

## Overview

The WebSense® database is organized into 90+ URL categories, whereas the SurfControl® database has 54 categories. Having more granular categories enables organizations to implement accurate and flexible internet use policies, as well as better end-user satisfaction and a decrease in HelpDesk calls. Several SurfControl categories cover more than one WebSense category, so the closest category match is [footnoted 1](#), while all other occurrences are [footnoted 2](#); in addition to the symbols.

| WebSense Category Name  | SurfControl Category Name(s)         |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Abortion</b>                   | Health and Medicine                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Pro-Choice</b>                 | Health and Medicine                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Pro-Life</b>                   | Health and Medicine                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Adult Material</b>                        |                                      |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Adult Content</b>                       | Adult/Sexually Explicit <sup>2</sup> |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lingerie and Swimsuit</b>               | Intimate Apparel and Swimwear        |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Nudity</b>                              | Adult/Sexually Explicit <sup>2</sup> |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sex</b>                                 | Adult/Sexually Explicit <sup>1</sup> |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sex Education</b>                       | Sex Education                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Advocacy Groups</b>            | Politics                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Business and Economy</b>                  | Business                             |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Financial Data and Services</b>         | Finance & Investment <sup>1</sup>    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Drugs</b>                      |                                      |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Abused Drugs</b>                        | Illegal Drugs <sup>1</sup>           |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Marijuana</b>                           | Illegal Drugs <sup>2</sup>           |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Prescribed Medications</b>              | Health and Medicine <sup>2</sup>     |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Supplements/Unregulated Compounds</b>   | Health and Medicine                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Education</b>                             |                                      |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cultural Institutions</b>               | Arts                                 |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Educational Institutions</b>            | Education <sup>1</sup>               |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Educational Materials</b>               | Education <sup>2</sup> , Kid's Sites |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reference Materials</b>                 | Reference                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Entertainment</b>                         | Entertainment                        |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MP3 and Audio Download Services</b>     | Downloads <sup>2</sup>               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Gambling</b>                              | Gambling                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Games</b>                                 | Games                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Government</b>                            | Government <sup>1</sup>              |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Military</b>                            | Government <sup>2</sup>              |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Political Organizations</b>             | Politics                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Health</b>                                | Health and Medicine <sup>1</sup>     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Illegal or Questionable</b>               | Criminal Activity                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Information Technology</b>                | Computing and Internet <sup>1</sup>  |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Computer Security</b>                   | Computer and Internet <sup>2</sup>   |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hacking</b>                             | Hacking <sup>1</sup>                 |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Proxy Avoidance</b>                     | Proxies & Translators <sup>1</sup>   |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Search Engines and Portals</b>          | Search Engines                       |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>URL Translation Sites</b>               | Proxies & Translators <sup>2</sup>   |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Web Hosting</b>                         | Hosting Sites                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Internet Communication</b>                |                                      |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>General Email</b>                       | Web-based E-mail <sup>1</sup>        |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Organizational Email</b>                | Web-based E-mail <sup>2</sup>        |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Text &amp; Media Messaging Category</b> | Web-based E-mail <sup>2</sup>        |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Web Chat</b>                            | Chat <sup>1</sup>                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Job Search</b>                            | Job Search and Career Development    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Militancy and Extremist</b>               | Intolerance and Hate <sup>2</sup>    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Miscellaneous</b>                         |                                      |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Content Delivery Networks</b>           | Infrastructure <sup>1</sup>          |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dynamic Content</b>          |                                      |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>File Download Servers</b>               | Downloads <sup>2</sup>               |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Image Servers</b>                       | Infrastructure <sup>2</sup>          |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Images (Media)</b>           |                                      |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Network Errors</b>           |                                      |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Private IP Addresses</b>     |                                      |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Uncategorized</b>                       |                                      |

| Key WebSense Differences   | Symbol/Color Legend   |
|--|---|
| Security and Network Threats   | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Category w/ No Content              |
| Bot Networks, Keyloggers, Malicious Websites, PUPs, Extended Protection        | ↳ Sub-Category Under Parent   |
| Productivity and Legal Liabilities   | <input type="checkbox"/> Single SurfControl Match                   |
| Social Networking and Personal Sites, Alternative Journals, Better Granularity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple SurfControl Matches    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Repeated SurfControl Coverage              |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Equivalent SurfControl Match |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>News and Media</b>  | News   |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Alternative Journals</b>   | Entertainment  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Racism and Hate</b>   | Intolerance and Hate <sup>1</sup>                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Religion</b>  |  |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Non-Traditional Religions and Occult</b>  | Religion <sup>2</sup>                                |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Traditional Religions</b>   | Religion <sup>1</sup>                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Shopping</b>  | Shopping <sup>1</sup>                                |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Internet Auctions</b>   | Shopping <sup>2</sup>                                |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Real Estate</b>   | Real Estate  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Social Organizations</b>  |  |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional &amp; Worker Organizations</b>                                     | Philanthropic & Professional Orgs. <sup>2</sup>      |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Service &amp; Philanthropic Organizations</b>                                   | Philanthropic & Professional Orgs. <sup>1</sup>      |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Social &amp; Affiliation Organizations</b>                           | Society and Culture                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Society and Lifestyles</b>   | Society and Culture <sup>1</sup> , Fashion&Beauty    |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Alcohol and Tobacco</b>   | Alcohol and Tobacco                                  |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Gay or Lesbian or Bisexual Interest</b>   | Society and Culture <sup>2</sup>                     |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hobbies</b>   | Hobbies and Recreation                               |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Social Networking and Personal Sites</b>                             |  |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Personals and Dating</b>  | Personals and Dating                                 |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Restaurants and Dining</b>  | Food and Dining                                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Special Events</b>   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sports</b>  | Sports   |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sport Hunting and Gun Clubs</b>                                      | Sports   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tasteless</b>   | Tasteless and Offensive                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Travel</b>  | Travel   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>User-Defined</b>  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vehicles</b>  | Motor Vehicles                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Violence</b>  | Violence   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Weapons</b>   | Weapons <sup>1</sup>                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Premium Bandwidth Categories<sup>3</sup></b>                                      |  |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Internet Radio and TV</b>   | Streaming Media <sup>2</sup>                         |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Internet Telephony</b>  | Streaming Media <sup>2</sup>                         |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Peer-to-Peer File Sharing</b>   | Peer-to-Peer   |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Personal Network Storage &amp; Backup</b>                                       | Photo Searches <sup>1</sup> , Downloads <sup>2</sup> |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Streaming Media</b>   | Streaming Media <sup>1</sup>                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Premium Productivity Categories<sup>3</sup></b>                                   |  |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Advertisements</b>  | Advertisements and Pop-ups                           |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Freeware and Software Download</b>                                   | Downloads <sup>1</sup> , Ringtones/Mobile Pho...     |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Instant Messaging</b>   | Chat <sup>2</sup>                                    |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Message Boards and Forums</b>   | Bloggs & Forums                                      |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Online Brokerage and Trading</b>  | Finance and Investment <sup>2</sup>                  |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pay-to-Surf</b>   | Computing and Internet <sup>2</sup>                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Security Filtering™ Categories<sup>4</sup> (powered by ThreatSeeker™ Network)</b> |  |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Bot Networks</b>   |  |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Malicious Websites</b>   |  |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Keyloggers</b>   |  |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Phishing and Other Frauds</b>  | Phishing & Fraud, Spam URLs                          |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Potentially Unwanted Software</b>                                    |  |
| ↳ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Spyware</b>   | Spyware  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Extended Protection Categories<sup>5</sup> (powered by ThreatSeeker Network)</b>  |  |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Potentially Damaging Content</b>                                     |  |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Elevated Exposure</b>  |  |
| ↳ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Emerging Exploits</b>  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Internet Watch Foundation (optional)</b>                               |  |

**Additional Footnotes:** (3) Premium bandwidth and productivity categories are included with all WebSense products (4) Security Filtering categories are included with WebSense Express and Web Security Suite™ or an add-on for WebSense Enterprise® (5) Extended Protection Categories are included with WebSense Web Security Suite