



8e6 Case Study

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists uses 8e6 Web Filtering Solution for its Special Filtering Requirements

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) in London, whose students are mainly medical practitioners specialising in obstetrics and gynaecology, has a unique situation when it comes to web filtering. Because of the nature of what the college deals with (reproductive and sexual health, and the well being of women), it is unable to block some web categories that most organisations would automatically ban.

RCOG's policy is to control access to undesirable sites by extensive monitoring of web use. This creates a need for good reporting and requires space to store the reports generated. Using a Websense web filtering solution, the RCOG had been saving reports on its existing server and had simply run out of space so was looking for an alternative web filtering product.

A secondary objective was to maintain bandwidth control, especially in the era of social networking, which meant monitoring usage in some detail,

The solution chosen was 8e6 Technologies' R3000 web filtering solution Standard Edition, which includes Internet filtering and web use reporting. This solution uses a dedicated hardware appliance.

Felipe Varela, acting IT Support Manger at the college, said: "The solution works because I can administrate from a dedicated hardware box that conforms to the college internet policy."

Varela chose the solution for a number of reasons. Firstly, it was a hardware solution (an appliance), which took the burden off storing web usage reports on the existing server. "The software-based system we were using filled up all our server space, but the appliance-based system solves this problem by having its own storage," he commented.

Varela also appreciated the high quality of 8e6's content monitoring facilities, the filtering accuracy of the product and the superior reporting facilities. For example, the 8e6 solution allows the RCOG to generate reports instantly on any of its 170 users, and to keep data in this format for a number of years. It produces an audit trail and a record of which web sites users' visit, how long they've visited, etc.

In addition, Varela likes 8e6's database accuracy, as the college does not wish to over-block websites, and the categorisation has to be very accurate. He commented: "The 8e6 system lets us block or allow specific content and websites to groups and individual users on an ad hoc basis according to their field of study and changing needs."

Finally, as a charity, the RCOG had to go for a cost effective solution and Varela felt the 8e6 solution provided very good value for money

About 8e6 Technologies

8e6 Technologies is the leading independent provider of Web filtering and insider threat management solutions for government, education and mid-size to large enterprises, protecting millions of users worldwide. The company's award-winning appliance suite requires no additional infrastructure or software to install, resulting in lower total cost. 8e6 is recognized for its real-time analysis; reporting capabilities and unmatched forensics that helps ensure student safety and reduce security, legal and compliance risk. The company's solutions are customizable to meet individual customer requirements, yet are powerful enough to meet the performance demands of state-wide agencies and large districts.