



Active Folders Content Manager enables administrators to ensure that email content is scanned. Using rule-based policy to enforce actions on the monitoring of data held in Exchange folders, means that administrators have more control of their content. This includes mailboxes and their subsequent sub-folders. *Active Folders Content Manager* uses a range of different rules to monitor emails, including information in the 'subject' line, the date (sent or received) and the person who sent it. It also uses search information on attachments using the name, the size of the file and its extension. [Ed Note: C2C has informed us of the impending release of version 3.3, which we are told will be able to automatically scan the content of any attachments.]

Having a policy that is easily enforced and therefore adhered to, is going to provide the level of control required to track electronic communications that may be crucial as evidence or which may contain some damaging content; an equally worthy cause. C2C Systems suggest that a dedicated server is used for installation and utilization of *Active Folders Content Manager*. However, you can run it on an NT server or a Windows 2000 server that is also your Exchange Server; this for the smaller enterprise will help conserve resources. Working with either

Active Folders Content Manager



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FOR Useful application for enabling scanning of email for rogue content, malicious code or inappropriate use by employees.

AGAINST Only sets policy for electronic communications.

VERDICT Effective in the control of email content and protecting an enterprise from legal liability, *Active Folders Content Manager* also provides a useful way to monitor storage requirements on your Exchange server.

Features	★★★★☆
Ease of use	★★★★★
Performance	★★★★★
Documentation	★★★★☆
Support	★★★★☆
Value for money	★★★★★
Overall Rating	★★★★☆

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Exchange 5.5 or Exchange 2000, *Active Folders Content Manager* installs relatively easily. Logging on as a user with admin rights over your Exchange server, and choosing the automatic installation, is all you'll need to do. This creates all the relevant accounts that you'll require.

Once up and running you can ensure that the content is clean; no pornographic content or attachments will be sneaking through, as the rules used will enable these to be picked up and dealt with in the appropriate manner. This policy of scanning for types of undesirable content will enable you to weed out irrelevant and unwanted emails. *Active Folders Content Manager* also helps to contain the spread of malicious code through email; as a new virus is identified a policy can be set to find any emails that could contain it, destroying them before any damage is done. This of course is extremely useful as anti-virus solutions may be unable to deal with a new virus until an update is made available, which for some may be too late. The solution offers a form of layered defense, which may prevent a virus spreading. However, it must be stressed that you should still have an active anti-virus solution and not rely solely on a policy to protect your network.

Active Folders Content Manager also provides a way to manage your stored content; servers no longer have to be busting at the seams with unwanted data. It can be used to stop unsuitable material from arriving at your employees Inbox. The administrator is able to use it to identify where certain emails are being stored and by whom. You can search single or multiple information stores, mailboxes, folders or sub-folders of mailboxes. The search may be on folder type or name, content of message or item, a certain property of a message or item, or any combination of these. *Active Folders Content Manager* actually stops inappropriate content being used, sent and stored, and by implementing a good policy-based rule-set the administrator can ensure space is not wasted storing unsuitable, old or unwanted data.



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