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In order to process the received e-mails you need to define business rules attached to the event of receiving an e-mail notification - see the "[Incoming E-mail](#)" section. The rules may check the subject and/or body of the e-mail (or maybe who it is from and when it was sent) and perform the appropriate actions. For example,

```
IF IncomingEmail.Subject = 'Registration' AND IncomingEmail.From = 'John Smith' THEN ...
```

If e-mails contain complex information that you want to analyse then this information may be encoded into the body of the message in a special format (you have to mandate that the senders of such e-mails encode the bodies of their e-mails in this format). The format is described in the [SET](#) Action section of the [Rule Language Reference](#). Your rules can then decode the information contained in the body of the e-mail using the [SET](#) action. For example, if the body of the e-mail has the following string:

```
#Name#John Smith#State#NEW#Balance#100.0
```

Then the following rule:

```
SET Account FROM IncomingEmail.Message
```

will set the Name, State and Balance attributes of the Account objects to the values provided in the body of the e-mail ('John Smith', 'NEW' and 100.0). You can define other rules that will check these values and perform the appropriate actions if required.

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