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Websense Enterprise®, the world's leading web filtering solution, helps organisations achieve the balance between employee internet access and enforcing internet use policies. The result is improved employee productivity, decreased risk of legal liability from employee internet activity, and optimal use of IT resources.

Websense Enterprise Key Features

Best-of-Breed Internet Filtering

Websense Enterprise combines powerful flexibility with rich functionality.

- Provides comprehensive and accurate internet filtering, including filtering for productivity and bandwidth-draining websites.
- Balances work-related and personal internet use by enabling IT administrators to set custom policies to manage employee internet, network, and application use.

Websense Enterprise improves employee productivity, reduces legal liability, and optimises the use of IT resources.

The Employee Productivity Challenge

With unmanaged internet access, employees can be distracted by non-work related or unproductive activities. Websense Enterprise helps manage employee access to websites, minimising lost time on the internet, and lowering operating costs.

The Legal Liability Challenge

Personal internet use can expose organsations to legal liability when employees engage in illegal or inappropriate activities. Websense Enterprise helps manage employee internet access and enforce usage policies to mitigate legal liability up front if an employee seeks to engage in improper behavior.

The Bandwidth Challenge

Depending on network capacity, the use of bandwidth-intensive applications such as streaming media or the downloading of music or videos by even a few employees can slow or shut down entire organisational networks. Websense Enterprise helps enforce internet usage policies based on bandwidth needs to prevent business losses and other issues that result from limited access to mission-critical applications.

- Reduces the burden on IT by allowing the distribution of administrative tasks across departments, groups, or locations. Individual administrators can customise policies to meet area needs and can assume responsibility for individual users.
- Minimises administrative overhead in setting and enforcing administration of internet use policies through its easy-to-use central management console.
- Provides report templates, block pages, and webpage category names in Chinese (simplified and traditional), English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Flexibility

Only Websense offers organisations the policy flexibility to enforce their acceptable-use policies while balancing that with their culture and business processes.

- Choose between Allow, Block, Continue, Quota, Block by Bandwidth, and Block by File Type options for managing web access; filter sites based on time of day.
- Set policies based on users/groups defined in major directory services, including Citrix®.
- Specify general patterns for URL matching in custom URLs, yes lists, and keywords.
- Re-categorise sites to best meet the organisation's needs through custom URL capabilities.

- Customise block pages with text or an HTML file.
- Allow selected users with valid passwords to access blocked sites.
- Configure alerts based on category and protocol usage.
- Help ensure compliance with privacy policies, union regulations, and other laws by maintaining the privacy and anonymity of users when logging their activities.

Scalability

Websense Enterprise scales from 50 to 250,000+ users with full reliability and accuracy and is designed to work in networks of virtually any configuration. Three deployment options are available:

- Integrated deployment on a separate server that is tightly integrated with the network gateway platform to offer pass-through filtering that maximises stability, scalability and performance.
- Embedded deployment on an appliance or gateway product to reduce hardware expense and enhance ease-of-use, particularly in remote locations.
- Standalone deployment utilising a network agent to deliver pass-by filtering capabilities in any network environment.

Dynamic Protocol Management

Websense Enterprise offers the ability to extend policy control and enforcement to the network level.

- Set policies for file types and over 80 application protocols, including instant messaging and peer-to-peer protocols.
- Receive automated updates to the protocol list.

Bandwidth Management

Websense Enterprise enables organisations to optimise their network bandwidth by prioritising and managing traffic in real time.

- Dynamically monitor and allow or deny bandwidth requests—with no administrative intervention required.
- Set policies establishing thresholds by protocol, website category, group, workstation, network, or time of day.
- Limit new requests when total outbound traffic has reached a pre-set threshold.

Industry-Leading Reporting Tools

Websense Enterprise provides the most advanced capabilities for identifying organisational risk levels for productivity, legal liability, and network bandwidth loss arising from employee internet use.

- Get immediate, in-depth analysis, exception tracking, and trending capabilities throughout the organisation with real-time monitoring and powerful drill-down features.
- Distribute reporting permissions throughout the organisation to provide individual areas with increased visibility into their own activities and to reduce the overall burden on IT.
- Run pre-defined and custom reports at pre-set intervals or on an ad-hoc basis.
- Distribute reports automatically via email.
- Export reports to a variety of formats.

The Websense Master Database

At the heart of all Websense solutions is the Websense Master Database. Utilising a combination of proprietary classification software and human inspection techniques to ensure the most complete coverage, the Websense Master Database has the most accurate and up-to-date classification of URLs, protocols, and applications.

The Websense Web Security Ecosystem™

The Websense Web Security Ecosystem is a comprehensive framework of over 40 different technology integrations that provides enhanced security and ease of deployment of Websense web security solutions in enterprise environments. The Websense Web Security Ecosystem incorporates world-class security and networking technologies including: internet gateways, network access control, security event management, identity management, and appliance platforms to help organisations identify and mitigate web-based threats and vulnerabilities.

System Requirements

- Microsoft® Windows Server® 2003 Standard Edition or Enterprise Edition, or the same with SP1
- Microsoft Windows® 2000 with SP3 or higher
- Red Hat® Enterprise Linux® 3 or 4: AS, ES, or WS, or Red Hat Linux 9
- Sun® Solaris™ 9 or 10

Summary

Websense Enterprise, the world's leading web filtering solution, improves employee productivity, reduces legal liability, and optimises the use of IT resources. Websense Enterprise integrates with leading network infrastructure products to offer unequaled flexibility and control.

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