

YouTube – How to allow/block on Netsweeper

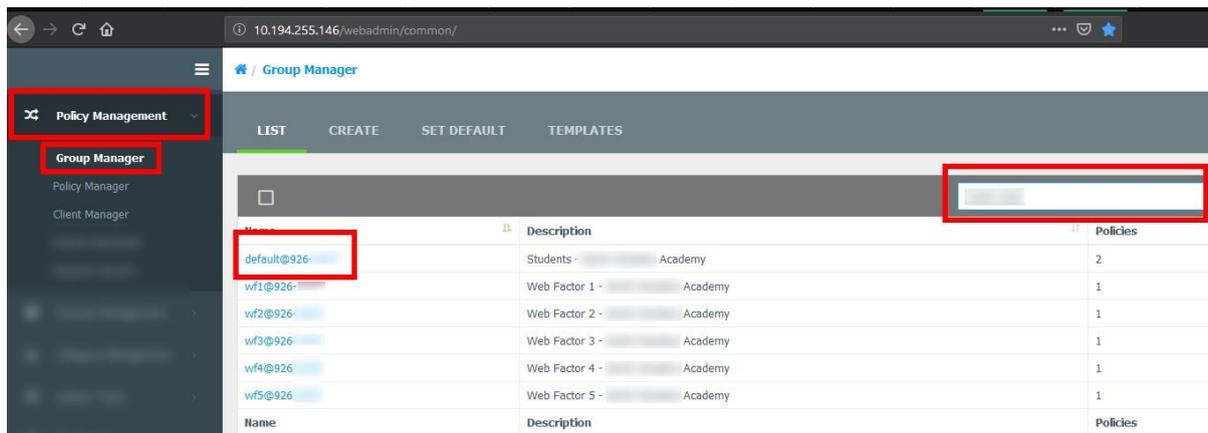
Following the upgrade to Netsweeper v6, the way in which YouTube is allowed has changed. Before, you would have simply added youtube.com to your 'local allow list' and it would have worked.

However, the way to allow it now has changed slightly with YouTube now having its own category, which can be allowed/blocked.

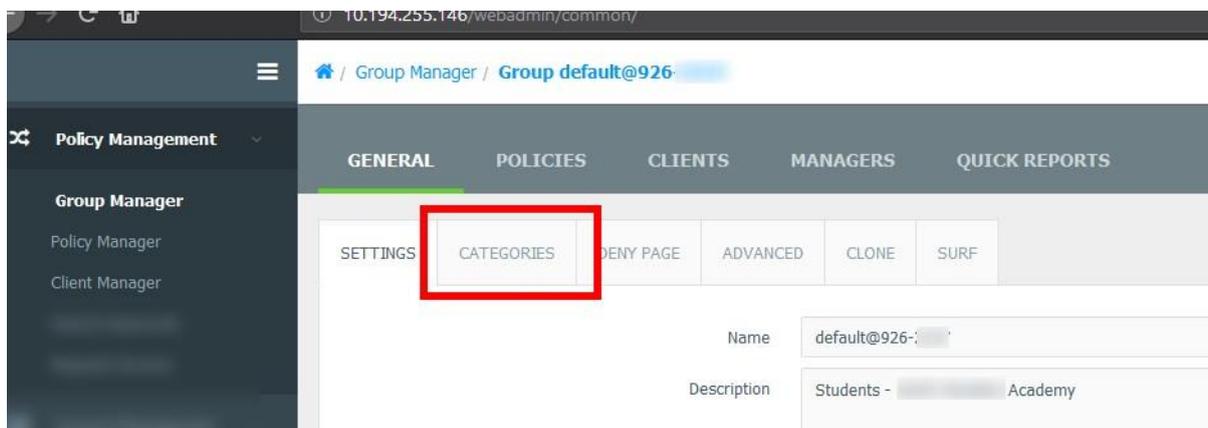
Once you are logged in to Netsweeper:

Go to - Policy Management > Group Manager

You will see a list of all of your Group Policies, click on the relevant entry link



Go to Categories



If you see 'Primary 1' in the option, Youtube will be blocked and you would need to change it to either 'Primary 1.5 (YouTube Allowed)' or 'Custom' to be able to amend the category list. The easiest way would be to change the template to Primary 1.5. This will allow you access to YouTube and the categories as outlined [here](#)

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Observe YouTube is blocked in the screenshot below:

The screenshot shows the Netsweeper interface with the 'GENERAL' tab selected. A dropdown menu is open, showing 'Primary 1' selected. Below the dropdown, a list of 83 blocked categories is displayed in a grid. The 'Youtube' category is highlighted with a red box. At the bottom right, there is a 'SUBMIT' button.

Category	Category	Category	Category
Occult	OpenFT	Open Mixed Content	Party Poker Casino
Pay to Surf	Peer to Peer	Phishing	Phone Cards
Poker Stars	Pornography	Profanity	Remote Access Tools
Roger Wilco	Roxy Casino	Safe Search	Search Keywords
Slots Magic	SnapChat APP	Social Networking	Soulseek
Sports Interaction	Substance Abuse	Tindr APP	Tobacco
Trillian APP	Viruses	Weapons	Web Chat
Web Proxy	William Hill	Youtube	

Click the dropdown and select the new desired template:

The screenshot shows the Netsweeper interface with the 'SETTINGS' tab selected. A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of templates. The 'Primary 1.5 (YouTube Allowed)' template is highlighted with a red box. The list includes 'ALL-URLS-ALLOWED', 'Default', 'Primary 1', and 'Primary 1.5 (YouTube Allowed)'. The background shows a grid of blocked categories.

Template	Category
ALL-URLS-ALLOWED ALL URI's Allowed	
Default Categories for the default policy in the default groups	
Primary 1 Primary Policy 1	OpenFT
Primary 1.5 (YouTube Allowed) Primary Policy 1.5 (Primary 1 with YouTube allowed)	Peer to Peer
	Poker Stars
	Pornography
	Roger Wilco
	Roxy Casino

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Observe YouTube is no longer shown as blocked; click Submit to save.

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Primary 1.5 (YouTube Allowed) ▼

82 Blocked

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Update this policy 'default' in group 'default@926-'. **SUBMIT**

Should you still wish to use the 'Custom' option, YouTube will typically still be blocked by default. To allow, click the dustbin icon (this only appears when you go to click it).

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Policy default

Custom ▼

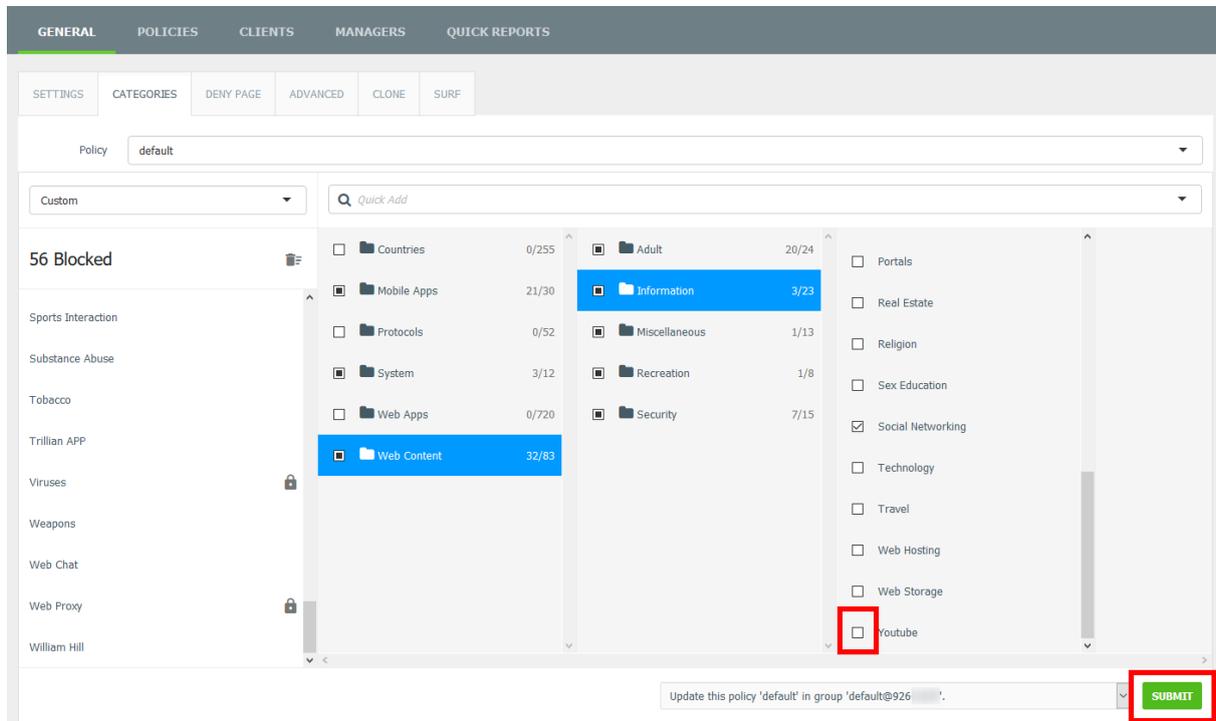
57 Blocked

Substance Abuse	0/255
Tobacco	21/30
Trillian APP	0/52
Viruses	3/12
Weapons	0/720
Web Chat	33/83
Web Proxy	
William Hill	
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Update this policy 'default' in group 'default@926-'. **SUBMIT**

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YouTube will disappear from the blocked list and you'll see it become unticked. Click Submit to save. Please allow a few minutes for this to be applied.

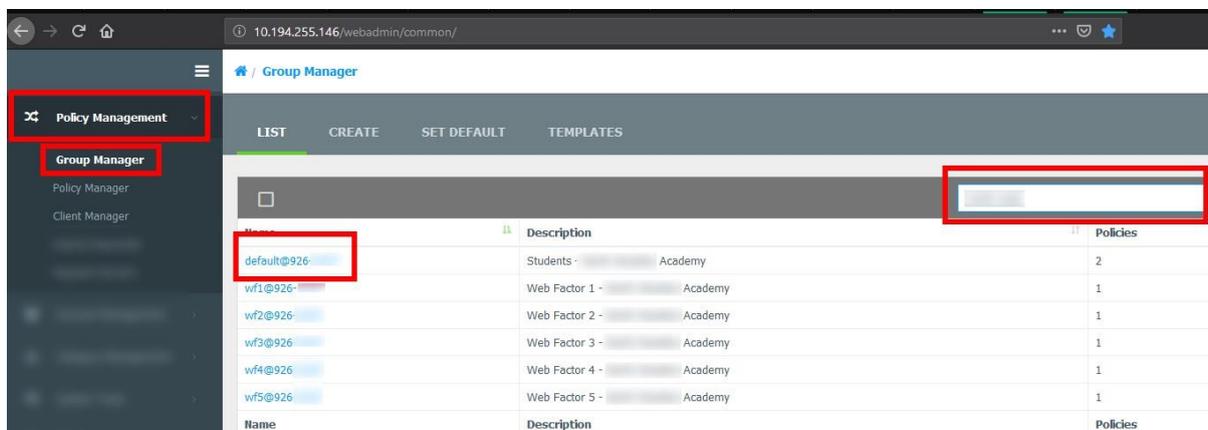


What happens if I change my mind and wish to block YouTube again?

If you previously had it set to 'Primary 1' before changing to 'Primary 1.5', in General > Categories, simply select 'Primary 1' from the dropdown and submit.

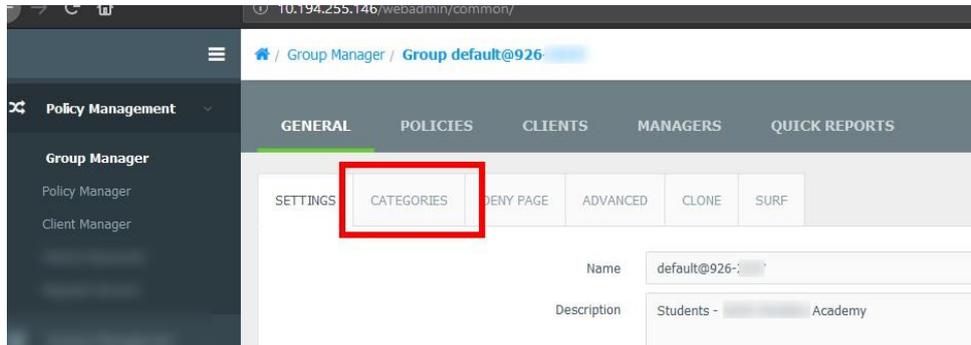
If, however, it shows 'Custom' go to Policy Management > Group Manager

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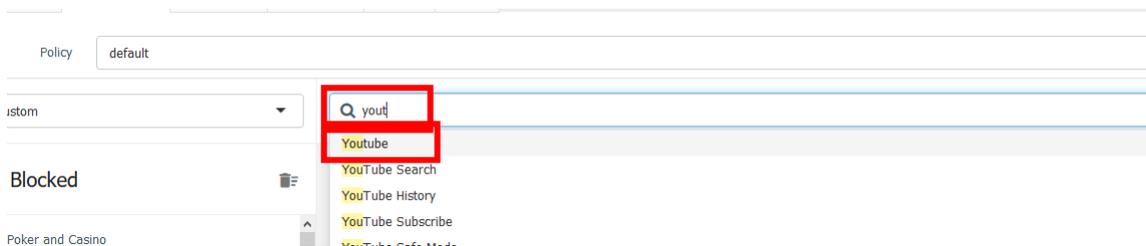


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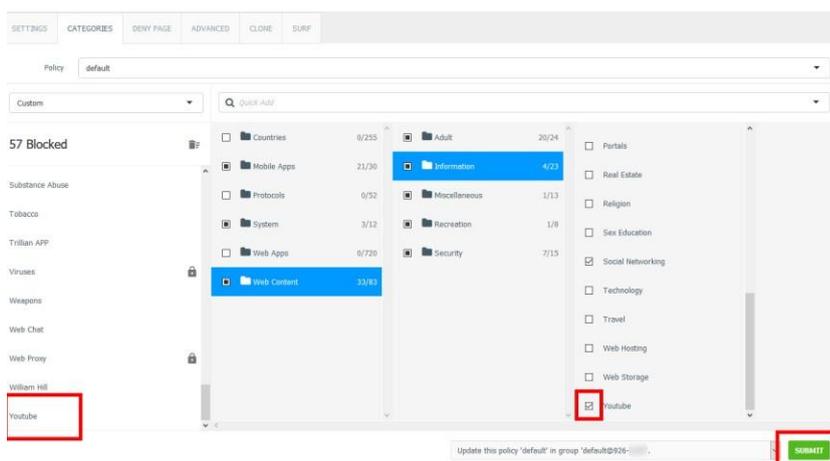


Type YouTube in the quick-add across the top and select the top “YouTube” entry.



YouTube will appear at the bottom of the list, and YouTube is now enabled as shown by a tick in the box.

Click submit to save. Please allow a few minutes for this to be applied.



Other options available

If you don't wish to carry out either option above, you may also wish to amend your filtering so that your Staff and Students have different access to items, such as Social networking, by implementing Level 2/3 filtering. This is outlined on our website [here](#)