



## M<sup>3</sup>AAWG DMARC Training Series

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# M<sup>3</sup>AAWG DMARC Training Videos

(2.5 hours of training)

**This is Segment 2 of 6**

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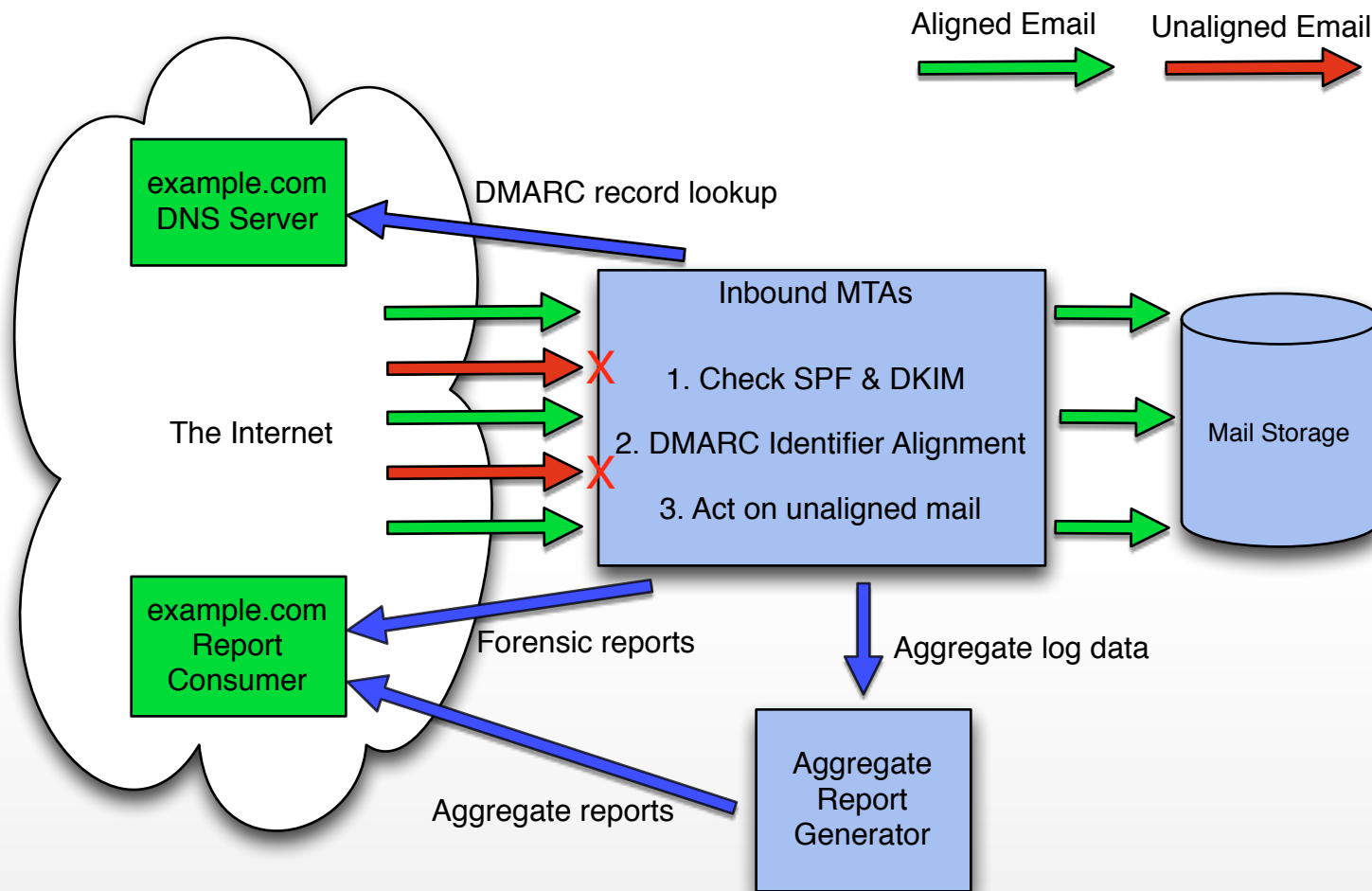
## **DMARC Identifier Alignment**

**DMARC Segment 2 – about 20 minutes**

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# DMARC Spec Overview



## DMARC Spec – Identifier Alignment

- DMARC tests and enforces Identifier Alignment
- Authenticated Identifiers are checked against Mail User Agent (MUA) visible "RFC5322.From" domain
- Only one Authenticated Identifier has to Align for the email to be considered in Alignment

## DMARC Spec – Identifier Alignment



- Identifier Alignment can be strict (match exactly) or relaxed:
  - Relaxed SPF: The Organizational Domain of the SPF Authenticated RFC5321:Mail From and RFC5322:From must match.
  - Relaxed DKIM: The Organizational domain from 'd=' value of DKIM authenticated signature and RFC5322.From must match.

# DMARC Spec – Identifier Alignment



## Organizational Domain

- TLD + 1 atom
  - groups.facebook.com = facebook.com
  - aol.co.uk = aol.co.uk
  - foo.bar.example.ne.jp = example.ne.jp
- Uses publicsuffix.org for TLD list
- More robust methods being considered

# DMARC Spec – Alignment Examples



## SPF and DKIM Strict Identifier Alignment

```
Return-Path:postmaster@example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=pass (mail.com: domain of postmaster@example.com
    designates 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender) smtp.mail=postmaster@example.com;
    dkim=pass header.i=@example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@example.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=0l5o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKR5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ1l 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOg1BNL/I8z1MKPmVOf/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP0lpVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

- SPF domain = example.com
- DKIM domain = example.com
- From domain = example.com



# DMARC Spec – Alignment Examples



## SPF Strict Identifier Alignment

```
Return-Path:postmaster@example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=pass (mail.com: domain of postmaster@example.com
    designates 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender) smtp.mail=postmaster@example.com
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

- SPF domain = example.com
- From domain = example.com

# DMARC Spec – Alignment Examples



## DKIM Strict Identifier Alignment

```
Return-Path:postmaster@example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=neutral (mail.com: domain of
    postmaster@example.com does not designate 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender)
    smtp.mail=postmaster@example.com; dkim=pass header.i=@example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@example.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=0l5o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKR5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ1l 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOg1BNL/I8z1MKPmVOf/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP01pVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

- DKIM domain = example.com
- From domain = example.com

# DMARC Spec – Alignment Examples



## SPF and DKIM Strict Unaligned

```
Return-Path:postmaster@phish.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=pass (mail.com: domain of postmaster@phish.com
    designates 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender) smtp.mail=postmaster@example.com;
    dkim=fail header.i=@example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@example.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=0l5o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKR5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ11 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOg1BNL/I8z1MKPmVOf/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP01pVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

- SPF domain = phish.com
- From domain = example.com

# DMARC Spec – Alignment Examples



## SPF and DKIM Strict Unaligned

```
Return-Path:postmaster@foo.example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=pass (mail.com: domain of postmaster@example.com
    designates 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender) smtp.mail=postmaster@example.com;
    dkim=pass header.i=@bar.example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=bar.example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@facebookmail.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=0l5o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKR5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ1l 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOg1BNL/I8z1MKPmVOf/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP0lpVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

- SPF domain = foo.example.com
- DKIM domain = bar.example.com
- From domain = example.com

# DMARC Spec – Alignment Examples



## SPF and DKIM Relaxed Alignment

```
Return-Path:postmaster@bounce.example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=pass (mail.com: domain of
    postmaster@bounce.example.com designates 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender)
    smtp.mail=postmaster@bounce.example.com; dkim=pass header.i=@bounce.example.com DKIM-
Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=bounce.example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/ simple;
q=dns/txt; i=@bounce.example.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
Version:Content-Type; bh=015o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKRs5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/1lW +RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ1l 0cy+svp5ymrqBgnDEN/
ZQEcfmzYEOg1BNL/ I8zLMKpMVOF/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP0lpVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@foo.example.com>
```

- SPF domain = bounce.example.com
- SPF Organizational domain = example.com
- DKIM domain = bounce.example.com
- DKIM Organizational domain = example.com
- From domain = foo.example.com
- From Organizational domain = example.com

# DMARC Spec – Alignment Examples

## SPF Relaxed Alignment

```
Return-Path:postmaster@example.com  
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=pass (mail.com: domain of postmaster@example.com  
designates 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender) smtp.mail=postmaster@example.com  
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

- SPF domain = example.com
- SPF Organizational domain = example.com
- From domain = example.com
- From Organizational domain = example.com

# DMARC Spec – Alignment Examples



## DKIM Relaxed Alignment

```
Return-Path:postmaster@example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=neutral (mail.com: domain of
    postmaster@example.com does not designate 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender)
    smtp.mail=postmaster@example.com; dkim=pass header.i=@foo.example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=foo.example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@foo.example.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=0l5o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKR5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ11 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOg1BNL/I8z1MKPmVOf/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP01pVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

- DKIM domain = foo.example.com
- DKIM Organizational domain = example.com
- From domain = example.com
- From Organizational domain = example.com

# DMARC Spec – Alignment Examples



## SPF and DKIM Relaxed Unaligned

```
Return-Path:postmaster@phish.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=pass (mail.com: domain of postmaster@phish.com
    designates 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender) smtp.mail=postmaster@example.com;
    dkim=fail header.i=@example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=bar.example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@example.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=0l5o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKR5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ1l 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOg1BNL/I8z1MKPmVOF/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP0lpVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

- SPF domain = phish.com
- SPF Organizational domain = phish.com
- From domain = example.com
- From Organizational domain = example.com



# DMARC Spec – Alignment Exercises



## Exercise 1 Is SPF in Strict Alignment?

```
Return-Path:postmaster@example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=neutral (mail.com: domain of
    postmaster@example.com does not designate 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender)
    smtp.mail=postmaster@example.com; dkim=pass header.i=@example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@example.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=0l5o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKR5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ1l 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOglBNL/I8z1MKPmVOF/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP01pVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

# DMARC Spec – Alignment Exercises



## Exercise 1 Is SPF in Strict Alignment?

```
Return-Path:postmaster@example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=neutral (mail.com: domain of
    postmaster@example.com does not designate 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender)
    smtp.mail=postmaster@example.com; dkim=pass header.i=@example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@example.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=015o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKR5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ1l 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOg1BNL/I8z1MKPmVOF/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP01pVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

Answer: No, SPF did not pass.

**Is the email Aligned anyway?**

# DMARC Spec – Alignment Exercises



## Exercise 1 Is SPF in Strict Alignment?

```
Return-Path:postmaster@example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=neutral (mail.com: domain of
    postmaster@example.com does not designate 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender)
    smtp.mail=postmaster@example.com; dkim=pass header.i=@example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@example.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=015o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKR5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ1l 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOg1BNL/I8z1MKPmVOF/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP01pVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

Answer: No, SPF did not pass.

## Is the email Aligned anyway?

Answer: Yes, DKIM is in Strict Alignment, so the email is Aligned regardless.

# DMARC Spec – Alignment Exercises



## Exercise 2 Is SPF in Relaxed Alignment?

```
Return-Path:postmaster@foo.example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=pass (mail.com: domain of postmaster@example.com
    designates 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender) smtp.mail=postmaster@example.com;
    dkim=pass header.i=@bar.example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=bar.example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@facebookmail.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=0l5o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKR5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ1l 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOglBNL/I8z1MKPmVOF/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP01pVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

# DMARC Spec – Alignment Exercises



## Exercise 2 Is SPF in Relaxed Alignment?

```
Return-Path:postmaster@foo.example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=pass (mail.com: domain of postmaster@example.com
    designates 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender) smtp.mail=postmaster@example.com;
    dkim=pass header.i=@bar.example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=bar.example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@facebookmail.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=0l5o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKRs5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ1l 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOglBNL/I8z1MKPmVOF/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP01pVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

Answer: Yes, foo.example.com shares the same Organizational domain as example.com.

# DMARC Spec – Alignment Exercises



## Exercise 3 Is DKIM in Strict Alignment?

```
Return-Path:postmaster@example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=neutral (mail.com: domain of
    postmaster@example.com does not designate 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender)
    smtp.mail=postmaster@example.com; dkim=pass header.i=@foo.example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=foo.example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@foo.example.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=0l5o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKR5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ1l 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOglBNL/I8z1MKPmVOF/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP01pVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

# DMARC Spec – Alignment Exercises



## Exercise 3 Is DKIM in Strict Alignment?

```
Return-Path:postmaster@example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=neutral (mail.com: domain of
    postmaster@example.com does not designate 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender)
    smtp.mail=postmaster@example.com; dkim=pass header.i=@foo.example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=foo.example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@foo.example.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=0l5o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKR5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ1l 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOglBNL/I8z1MKPmVOf/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP01pVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

Answer: No, foo.example.com does not exactly match example.com

**Under what conditions would the email be Aligned?**

# DMARC Spec – Alignment Exercises



## Exercise 3 Is DKIM in Strict Alignment?

```
Return-Path:postmaster@example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=neutral (mail.com: domain of
    postmaster@example.com does not designate 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender)
    smtp.mail=postmaster@example.com; dkim=pass header.i=@foo.example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=foo.example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@foo.example.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=015o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKR5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ1l 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOg1BNL/I8z1MKPmVOF/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP01pVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

Answer: No, foo.example.com does not exactly match example.com

## Under what conditions would the email be Aligned?

Answer: Since SPF does not pass, the email would only be Aligned if Relaxed DKIM Alignment was allowed.



# DMARC Spec – Alignment Exercises



## Exercise 4

### Under what conditions would this email be considering in Alignment?

```
Return-Path:postmaster@foo.example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=neutral (mail.com: domain of
    postmaster@example.com does not designate 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender)
    smtp.mail=postmaster@foo.example.com; dkim=fail header.i=@bar.example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=bar.example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@bar.example.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=0l5o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKR5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ1l 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOglBNL/I8z1MKPmVOF/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP01pVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

# DMARC Spec – Alignment Exercises



## Exercise 4

**Under what conditions would this email be considering in Alignment?**

```
Return-Path:postmaster@foo.example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=neutral (mail.com: domain of
    postmaster@example.com does not designate 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender)
    smtp.mail=postmaster@foo.example.com; dkim=fail header.i=@bar.example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=bar.example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@bar.example.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=0l5o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKR5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ1l 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOglBNL/I8z1MKPmVOF/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP01pVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

Answer: None. Neither DKIM nor SPF are valid.

**Assuming DKIM and SPF were actually valid, under what conditions would this email be considered Aligned?**

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## Exercise 4

**Under what conditions would this email be considering in Alignment?**

```
Return-Path: postmaster@foo.example.com
Authentication-Results: mx.mail.com; spf=neutral (mail.com: domain of
    postmaster@example.com does not designate 10.1.1.1 as permitted sender)
    smtp.mail=postmaster@foo.example.com; dkim=fail header.i=@bar.example.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; d=bar.example.com; s=s1024-2011-q2; c=relaxed/simple;
    q=dns/txt; i=@bar.example.com; t=1337318096; h=From:Subject:Date:To:MIME-
    Version:Content-Type; bh=015o8r4ftEPBr083MbUpe0mIrWKR5yT46DR6CGk/Mk=;
    b=T6m3ZvppP3OLGNQVoR/llW+RxSbQiRlaCcwZpXTF/xjWk0xjYl/8S0UUvtFPHZ1l 0cy
    +svp5ymrqBgnDEN/ZQEcfmzYEOg1BNL/I8z1MKPmVOF/9cLIpTVbaWi/G2VBY
    LXONpLsSymtoeqTBYOOJqoiNLzDNP01pVgZYunf8h90=;
From: "Postmaster" <postmaster@example.com>
```

Answer: None. Neither DKIM nor SPF are valid.

**Assuming DKIM and SPF were actually valid, under what conditions would this email be considered Aligned?**

Answer: If Relaxed Alignment was allowed for either DKIM or SPF, the email would be Aligned.



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