

## Question:

Attachments are not being dropped as expected as one of the following:

*Message Filter* using *drop-attachments-by-mimetype*.

*Content Filter* using *Drop\_Attachments\_By\_Mimetype\_Action*.

## Answer:

The "*Drop Attachments by MIME Type*" action finds the attachment MIME type by examining the MIME header data. The common causes an attachment not being detected and dropped by MIME type is that there was a scan error on the message or that the detected MIME type is configured to be skipped. To find out the exact cause for a given message, search the mail logs using `grep` from the CLI. When you search on the MID, any scan issues will be reported on their own line. Here is an example:

```
Tue Aug 3 16:36:29 2004 Warning: MID 256, Message Scanning  
Problem: Continuation line seen before first header
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