What every man wishes his wife would know about internet filtering
Posted by silence is gold - 19 Sep 2012 18:01

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On a previous post I pointed out this thread.

www.needaneitzah.com/questions/3/why-wont-my-k9-web-protection-filter-block-certain-sites-and-can-i-create-a-whitelist-on-k9

New information has been added to the following link, some people might find it very helpful.

www.needaneitzah.com/questions/8/what-every-man-wishes-his-wife-would-know-about-internet-filtering#457

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Re: What every man wishes his wife would know about internet filtering
Posted by E-Tek - 19 Sep 2012 18:21

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My K9 block it....

Can you copy the post here?

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Re: What every man wishes his wife would know about internet filtering
Posted by Noorah BAmram - 21 Sep 2012 02:39

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here u go tzadik

ou've touched on one of the more complicated parts of Internet filters. Let me explain to you what is happening. Actually because this is going to be a pretty long post, let me just first give it in short for those who cant be bothered going through the whole thing.

You are accessing webpages with a protocol that begins with https:// instead of http. This sends the page in code and the filter cannot intercept it. Some sites will force you to use their secure code so it isn't your choice. To stop this from happening, go to Advanced Settings and choose 'filter secure traffic'. As to your second question if you choose a custom setting and block everything, then you can specify in the exceptions page the pages that you allow. If you want many more tips, read on.

There are two types of filters. The first is a filter that stops certain pages being available from the internet. The second and this is the method of K9 is to put a filter on the computer, that when an internet page is received and it doesn't like it, it blocks your computer from showing it to you.

There are also two types of page requests. The first is is an http request. This means the data from the website holding the information is sent normally. When K9 blocks your page, they redirect you to their own block-page. Large sites however with sensitive data will redirect you to their https (or http secure)site. This means that your computer receives the data in code and the computer then decrypts it. But because the page is secure, K9 cannot fiddle with it to redirect you to their block-page. Therefore even if the site is blocked under the K9 settings, you will still have full access to that page.

To counter this, K9 have created an option under Advanced Settings to filter secure traffic. When this is checked and K9 sees a secure request going to a blocked website, they simply block the port to the website and your browser will report that it cannot reach the website. Always leave this checked! When this is not checked it is as if there is no filter on your computer!

K9 also lets you enforce safe search on all sites. This should always be checked! However know that if you connect to a site which you have allowed, and you access that site securely, K9 will not be able to stop you changing the safe search settings. That is why if you need Google open, you should not open the topic of Search Engines, because even though Safe Search will be enforced at the address www.google.com, it will not be enforced at www.google.com. The way round this is to block the Search Engine topic, and to specifically let www.google.com in your Always Allowed list. K9 will make sure to not let you connect securely.

Finally to create a whitelist just choose custom setting, and block all topics, and on the Always Allowed page add the sites you want. Note that many large sites keep their style-sheets (the page that gives the page decoration) on a different website so you will need to add that page as well to get the site to look normal. You can find the page by looking at the page source in your browser and looking where the pages ending in .css or .js are located. Then just copy the location into you Always Allowed list.

I hope that's enough to get you going so far, let me know if you have any questions and I will update my post accordingly!

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Re: What every man wishes his wife would know about internet filtering
Posted by Noorah BAmram - 21 Sep 2012 02:46
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"Well the first thing that springs to mind is that she should be cheking the history folder just in case there is evidence there. She should also know that filters only block browsers but leave the internet connection untouched. So lets say that you unlocked the internet together and you surfed for five minutes and then relocked it, just because you cannot surf any more on the internet doesn't mean there isn't something downloading in the background. (A torrent perhaps?)"

"So she should be checking the downloads history and opening up any torrent clients right after the internet has been opened. Also a search for files ending in .torrent might pull up some interesting stuff as well."

"I wish my wife would come in the room more often and at random times, so I would know there is always a chance that she can see what is going on. Perhaps she could also log in from her computer using log in without me knowing and see what is happening live? But I dont know if that is possible."

"Wives need to know one very important thing and that is men have a large Yetzer Hora and

not as much self control as women. So look at your husband that way and bear in mind that he might need help to keep away from any potential threats and that is the only way you can be assured that he will stay clean. One more thing, even if ones wife is the most beautiful woman in the world, some women will still look more physically beautiful in his eyes. Wives, you are there to protect your husband do not take him to town with you, because the grass always looks greener."

"One of the most important things in my opinion for a wife to understand is passwords. First of all she must be aware of a forgot password option. For example on K9 web protection, a simple click on Forgot Password will send a temporary password usable for 24 hours to a specified email address. Readers of that email address will therefore be able to access the K9 admin section for 24 hours and all this without affecting the true password at all. It is basically a back door into the administration part. The way to counter this is simply to set up the K9 email address for the password restoration to an email address that you have no access to. This could be one that only you and your wife knows the password too similar to the tactics of many on the main K9 password.
The next thing a wife must be aware of is that it is possible for technically savvy people in certain situations to reset the main password. They shouldn't however have the power to discover the actual password though, just the ability to reset it to something else. The deterrence against this is that the partner who knows the password will realize that the password has been tampered with when he or she cannot access the admin anymore. One must let the partner know that words like 'it was corrupted and it reset' are very suspicious. A password change nearly always means one partner has broken the password and accessed the admin.
Lastly the wife should always press Enter to submit the password after entering it. This way she is ensured that her password still works and has not been changed unduly. It is also possible if she leaves the password there in the form of asterisks (********) that there is a possibility of the password being translated back into real characters before her husband will press enter. Submitting the password herself will stop that."

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