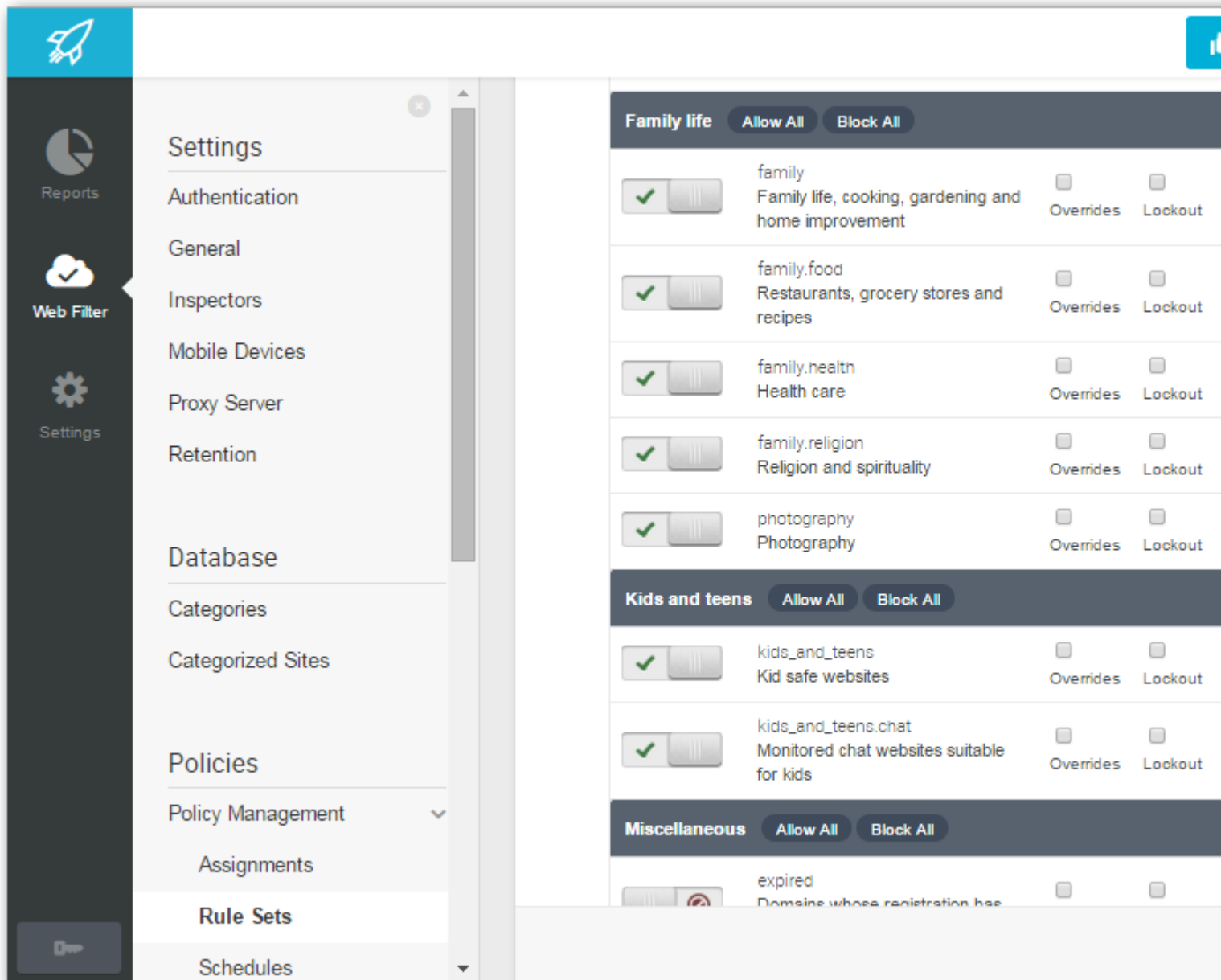


Database Categories

<http://community.lightspeedsystems.com/documentation/web-filter-3/administration/about-our-database/database-categories/>



Here are the default categories in our database and their descriptions. You can look up individual URLs to see how they are categorized [here](#).

Sealed Categories

Sites in these categories are always blocked, and cannot be unblocked or recategorized by Rocket administrators.

- **offensive** – Websites considered to be offensive to both adults and children, Gratuitous images of corpses, self-mutilation, scat
- **illicit** – Websites containing potentially illegal pornographic material. Porn sites involving children, “teen model”, sites showing young children dressed and posed in sexually suggestive manner. Rape and Snuff porn sites.
- **extremism** – Sites that Encourage or Promote violence to further a set of beliefs or agenda, or attempt to convert others to view that violence is appropriate to further a set of beliefs or an agenda.

Normally Blocked Categories

Sites in these categories are blocked in the Default Rule Set. To allow normally blocked categories, add them to a [Local Category](#) or to a [Category with Local Changes](#).

- **access-denied** – Sites that present a login page and we have no way to determine site contents without credentials.
- **adult** – Adult products, services, situations and humor. Sites that sell lingerie, sex toys, adult videos. Sites that contain nudity that is not pornographic nor art. These sites have non-existent or ineffective user controls to prevent children from accessing adult materials i.e. Pinterest.com.
- **art** – Adult art. Art that contains nudity or adult activity and situations.
- **bodyart** – Body art, tattoos, body piercings, body modification, scarification, body painting.
- **games** – Adult games. Sex games, games containing adult language, situations or humor whether online or board games.
- **language** – Strong language, Profanity.
- **alcohol** – Production, promotion and sale of alcoholic beverages, Includes Bars that also sell food but NOT restaurants that also sell liquor. Sites that promote or encourage alcohol consumption. Wine tasting, Beer festivals etc.
- **drugs** – Sites promoting illicit and illegal drug use
- **forums** – Unmoderated personal expression. A moderated forum that limits to a specific topic will be categorized according to the topic, i.e. An automobile forum would be in the Automobile category.
- **blogs** – Weblogs that cover a variety of topics. A site that uses a blog platform like WordPress to host a site on a single topic or for a business or organization will be categorized in the appropriate category based on content. photo sharing sites,
- **dating** – Dating websites like friendfinder, eHarmony, match.com, sexmatch.com, swingermatch.com, SHOULD BE BLOCKED FOR CHILDREN. Contains adult material like nudity, sexual content, fetishes.
- **email** – Hosted E-mail services such as Gmail, Hotmail, yahoo mail
- **im** – Instant messaging services
- **newsgroups** – Newsgroups, UseNet and subscription newsletters without a print circulation
- **p2p** – Peer to peer and file sharing sites
- **personals** – Personal web pages and personal ads
- **social_networking** – Social networking and related websites such as Myspace, Facebook, and Orkut. Sites that provide hosting resources for social networks, themes, wallpapers, avatars etc.
- **gambling** – Gambling, casinos, betting, lottery and play-for-cash/sweepstakes
- **parked** – Pay per click hosting web sites that park expired domains, these are sites with no real content just links to sites for selling stuff

- **porn** – Pornography related sites
- **security** – The root security category contains sites that do not clearly fall into one of the subcategories or may fall into multiple categories. This category may also contain sites that are not in themselves bad but contain information that poses a potential security risk
- **malware** – Combines the Security.virus, Security.spyware and Security.phishing categories on Lightspeed Rockets.
- **proxy** – Sites that specifically host or distribute anonymous proxies or sites that operate in such a way that allows the content filter to be bypassed. This is one of the largest security categories. Most sites in this category are manually imported by our research team. Forum and blog sites that contain information on how to find set up or use anonymous proxies are also in this category.
- **shorteners** – Sites that provide URL shortening services.
- **translators** – Language translation sites that allow full URL (webpage) translation and DO NOT honor filter restrictions
- **suspicious** – Recently discovered sites with suspicious words or phrases
- **violence** – Sites promoting violence and anarchy

Normally Unblocked Categories

Sites in these categories are allowed in the Default Rule Set. To block normally allowed categories, add them to a Local Category or to a Category with Local Changes.

See a full list of categories and descriptions on the Database Categories page.

- **ads** – Ad servers and advertising companies, marketing agencies, graphic design agencies,
- **audio-video** – Sources of streaming audio/video as well as downloadable audio/video files. MP3/4, AVI etc.
- **automobile** – Automobiles and motorcycles, boats, private aircraft. Enthusiasts, car shows, part suppliers, manufacturers, repair shops and resources.
- **business** – Business related sites. Chambers of Commerce, Business groups, services.
- **construction** – Resources for home and property improvement. Construction, building, plumbing, electrical, landscapers, gardeners, plumbers, home improvement stores and supplies. Do it Yourself sites.
- **finance** – Banking, stock markets, insurance, and financial news
- **jobs** – Employment search, offerings and support. Job training and seminars. NOT vocational or trade schools. Resume services, recruiters, HR services.
- **manufacturing** – Manufacturing, industrial, and shipping companies, Agriculture, companies involved in the production or movement of products and services. Includes public utilities like power and gas companies, telephone companies.
- **real_estate** – Real estate, homes, offices, appraisers, mortgage and title companies, Realtors and property management.
- **computers** – Computers & Internet, Hardware and software companies, programming and tech sites, consulting companies, web designers, webhosting companies, domain registration. IT infrastructure or Cloud based services. Mobile apps.
- **consumer_electronics** – Sites that manufacture or promote consumer electronics(cell phones, stereos, car audio, mp3 players, DVD players, camcorders, digital cameras, GPS units etc.)
- **filehosting** – Sites that host file or photo uploads/downloads, freeware, shareware, offsite hosting companies, examples: Picasa, downloads.com, majorgeeks.com

- **storage** – Sites that provide secure, online cloud storage
- **directory** – Directories and portals about specialized topics. Bookmark management sites.
- **education** – Education and reference sites. Schools, colleges, vocational and trade schools that award a degree or certificate. Tools and resources used in education. Note** Lightspeed policy is that a website that is used and requested by Teachers or Staff and DOES NOT contain adult material will be moved into the education category to provide easy access for schools.
- **arts** – Art, art history, architecture, graphic design and illustration. Ballet, theater, art galleries and shows, artists
- **games** – Educational games for kids
- **history** – History. Historical sites, museums, reenactments, events, archeology.
- **literature** – Literature, libraries, writers, publishers, bookstores, book and author sites, reviews, writing tools
- **media** – sites that contain media or streaming media with educational value, discovery channel, national geographic channel, teacher tube etc. Sites will be recommended by schools and manually categorized.
- **music** – Music education, history, instruments, marching bands, and museums, sheet music, symphonies, orchestras, opera
- **science** – Science and technology, astronomy, geology, physics.
- **sex** – High school level sex education websites
- **social_science** – Social sciences
- **entertainment** – Movies, television, radio, and celebrities, Entertainment venues, Ticket Agencies
- **radio_and_tv** – Radio and TV stations
- **expired** – Domains whose registration has expired
- **family** – Family life, cooking, gardening, beauty salons, wedding photographers, funeral homes, party rentals and supplies,
- **food** – Restaurants, grocery stores, recipes, cooking supplies. Food related events, bake offs, competitions.
- **health** – Health care, fitness clubs, pharmaceuticals, herbal remedies, nursing homes, nutrition, medical, dental.
- **religion** – Religion & Spirituality. Churches, synagogues, temples, mosques.
- **games** – Games, anime, cartoons, wallpapers and screen savers, Ringtones, online greeting cards , Mobile games.
- **general** – General interest – Sites that contain Insufficient tokens, have obfuscated scripts, etc. and are not easily categorized automatically.
- **government** – Federal, state, local and international government
- **ham** – Legitimate sources of email, mail servers and subscription based email. Example school district and business mail servers.
- **hobby** – Hobbies, crafts, collecting
- **humor** – Humor, puzzles, and brain-teasers
- **kids_and_teens** – Kid safe web sites
- **chat** – Monitored chat websites suitable for kids
- **law** – Law firms, courts, and legal matters. Lawyers, paralegals, stenographers. Legal forms, publications and resources.
- **microsoft** – Microsoft and related sites
- **music** – Bands and artists, concerts, DJs, lyrics, songwriting, and record labels
- **news** – News and magazines with print circulation, TV News websites
- **photography** – Photography sites that DO NOT contain adult material, photography equipment,

stock photos, photographers, photo exhibits

- **Plagiarism** – Web sites that sell term papers, research papers, and other ways to help students cheat
- **search** – Major search engines
- **nettools** – Sites that contain administrative tools that may be used to bypass network security or content filter. Examples include VPN products, remote access products like logmein.com, teamviewer.com and forum sites or blogs with tutorials or products to bypass workstation security and reset admin passwords.
- **shopping** – Shopping sites for online shopping, does NOT include sites that sell adult products, sex toys, lingerie, enhancement products etc.
- **auctions** – Auctions, classifieds, pennysaver, camera ads
- **office_supplies** – Major office supply websites
- **spam** – Shopping websites that use spam email for marketing
- **society** – Culture, issues, ethnicity, people, social clubs, girl/boy scouts,
- **crime** – Crime and the justice system. Sites that encourage criminal activity.
- **politics** – Politics, political activism, political issues, candidates, propositions and measures on the ballot, campaign websites.
- **spam** – Sources of spam mail that does not involve porn, gambling, or drugs
- **sports** – Sports sites. Teams and athletes. Fishing, boxing, wrestling, Competitive shooting, archery, bicycling.
- **fantasy** – Fantasy football, baseball, soccer, etc.
- **martial_arts** – Martial arts, competitions, schools, organizations.
- **youth** – High schools sports teams and youth sports leagues
- **travel** – Hotels, resorts, cruises, transportation and vacation offerings
- **weapons** – Web sites about guns, swords, knives, and other weapons
- **world** – Foreign language websites that are not positively identify into a specific category either through manual review or by automatic categorization but are in a foreign language .
- **cn** – World websites – Chinese
- **de** – World websites – German
- **es** – World websites – Spanish
- **fr** – World websites – French
- **it** – World websites – Italian
- **jp** – World websites – Japanese
- **kr** – World websites – Korean
- **nl** – World websites – Netherlands
- **pl** – World websites – Polish
- **pt** – World websites – Portuguese
- **ru** – World websites – Russian