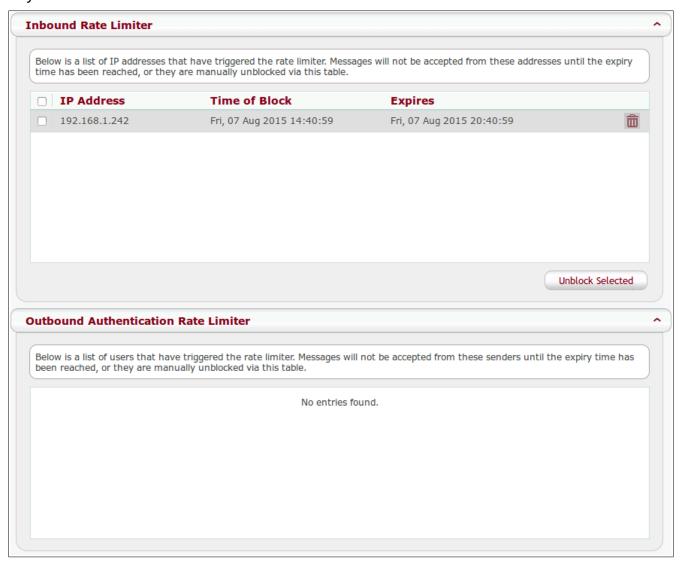


Please note that MagicSpam is **NOT** responsible for maintenance and use of 3rd party RBL services. Please consult the Terms of Use for each RBL service you wish to use to ensure your use of the service is acceptable and/or if service charges may apply.

## **Rate Limiters**

One unique feature of MagicSpam PRO is the ability of limiting traffic for both inbound and outbound mail. The Outbound Rate Limiter is exclusive to MagicSpam PRO.

The Rate Limiter interface will show a list of IP addresses / authenticated senders that are currently blocked from sending or receiving messages. You have the option of unblocking any of those IP addresses / authenticated users listed.

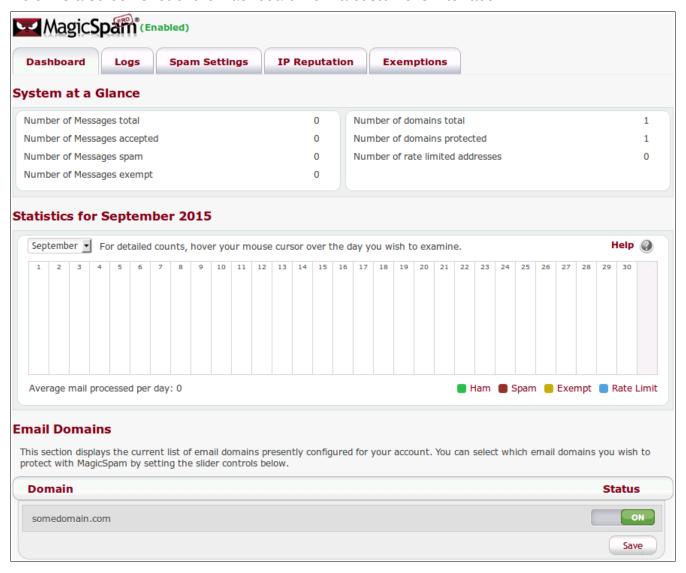


# **Customer Specific Rules**

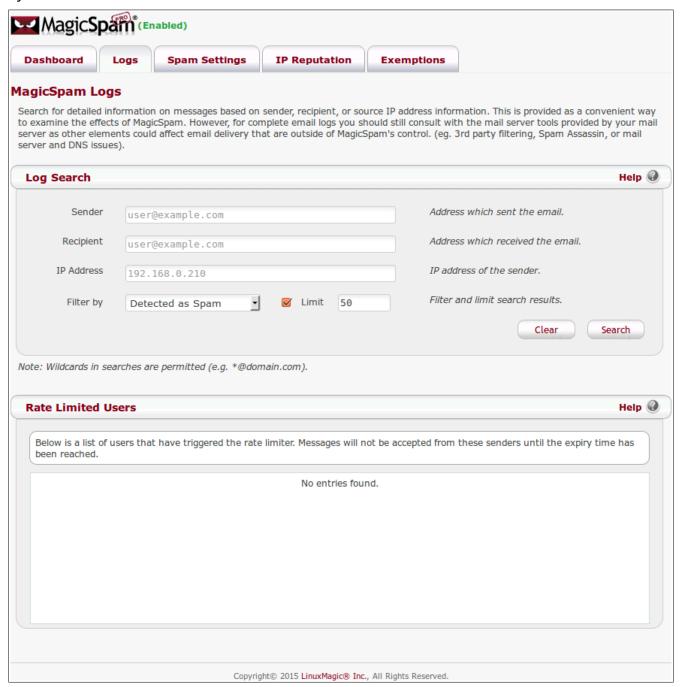
Note: Any rules enabled by the server administrator will be enforced within the customer's MagicSpam interface.

MagicSpam PRO features customization at a "per-user" level. This means your customer is free to enable IP reputation lists and server policies which is otherwise disabled at the global level.

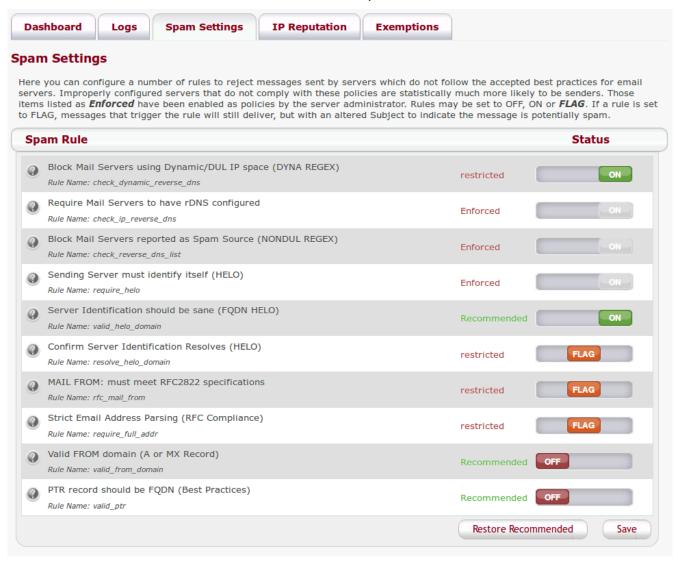
Below is a screen shot of the *Dashboard* from a customer's interface.



The *Logs* page from the customer-level functions the same as the global-level but limited to logs related to just their domains. On this page your customer will also be able to see a list of email addresses within **their** domains that may have triggered the inbound rate limiter system.

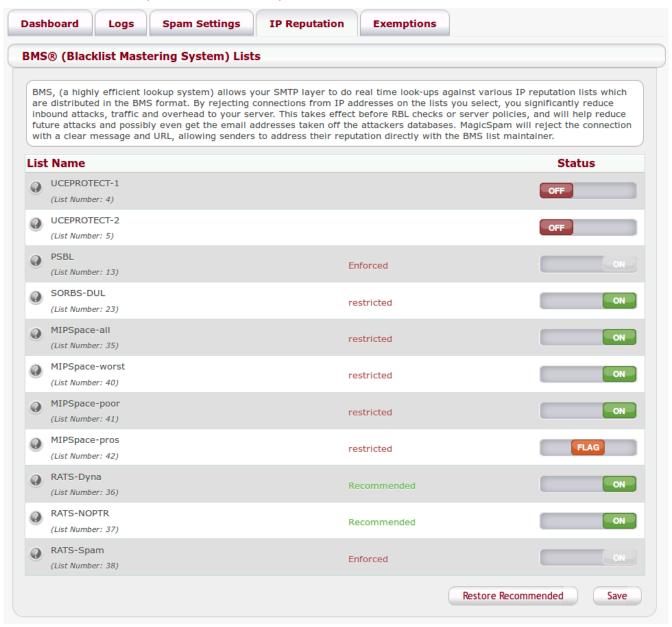


The screen shot below shows an example of the *Spam Settings* page, which is otherwise known as 'Server Policies' from the administrator's point of view:

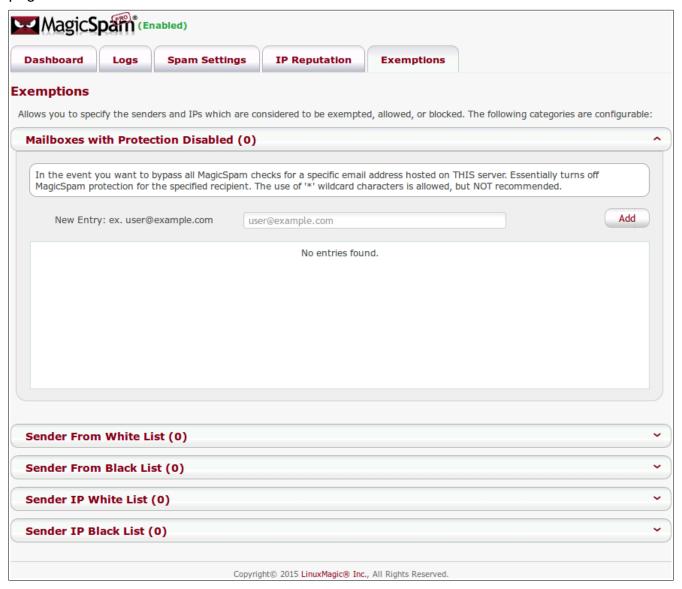


Any Server Policies enabled at the global-level is automatically enforced at the customer-level. The customer is free to customize the Spam Settings to his/her preference.

The same enforcement rule applies for 'IP Reputation'. If the rule is enabled at the global-level, it will be automatically enforced at the customer-level. The customer is free to customize the IP Reputation to his/her preference.



Like the administrator interface, customers are able to add exemptions under the *Exemptions* page to control their own white list and black list.



Note: The Rate-Limiter system can only be configured at the global-level. Customers do not have the option of configuring the Rate-Limiter settings.