

Internet Category Blocking Help

The "Internet Category Blocking" page allows you to configure the current iboss Internet website category blocking settings, log settings, Stealth Mode, and Identity Theft Detection options.

Website Classification

Website URLs may be part of more than one category. For example, www.usatoday.com is classified as "news" while www.usatoday.com/sport is classified in "News" and "Sports". The nature of the content is more important than the strict definition, so an advertisement with nudity is classified as "Adult" rather than "Advertisement", and a forum about games is classified as "Games" rather than "Forum".

The general impression is also taken into account when a website is categorized. For example, most buyers at ebay.com are consumers rather than business users and therefore ebay.com is considered to be a shop for consumers and part of the "Shopping" category.

Categories These are categories from which Internet websites are grouped. You may choose categories from this list that you wish to block on your network. In addition to blocking access to these website categories, the iboss will also log attempted access violations if logging is enabled. Descriptions of these website categories are listed below.

Ads

Sites containing commercial advertising graphics or content.

Adult Content

Sites that contain content with adult oriented material. Sites in this category do not contain any nudity.

Alcohol/Tobacco

Sites that contain alcohol and tobacco content. Also includes sites related to alcohol such as bars. Sites in this category do not contain illegal drugs.

Art

Sites that contain art or discuss art. Includes museums.

Auctions

Sites related to auctions both online and live.

Audio & Video

Sites that contain streaming or downloadable audio/video

Mobile Phones

Sites that sell or provide information and services pertaining to mobile (cellular) phones.

News

Sites that provide current news and events including online newspapers.

Organizations

Sites that contain content related to organizations and non-profits.

Political

Sites that contain political content. Also includes sites representing political organizations or organizations promoting political views.

Porn/Nudity

Sites that contain adult oriented content including sexually explicit graphics and material.

Private Websites

content such as mp3s, movie clips, and TV shows.

Bikini/Swimsuit

Sites that contain sexually revealing content, but no nudity. Includes lingerie sites.

Business

Sites that represent a business's online entity.

Dating & Personals

Sites that offer dating services or aid in the establishment of romantic relationships.

Dictionary

Sites containing general collections of information and knowledge such as online Wikis.

Drugs

Sites containing content relating to illegal drugs.

Education

Sites that provide educational services such as schools and universities, as well as sites that offer educational materials for sale or reference.

Entertainment

Sites that contain or promote television, movies, magazines, radio, books, food, fashion and lifestyle.

File Sharing

Sites that provide Peer-to=Peer (P2P) file sharing software, information and services.

Finance & Investment

Sites that contain content pertaining to banking, financial news and tips, the stock market, investing, credit cards and insurance.

Forums

Sites containing message boards, online chat rooms and discussion forums.

Sites created by individuals containing personal expression such as blogs and personal diaries.

Real Estate

Sites focusing on real estate including real estate agents, rental properties and real estate information.

Religion

Sites that promote or provide information regarding religious beliefs and practices.

Restaurants/Food

Sites that contain content related to restaurants, food, dining, etc.

Search Engines

Sites that are used to search the web.

Services

Sites offering professional services such as cleaning and repair services.

Sex Ed

Sites that contain content relating to sexual education.

Shopping

Sites that are used to purchase consumer goods, including online auctions and classifieds.

Sports

Sites that contain content relating to sports and recreation.

Streaming Radio/TV

Sites that contain streaming radio or television content.

Technology

Sites that contain content related technology including software, computer hardware, technology companies, and technical computer help.

Toolbars

Sites that offer toolbar downloads for web browsers.

Friendship

Sites that contain platonic friendship related materials and social networking sites.

Gambling

Sites that promote or contain gambling related content such as online poker and casinos, sports betting and lotteries.

Games

Sites that contain online games, or provide services and information pertaining to electronic games, household video games and consoles, computer games and role-playing games.

Government

Sites sponsored by or representing government agencies, including military and political organizations.

Guns & Weapons

Sites that promote, sell, or provide information regarding guns, knives and other weapons.

Health

Sites that contain content related to health including hospitals, doctors, and prescription drugs. Also includes sites primarily focusing on health research.

Image Search

Sites that are targeted to image and video searching.

Jobs

Sites that contain job search engines and other material for employment seeking.

Transportation

Sites that contain content related to transportation such as trains, bus routes and public transportation. Also includes those sites related to vehicles, motorcycles, and vehicle sales.

Travel

Sites that provide travel related services or information such as online travel agencies, transportation (airlines, trains and buses), tourism, and lodging.

Violence & Hate

Sites that promote violent behavior or depict gratuitous images of death, gore or bodily harm.

Virus & Malware

Sites containing malicious software, viruses or malware. In addition sites that contain software hacks and illegal codes, and computer hacker-related material.

Web Based E-mail

Sites offering web-based E-mail services.

Web Hosting

Sites that offer web hosting services and domains for sale. Also includes sites that are parked by domain name resellers.

Web Proxies

Sites that offer web proxy information, services, or downloads. Web proxies are often used in an attempt to bypass URL and Content Filters.

Category Scheduling You may choose to always block the selected categories, or instead use advanced scheduling to block (or allow) the selected categories at certain times of the day and week.

Logging Allows you to enable and disable logging of violation attempts for the current set of blocked website categories. Log reports may be viewed on the iboss Reports page. The report information includes date, time, website address, and category of the violation.

Stealth Mode Allows you to stealthily monitor Internet activity without blocking access to forbidden sites. With both Logging and Stealth Mode enabled, you can monitor Internet web surfing activity by viewing the log reports on the iboss Reports page while remaining unnoticed to Internet users on the network.

Safe Search Enforcement Allows you to enforce strict safe search preferences on Google, Yahoo and Bing search engines. This includes image searching. If this option is enabled and the user does not have search engine preferences set to strict safe searching, the iboss will automatically change the user's preferences to strict safe searching before performing the search. This allows an extra layer of enforcement to prevent unwanted adult and explicit content from being searched for on these search engines.

Note: If this option is enabled, it will apply even if the domain is in the Allow list.

Scan HTTP On Non-Standard Ports Allows you to enforce filtering rules for web traffic on non-standard ports (port 80). If this feature is enabled, the iboss will scan for HTTP web requests on non-standard ports.

Allow Legacy HTTP 1.0 Requests Allows you to restrict or allow HTTP 1.0 requests. If this feature is enabled, the iboss will allow HTTP 1.0 requests that are missing the "HOST" header. Disabling this feature provides a higher level of filtering security and makes bypassing the filter more difficult. If this feature is enabled, it may provide more compatibility with older non HTTP 1.1 compliant software.

Identity Theft / IP Address Blocking Allows you to prevent identity theft attempts by notifying you when someone is trying to steal your personal information through Internet Phishing. Internet Phishers send fraudulent E-mail and pop-up messages that claim to be from a business or organization that you may deal with (for example, an Internet service provider (ISP), bank, online payment service, or even a government agency). The iboss protects you from potential Internet Phishing attempts by displaying a special Identity Theft Detection web page.

Enabling this feature will also block users from navigating to websites using IP address URLs.