



School-focused internet filtering



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Why internet filtering?

A powerful tool for education, it is important that children are able to use the internet to help with their learning. However, it is essential that children are able to enjoy all the benefits the internet brings, as safely and securely as possible.

School responsibilities

In September '16 the Department for Education published the revised statutory guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'. This states a school's obligation to ensure appropriate filters and appropriate monitoring systems are in place. Children should not be able to access harmful or inappropriate material from the school or college's IT system.

Schools should also be careful that "over-blocking" does not lead to unreasonable restrictions as to what children can be taught with regards to online teaching and safeguarding.

What is WebScreen?

WebScreen is a web filtering system designed and built for the UK education sector, fulfilling the requirements of the Department for Education's revised 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' guidance and ticking many safeguarding boxes. It is the result of over a decade of development with input from educational authorities and individual schools. It pays particular attention to websites likely to be visited by users in UK schools rather than sites popular in other sectors.





Key features...



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School control over filtering policies



Default educational policy lists available if required



Filter by user, machine and/or time of day



Support from a dedicated UK-based service desk



Free training courses for users of all abilities



Configurable block pages



HTTPS filtering available



Full reporting of internet use



Internet Watch Foundation compliant



Adheres to the Home Office Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit block list



Age related filtering service as per key Ofsted indicator for good / outstanding practice



Meets the revised statutory guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education in May '16 (active as of September '16)



Uses industry leading NetSweeper technology

Why WebScreen?

WebScreen filters in 3 ways:

IP-based



By default, filtering policies are applied to IP subnets, so all computers on a school's network are subject to the same rules. Exceptions can also be defined by IP address to deliver different policies to single or groups of machines.

User-based



Policies can be set up based on username, meaning it's easy to set different privileges for different groups such as older or younger students or staff members.

Time-based



Filtering can be set to apply at different times of day, perhaps allowing for the use of 'recreational' browsing during the lunch break, but not during lesson time.

Helping keep over 1 MILLION pupils safe online in schools across the UK



Safeguarding

WebScreen provides schools with sophisticated and flexible internet filtering that helps protect pupils when online, meaning that the internet can be used as a helpful resource for teaching and learning.

For more information on how WebScreen keeps users safe online please see Atomwide's fully compliant response in the 'Appropriate Filtering and Monitoring' section of the UK Safer Internet Centre website: www.saferinternet.org.uk.

Control

WebScreen offers a highly flexible web filtering system designed to help schools exercise as much filtering control as they wish.

Schools have the option to create their own policy lists, or simply adopt the default filtering policies specially created by Atomwide in adherence with the latest industry leading safeguarding advice and guidance.



Reporting

Detailed logs of all web accesses are maintained. This not only allows thorough investigations to be carried out in the event of suspected system misuse, but also means that extensive reports about surfing activity, such as lists of the most popular sites, can be generated, helping schools to monitor their pupils' internet use.





Scale

Cumulative knowledge acquired from the browsing activity of millions of users across all WebScreen schools can be securely shared. This means that if a user in one school encounters a new unsuitable site, for example, then that site will be categorised and consequently blocked everywhere within minutes.

SSL Inspection

HTTPS filtering is another option within WebScreen. URLs can be filtered systematically by decrypting the traffic, categorising the content and allowing or denying access based on the various WebScreen policies in place.

Support & training

WebScreen is a fully supported service from Atomwide. Schools are able to set and configure their web filtering, and run reports at any time via a dedicated management website.

Furthermore any schools needing help or guidance can call the Service Desk both in term-time and during holidays.

Online user-guides are also available.

Atomwide offer free WebScreen training courses throughout the year that guide users through how to configure their settings and create their policies.



What our customers say...

WebScreen is **brilliant**. The help documents are **very good** and **kept up-to-date**. I simply type in the URL of a site along with a description/ reason and the category I think it should fall into via the drop down list and **within minutes** the site **gets filtered appropriately**.

Favourite parts of the service are getting websites quickly categorised to prevent students accessing games and music online. If there are sites that staff/teachers need access to and I'm unable to filter the URL properly, phoning in **gets the job done** as the Atomwide team are **very quickly** able to enforce rules to make the sites work for us in the ways we need them to. ??

Network Manager, Norlington School

66 We find using WebScreen very easy and straightforward. It's brilliant being able to block a site instantly using our own discretion rather than filling in and submitting forms to third-party companies. Should we experience any difficulty, a phone call to the service desk quickly resolves any issues we have. I cannot compliment the staff enough.

IT Technician, White Meadows Primary Academy

How to get WebScreen

If you're interested in using WebScreen as your filtering service and would like to discuss the benefits in more detail or would like a quotation please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Decades of experience and expertise providing schools with the tools to keep staff and pupils safe online

- Puts control in school hands
- School specific filtering
- Time, IP and user-based filtering
- Internet Watch Foundation compliant
- 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' compliant
- Fully supported with free technical help & training



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