

Changes in Comsift Blacklist

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HISTORY

Comsift is very proud of its ability to block social networking and time-wasting sites. To date, we have banned Myspace, Facebook, YouTube, and many more such sites via the blacklist—but in doing so we have removed some of the flexibility of the ComSifter.

LOCAL FLEXIBILITY

It has been brought to our attention, that in some cases, the local administrator wished to only ban parts of a site, while letting the remainder of the site come through—and by blocking the whole site via the blacklist, we have removed their ability to do so. The only way the local administrator can resolve the issue is to “except” the whole site—which then removes the ComSifter’s advanced Words and Phrases filtering capabilities.

RESOLUTION

To solve this dilemma, Comsift has decided to turn control of the following sites back to the local administrator.

As of March 11, 2012, Comsift will remove the following sites from the blacklist that is pushed out to each customer (via the daily or weekly blacklist update as part of the service contract).

- facebook.com
- youtube.com
- myspace.com

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

If you wish for these sites to be blocked on your local network, you will need to manually add the sites to your ComSifter’s Banned Domain (site) List.

- If you wish all users to be banned, then you will need to add the sites to your Master Filter (not applicable to CS-1 models).
- If you only wish certain filter groups to be banned, then you will need to add the sites to that specific filter.