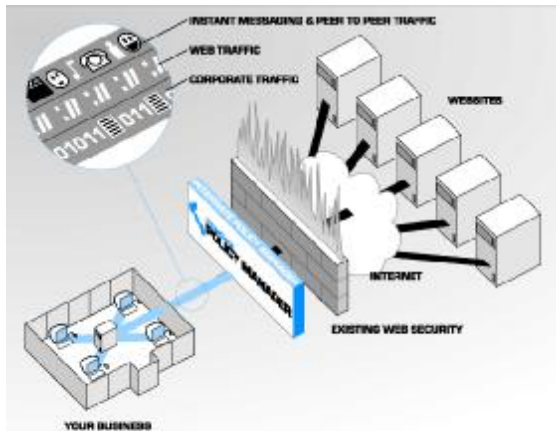


InterGate Policy Manager provides a framework for InterGate Inspect, InterGate Intercept and InterGate Intelligence to restrict and monitor access to Internet resources.



InterGate Policy Manager has four separate methods for controlling who can access the Internet, when they can go online, and what they can view.

Category Based Filtering

InterGate Policy Manager collaborates with InterGate Inspect, a master database of 40 categories and over 13 million sites updated on a daily basis, to block or allow access to pre-defined website categories. It automatically checks new sites by accessing a suite of Vicomsoft controlled central servers. Once a web page has been checked, its category is stored in a local cache for future reference. This means that there is no longer any need to download or install large lists of web sites as InterGate Policy Manager always ensures you have the most up to date information.



User-Defined Filters

User Defined Filtering

The ability to block specific Internet sites is available using InterGate Policy Manager's user defined filtering. Either single host names, such as *images.google.com*, or wildcards such as **porn** can be added. In the former case, a user would be blocked from visiting *images.google.com*. In the latter, any host name containing 'porn' would be blocked, regardless of where the word appears in the URL. In addition, the user defined filtering can be used to specify a list of acceptable sites that users can access thereby denying them access to any other site.

Protocol Filters

InterGate Policy Manager blocks traffic outbound to a specific Internet 'port'. This means that complete protocols can be barred simply by adding a single line entry. Applications such as IRC chat, FTP, Telnet etc are supported by protocol filtering.

Time Controls

Time controls provide the ability to limit Internet access to certain times of the day. There is no need for these times to be continuous. For example, a user could be allowed access to the Internet between 9am and 12pm, then 2pm and 5pm on any weekday.



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CIPA Compliance

In the US, CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) requires that schools who receive discounts under the "E-Rate" program must certify that they have certain Internet safety measures in place. InterGate Policy Manager provides an important tool in meeting CIPA criteria in over 1000 schools in the US.