



A Nanny for your Nintendo DS

Nintendo teams with Astaro to offer effective filter technology against inappropriate web content.

London and Karlsruhe (Germany) 29th August 2006 – Astaro Corporation

(www.astaro.co.uk), a leader in providing unified threat management security solutions, has today announced that it will be teaming up with Nintendo to equip the DS Browser for the Nintendo DS and DS Lite with effective filter technology against inappropriate web content. The Nintendo DS Browser, a convenient web browser, launches across Europe on 6th October 2006 and enables Nintendo DS users to surf the web. Astaro Parental Control, a filter technology against illicit web content, serves as a “digital nanny” for the popular hand-held games console and provides a family-safe environment for children that access the internet.

Nintendo partners with Astaro to integrate its unique filter technology at no additional costs giving parents full control to block pornographic and other inappropriate material on the internet. Nintendo users enjoy simple, safe and free internet access via their Nintendo DS thanks to the “Nintendo Wi-Fi Connection service” which to date already has approximately 1.7 million unique users. Nintendo recently announced plans to expand its service by including an internet browser, optimised to run on the Nintendo DS. Parents who wish to have more control over the internet sites their children access can set passwords required to activate the browser. Acting as a proxy filter, Astaro Parental Control additionally provides the option of blocking inappropriate content.

By leveraging a list of 17 overall categories that range from pornography and nudity to illegal drugs and weapons, Astaro Parental Control effectively prevents children from viewing illicit material on the internet. Astaro’s technology filters a volume of over 60 million classified internet pages, the industry’s largest and most up-to-date URL database. Each time users request an uncategorised web page, Astaro’s data processing centre automatically verifies and classifies the web site within 48 hours. This process keeps the web filter up to date, while allowing for protection even against unknown and new web pages.

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About Astaro

Astaro develops a complete line of network security products including the Astaro Security Gateway software and Astaro Security Gateway line of security appliances. All Astaro products offer nine critical security applications in three categories – Web Security, Email Security and Network Security – fully integrated on a single management platform. The company is headquartered in Burlington, Mass. and with facilities in Karlsruhe, Germany. Astaro's software has won numerous industry awards, and is protecting over 30,000 networks in 60 countries, including such organisations as Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Los Alamos National Labs, Stanford University and Watsco, Inc. Astaro products are distributed by a worldwide network of 350 solutions partners who offer local support and services.

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