

I need filter advice from the tech guys

Posted by alexeliezer - 21 Jun 2011 13:06

My son is getting a laptop. I'd rather he didn't, but that's another story. I will be installing K9 and accountability software.

Will K9 and NetShomer (or similar) work no matter what browser is used (e.g. Safari will inevitably end up on the computer when he downloads itunes.)?

Is there any way to filter out *some* YouTube content, or is it all or none?

Is there a way to filter out soft core stuff like lingerie sites?

Tips appreciated!

Thanks

Alex

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Re: I need filter advice from the tech guys

Posted by TheJester - 21 Jun 2011 15:18

K9 filters based upon the Internet connection, not the browser. It will filter IE/Chrome/etc.

With YouTube, it is realistically all-or-none (in theory, you could whitelist some, but it would be very long, protracted, flaky and annoying).

With regard to lingerie sites - not really. This is because there are many sites that will not be flagged as inappropriate. There is always "block all except" - but I suspect that it would not really work. I mean - you can't even block all disgustingly inappropriate sites - it just takes a

new one to pop up! You can set filter strength to highest, cut out everything, and then add categories as needed.

What I tell my children is that I can see **everything** that they do, and I've shown them what they've done. This in itself goes a long way.

At the end of the day, it's like a lock on a door. And the crucial thing to remember about locks is that their raison d'être is to be opened.

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Re: I need filter advice from the tech guys
Posted by alexeliezer - 21 Jun 2011 17:23

Thanks J!

Will grossly inappropriate YouTube videos be blocked, or do I need to block all of YouTube?

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Re: I need filter advice from the tech guys
Posted by Kedusha - 21 Jun 2011 17:33

There is no way to filter all inappropriate material out of youtube without blocking it altogether. That's why Jnet blocks youtube even at level one (its most lenient level of filtering). Anyone who disagrees probably has more lenient standards as to what is considered inappropriate.

Fortunately, youtube is rarely, if ever, necessary.

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Re: I need filter advice from the tech guys
Posted by im not alone - 21 Jun 2011 18:01

youtube has a safe mode which blocks all inappropriate material (At least as they define inappropriate. However, its better than nothing)

The way to activate it:

Go into your youtube account -or for that matter create one- chose the safe mode option, than sign out

It will stay in safe mode even after you logged out or are logging in with another account. there would be no way to access stuff that safe mode blocks, (only after YOU log in back into YOUR account and deselect safe mode)

The only thing is that its based on the browser, so you will need to do the above in every browser you have, separately

I hope this helps

As for me I blocked youtue altogether. Yes I'm an addict, but on top of that "youtube is a time killing site"

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Re: I need filter advice from the tech guys
Posted by alexeliezzer - 21 Jun 2011 18:14

Thanks for the help!

I'd prefer to block the beast altogether, but he does use it for instructional videos. So if I can make it relatively safe, I'd like to keep these available. Not happy about it, though. Parenting in this age is tricky.

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Re: I need filter advice from the tech guys
Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 21 Jun 2011 18:16

fyi see here:

www.guardyoureyes.org/forum/index.php?topic=3295.msg90498#msg90498

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Re: I need filter advice from the tech guys
Posted by alexeliezer - 21 Jun 2011 18:33

Thanks ZS

ViewPure looks like a nice voluntary layer of protection.

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