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Blocked	Adult Content Explicit Art	Art sites that display art works containing graphic nudity, nude photography, and disturbing images. Sample sites: www.fineartnude.com/ , www.ravengallery.com/ , www.agalleryofnudes.com	IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment "The following uses of the Internet, either during working hours or personal time, using Departmental equipment or facilities, are not allowed: 1. Access, retrieve, or print text and graphics information which exceeds the bounds of generally accepted standards of good taste and ethics." Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, b. Employees are prohibited from using Government office equipment, at any time, for activities that are illegal; e. g., gambling (5 CFR 735.201), or that are inappropriate or offensive to co-workers or the public, such as the use of sexually explicit material or material or remarks that ridicule others on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, sex, disability, age, national origin or sexual orientation.
Blocked	Obscene/Tasteless	Sites that contain explicit graphical or text depictions of such things as mutilation, murder, bodily functions, horror, death, rude behavior, executions, violence, and obscenities etc. Sample sites: www.celebritymorgue.com , www.rotten.com , www.gruesome.com	IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment "The following uses of the Internet, either during working hours or personal time, using Departmental equipment or facilities, are not allowed: 1. Access, retrieve, or print text and graphics information which exceeds the bounds of generally accepted standards of good taste and ethics." Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, b. Employees are prohibited from using Government office equipment, at any time, for activities that are illegal; e. g., gambling (5 CFR 735.201), or that are inappropriate or offensive to co-workers or the public, such as the use of sexually explicit material or material or remarks that ridicule others on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, sex, disability, age, national origin or sexual orientation.

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Blocked	Pornography/Adult Content	Sites that contain images and/or content containing sexual acts, activity, nudity, toys, stories/writings, bestiality, fetishes, videos, etc. Sample sites: www.playboy.com	<p>IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment "The following uses of the Internet, either during working hours or personal time, using Departmental equipment or facilities, are not allowed: 1. Access, retrieve, or print text and graphics information which exceeds the bounds of generally accepted standards of good taste and ethics."</p> <p>Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, b. Employees are prohibited from using Government office equipment, at any time, for activities that are illegal; e. g., gambling (5 CFR 735.201), or that are inappropriate or offensive to co-workers or the public, such as the use of sexually explicit material or material or remarks that ridicule others on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, sex, disability, age, national origin or sexual orientation.</p>
Blocked	R-rated	Services pertaining to anything that involves 18 and over material such as lingerie and swimsuits, revealing pictures. Sites that are adult in nature without being explicitly pornographic. Sample sites: fine-lingerie.com/ , www.maximonline.com/ , www.bikini.com/	<p>IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment "The following uses of the Internet, either during working hours or personal time, using Departmental equipment or facilities, are not allowed: 1. Access, retrieve, or print text and graphics information which exceeds the bounds of generally accepted standards of good taste and ethics."</p> <p>Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, b. Employees are prohibited from using Government office equipment, at any time, for activities that are illegal; e. g., gambling (5 CFR 735.201), or that are inappropriate or offensive to co-workers or the public, such as the use of sexually explicit material or material or remarks that ridicule others on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, sex, disability, age, national origin or sexual orientation.</p>
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Unblocked	Image Server/Image Search Engines	Web servers and search engines whose primary function is to deliver images, artwork, personal photos, photo galleries, and free images/pictures for commercial use (Does not include adult content categorized elsewhere). Sample sites: http://images.google.com/ , http://www.altavista.com/image/ , http://www.istockphoto.com/	"Safe Search Mode" will be enforced by filter where applicable. Links from search engines may lead to web pages that are blocked by other filter rules.
Blocked	Internet Radio	Sites that offer streaming radio Internet programming (does not include downloadable music). Sample sites: launch.yahoo.com/launchcast/ , www.live365.com/ , www.shoutcast.com/	Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, g. "Employees are prohibited at any time from using the Internet as a radio or music player. Such live stream use of the Internet could strain the DOI network and significantly slow communications, inhibiting DOI employees from conducting official business."
Blocked	Peer-to-Peer (P2P) File Sharing	Sites that offer peer-to-peer file sharing software and transfers. Sample sites: www.kazaa.com/ , www.bearshare.com/ , www.limewire.com/	OCIO Directive 2006-010, Paragraph 2 "Unauthorized use, installations, or activation of IM, IRC, web conferencing, and P2P is prohibited."
Blocked	Streaming Media	Sites that offer "Internet TV" programming, streaming video and other streaming media. Sample sites: www.apple.com/quicktime/ , windowsmedia.com/ , launch.yahoo.com/ .	Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, h. "Employees are prohibited at any time from using "push" technology on the Internet or other continuous data streams, unless they are directly associated with the employee's job. Push technology from the Internet means daily, hourly or continuous updates via the Internet; e.g., news, stock quotes, weather, and similar information. Continuous data streams could degrade the performance of the entire network."

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Unblocked	VoIP	Sites that provide information and/or products to facilitate telephone calls using the Internet. VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) refers to a category of hardware and software that uses the Internet as a transmission medium for telephone calls by sending voice data in packets using IP rather than by traditional circuit transmissions of the PSTN. Sample sites: http://www.skype.com/, http://www.lingo.com/, http://www.vonage.com/	
Blocked	Web-based storage	Sites that offer storage for personal files on remote servers for backup or exchange purposes. Sample sites: www.filesanywhere.com/, briefcase.yahoo.com/, www.gotomypc.com/	Multiple PII protection requirements.
	Illegal/Questionable		
Blocked	Criminal Skills	Sites that promote crime or illegal activity such as credit card number generation, illegal surveillance and murder. Sample sites: www.illegalworld.com/, www.password-crackers.com/, www.spy-cam-surveillance-equipment.com/	IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment "The following uses of the Internet, either during working hours or personal time, using Departmental equipment or facilities, are not allowed: 1. Access, retrieve, or print text and graphics information which exceeds the bounds of generally accepted standards of good taste and ethics. 2. Engage in any unlawful activities or any other activities which would in any way bring discredit on the Department of the Interior.
Blocked	Dubious/Unsavory	Sites of a questionable legal or ethical nature. Sites which promote or distribute products, information, or devices whose use may be deemed unethical or, in some cases, illegal. Sample sites: www.allfreeessays.com/, www.thepayback.com/, www.strangereports.com/	IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment "The following uses of the Internet, either during working hours or personal time, using Departmental equipment or facilities, are not allowed: 1. Access, retrieve, or print text and graphics information which exceeds the bounds of generally accepted standards of good taste and ethics. 2. Engage in any unlawful activities or any other activities which would in any way bring discredit on the Department of the Interior.

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Blocked	Hate & Discrimination	Sites that contain material related to the discrimination of any group of people based on race, religion, gender, nationality, etc. Sites which concentrate on violence or the destruction of human life, including a single person or an entire race/religion/gender/etc. Sites focused on the superiority of one race/religion/gender/etc., while degrading others with use of propaganda or violent action. Sample sites: www.k-k-k.com , www.nazi.org , www.stormfront.org	<p>Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, b. Employees are prohibited from using Government office equipment, at any time, for activities that are illegal; e. g., gambling (5 CFR 735.201), or that are inappropriate or offensive to co-workers or the public, such as the use of sexually explicit material or material or remarks that ridicule others on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, sex, disability, age, national origin or sexual orientation.</p> <p>IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment "The following uses of the Internet, either during working hours or personal time, using Departmental equipment or facilities, are not allowed: 1. Access, retrieve, or print text and graphics information which exceeds the bounds of generally accepted standards of good taste and ethics.</p>
Blocked	Illegal Drugs	Sites that promote the sale/use of illegal drugs and narcotics, paraphernalia for express use with illegal narcotics, questionably legal "supplements" with a narcotic effect or sites that glorify the effect of illegal narcotics. Sites that offer techniques and products for testing clean for drugs as well as information on other forms of narcotics. Sample sites: www.hightimes.com/ , www.homegrownfantasy.com/ , www.erowid.org/	IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment "The following uses of the Internet, either during working hours or personal time, using Departmental equipment or facilities, are not allowed: 2. Engage in any unlawful activities or any other activities which would in any way bring discredit on the Department of the Interior.
Blocked	School Cheating	Sites that offer materials that enable students to plagiarize or cheat in their academic endeavors, including pre-written papers, answer keys, cheating methods or complete summaries intended to help students circumvent research. Sample sites: www.allfreeessays.com	IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment "The following uses of the Internet, either during working hours or personal time, using Departmental equipment or facilities, are not allowed: 1. Access, retrieve, or print text and graphics information which exceeds the bounds of generally accepted standards of good taste and ethics. 2. Engage in any unlawful activities or any other activities which would in any way bring discredit on the Department of the Interior.

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Blocked	Terrorist/ Militant/ Extremist	Sites that contain information regarding militias, anti-government/anti-establishment groups, terrorism, bomb-making/usage, anarchy, etc. Sample sites: www.michiganmilitia.com/, www.militiaofmontana.com/, www.ncmilitia.org/	Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, b. Employees are prohibited from using Government office equipment, at any time, for activities that are illegal; e. g., gambling (5 CFR 735.201), or that are inappropriate or offensive to co-workers or the public, such as the use of sexually explicit material or material or remarks that ridicule others on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, sex, disability, age, national origin or sexual orientation.
	Information Technology		
Blocked	Adware	Sites that promote or offer software that collects information about users to display target advertisement based on user browsing patterns and/or install advertising toolbars without the user's knowledge and consent.	Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, h. "Employees are prohibited at any time from using "push" technology on the Internet or other continuous data streams, unless they are directly associated with the employee's job. Push technology from the Internet means daily, hourly or continuous updates via the Internet; e.g., news, stock quotes, weather, and similar information. Continuous data streams could degrade the performance of the entire network."
Unblocked	Banner/Web Ads	Banner ads served from third party servers and URLs that track online analytics and/or Web site traffic for marketing report purposes. Sample sites: www.coremetrics.com , www.siteminner.com , www.inelliseek.com , www.mointel.com	Banners and advertisements on otherwise permitted web sites will not be blocked however, the actual web sites being advertised may be blocked by other filters.
Unblocked	Free Hosts	Sites hosted by consumer oriented free hosts or ISPs, including members.aol.com and Geocities. Sample sites: www.geocities.com/, www.members.tripod.com/, www.angelfire.com/	

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Blocked	Freeware/Shareware	Sites that provide repositories of shareware and freeware for download. Sample sites: www.tucows.com/ , www.freewarehome.com/	OCIO Directive 2004-007, Standardized System Security Configuration, Policy "IT Systems must be configured according to settings outlined in approved security documentation to meet requirements for system security configuration management."
Unblocked	Information Technology	Sites containing reviews, discussions, distribution, and promotion of computer programs, software, systems and hardware. Sites that contain discussion, reviews, news, and advocacy on computers, technological devices, and general technology. Sites that offer information, resources, hosting and guides for creating computer software and sites. Sample sites: www.cnet.com/ , www.zdnet.com/ , www.slashdot.org/	
Unblocked	Internet Service Providers	Sites and guides to services that offer access to the Internet. Sample sites: www.aol.com/ , www.earthlink.com/ , www.netzero.net/	
Unblocked	Portals	Sites whose primary purpose is to offer entry point service to other Web sites via links sorted by topics and/or subjects. Sample sites: http://www.best-top.biz/ , http://www.portalnet.net/ , http://www.top10links.com/	
Blocked	Remote Access	Sites that provide information about or facilitate access to information, programs, online services or computer systems remotely. Sample sites: http://pcnow.webex.com/ , http://www.gotomypc.com/ , http://www.remotelyanywhere.com/	Enterprise Services Remote Access; Multiple PII protection requirements.

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Unblocked	Search Engines	Major portal sites that either search the Internet or have a directory-based database of sites. Includes all sub-URLs under the main site. Sample sites: www.yahoo.com/, www.google.com/, www.msn.com/	<p>“Safe Search Mode” will be enforced by filter.</p> <p>Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, b. Employees are prohibited from using Government office equipment, at any time, for activities that are illegal; e. g., gambling (5 CFR 735.201), or that are inappropriate or offensive to co-workers or the public, such as the use of sexually explicit material or material or remarks that ridicule others on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, sex, disability, age, national origin or sexual orientation.</p>
Unblocked	Web Hosts	Sites that offer domain names and Web spaces for hosting fee-based Web pages.	
Unblocked	Web-based Newsgroups	Sites that offer archives of Usenet postings. Sample sites: groups-beta.google.com	
Blocked	Web-based Proxies/Anonymizers	Sites that offer free anonymous proxy services. Sample sites: www.anonymizer.com, www.idmask.com, www.amegaproxy.com	Multiple policies on inappropriate content that could be accessed via these services.
	Internet Communication		

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Blocked	Chat	Sites offering chat rooms and chat services as well as chat sites accessed via a browser, chat logs, IRC client downloads, IRC channel listings or channel information. Sample sites: www.chatweb.net/ , www.chattown.com/ , www.javachatrooms.net/	IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment Federal computer systems are for Government use and not for personal use; however, when certain criteria are met, Departmental users are permitted to engage in the following activities: 2. During working hours, participate in news groups, chat sessions, and E-mail discussion groups (list servers), provided these sessions have a direct relationship to the user's job with the Department. If personal opinions are expressed, a disclaimer should be included stating that this is not an official position of the Department. Directive 2006-010, Paragraph 2 "Unauthorized use, installations, or activation of IM, IRC, web conferencing, and P2P is prohibited."
Blocked	Instant Messaging (IM)	Sites that offer and enable Instant Messaging, central servers for IM applications, Client-based applications for IM (prevents the use of IM clients). Sample sites: www.aim.com/ , www.icq.com/ , www.chat.msn.com/	OCIO Directive 2006-010, Paragraph 2 "Unauthorized use, installations, or activation of IM, IRC, web conferencing, and P2P is prohibited."
Unblocked	Message Boards	Sites that offer message boards, bulletin boards, and forums. Sites which offer visitors the ability to discuss topics with one another via Internet message board software. Sites that provide downloads and customization of message board software. Sample sites: www.ezboard.com/ , www.messages.yahoo.com/ , www.boards.fool.com/	
Unblocked	Online Greeting Cards	Sites that offer e-greeting cards or e-postcards. Sample sites: www.bluemountain.com/ , www.greetings.yahoo.com/ , www.hallmark.com/	

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Unblocked	Web logs/ Personal Pages	Web sites from personal or non-commercial sources which feature commentary and articles written in a log or journal format (Blogs). Sample sites: www.livejournal.com/, www.blogger.com/, www.xanga.com/ , www.myspace.com, www.friendster.com	
Unblocked	Web-based E-mail	Sites that offer free Web-based e-mail services. Sample sites: www.hotmail.com, www.email.com, mail.yahoo.com	
Blocked	Miscellaneous	Random content that does not fall under current categories.	No known reason anyone would have an official need to access.
Unblocked	Domain Landing	Registered hosted pages with no significant appreciable content other than current owner info, solicitation for URL buyers, and/or links to seller info. Sample sites: http://www.godaddy.com/, http://www.easynic.com/, http://landings.trafficz.com/	
Unblocked	Intranet/ Internal Servers	User-defined category is provided for customer site additions. E.G. User Intranet site, Internal database, Web page, Web based application, CRM, accounting packages, ERP systems, document repository, Internal file share, FTP sites, etc.	
Blocked	Invalid Web pages	URLs with no content or serve up a "loading error" page. Pages may at one time be valid but currently do not contain content.	No known reason anyone would have an official need to access.
Blocked	Reviewed/ Miscellaneous	Random content that does not fall under current categories.	No known reason anyone would have an official need to access.
	Security		

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Unblocked	Hacking	Sites discussing and/or promoting unlawful or questionable tools or information revealing the ability to gain access to software or hardware/communications equipment and/or passwords. Sites that discuss password generation, compiled binaries, hacking tools, software piracy (game cracking). Sample sites: www.happyhacker.org/ , www.phreak.com/	
Blocked	Malicious Code/Virus	Sites that promote, demonstrate and/or carry malicious executable, virus or worm code that intentionally causes harm by modifying or destroying computer systems often without the user's knowledge.	IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment "The following uses of the Internet, either during working hours or personal time, using Departmental equipment or facilities, are not allowed: 2. Engage in any unlawful activities or any other activities which would in any way bring discredit on the Department of the Interior.
Blocked	Phishing	Deceptive information pharming sites that are used to acquire personal information for fraud or theft. Typically found in hoax e-mail, these sites falsely represent themselves as legitimate Web sites to trick recipients into divulging user account information, credit card numbers, usernames, passwords, social security numbers, etc. Pharming, or crimeware misdirects users to fraudulent sites or proxy servers, typically through DNS hijacking or poisoning.	IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment "The following uses of the Internet, either during working hours or personal time, using Departmental equipment or facilities, are not allowed: 2. Engage in any unlawful activities or any other activities which would in any way bring discredit on the Department of the Interior.

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Blocked	Spyware	Sites that promote, offer or secretly install software to monitor user behavior, track personal information, record keystrokes, and/or change user computer configuration without the user's knowledge and consent for malicious or advertising purposes. Includes sites with software that can connect to "phone home" for transferring user information. Sample sites: www.win-spy.com, www.gator.com	IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment "The following uses of the Internet, either during working hours or personal time, using Departmental equipment or facilities, are not allowed: 2. Engage in any unlawful activities or any other activities which would in any way bring discredit on the Department of the Interior.
	Business/ Investments		
Unblocked	Employment	Sites geared toward job seekers, such as online job bulletin boards, classified ad sites, resume-listing services, head hunting firms, resume building, cover-letter writing, etc. Sample sites: www.monster.com, www.careerbuilder.com, www.jobdirect.com	
Unblocked	Financial Institution	Sites related to the financial news, banking services, mortgages, insurance, and management of investments. Sample sites: www.wellsfargo.com, www.fidelitymortgage.com, www.massmutual.com	
Unblocked	General Business	Web sites for businesses and commercial organizations where business is defined as an organization that provides goods and/or services for profit. Sample sites: www.microsoft.com/, www.kraft.com/, www.tyco.com/	
Unblocked	Online Trading/Brokerage	Sites that facilitate online active trading of securities.	

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Unblocked	Real Estate	Sites pertaining to the buying, selling, renting, and leasing of properties (Commercial and Residential). Sample sites: www.realestate.yahoo.com/ , www.homestore.com/ , www.realtor.com/	
	Community/ Organizations		
Unblocked	Community Organizations	Sites of non-profit, charity, and community involvement organizations such as the YMCA, March of Dimes, Big Brothers/Sisters, Boy/Girl Scouts, etc. Sample sites: www.habitat.org/ , www.pointsoflight.org/ , www.national.unitedway.org	
Unblocked	Local Community	Sites of community governmental agencies and sites that promote and announce community events and community involvement such as City sites and Chamber of Commerce. Sample sites: www.toronto.com/section/community/ , www.albanycounty.com , www.sanpedro.com/spcom/spcomm.htm	
	Education		
Unblocked	Education	Web sites of schools, learning centers, universities, teaching institutions, workshops, technical institutes and trade schools. Sites that contain information on teaching aids such as lesson planning guides, teacher supplies, career development education and .edu sites. Sample sites: www.harvard.edu/ , www.usc.edu/ , www.bryman-college.com/	

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Unblocked	Educational Games	Sites that offer games related to education such as reading, spelling, math, developmental games and games with educational value. Sample sites: www.aplusmath.com/ , www.discoveryschools.com/ , www.kidsdomain.com/	
Unblocked	Online Classes	Sites that provide access to classes conducted via the Internet.	
Unblocked	Reference	Reference collections including encyclopedias, atlases, historical data, biographies, how-to, language tools and references such as dictionaries, thesaurus and translators, information resources on scientific subjects. Sample sites: dictionary.reference.com/ , encarta.msn.com/ , yp.yahoo.com/	
	Entertainment		
Unblocked	Art	Non-commercial sites that promote, exhibit, and/or display works of art, artists, art galleries, museums, art instruction, graphics tutorials, and art schools. Sample sites: www.lacma.org/ , www.guggenheim.org/ , www.metmuseum.org/	
Blocked	Comics	Sites that distribute, display, discuss and promote comics, comics, comic books, cartoons, flash/online animations and comic publishers. These include on-line cartoons and official sites of comic strips. Sample sites: www.dccomics.com/ , www.marvel.com/ , www.wildguard.com/	IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment Federal computer systems are for Government use and not for personal use. Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, a. Employees are prohibited from using government office equipment and e-mail for personal uses except as authorized by this policy.

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Unblocked	Entertainment	All general entertainment sites not already classified in a specific category such as restaurants/clubs, clipart and animated .gifs, amusement parks, cell-phone ringtones, etc. Sample sites: www.allfreeclipart.com , www.mp3.com , www.americanarestaurant.com/	
Blocked	Gambling	Sites which encourage gambling such as betting sites, bookmaker odds, lottery, bingo, horse/dog track, online sport betting, online casinos, etc. Sample sites: www.gambleonnet.net , www.casino.com , www.highdraw.com	<p>Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, b. Employees are prohibited from using Government office equipment, at any time, for activities that are illegal; e. g., gambling (5 CFR 735.201), or that are inappropriate or offensive to co-workers or the public, such as the use of sexually explicit material or material or remarks that ridicule others on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, sex, disability, age, national origin or sexual orientation.</p> <p>Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, a. Employees are prohibited from using government office equipment and e-mail for personal uses except as authorized by this policy.</p>
Blocked	Games	Sites related to computer or other games, such as game download sites, online games, video, board games and electronic games. Sites that advertise and host online games as well as sweepstakes & giveaways. Sites that offer cheat codes. Sample sites: www.playstation.com , www.warcraft.org , www.planeteq.com	<p>IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment Federal computer systems are for Government use and not for personal use.</p> <p>Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, a. Employees are prohibited from using government office equipment and e-mail for personal uses except as authorized by this policy.</p>

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Blocked	Humor	Sites whose primary purpose is for comedy, jokes, sound files, or other material intended to be funny. Sample sites: www.aaajokes.com , www.jokesandhumor.com , www.funny.com	IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment Federal computer systems are for Government use and not for personal use. Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, a. Employees are prohibited from using government office equipment and e-mail for personal uses except as authorized by this policy.
Unblocked	Kids	Sites designed specifically for children. Does not include educational games.	
Unblocked	Movies & Television	Sites that discuss and promote film and television. This includes official sites of movies and television programs as well as those of film and television celebrities. Also included are personal fan sites of the aforementioned. Sample sites: www.movies.yahoo.com/ , www.tvguide.com/ , www.moviefone.com/	
Unblocked	Music Appreciation	Sites that discuss and promote music, musicians, and the methods in which they are distributed. These sites include official sites of musicians as well as fan sites that promote musical subjects and artists, playlists, lyrics, legal/licensed and mp3 distribution. Sample sites: launch.yahoo.com/ , www.artistdirect.com/ , www.vibe.com/	
Unblocked	Restaurants/Dining	Sites that provide information, promote, list, review, or advertise dining, catering services, restaurants, cafes, eateries, take-outs and fast food. Sample sites: www.mcdonalds.com , www.blackangus.com	
Unblocked	Theater	Sites that promote and discuss live dramatic productions. Sample sites: www.ticketmaster.com , www.movietickets.com , www.sportstickets.net	

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	Government/ Law/ Politics		
Unblocked	Government	Sites of governmental agencies at the national, state, local or international level. Sample sites: www.ca.gov/ , www.whitehouse.gov/ , www.europa.eu.int/	
Unblocked	Legal	Sites pertaining to legal services, personal legal reference, on-line legal aid, law firms, legal reference, law libraries, legal services (notaries, etc.) Sample sites: www.lawyers.com/ , www.lawreview.org/ , www.worldlawdirect.com/	
Unblocked	Military Appreciation	Sites that pertain to individual appreciation, remembrance or dedication to military units and organizations such as veterans, troop support, honoring military divisions, etc. Sample sites: www.nmam.org/ , www.uso.org/ , www.oldglorytraditions.com/	
Unblocked	Military-Official	Official sites of government backed military organizations. Sample sites: www.navy.mil/ , www.army.mil/ , www.usmc.mil/	
Unblocked	Political Opinion	Opinions dealing with political concerns such as party platforms, political reform, candidate advocacy, PACs, lobbying organizations, campaign sites, "the president sucks" sites, recall sites, etc. Sample sites: www.rnc.org/ , www.democrats.org/ , www.nra.org/	
	Health/Fitness		

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Unblocked	Fitness	Sites promoting and discussing exercise, yoga, gyms, health clubs, nutrition, nutrition supplements, fitness equipment, diet information and weight loss. Sample sites: www.weightwatchers.com/, www.24hourfitness.com/, www.yoga.com/	
Unblocked	Health/ Medical	Sites of medical practices, hospitals, health insurance providers, nursing homes, and care centers. Sites that promote and provide information on prescription medicines and over the counter treatments. Sites offering information and references on health, medicine, preventative health care and other health-related topics. Sample sites: www.webmd.com/, www.bluecross.com/, www.stjude.org/	
Unblocked	Holistic	Sites offering information on alternative medicines and natural healing, homeopathic medicine, acupuncture and acupressure, chakra alignment, Feng Shui. Sample sites: www.holisticmed.com/, www.findhealer.com/, www.holistic.com/	
	News/Reports		
Unblocked	News	Web sites that distribute news, current events, and headlines. Sample sites: www.cnn.com, www.dailyregister.com, news.yahoo.com	

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Unblocked	Sports	Sites for professional, collegiate, and other competitive sports such as baseball, basketball, hockey, football & soccer teams. Sites that offer information on sports magazines and sporting events such as the winter and summer Olympics, etc. Sample sites: espn.go.com , www.nba.com , sportsillustrated.cnn.com	
Unblocked	Weather/ Traffic	Web sites that offer weather forecasts, weather updates and traffic conditions/reports. Sample sites: www.weather.com/ , www.traffic.com/ , weather.yahoo.com/	
	Religion/Beliefs		
Unblocked	Paranormal	Sites dealing with subjects of the paranormal. This includes topics such as mysticism, UFOs, astrology, numerology, the occult, tarot, crypto-zoology and conspiracy theories. Sample sites: www.ufomind.com/ , www.prairieghosts.com/ , astrology.yahoo.com/	
Unblocked	Religion / Religious Opinion	Sites that pertain to mainstream religious institutions such as churches, temples, mosques, church sites, service times, location, church event calendars, etc. Sample sites: www.zencenter.org/ , www.olacathedral.org/ , www.tbala.org/	
Unblocked	Cults	Sites promoting cults and related cultic subject matter. Sites that promote non-traditional or unconventional religious activities including beliefs and practices such as great devotion to a person, idea, object, movement, or work.	
	Shopping		

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Unblocked	Online Auction	Sites that offer access to online auctions where visitors can bid on various items. Since online auctions are rarely monitored, they may expose users to materials that would otherwise be filtered under categories such as Adult Content, Illegal/Questionable, etc. (Does not include classified advertisements, which is categorized under shopping or news). Sample site: www.ebay.com	
Unblocked	Shopping	Sites that contain consumer oriented online shopping, online malls, classifieds, and online trading/auction services. Sample sites: www.ebay.com , shopping.yahoo.com , www.nordstrom.com	
	Society/ Lifestyles		
Blocked	Alcohol	Sites promoting the use of alcohol, drink recipes, bartender guides, home brewing methodology, drinking. Sample sites: www.budweiser.com , www.beer.com , www.jackdaniels.com	IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment Federal computer systems are for Government use and not for personal use. Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, a. Employees are prohibited from using government office equipment and e-mail for personal uses except as authorized by this policy.
Unblocked	Animals/ Pets	Sites that provide information or promote animal/pet care, breed, veterinary care, boarding, adoption, and care info.	

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Unblocked	Books & Literature / Writings	Sites that discuss and promote books, literature, authors' sites, publishers' promotional sites, online books, books on tape, literary reviews, fan-fiction or other short fiction works, written screenplays/scripts (movies, TV, or drama). Sample sites: www.bookbrowse.com/ , www.openanebook.org/ , www.literaryleaps.com/	
Blocked	Dating/Personals	Sites related to personal ads, dating sites, dating services, dating tips, relationships, introductions, "how-to-find-a-mate" sites, introductions for purposes of finding friends or other relationships, etc. Sample sites: www.friendfinder.com/ , www.match.com/ , www.dating.com/ , www.myspace.com , www.friendster.com	IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment Federal computer systems are for Government use and not for personal use. Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, a. Employees are prohibited from using government office equipment and e-mail for personal uses except as authorized by this policy.
Unblocked	Fashion	Sites promoting and discussing models, modeling, modeling portfolios, modeling agencies, modeling contests, fashion and apparel in a non-commercial manner. May contain some R-rated material, or bikini pictures. Sample sites: www.fashion.net/ , www.fordmodels.com/ , www.ftv.com/	
Unblocked	Lifestyle	Sites that contain material relative to an individual's personal life choices. This includes sexual preference, cultural identity, or organization/club affiliations. Sample sites: www.qrd.org , www.gaywired.com , www.polyorlando.org	

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Unblocked	Outdoor Recreation	Sites pertaining to outdoor activities and non-competitive athletic activities, such as hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, rock climbing. Sample sites: www.epiccam.com/ , www.thebackpacker.com/ , www.snowmobilefanatics.com/	
Unblocked	Recreation	Sites that pertain to hobbies, collecting, clubs and social organizations, recipes, horticulture, gardening, yard maintenance, decorating and crafting. Sample sites: crochet.about.com/ , www.gardenweb.com/ , www.treasureclub.net/	
Unblocked	Self-Defense	Web sites that offer information and advocacy of self-defense tools of a non-lethal nature. Includes techniques and products such as those designed to immobilize or harm a subject but not "intended" to cause death (i.e. martial arts, stun guns, mace, etc.). Sample sites: www.americanselfdefense.com/ , www.safetyforwomen.com/ , www.selfdefenseproducts.com/	
Unblocked	Social Opinion	Opinions dealing with social issues such as divorce, business ethics, abortion etc. Sample sites: www.now.org/ , www.business-ethics.com/ , www.childadvocacy.org/	
Blocked	Tobacco	Sites that sell, promote or glamorize the use of tobacco related products, including cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco. Sample sites: www.philipmorrisusa.com/en/home.asp	IRM Bulletin 1997-001 Attachment Federal computer systems are for Government use and not for personal use. Policies on Limited Use of Government Equipment and Telephone Use, Paragraph 3, Improper Use of Government Office Equipment, a. Employees are prohibited from using government office equipment and e-mail for personal uses except as authorized by this policy.

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Unblocked	Weapons	Sites that provide information and promote the collecting, maintenance, advocacy and sales of legal firearms, knives, swords and related items. Sample sites: www.remington.com/ , www.buckknives.com/ , www.swords.com/	
	Travel/Events		
Unblocked	Tickets	Sites that offer ticket sales for entertainment: concerts, sporting events, races, expos, etc. Sample sites: www.ticketmaster.com , www.movietickets.com , www.sportstickets.net	
Unblocked	Travel	Sites that offer travel tickets and reservations, travel clubs, travelogues, visitor information bureaus, travel promotions, etc. Sites relating to traveling, such as travel agencies, cruise lines, airfare, etc. Sample sites: www.expedia.com , www.travel.com , www.travelocity.com	
Unblocked	Vehicles	Sites that discuss, promote, and offer information on cars, trucks, motorcycles, watercraft, aircraft and other forms of transportation. Sample sites: www.ford.com/ , www.harley-davidson.com/ , www.cessna.com/	