

NetSweeper Categories

Alphabetical Listing

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| Category | Description |
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| Adware, Spyware, Malware (asm) | Adware, Malware, and Spyware is software made by publishers that allow them to snoop on your browsing activity, invade your privacy, and flood you with those horrible popups. |
| Alternative Journal Site (aj) | Electronic magazines included in the Alternative Journal category range from personal "EZines" to literary and culturally oriented publications. This category does not include electronic forms of mainstream magazines and newspapers. |
| Alternative Lifestyles (al) | URLs in this category tend to be related to discussions or material relevant to an individuals personal life. Sites in this category may include such things as the straight mens groups, gay and lesbian discussions, senior citizen clubs, transgender groups, vegetarianism or naturalism. |
| Art & Culture Site (ac) | Virtual art galleries and other cultural topics are contained within this category, such as museums and cultural customs. This category will also include tasteful, art-related nude photos and related sites. |
| Banner Servers (ads) | This category includes URLs which are banner advertisements or entire sites devoted to the distribution of banner related information. |
| CNS is busy (bcns) | When the Content Naming System becomes too busy to respond to your requests, it will send a signal indicating that it is temporarily not able to categorize your requests. |
| Criminal Skill Site (cs) | This category includes instructions or identification of methods to promote, encourage, or provide the skills to commit illegal or criminal activities. This category includes examples such as bomb making instructions, lock picking, computer hacking, burglary, murder, and rape. |
| Directory Site (dir) | Directory sites consist of a listing of files and directories, just like your hard drive. The system does not know which URL to analyze for your request, but understands that there are multiple files contained within the web site. |
| Entertainment Site (et) | The entertainment category includes URLs pertaining to things such as movies, television, music, hobbies, clubs, and amusement parks. URLs can be either fan club style (for example, the Brad Pitt fan club) or sponsored by a company (for example, Warner Bros.). This category also includes personal pages of movies and television shows. |
| Extreme Site (ex) | The extreme category includes URLs that are often pushed to the limit in their respective topics. These URLs are typically extremely violent, gory, or horrific in nature and may be related to sex, bodily functions, obscenity, or perverse activities. |
| Gambling Site (gb) | The gambling category contains URLs that encourage the gambling of money or other materialistic items. It includes sites offering gaming, bookmaker odds, lottery pages, and bingo. |
| General News Site (nw) | The general news category applies to most online news and mainstream trade publications, such as business and medical journals. |
| Hate Speech Site (hs) | This category is dedicated to any sort of propaganda which would encourage the oppression of one specific group of individuals. This category includes such things as derogatory speech against women, visible minorities, or slander against the disabled. |
| Humor Site (hm) | The humour category includes sites that are intended to be comical or funny. The sites include general jokes, comic pages or comedy clubs. |
| Illegal Drugs Site (dr) | URLs in this category provide information on illegal or recreational drugs. |
| Job Search Site (js) | This rapidly growing category includes anything related to a job search. It includes sites concerned with resume writing, interviewing, careers, classified advertising, and job databases. It also includes individual URLs, within otherwise uncategorized sites, listing job opportunities. |

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| Malformed URL (mal) | This indicates that the URL submitted is not formatted correctly and might be invalid. |
| Match Making Site (mm) | This category is comprised of topics related to dating services and relationships. This includes listings or personal advertisements, tips for attracting a companion, and on-line dating services as well as some escort service websites. |
| No Text (nohtml) | This category indicates that there is no text in the requested URL. This typically indicates a web site that uses graphics and other non-textual information (which includes tables and other non-paragraph elements in HTML). |
| Occult Site (oc) | This category includes any URLs that contain topics about the occult, cults, and other extremist views. |
| On-line portal Site (op) | This category includes sites that provide a portal based navigation system from which users can select a broad range of topics. |
| On-line gaming Site (gm) | This category consists of URLs focusing on traditional board games, such as Battleship, or role-playing games, such as Dungeon & Dragons. This category also includes any URL that promotes game makers, such as Mattel, as well as any website that contains games that you can play online. |
| On-line Sale Site (os) | This category includes the sale of any form of merchandise or service that will benefit the individual only, such as the sale of clothing, accessories, appliances, or pets. This category may also overlap into other categories such as the sale of sex merchandise, sports memorabilia, and hate speech paraphernalia. It includes market promotions and catalogue selling (for instance, LL Bean). |
| Online Investing Site (in) | The investing category includes sites that deal with personal investments and investment options. URLs in this category include stock quotes, money management forums, online publications, discount brokerage services, trading stocks, mutual funds, and portfolio management. |
| Political or Religion Site (po) | Any form of discussion that covers topics related to, but not limited to: politics, religion, or social values. |
| Proxy Anonymizer Site (pa) | This category contains sites that masque the identity of your computer. These websites are often used to bypass Internet filtering systems. |
| Redirector Web page (redir) | This category contains URLs that only contain a web site re-director. No actual content exists for these sites. |
| Safe Search (ss) | Activates the Safe Search Filtering feature for Google and Yahoo search engine queries. Safe Search Filtering effectively blocks explicit sexual content from appearing in search results. |
| Search Engines Site (se) | This category includes sites that are used to search the Internet. |
| Self-Help Site (sh) | This category includes anything either medical, organic, or support-based, that will improve an individual's health or assist them with other personal matters. This category ranges from new medications and therapies to support groups. |
| Sex Site (sx) | This category contains URLs that reference, discuss, or show pornography, pictures or videos of sex, or explicit sexually oriented material. This will range from all discussions of sex (excluding, for example, sexually transmitted diseases, safe sex, and teen pregnancy), soft and hard-core pornography, sadomasochism, bestiality, and child pornography, etc... |
| Sports Site (sp) | This category includes any discussions or topics related to sports including sports teams, sports discussions, sports scores, and sports merchandise. |

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| Technology Information Site (te) | This category includes sites that pertain to technology related content. |
| Travel Site (tr) | This category includes travel and travel-related activities. Some of the URLs covered in this category include discussions of favorite travel destinations, travel reservation services, discount travel listings, special events in various cities, and sightseeing guides. |
| Unable to Categorize (ukn) | When a web site does not meet any of the other categories, it is deemed as safe since it does not contain any offensive material. |
| Under Construction Site (uc) | This category contains sites that are currently in the process of being built. This means that this category contains sites that have a "We are under construction" message. Since these sites are usually only temporary, it is likely that no one site will remain in this category indefinitely. |
| Web-based email site (email) | This category includes any site that allows a user to send electronic mail to other users. This category is blocked on a school by school basis at the request of the school. |
| Web-Based chat & email Site (ch) | This is an old category that combines both web based email sites, like hotmail.com, and web based chat sites, like chat.yahoo.com |
| Web-based chat site (chat) | This category includes Web-based chat groups pertaining to several subjects. Chat rooms allow people to come together on-line to chat about current events, debate hot topics and share common interests. |