



NAME	TIME FOR KIDS INTERNETFILTER PLUS
Company	TIME for kids Informationstechnologien GmbH
Version	1.0
Type of product	Client
Devices supported	Computer
Operating systems	Windows 98 Windows Me Windows 2000 Windows XP
Price *	1 year, 1 license: € 19,99
Language of interface	German
GLOBAL RANKING	≤ 10 years old users: 15/26 (points 1,508 out of 4) ≥ 11 years old users: 17/26 (points 1,933 out of 4)

* Prices might change according to the latest company offers





FUNCTIONALITY

The Internet Parental Control is able both to customize the webpage filtering and to manage the use of applications. The parent can indicate specific URLs to be blocked (creation of a black list) or allowed (creation of a white list) by the filter despite the selected categories to be blocked/allowed. It is possible to block Streaming, Skype, MSN and email applications specifying each program name and extension. It is not possible to block directly IRC/FTP protocols but it is possible to block the related applications. The parent is reported about each user's navigation activity on the Internet and on Streaming, Skype, MSN and email applications usage.

FUNCTIONALITY SCORE: 2,7 OUT OF 4 POINTS

EFFECTIVENESS

The overall effectiveness score is almost fair on adult content and very weak on other harmful content, on all content categories with a low overblocking and a very high underblocking.

The tool offers a better effectiveness score for teenagers than for children.

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

The tool has a better effectiveness on English than on other languages.

Effectiveness score with adult content filtering for ≤ 10 years old user: 1,6

Effectiveness score with other harmful content filtering for ≤ 10 years old user: 0,8

Effectiveness score with adult content filtering for ≥ 11 years old user: 2,2

Effectiveness score with other harmful content filtering for ≥ 11 years old user: 1,6

OVERALL SCORE FOR EFFECTIVENESS FOR ≤ 10 YEARS OLD USER: 1,2 OUT OF 4 POINTS

OVERALL SCORE FOR EFFECTIVENESS FOR ≥ 11 YEARS OLD USER: 1,9 OUT OF 4 POINTS

USABILITY

Installation of the tool: The installation process is very short, but slightly difficult to understand. The installer does not provide advanced options and cannot be influenced with regard to kind or amount of information. The process is consistent, but it is not conform to users' expectations with regard to buttons, warning messages or the switch to configuration.

Configuration of the tool: The configuration process is difficult to understand with regard to some expressions and phrases. It is overall consistent, but behaves unusually at some points, e.g. the status bar does not always match to the status. There are barely any options to individualise or influence the product. The design could be improved a little bit.

Usage of the tool: The alert message cannot be customised and is not worded with respect to children's capability of understanding. The reporting can be well understood, but it is not very detailed.

Usability of the installation process: 2,07

Usability of the configuration process: 2,51

Usability of the usage of the product: 1,86

OVERALL SCORE FOR USABILITY: 2,22 OUT OF 4 POINTS

SECURITY

The software let us access some blacklisted pages through the Google translator tool.

OVERALL SCORE FOR SECURITY: 1 OUT OF 4 POINTS





DETAILED FUNCTIONALITY FICHE

AREA OF NEED	FUNCTIONALITY	SPECIFIC ISSUE	ASSESSMENT
MGMNT	Management of users profile	Create several profiles	YES
FILTERING CUSTOMIZATION	Topics	Customisation of filtering topics	YES
	Urls White lists	Restrict browsing to a white list	NO
		Default white list	NO
		Modification OR Creation	Modification - NO Creation - YES
	Urls Black lists	Creation of user's own black list	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 limit settings	Set a specific timeframe or web access duration	YES
USAGE RESTRICTION	Web	block access	YES
		monitor usage	YES
	Streaming	block the access to streaming	Application - YES Web - YES
		monitor the streaming activity	YES
	FTP	block the protocol	NO
	P2P	block the application	YES
		monitor	NO
	USAGE RESTRICTION RELATED TO COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES	IRC protocol	block the protocol
monitor the usage			NO
prevent from new contact			NO
Skype application		block (chat, VoIP, Video-chat)	YES
		monitor the usage	YES
		prevent from new contact	NO
MSN		block the application	YES
		monitor the application usage	YES
		prevent from new contact	NO
e-mail		block email Client and/or web	YES





DETAILED SECURITY FINDINGS:

The Tool prevents the user from by-passing the filter by:	YES/NO
Using the IP address instead of the URL	YES
Using an alternative browser	YES
Changing time and date settings*	YES
Disabling or uninstalling the software without a password*	YES
Closing the filtering tool through the Task Manager	YES
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	NO
Using a Live CD instead of the default Operating system	NO
Formatting the hard disk	NO

**As managed directly by the tool and not by the device.*

DETAILED USABILITY FINDINGS:

	YES/NO
I: installation in less than 5 steps	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: overall comprehensible configuration	NO
C: overall conformity with user expectations	YES
C: overall ease of learning	YES
U: alert message in a child friendly language	NO
U: option to customize the reaction in case of blocking	NO
U: overall easily operable and comprehensible reporting	YES

