

Filtering history, challenges and alternatives

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About SAGE-AU

- What is System Administration?
- What is SAGE-AU?
- Why are we concerned about filtering?

1. Fair Treatment

I will treat everyone fairly. I will not discriminate against anyone on grounds such as age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, religion, race, or national origin.

2. Privacy

I will access private information on computer systems only when it is necessary in the course of my duties. I will maintain the confidentiality of any information to which I may have access. I acknowledge statutory laws governing data privacy such as the Commonwealth Information Privacy Principles.

3. Communication

I will keep users informed about computing matters that may affect them - such as conditions of acceptable use, sharing of common resources, maintenance of security, occurrence of system monitoring, and any relevant legal obligations.

4. System Integrity

I will strive to ensure the integrity of the systems for which I have responsibility, using all appropriate means - such as regularly maintaining software and hardware; analysing levels of system performance and activity; and, as far as possible, preventing unauthorised use or access.

5. Cooperation

I will cooperate with and support my fellow computing professionals. I acknowledge the community responsibility that is fundamental to the integrity of local, national, and international network resources.

6. Honesty

I will be honest about my competence and will seek help when necessary. When my professional advice is sought, I will be impartial. I will avoid conflicts of interest; if they do arise I will declare them.

7. Education

I will continue to update and enhance my technical knowledge and management skills by training, study, and the sharing of information and experiences with my fellow professionals.

8. Social Responsibility

I will continue to enlarge my understanding of the social and legal issues that arise in computing environments, and I will communicate that understanding to others when appropriate. I will strive to ensure that policies and laws about computer systems are consistent with my ethical principles.

9. Workplace Quality

I will strive to achieve and maintain a safe, healthy, productive workplace for all users.

History

- ABA Inquiry, 1996
- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Online Services) Act, 1999
- Censorship regime implemented 2000
- Commonwealth Bill to enable operation under increased secrecy, 2002
- Government Report on the Review of the 1999 Act, 2004
- Labor proposes ISP level filters, 2006
- ACMA Internet Filtering Study released, Aug 2008
- Internet Service Provider (ISP) Content Filtering 'Live' Pilot, Nov 2008

Challenges

- It won't work
- It's too expensive
- It's too risky

Alternatives

- Encourage "family-friendly" ISP services and filters
- Improved education
- More rigorous enforcement

References

- Code of Ethics <http://www.sage-au.org.au/display/SAGEAU/Code+of+Ethics>
- IIA Family-Friendly ISPs and filters
http://ia.net.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=416&Itemid=9
- History <http://www.efa.org.au/>, <http://www.ia.net.au>
- Codes of Practice
http://ia.net.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=section&id=3&Itemid=33