

## Discussion

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Who would be responsible for deciding whether to purchase filtering software within your institution?

Who would be responsible for managing the filtering software?

Do you think there would be objections to deployment of filtering software within your institution? If so, from whom? What would the objections be? How legitimate are these objections?

## For Your Notes

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# *Filtering Tools*

## Introduction

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This document gives an introduction to a number of tools which can be used to block and filetr access to web resources. The document has been produced for use by participants on the Management and Web Tools sessions at the **Institutional Web Management** workshop held at Newcastle University on 15-17 September 1998.

## Aims of This Exercise

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This document gives an introduction to a number of tools which can be used to block and filetr access to web resources. The aim of the exercises is to provide an awareness of a number of tools which are available and to discuss the implications of using these tools.

## WatchGuard

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### Task 1 Getting Started

In your web browser enter the address <URL: <http://www.watchguard.co.uk/>>. Then click on the link to **WebBlocker**.

The web page shown in Figure 1 will be displayed.

Read the contents of this page.

### Task 2 Discussion

What are the implications regarding the deployment of a tool such as WatchGuard's WebBlocker?



**Figure 1** WatchGuard WebBlocker

### Task 3 Case Study

Return to the WatchGuard home page and then click on the link to Case Studies or enter the address <URL: <http://www.watchguard.co.uk/northern.html>>.

Give your comments on the Case Study.

### Task 4 CHEST Deal

In your web browser enter the address <URL <http://www.chest.ac.uk/software/watchguard/contents.html>>.

Read the information about the CHEST deal for the software.

How much does the WatchGuard WebBlocker software cost?

## WinGuardian

### Task 5 Getting Started

In your web browser enter the address <URL: <http://www.webroot.com/>>.

Follow the link to [Products](#).

The screen shown in Figure 2 will be displayed.

### Task 6 About WinGuardian

Read the information about WinGuardian.

Follow the links to the screenshots of WinGuardian.



Figure 2 WinGuardian

## Lists of Filtering Software

### Task 7 Getting Started

In your web browser enter the address <URL: [http://www.yahoo.co.uk/Computers\\_and\\_Internet/Security\\_and\\_Encryption/Software/](http://www.yahoo.co.uk/Computers_and_Internet/Security_and_Encryption/Software/)> or go to the Yahoo home page and follow the appropriate links.

Find out how many Internet and Web filtering products are listed.



Figure 4 Yahoo's List of Filtering Software

### Task 8 PICS

In your web browser enter the address <URL: <http://www.w3.org/>>.

Follow the link to PICS.

Read the information about PICS.

Follow the links to software products which support PICS.



Figure 5 W3C Home Page