

Internet Filtering Appendix

List of Available URL Categories

The Blue Coat WebFilter database contains over fifteen million website ratings representing billions of web pages, published in more than 50 languages, and organised into 69 categories.

View the List of [Blue Coat URL Category Descriptions](#) on the BlueCoat Website

List of Blocked Web Categories

This is a changing field – at present VU is blocking the following categories:

<p>Adult/Sexually Explicit</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.playboy.com/ • http://www.sex.com/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult products including sex toys, CD-ROMs, and videos • Child Pornography/Paedophilia* • Adult services including videoconferencing, escort services, and strip clubs • Erotic stories and textual descriptions of sexual acts • Explicit cartoons and animation • Online groups, including newsgroups and forums, that are sexually explicit in nature • Sexually-oriented or erotic full or partial nudity • Depictions or images of sexual acts, including animals or inanimate objects used in a sexual manner • Sexually exploitive or sexually violent text or graphics • Bondage, fetishes, genital piercing • Naturist sites that feature nudity • Erotic or fetish photography, which depicts nudity <p>NOTE: We do not include sites regarding sexual health, breast cancer, or sexually transmitted diseases (except in graphic examples).</p> <p><small>* SurfControl sends all child-oriented erotic sites to global advocacy groups, including the Australian Broadcasting Authority (AU), Bundesministerium für Inneres (AT), Internet Watch Foundation (UK), Interpol, Meldpunt (NL) and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (US).</small></p>
<p>Criminal Activity</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.lockpicks.com/ • http://www.anarchist-cookbook.com/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocating, instructing, or giving advice on performing illegal acts • Tips on evading law enforcement • Lock-picking and burglary techniques
<p>Gambling</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.casino.com/ • http://www.100-gambling.com/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online gambling or lottery web sites that invite the use of real or virtual money • Information or advice for placing wagers, participating in lotteries, gambling, or running numbers • Virtual casinos and offshore gambling ventures • Sports picks and betting pools • Virtual sports and fantasy leagues that offer large rewards or request significant wagers <p>NOTE: Casino/Hotel/Resort sites that do not feature online gambling or provide gaming tips are categorized under Travel.</p>

<p>Hacking</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.astalavista.net/ • http://www.easywarez.com/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion, instruction, or advice on the questionable or illegal use of equipment and/or software for purpose of hacking passwords, creating viruses, gaining access to other computers and/or computerized communication systems • Sites that provide instruction or work-arounds for filtering software • Cracked software and information sites; Warez • Pirated software and multimedia download sites • Computer crime
<p>Illegal Drugs</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.cannabis.com/ • http://www.shroomery.org/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recipes, instructions or kits for manufacturing or growing illicit substances for purposes other than industrial usage • Glamorizing, encouraging, or instructing on the use of or masking the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or other substances that are illegal to minors • Information on "legal highs": glue sniffing, misuse of prescription drugs or abuse of other legal substances • Distributing illegal drugs free or for a charge • Displaying, selling, or detailing use of drug paraphernalia
<p>Intolerance & Hate</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.theneworder.org/ • http://www.whitepowerforum.com/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocating or inciting degradation or attack of specified populations or institutions based on associations such as religion, race, nationality, gender, age, disability, or sexual orientation • Promoting a political or social agenda that is supremacist in nature and/or exclusionary of others based on their race, religion, nationality, gender, age, disability, or sexual orientation • Holocaust revisionist/denial sites and other revisionist sites that encourage hate • Coercion or recruitment for membership in a gang* or cult** • Militancy, extremist • Flagrantly insensitive or offensive material, including lack of recognition or respect for opposing opinions and beliefs <p>NOTE: <i>We do not include news, historical, or press incidents that may include the above criteria (except in graphic examples).</i></p> <p><i>*A gang is defined as: a group whose primary activities are the commission of felonious criminal acts, which has a common name or identifying sign or symbol, and whose members individually or collectively engage in criminal activity in the name of the group.</i></p> <p><i>**A cult is defined as: a group whose followers have been deceptively and manipulatively recruited and retained through undue influence such that followers' personalities and behavior are altered. Leadership is all-powerful, ideology is totalistic, and the will of the individual is subordinate to the group. Sets itself outside of society.</i></p>
<p>Peer-to-Peer</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.bearshare.com/ • http://www.kazaa.com/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer-to-peer file sharing clients • Peer-to-peer file sharing servers
<p>Spam URLs</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://boxeddogtoyz.com/ • http://www.4phones.biz/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • URLs found in spam, including these topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Computing ○ Finance & Stocks ○ Entertainment ○ Games ○ Health & Medicine ○ Humor & Novelties ○ Personal & Dating ○ Products & Services ○ Shopping ○ Travel

<p>Spyware</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.remotespy.com/ • http://www.covert-spy.com/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites that provide or promote information gathering or tracking that is unknown to, or without the explicit consent of, the end user or the organization • Sites that carry malicious executables or viruses • 3rd party monitoring and other unsolicited commercial software • Spyware and Malware "Phone Home" destinations <p>NOTE: SurfControl uses the most current technical definition for Spyware for this category. We focus on filtering malicious and tracking content, not simple adware and cookies. For non-malicious adware filtering, please block the Advertisements & Pop-ups category.</p>
<p>Violence</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.ogrish.com/ • http://www.rotten.com/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portraying, describing or advocating physical assault against humans, animals, or institutions • Depictions of torture, mutilation, gore, or horrific death • Advocating, encouraging, or depicting self-endangerment, or suicide, including through eating disorders or addictions • Instructions, recipes or kits for making bombs or other harmful or destructive devices • Sites promoting terrorism • Excessively violent sports or games (including video & online games) <p>NOTE: We do not block news, historical, or press incidents that may include the above criteria (except in graphic examples).</p>