

Web content managers go beyond filtering to include peer-to-peer, IM, social networking sites, and they even look at malware, says **Peter Stephenson**.

For almost three years we have been watching the web content management landscape. We have seen a steady evolution from a group of products that were largely URL filters. The first time we tested these products all we had to do was develop a suite of black lists for various websites and types

of content and tell the device being tested to try to go to those sites. Then we read the success rates. That was then and this is now.

Today, web content managers go way beyond filtering on bad sites and dirty word lists. Now they include peer-to-peer, instant messaging, social networking sites, and

they even look at various types of malware.

These are critically important functions in the emerging cyberthreat environment. While identifying bad sites and content is still important, the definitions of what that means has changed markedly in the past two years.

## iPrism 30h



**Vendor** St. Bernard  
**Price** starts at \$7,245  
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The St. Bernard iPrism 30h appliance is a feature-packed web content management device. This product incorporates St. Bernard's Hybrid technology. This technology allows for not only management of web URLs, but also brings together control of peer-to-peer, IM and anti-virus. This allows for protection against threats, such as inappropriate surfing, spyware, malware and phishing.

From initial setup to configuration to management, this product is very easy to use. The initial setup is done by simply plugging the device into the network segment and installing the management software to a machine on the subnet. The software then discovers the appliance by its broadcast and allows the administrator to assign the permanent IP

address, rather than having to set the machine to the device's default subnet. Once the IP is set, a quick setup wizard gets the initial configuration in place with a default rule set. The device can then be placed inline and management is done through the management application. This application is easy to navigate and intuitively designed.

Policy configuration is also easy with this product. The iPrism can pull existing users and groups from Active Directory or LDAP and then policies can be customized from there. Policy configuration is based on access control lists (ACL) that can be created and customized based on a specific user or group. These ACLs provide excellent granularity and control and can be tied to IM and P2P management as well.

The iPrism comes with a small quick-start guide, which takes users through the initial setup and configuration wizard. From there, the rest

of the documentation is available for download on the website.

St. Bernard offers phone and email support, as well as live chat support, through its LivePrism site. The website also offers a knowledge base and various helpful notes and guides.

At just over \$7,000 for all the features of this appliance, we find this product to be a great value for the money. Not only is it easy to manage, but it includes a very comprehensive feature set that provides many different web content controls.

### SC MAGAZINE RATING

Features	★★★★★
Ease of use	★★★★★
Performance	★★★★★
Documentation:	★★★★★
Support	★★★★★
Value for money	★★★★★
<b>OVERALL RATING</b>	<b>★★★★★</b>

**Strengths** Excellent features, easy to use, low cost

**Weaknesses** None that we found.

**Verdict** This is a solid product with lots of the features required in this application.



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