



NAME	MOBICIP SAFE BROWSER
Company	Mobicip safe browser
Version	2.8.4
Devices supported	Mobile: iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch Tested on iPhone 3GS v4.0
Operating systems	iOS 3.0 or later
Price	€ 3,99
Language of interface	English
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FUNCTIONALITY

Parental control functionalities provided by the external tool Mobicip Mobile

The tool allows the PARENTS to customize the management of different profiles, to create URL black/white lists and to decide what topics need to be filtered. It is also possible to choose among different default age-based profiles. Web Streaming is blocked through the related categories: access to Vimeo, YouTube and DailyMotion.

The filtering tool customization interface is accessible online [remote control].

Important:

The tool does not filter the websites accessed through the Safari browser provided by the iPhone: the access to the Safari browser must be blocked by the embedded parental control.

Parental control functionalities embedded with the device

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FUNCTIONALITY SCORE (assessment referred as to the external tool only): **2,4 OUT OF 4 POINTS**

EFFECTIVENESS

The overall effectiveness score is weak on adult content and very weak on other harmful content.

There is no major difference in effectiveness between teenagers and children.

There is no major difference in effectiveness between web and web 2.0.

There is no major difference in effectiveness among the different languages.

Effectiveness score with adult content filtering for ≤ 12 years old user:

Effectiveness score with other harmful content filtering for ≤ 12 years old user:

Effectiveness score with adult content filtering for ≥ 13 years old user:

Effectiveness score with other harmful content filtering for ≥ 13 years old user:

OVERALL SCORE FOR EFFECTIVENESS FOR ≤ 12 YEARS OLD USER: **OUT OF 4 POINTS**

OVERALL SCORE FOR EFFECTIVENESS FOR ≥ 13 YEARS OLD USER: **OUT OF 4 POINTS**

(assessment referred as to the external tool only)





USABILITY

Installation of the tool: Mobicip for iPhone is delivered as an application which is installed nearly automatically. Therefore, the installation process was not tested with regard to usability.

Configuration of the tool: The configuration is generally comprehensible but information about the connection between the iPhone application and the web-based configuration is not highlighted well. There are no options to individualise or influence the process. The process contains some inconsistencies and it is not overall conform to users' expectations. The overall look and feel is appealing, but could be optimised with regard to the common standard.

Usage of the tool: The tool provides barely any options to react when a web site has been blocked. The alert message is quite adequate taking into account the small device but it is not worded appropriately to children's level of understanding. The reporting is well comprehensible.

Usability of the installation process: /
Usability of the configuration process: 2,49
Usability of the usage of the product: 2,65

OVERALL SCORE FOR USABILITY: 2,55 OUT OF 4 POINTS (assessment referred as to the external tool only)

SECURITY

The low rate is due to the possibility for the user to uninstall the tool without a password.

SECURITY SCORE: OUT OF 4 POINTS (assessment referred as to the external tool only)





DETAILED FUNCTIONALITY FINDINGS

EXTERNAL TOOL – Mobicip Mobile			
Area of need	Functionality	Specific Issue	Assessment
Filteringcustomisation Social Networks	Web Filtering	Filter web pages according to content	YES
	Topicfiltering	Customisation filtering topics	YES
	White lists	Restrict browsing to a white list	YES
		Default white list	NO
		Modification OR Creation	Modification – NO Creation – YES
	Black lists	Creation of user's own black list	YES
	Social Networks	Block access	YES
	SafeSearch	Availability	YES
Keywords	Keywords	Default black list	NO
		Default white list	NO
		Creation of a user's black list	NO
		Creation of a user's white list	NO
Time	Time limitsettings	Set a specific timeframe or web access duration	YES
Usagerestriction	Personal data provision	Block	NO
	Web	Blockaccess	NO
		Monitor* usage	YES
	Streaming	block the access to streaming	Application: NO Web: YES
		monitor the streaming activity	YES
Usage restriction related to communication activities	Skype	block (chat, VoIP, Video-chat)	NO
		monitor the usage	NO
		prevent from newcontact	NO
	MSN	block the application:	YES
		monitor the applicationusage:	NO
		prevent from newcontact	NO
	e-mail	block email Client and/or web	YES (web-mail)





EMBEDDED TOOL – iPhone 4 v.4.3

Feature	Description	Assessment
Web access	Block	YES
Application running	Block	YES
	Filter	YES
Application download	Block	YES
	Filter	YES
Application Purchase	Block	YES
	Filter	YES
Video streaming	Block	YES*
	Filter	YES*
Video playing	Block	YES
	Filter	YES
Skype	Block	NO
	Monitor	NO
	contactfilter	NO
MSN	Block	NO
	Monitor	NO
	contactfilter	NO
e-mail	Block	NO





DETAILED SECURITY FINDINGS:

The Tool prevents the user from by-passing the filter by	YES - NO - N/A *
Using the IP address instead of the URL	YES
Disabling or uninstalling the software without a password	NO
Using a proxy instead of a direct connection to the Internet	YES
Accessing the web-pages through the Google Cache	YES
Reaching a website through translation sites (ex. Google Translate)	YES

**It was not possible to carry on the test since the device does not allow the functionality or does not allow the access to the specific test bed.*

DETAILED USABILITY FINDINGS:

	YES/NO
I: installation in 3 steps or less	YES
I: choice of installation for beginners or advanced users	NO
C: different degrees of strength for the filtering	YES
C: different content criteria for the filtering	YES
C: option to transfer filter configurations between target users	NO
C: option to transfer filter configurations between devices	YES
C: altogether comprehensible configuration	NO
C: altogether in conformity with user expectations	NO
C: altogether easy to learn	NO
U: alert message in a child friendly language	NO
U: option to customize the reaction in case of blocking	NO
U: altogether easily operable and comprehensible reporting	YES

