



Web Filtering

The Web Filtering feature enables the user to provide controlled access to Internet websites or Internet sites by configuring the domain-based or URL-based policies and filters on the device. The user can configure the web filtering profiles to manage the web access. The Web Filtering feature is implemented using the container service and it is similar to the Snort IPS solution.

Web Filtering can either allow or deny access to a specific domain or URL based on:

- Allowed list and Blocked list—These are static rules, which helps the user to either allow or deny domains or URLs. If the same pattern is configured under both the allowed list and blocked list, the traffic will be allowed.
 - Category—URLs can be classified into multiple categories such as News, Social Media, Education, Adult and so on. Based on the requirements, user has the option to block or allow one or more categories.
 - Reputation—Each URL has a reputation score associated with it. The reputation score range is from 0-100, and it is categorized as: high-risk (reputation score (0-20), suspicious (0-40), moderate-risk (0-60), low-risk (0-80), and trustworthy (0-100). Based on the reputation score of a URL and the configuration, a URL is either blocked or allowed. If the user defines a reputation threshold through the CLI, all the URLs, with a reputation score lower than the user-defined threshold will be blocked.
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Web Filtering

The Web Filtering feature enables the user to provide controlled access to Internet websites by configuring the domain-based or URL-based policies and filters on the device. Domain-based Filtering enables the user to control access to websites/servers at domain level, and URL-based Filtering enables the user to control access to websites at URL level. This section includes the following topics:

Domain-based Filtering

Domain-based filtering allows the user to control access to a domain by permitting or denying access based on the domain-based policies and filters configured on the device. When the client sends a DNS request through the Cisco Cloud Services Router 1000V Series, the DNS traffic is inspected based on the domain-based policies (allowed list/blocked list). Domains that are on the allowed list or blocked list will not be subjected to URL-based filtering even if they are configured. Graylist traffic does not match both allowed list and blocked list, and it is subjected to URL-based filtering if it is configured.

Domain-based Filtering Using Allowed List Filter

To allow the complete domain (cisco.com) without subjecting to any filtering, use the allowed list option . When a user makes a request to access a website using a browser, the browser makes a DNS request to get the IP address of the website. Domain filtering applies the filter on the DNS traffic. If the website's domain name matches to one of the allowed list patterns, domain filtering adds the website's address to the allowed list. The browser receives the IP address for the website and sends the HTTP(s) request to the IP address of the website. Domain filtering treats this traffic as allowed traffic. This allowed traffic is not further subjected to URL-based filtering even if it is configured. If the Snort IPS is configured, the traffic will be subjected to Snort IPS .

Domain-based Filtering Using Blocked List Filter

When a user want to block a complete domain (badsite.com), use the blocked list option. Domain filtering applies the filter on the DNS traffic. If the website's domain name matches to one of the patterns on the blocked list, domain filtering will send the configured blocked server's IP address in the DNS response to the end user instead of the actual resolved IP address of the website. The browser receives the blocked server's IP address as the IP address for the website and sends the HTTP(s) request to this IP address. This traffic is not further subjected to URL filtering or Snort IPS even if they are configured. The block server receives the HTTP(s) request and serves a block page to the end user. Also, when the DNS request matches a blocked list, all application traffic to that domain will be blocked.

Domain filtering is applied to all the DNS traffic even if the DNS requests are made in the context of non-HTTP(S) requests such as FTP, telnet, and so on. The blocked listed non-HTTP(S) traffic (FTP, telnet, and so on.) will also be forwarded to the block server. It is block server's responsibility to serve a block page or deny the request. You can configure an internal or external block server. For configuration steps, see [Configure Domain-based Web Filtering with an External Block Server, on page 8](#) and [Configure Domain-based Web Filtering with a Local Block Server , on page 9](#).

If the traffic is not part of the allowed list or on the blocked list during domain filtering, it will be subjected to URL filtering and Snort IPS if they are configured.

A user may consider using a combination of domain filtering allowed and blocked pattern lists to design the filters. For example, if a user wants to create an allowed list `www\foo\com` but also wants other domains on a blocked list, such as `www\foo\abc` and `www\foo\xyz`, configure the `www\foo\com` in the allowed list pattern and `www\foo\` in the blocked list pattern.



Note If you are using the `www` prefix in the allowed or blocked regex pattern, it can create a problem if the Server Name Indicator (SNI) returned in the client message doesn't match. For example, if you want to allow `www.foo.com` and SNI returns as `foo.com` only. We recommend not to include the `www` in the regex match.

URL-based Filtering

URL-based filtering allows a user to control access to Internet websites by permitting or denying access to specific websites based on the allowed list/blocked list, category, or reputation configuration. For example, when a client sends a HTTP/HTTP(s) request through the Cisco CSR 1000V Cloud Services Router, the HTTP/HTTP(s) traffic is inspected based on the URL filtering policies (Allowed list, Blocked list, Category, and Reputation). If the HTTP/HTTP(s) request matches the blocked list, the HTTP(s) request is blocked either by inline block page response or redirects the URL to a block server. If the HTTP/HTTP(s) request matches the allowed list, the traffic is allowed without further URL filtering inspection.

For HTTPS traffic, the inline block page will not be displayed. URL-based filtering will not decode any encoded URL before performing a lookup.

When there is no allowed list/blocked list configuration on the device, based on the category and reputation of the URL, traffic is allowed or blocked either using a block page or redirect URL for HTTP. For HTTP(s), there is no block page or redirect URL, the flow will be dropped.

The URL database is downloaded from the cloud when the user configures the category/reputation-based URL filtering. The URL category/reputation database has only a few IP address based records and the category/reputation look up occurs only when the host portion of the URL has the domain name. After the full database is downloaded from the cloud, if there are any updates to the existing database, the incremental updates will be automatically downloaded in every 15 minutes. The complete database size is approximately 440 MB and the downloaded database should always synchronize with the cloud. The database will be invalid if the connection to the cloud is lost for more than 24 hours.

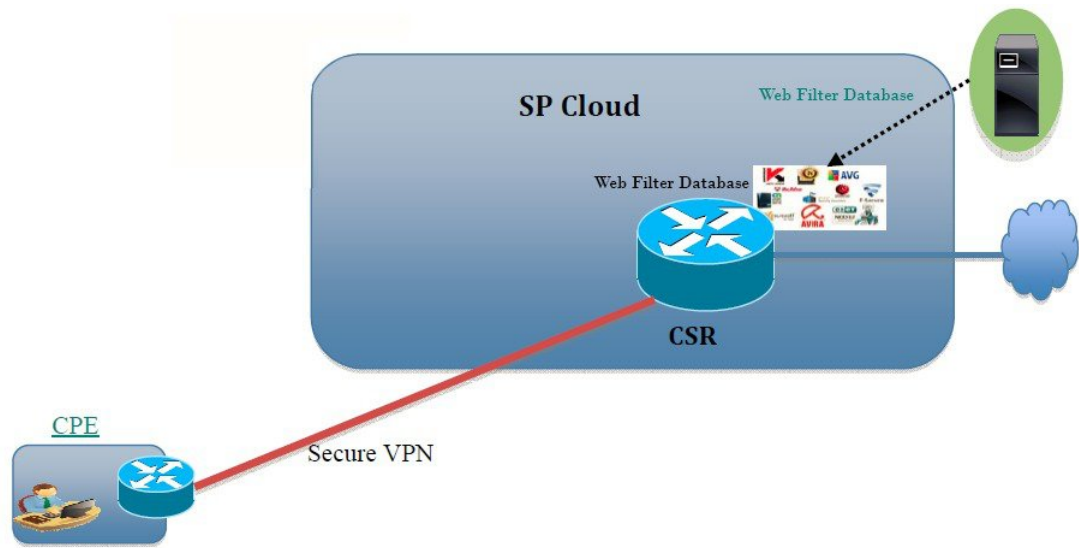
If the device does not get the database updates from the cloud, the fail-open option ensures that the traffic designated for URL filtering is not dropped. When you configure the fail-close option, all the traffic destined for URL filtering will be dropped when the cloud connectivity is lost.



Note The web filtering database is periodically updated from the cloud in every 15 minutes.

The figure illustrates the Web Filtering topology.

Figure 1: Web Filtering Network Topology



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Virtual Service Resource Profiles for URL Filtering

The Cisco ISR 4000 Series Integrated Services Routers support *urlf-medium* and *urlf-high* resource profiles along with *urlf-low* profile. These profiles indicate the CPU and memory resources required to run the virtual service.

Platform	Profile	Virtual Service Resource Requirements		Platform Requirements
		System CPU	SP Memory	
CSR1000v, ISRv	<i>urlf-low</i>	25%	3 GB	8 GB (RAM)
	<i>urlf-medium</i>	50%	4 GB	8 GB (RAM)
	<i>urlf-high</i>	75%	6 GB	12 GB (RAM)

Cloud-Lookup

The Cloud-Lookup feature operates in single-tenancy mode to retrieve the category and reputation score of URLs that are not available in the local database. The Cloud-Lookup feature is enabled by default.

The Cloud-Lookup feature is an enhancement over the on-box database lookup feature. Earlier, the on-box database lookup feature allowed URLs that are not present in the on-box database and have a reputation score of 0. When Cloud-Lookup is enabled, the URLs that were allowed earlier may be dropped based on the reputation score and the configured block-threshold. In order to allow such URLs, one must add them to an allowed list. Category and reputation scores for different URLs from Cloud-Lookup are explained below.

There are two kinds of URLs:

- Name based URLs
- IP based URLs

When the Cloud-Lookup feature is enabled, the category and reputation score of unknown URLs are returned as follows:

Name based URLs

- Valid URL — corresponding category and reputation score is received.
- Unknown URL (new URL or unknown to the cloud) — category is 'uncategorized' and reputation score is 40
- Internal URLs with proper domain name (for example, internal.abc.com) — category and reputation score is based on the base domain name (abc.com from the example above).
- Completely internal URLs (for example, abc.xyz) — category is 'uncategorized' and reputation score is 40

IP based URLs

- Public hosted IP — corresponding category and reputation score is received.
- Private IP like 10.<>, 192.168.<> — category is 'uncategorized' and reputation score is 100
- Non-hosted/Non-routable IP — category is 'uncategorized' and reputation score is 40

The Cloud-Lookup score is different from the on-box database for these URLs (Unknown/Non-hosted/Non-routable/Internal URLs).



Note The Cloud-Lookup feature is not available in multi-tenancy mode.

Benefits of Web Filtering

The Web Filtering feature allows a user to provide controlled access to the internet by configuring domain and URL based policies and filters. It helps to secure the network by blocking malicious or unwanted websites. Web Filtering comprises of URL-based filtering and the Domain-based filtering. Domain-based filtering helps control access to websites/servers at domain level and the URL-based filtering helps control access to websites at URLs level. A user can use web filtering to add an individual URL to a blocked list or domain names and configure allowed listing policies for the same. A user can also provision to allow or block a URL based on reputation or category.

Prerequisites for Web Filtering

Before you configure the web filtering feature on the Cisco CSR 1000V Cloud Services Router, ensure that you have the following:

- The Cisco CSR 1000V Cloud Services Router runs the Cisco IOS XE Denali 16.3 software image or later.
- The Cisco CSR 1000V Cloud Services Router requires 2 vCPU, 8GB memory, and 2GB extra disk space for deploying the container service.

- The Cisco CSR 1000V Cloud Service Router must have a security K9 license to enable the web filtering feature.

Restrictions for Web Filtering

The following restrictions apply to the web filtering feature:

- This feature is only supported on Cisco CSR 1000V Cloud Services Router and it is not supported on Cisco 4000 Series Integrated Services Routers.
- The allowed list/blocked list pattern supports only regex pattern, and currently 64 patterns are supported for allowed list/blocked list. For more information on regex pattern, see the [Regular Expressions](#) chapter.
- Domain filtering supports only the IPv4 domains resolved through DNS protocol using IPv4 UDP transport. Domain filtering alerts are sent only to IOS syslog.
- Domain filtering with OpenDNS is not supported.
- URL filtering with Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF) is not supported.
- Domain filtering with CWS is not supported.
- Domain filtering does not support category and reputation.
- Local block server does not support serving HTTPS block page. When the URL filter tries to inject block page or redirect message, it does not support HTTPS traffic.
- When there is a username and password in the URL, URL filter does not remove them from the URL before matching the allowed list/blocked list pattern. However, the category/reputation lookup does not have this limitation and removes the username and password from the URL before lookup.
- HTTPS inspection is limited. Web filtering uses server certificate to obtain the URL/domain information. It is not possible to inspect the full URL path.
- UTD does not inter-operate with WCCP, and NBAR under inter-VRF scenario.
- Web filter profile names for URL, domain, block and sourcedb can have only alpha-numeric characters, dashes and underscores.
- If a virtual-service profile is modified, the virtual-service must be re-installed for the profile change to take effect.

How to Deploy Web Filtering

To deploy web filtering on supported devices, perform the following tasks:

Before you begin

- **Provision the device:** Identify the device to install the Web Filtering feature. This feature is supported on Cisco CSR 1000V Cloud Services Router.
- **Obtain the license:** The web filtering functionality is available only in security packages which require a security license to enable the service. Contact Cisco Support to obtain the license.

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How to Install and Activate the Virtual Container Service

To install and activate the virtual container service, perform the following task:

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- Step 1** Install the UTD OVA file—[Installing the UTD OVA File](#), on page 7.
 - Step 2** Configure the VirtualPortGroup interfaces and virtual-service—[Configuring VirtualPortGroup Interfaces and Virtual Service](#), on page 7.
 - Step 3** Activate the Snort virtual container service.
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Installing the UTD OVA File

An OVA file is an Open Virtualization Archive that contains a compressed, installable version of a virtual machine. You must download this OVA file on to the router and use the virtual-service install CLI to install the service. The service OVA file is not bundled with the Cisco IOS XE Release images that are installed on the router. However, the OVA files may be preinstalled in the flash of the router.

You must use a Cisco IOS XE image with security license. During the OVA file installation, the security license is checked and an error is reported if the license is not present.

This is the sample configuration:

```
Device> enable
Device# virtual-service install name UTDIPS package harddisk:utd-ips-v102.ova media harddisk:

Device# show virtual-service list
Virtual Service List:
Name Status Package Name
-----
snort Installed utdsnort.1_2_2_SV2982_XE_main.20160
```

Configuring VirtualPortGroup Interfaces and Virtual Service

You must configure two VirtualPortGroup interfaces and configure guest IP addresses for both interfaces.



Note The VirtualPortGroup interface for data traffic must use a private or nonroutable IP address. We recommend the use of 192.0.2.0/30 IP address range for this interface.

This is the sample configuration:

```
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# interface VirtualPortGroup0
Device(config-if)# ip address 192.0.2.1 255.255.255.252
Device(config-if)# exit
Device(config)# interface VirtualPortGroup 1
Device(config-if)# ip address 192.0.2.5 255.255.255.252
Device(config-if)# exit
Device(config)# virtual-service UTDIPS

Device(config-virt-serv)# profile urlf-low (This is minimum requirement for web filtering
to work.)

Device(config-virt-serv)# vnic gateway VirtualPortGroup 0 (The IP-address configured in
VPG0 interface should have access to Internet over http(s).If the VPG0 interface does not
have access to Internet, the web filter database will not be updated.)
Device(config-virt-serv-vnic)# guest ip address 192.0.2.2
Device(config-virt-serv-vnic)# exit
Device(config-virt-serv)# vnic gateway VirtualPortGroup 1
Device(config-virt-serv-vnic)# guest ip address 192.0.2.6
Device(config-virt-serv-vnic)# exit
Device(config-virt-serv)# activate
Device(config-virt-serv)# end

Device# show virtual-service list
Virtual Service List:

Name                Status              Package Name
-----
snort                Activated           utdsnort.1_2_2_SV2982_XE_main.20160
```

Configure Domain-based Web Filtering with an External Block Server

To configure domain-based web filtering with an external block server, perform these steps:

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- Step 1** Install and activate the virtual service. For more information, see [Configuring VirtualPortGroup Interfaces and Virtual Service, on page 7](#).
- Step 2** Configure the blocked list parameter-map:
- ```
parameter-map type regex domainfilter_blacklist_pmap1
 pattern examplebook\.com
 pattern bitter\.com
```
- Step 3** Configure the allowed list parameter-map:
- ```
parameter-map type regex domainfilter_whitelist_pmap1
  pattern example\.com
  pattern exmaplegoogle\.com
```
- Step 4** Configure the domain profile and associate the blocked list and allowed list parameter-maps:


```

utd web-filter domain profile 1
  blacklist
  parameter-map regex domainfilter_blacklist_pmap1
  whitelist
  parameter-map regex domainfilter_whitelist_pmap1

```

Step 5 (Optional) By default the domain filtering alerts are not enabled. Configure the alerts for the blocked list or allowed list, or both under the domain profile:

```

alert {all | blacklist | whitelist}

```

Step 6 Configure the external redirect-server under the domain profile:

```

redirect-server external x.x.x.x (This is the IP address that is used for serving block page when a
page is on the blocked list)

```

Step 7 Configure the UTD engine standard with domain profile:

```

utd engine standard
  web-filter
  domain-profile 1

```

Step 8 Configure the UTD with engine standard and enable it globally or on a specific interface:

```

utd
  all-interfaces
  engine standard

```

This example shows how to configure domain-based web filtering with an external block server:

```

parameter-map type regex domainfilter_blacklist_pmap1
  pattern examplebook\.com
  pattern bitter\.com
parameter-map type regex domainfilter_whitelist_pmap1
  pattern exmaplegoogle\.com
  pattern exmaplegoogle\.com
utd engine standard
  web-filter
  domain-profile 1
!
utd web-filter domain profile 1
  alert all
  blacklist
  parameter-map regex domainfilter_blacklist_pmap1
  whitelist
  parameter-map regex domainfilter_whitelist_pmap1
  redirect-server external 192.168.1.1
!
utd
  all-interfaces
  engine standard

```

Configure Domain-based Web Filtering with a Local Block Server

To configure domain-based web filtering with a local block server, perform these steps:

Step 1 Install and activate the virtual service. For more information, see [Configuring VirtualPortGroup Interfaces and Virtual Service, on page 7](#).

Step 2 Configure a loopback interface or use any existing interface that the client can access:

```
interface loopback 110
 ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.255
exit
```

Step 3 Configure the UTD web filter with the local block server profile:

```
utd web-filter block local-server profile 1
 block-page-interface loopback 110
 http-ports 80
 content text "Blocked by Web-Filter"
```

Step 4 Configure the blocked list parameter-map:

```
parameter-map type regex domainfilter_blacklist_pmap1
 pattern bitter\.com
```

Step 5 Configure the allowed list parameter-map:

```
parameter-map type regex domainfilter_whitelist_pmap1
 pattern sweet\.com
```

Step 6 Configure the domain profile and associate the blocked list and allowed list parameter-maps:

```
utd web-filter domain profile1
 blacklist
 parameter-map regex domainfilter_blacklist_pmap1
 whitelist
 parameter-map regex domainfilter_whitelist_pmap1
```

Step 7 (Optional) By default the domain filtering alerts are not enabled. Configure the alerts for blocked list or allowed list, or both under the domain profile:

```
alert {all |blacklist | whitelist}
```

Step 8 Configure the redirect-server as local block server under the domain profile:

```
redirect-server local-block-server 1
```

Step 9 Configure the UTD engine standard with domain profile:

```
utd engine standard
 web-filter
 domain-profile 1
```

Step 10 Configure the UTD with engine standard and enable it globally or on a specific interface:

```
utd
 all-interfaces
 engine standard
```

This example shows how to configure a domain-based web filtering with a local block server:

```
interface loopback 110
 ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.255
exit
parameter-map type regex domainfilter_blacklist_pmap1
 pattern bitter\.com
parameter-map type regex domainfilter_whitelist_pmap1
 pattern sweet\.com
utd engine standard
 web-filter
 domain-profile 1
!
```

```

utd web-filter block local-server profile 1
  block-page-interface Loopback110
  content text "Blocked by Web-Filter"
  http-ports 80
!
utd web-filter domain profile 1
  alert all
  blacklist
    parameter-map regex domainfilter_blacklist_pmap1
  whitelist
    parameter-map regex df_whitelist_pmap1
  redirect-server local-block-server 1
!
utd
  all-interfaces
  engine standard

```

Configure URL-based Web Filtering with a Local Block Server

To configure URL-based web filtering with a local block server, perform these steps:

Step 1 Install and activate the virtual service. For more information, see [Configuring VirtualPortGroup Interfaces and Virtual Service, on page 7](#).

Step 2 Configure a loopback interface or use any existing interface that the client can access:

```

interface loopback 110
  ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.255
exit

```

Step 3 Configure the UTD web filter with the local block server profile:

```

utd web-filter block local-server profile 1
  block-page-interface loopback 110
  http-ports 80
  content text "Blocked by Web-Filter"

```

Step 4 Configure the blocked list parameter-map:

```

parameter-map type regex urlf_blacklist_pmap1
  pattern exmplee.com/sports

```

Step 5 Configure the allowed list parameter-map:

```

parameter-map type regex urlf_whitelist_pmap1
  pattern examplehoo.com/finance

```

Step 6 Configure the URL profile and do the following:

```

utd web-filter url profile 1

```

a) Associate the blocked list and allowed list parameter-maps:

```

blacklist
  parameter-map regex urlf_blacklist_pmap1
whitelist
  parameter-map regex urlf_whitelist_pmap1

```

- b) Configure the alerts for blocked list, allowed list or both under the local block-server profile:

```
alert {all | blacklist | whitelist}
```

- c) Configure the categories to be allowed or blocked:

```
categories allow
sports
```

- d) Configure the reputation block threshold:

```
reputation
block-threshold high-risk
```

- e) Configure the URL source database with the fail option:

```
sourcedb fail close
```

- f) Configure the log level. The default option is error. When you set the option to **info** or **detail**, the performance may impact:

```
log level error
```

- g) Configure local block server:block

```
block local-server 1
```

- Step 7** Configure the UTD engine standard with URL profile:

```
utd engine standard
web-filter
url-profile 1
```

- Step 8** Configure the UTD engine standard and enable the UTD on a global or specific interface:

```
utd
all-interfaces
engine standard
```

This example shows how to configuration a URL-based web filtering with a local block server:

```
parameter-map type regex urlf_blacklist_pmap1
pattern examplee.com/sports
parameter-map type regex urlf_whitelist_pmap1
pattern exmaplehoo.com/finance
!
interface loopback 110
ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.255
exit
utd web-filter block local-server profile 1
block-page-interface loopback 110
http-ports 80
content text "Blocked by Web-Filter"
utd web-filter url profile 1
blacklist
parameter-map regex urlf_blacklist_pmap1
whitelist
parameter-map regex urlf_whitelist_pmap1
alert all
categories allow
sports
reputation
block-threshold high-risk
```

```

sourcedb fail close
log level error
block local-server 1
!
utd engine standard
web-filter
  url-profile 1
!
utd
all-interfaces
engine standard

```

Configure URL-based Web Filtering with an Inline Block Page

To configure URL-based web filtering with an in-line block page, perform these steps:

Step 1 Install and activate the virtual service. For more information, see [Configuring VirtualPortGroup Interfaces and Virtual Service, on page 7](#).

Step 2 Configure the blocked list parameter-map:

```

parameter-map type regex urlf_blacklist_pmap1
pattern exmaplegoogle.com/sports

```

Step 3 Configure the allowed list parameter-map:

```

parameter-map type regex urlf_whitelist_pmap1
pattern exmaplehoo.com/finance

```

Step 4 Configure the UTD block page profile:

```

utd web-filter block page profile 1
text "Blocked by Web-Filter URLF" (The other options are file and redirect-url)

```

Step 5 Configure the URL profile and do the following:

```

utd web-filter url profile 1

```

a) Associate the blocked list and allowed list parameter-maps:

```

blacklist
  parameter-map regex urlf_blacklist_pmap1
whitelist
  parameter-map regex urlf_whitelist_pmap1

```

b) Configure the alerts for blocked list, allowed list or both under the local block-server profile:

```

alert {all | blacklist | whitelist | categories-reputation}

```

c) Configure the categories to be allowed or blocked:

```

categories allow
sports

```

d) Configure the reputation block threshold:

```

reputation
  block-threshold high-risk

```

e) Configure the URL source database with the fail option:

```
sourcedb fail close
```

- f) Configure the log level. The default option is error. When you set the option to **info** or **detail**, the performance may impact:

```
log level error
```

- g) Configure local block server:block

```
block local-server 1
```

- Step 6** Configure the UTD engine standard with URL profile:

```
utd engine standard
web-filter
url-profile 1
```

- Step 7** Configure the UTD engine standard and enable the UTD on a global or specific interface:

```
utd
all-interfaces
engine standard
```

This example shows how to configuration an URL-based web filtering with an inline block server:

```
parameter-map type regex urlf_blacklist_pmap1
  pattern exmaplegoogle.com/sports
parameter-map type regex urlf_whitelist_pmap1
  pattern exmaplehoo.com/finance
!
utd web-filter block page profile 1
  text "Blocked by Web-Filter URLF"
!
utd web-filter url profile 1
  blacklist
  parameter-map regex urlf_blacklist_pmap1
  whitelist
  parameter-map regex urlf_whitelist_pmap1
  alert all
  categories allow
  sports
  reputation
  block-threshold high-risk
  sourcedb fail close
  log level error
!
utd engine standard
web-filter
  url-profile 1
!
utd
all-interfaces
engine standard
```

Configuring Domain/URL based Web Filtering and Snort IPS

To configure Domain/URL based web filtering and Snort IPS, perform these steps:

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- Step 1** Configure the domain profile:
- ```
utd web-filter domain profile 1
```
- Step 2** Configure the URL profile:
- ```
utd web-filter url profile 1
```
- Step 3** Configure the threat-inspection under UTD engine standard:
- ```
utd engine standard
 threat-inspection
```
- Step 4** Configure the web-filter under UTD engine standard with the domain and URL profiles:
- ```
utd engine standard
  logging syslog
  threat-inspection
  threat protection
  policy security
  signature update server cisco username xxx password QhLb]Z[ifMbFgLYgR]^KLDUZ
  signature update occur-at daily 0 0
  logging level error
  web-filter
  domain-profile 1
  url-profile 1
```
- Step 5** Configure the UTD engine standard and enable it globally or on a specific interface:
- ```
utd
 all-interfaces
 engine standard
```
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## Verifying the Web Filter Configuration

You can verify the Web Filtering configuration using the following commands:

```
Device# show utd engine standard config
```

```
UTD Engine Standard Configuration:
 Operation Mode : Intrusion Detection
 Policy : Balanced

 Signature Update: Not Configured

Logging:
 Server : IOS Syslog
 Level : err (Default)
 Statistics : Disabled

Whitelist : Disabled
Whitelist Signature IDs:

Web-Filter : Enabled

Whitelist :
 www.cisco.com
```

```

Blacklist :
 www.hotstar.com

Categories Action : Block
Categories :
 Fashion and Beauty

Block Profile:
 No config present

Reputation Block Threshold : Moderate risk
Alerts Enabled : Blacklist
Cloud Lookup : Enabled
Debug level : Error
Conditional debug level : Error

```

## Troubleshooting Web Filtering

To collect the logs, use the **virtual-service move name "CONTAINER\_NAME" log to bootflash:** command. You can troubleshoot issues that are related to enabling Web Filtering feature using the following commands on the device:

- **debug utd engine standard all**
- **debug utd engine standard climgr**
- **debug utd engine standard daq**
- **debug utd engine standard internal**
- **debug utd engine standard onep**
- **show utd engine standard logging events**




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**Note** This tool will only show output for the configured URL filtering alerts/events. Users can configure the type of events and alerts they want to see in this output by following the steps in the section "Configuration Examples". For example, If you have configured "alert all", you will see "whitelist", "blacklist" and category & reputation events. If you configure only "alert whitelist", you will only see "whitelist" events."

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For release 16.8.1, configuration error recovery on container is enhanced in order to apply configuration and signature updates to the container. With the improved error recovery, you can have:

- Greater robustness during configuration download to detect and act upon errors.
- Efficient way of handling signature and configuration updates occurring together.
- Early detect and recover from the loss of the oneP connection between IOSd and CLIMGR. For example, when CLIMGR crashes.
- Improved visibility to the detailed results of the (current or recent) configuration download, without requiring you to enable debugs.

The following site <https://www.brightcloud.com/tools/url-ip-lookup.php> can be used to validate how a website will be classified by our URL-Filtering feature.



## Configuration Examples

The following example shows how to enable domain filtering on CSR 1000V Cloud Services Router:

```
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# parameter-map type regex wlist1
Device(config-profile)# pattern google.com
Device(config-profile)# pattern cisco.com
Device(config-profile)# exit
Device(config)# parameter-map type regex blist1
Device(config-profile)# pattern exmaplehoo.com
Device(config-profile)# pattern bing.com
Device(config-profile)# exit
Device(config)# utd web-filter block local-server profile 1
Device(config--utd-webf-blk-srvr)# content file bootflash:test.utd.file
Device(config--utd-webf-blk-srvr)# end
```

For the local block server to work, HTTP server should be running. Use the ip http server command to configure the block server. The show ip http server status command displays the server status as enabled.

```
Device# show ip http server status
HTTP server status: Enabled
HTTP server port: 80
```

### Example: Configuring Web Filter Domain Profile

The following example shows how to configure web filter domain profile:

```
Device(config)# utd web-filter domain profile 1
Device(config-utd-webfltr-domain)# blacklist
Device(config-utd-webf-dmn-bl)# parameter-map regex blist1
Device(config-utd-webf-dmn-bl)# whitelist
Device(config-utd-webf-dmn-wl)# parameter-map regex wlist1
Device(config-utd-webf-dmn-wl)# exit
Device(config-utd-webfltr-domain)# alert all
Device(config-utd-webfltr-domain)# redirect-server external 1.2.3.4
Device(config-utd-webfltr-domain)# exit
```

### Configuring Web Filter URL Profile

The following example shows how to configure web filter URL profile:

```
Device(config)# utd web-filter url profile 1
Device(config-utd-webfltr-url)# blacklist
Device(config-utd-webf-url-bl)# parameter-map regex blist1
Device(config-utd-webf-url-bl)# whitelist
Device(config-utd-webf-url-wl)# parameter-map regex wlist1
Device(config-utd-webf-url-wl)# exit
Device(config-utd-webfltr-url)# categories allow
Device(config-utd-webf-url-cat)# news-and-media
Device(config-utd-webf-url-cat)# search-engines
Device(config-utd-webf-url-cat)# computer-and-internet-info
Device(config-utd-webf-url-cat)# computer-and-internet-security
Device(config-utd-webf-url-cat)# financial-services
Device(config-utd-webf-url-cat)# image-and-video-search
Device(config-utd-webf-url-cat)# job-search
Device(config-utd-webf-url-cat)#exit
Device(config-utd-webfltr-url)# alert all
```

```

Device(config-utd-webfltr-url)# reputation
Device(config-utd-webf-url-rep)# block-threshold suspicious
Device(config-utd-webf-url-rep)# exit
Device(config-utd-webfltr-url)# block local-server 1
Device(config-utd-webfltr-url)# exit

```

## Configuring UTD Snort IPS/IDS Allowed List Signatures

The following example shows how to configure signature allowed lists:

```

Device(config)# utd threat-inspection whitelist
Device(config-utd-whitelist)# generator id 1 signature id 1
Device(config-utd-whitelist)# generator id 1 signature id 2
Device(config-utd-whitelist)# exit

```

## Example: Configuring Web Filter Profile

The following example shows how to configure web filter profile:

```

Device(config)# utd engine standard
Device(config-utd-eng-std)# logging server 1.2.3.4
Device(config-utd-eng-std)# threat-inspection
Device(config-utd-engstd-insp)#threat protection
Device(config-utd-engstd-insp)# policy security
Device(config-utd-engstd-insp)# logging level emerg
Device(config-utd-engstd-insp)# whitelist
Device(config-utd-engstd-insp)# web-filter
Device(config-utd-engstd-webf)# domain-profile 1
Device(config-utd-engstd-webf)# url-profile 1
Device(config-utd-engstd-webf)# exit

```

## Example: Alert Messages for Web Filtering Events

The following example shows alert messages for web filtering events:

```

016/06/02-14:44:41.061501 IST [**] [Instance_ID: 1] [**] Drop [**] UTD WebFilter Blacklist
[**] [URL: www.edition.cnn.com/2016/03/31/asia/kolkata-bridge-collapse/index.html]
[Initiator_VRF: 0] {TCP} 1.0.0.9:56608 -> 2.0.0.29:80

2016/06/02-14:48:06.636270 IST [**] [Instance_ID: 1] [**] Pass [**] UTD WebFilter Whitelist
[**] [URL: www.ndtv.com/index.html] [Initiator_VRF: 0] {TCP} 1.0.0.9:56611 -> 2.0.0.23:80

Jun 2 14:37:57.856 IST: %IOSXE-6-PLATFORM: F0: cpp_cp: QFP:0.0 Thread:000
TS:00000618422205723793 %UTD-6-UTD_DF_BLACKLIST_MATCH: UTD WebFilter Domain Blacklist [**]
[Domain: www.cricinfo.com] [Matched Pattern: www.cricinfo.com] {UDP} 2.0.0.10:53 ->
1.0.0.9:55184

Jun 2 14:39:22.653 IST: %IOSXE-6-PLATFORM: F0: cpp_cp: QFP:0.0 Thread:000
TS:00000618507002407540 %UTD-6-UTD_DF_WHITELIST_MATCH: UTD WebFilter Domain Whitelist [**]
[Domain: www.cricinfo.com] [Matched Pattern: www.cricinfo.com] {UDP} 2.0.0.10:53 ->
1.0.0.9:55286

```

## Example: Unconfigure Cloud-Lookup

The following example shows how to unconfigure Cloud-Lookup feature in Web Filtering:

```

Device(config)# utd engine standard
Device(config-utd-eng-std)# web-filter
% Please ensure urlf-<low/medium/high> virtual-service profile is configured to use the
web-filter feature

Device(config-utd-engstd-webf)# no cloud-lookup
Device(config-utd-engstd-webf)# end
Device # exit

```

## Additional References for Cisco Web Filtering

### Related Documents

| Related Topic        | Document Title                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| IOS commands         | <a href="#">Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Security commands    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Cisco IOS Security Command Reference: Commands A to C</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cisco IOS Security Command Reference: Commands D to L</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cisco IOS Security Command Reference: Commands M to R</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cisco IOS Security Command Reference: Commands S to Z</a></li> </ul> |
| UCS E-Series Servers | <a href="http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/e/2-0/guide/b_2_0_Getting_S">http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/unified_computing/ucs/e/2-0/guide/b_2_0_Getting_S</a>                                                                                                                                                                                  |

### Technical Assistance

| Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Link                                                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>The Cisco Support website provides extensive online resources, including documentation and tools for troubleshooting and resolving technical issues with Cisco products and technologies.</p> <p>To receive security and technical information about your products, you can subscribe to various services, such as the Product Alert Tool (accessed from Field Notices), the Cisco Technical Services Newsletter, and Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feeds.</p> <p>Access to most tools on the Cisco Support website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.</p> | <a href="http://www.cisco.com/support">http://www.cisco.com/support</a> |

## Feature Information for Cisco Web Filtering

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to [www.cisco.com/go/cfn](http://www.cisco.com/go/cfn). An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Table 1: Feature Information for Cisco Web Filtering

| Feature Name                                                  | Releases                           | Feature Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cisco Web Filtering                                           | Cisco IOS XE Denali Release 16.3.1 | The Web Filtering feature enables the user to provide controlled access to Internet websites by configuring the domain-based or URL-based policies and filters on the device. The user can configure the web filtering profiles to manage the web access. Web Filtering feature is implemented using the container service and it is similar to the Snort IPS solution.                                                                             |
| UTD feature parity on ISRv<br>UTD Serviceability Enhancements | Cisco IOS XE Fuji Release 16.8.1   | <p>Domain and URL filtering in both single-tenant and multi-tenant mode are supported for CSR. For ISRv, only single-tenant is supported. This feature is available on all models of the ENCS platforms.</p> <p>Error recovery feature in UTD is enhanced to allow the container to recover from internal error by initiating a bulk configuration download from IOS.</p> <p>The command <b>utd web-filter</b> <i>profile name</i> is modified.</p> |
| Web Root URL Filtering Enhancements                           | Cisco IOS XE Fuji Release 16.9.1   | <p>The URLF Virtual Resource Profiles in Web Filtering are supported only on platforms CSR1000v and ISRv.</p> <p>The URL Filtering supports cloud-lookup feature to search for the URLs in cloud that are not present in the database.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |