Cyber Patrol README File
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The Cyber Patrol README file includes:

1. Introduction

Cyber Patrol is an Internet access management utility that also manages application usage from your PC. Cyber Patrol allows parents or teachers to manage computer use in their own household or classroom. Cyber Patrol controls access from any computer to the Internet. The controlled applications include any WINSOCK-compliant Internet applications. Examples of these are Netscape, Microsoft Network, or CompuServe. Cyber Patrol loads during start-up and runs in the background to control access to all associated applications.

With **Cyber Patrol**, you can:
- Block access to possibly offensive and dangerous Internet sites and chat groups.
- Use the CyberNOT list of Internet sites to make access decisions.
- Restrict access to certain times of the day.
- Limit total access time for each day and each week.
- Control access to major on-line services.
- Control access to applications on your PC, such as games and personal financial managers.
- Bypass restrictions with a password.

Detailed information on **Cyber Patrol** is provided in the Cyber Patrol **Help** file.

2. Cyber Patrol Home

Cyber Patrol Home provides basic Internet filtering for home use. For more information, click the *Home Edition* button in the Cyber Patrol **Help** file.

If you are **evaluating Cyber Patrol Home**, we suggest waiting to register the Home Edition until the end of your pre-registration evaluation period, so you can try out the full Cyber Patrol feature set. Once you register Home Edition, the features available only with the full Cyber Patrol are disabled.

3. Initial Settings

Cyber Patrol is distributed without a password. When you are prompted for a password,

simply click the *Validate Password* button or press your *<Enter>* key. We strongly recommend that you set passwords as soon as possible. (See **Getting Started,** below).

The **Cyber Patrol icon** is initially installed in the upper left hand corner of your desktop screen. You may find it hidden behind other windows. Drag it to a location of your choice.

4. Getting Started

How do I start Cyber Patrol?
Cyber Patrol starts automatically after installation. You see a Cyber Patrol icon at the top left of your desktop. Optionally, move the icon to a location of your choice.

How do I get to Cyber Patrol Headquarters?
1. Double-click the minimized Cyber Patrol icon.
    Result: You are asked for a password, in the *Cyber Patrol Access Checkpoint* dialog.
2. Do NOT enter a password (Cyber Patrol is distributed without a password). Click the *Validate Password* button or press the <Enter> key.
    Result: You see the *Headquarters* dialog, which you use to change Cyber Patrol settings, view usage reports and graphs, set passwords, and other functions.

How do I bypass Cyber Patrol Internet access restrictions?
To bypass Cyber Patrol:
1. Single-click the minimized Cyber Patrol icon.
    Result: You see the Cyber Patrol icon menu.
2. Click the *Deputy Bypass* option.
    Result: You see the *Cyber Patrol Access Checkpoint* dialog and are asked for a password.
3. Do NOT enter a password (Cyber Patrol is distributed without a password). Click the *Validate Password* button or press the <Enter> key.
    Result: The Cyber Patrol icon becomes a *red "X" on top of a blue and white "P"*, and you can access the Internet freely.

How do I set passwords?
To set passwords, select the *Set HQ & Deputy Password* option of the Cyber Patrol Headquarters File menu. You are prompted to create two passwords:
*   The ***Headquarters password*** is required in order to change Cyber Patrol settings.
*   The ***Deputy password*** gives users complete access to the Internet, bypassing Cyber Patrol restrictions.

How do I set time and content restrictions?
Cyber Patrol is distributed with standard settings for time and content restrictions.
*   Times for restricting access to certain **times of the day** are set by clicking on the *Press to Set Hours of Operation* button and then, clicking and dragging through the time bands on the *Cyber Patrol Headquarters* dialog.
*   Times for setting **maximum hours per day** and hours per week are entered by using the spinner buttons on the *Cyber Patrol Headquarters* dialog.
*   **Content restrictions** are set using the *Category Restrictions* dialog selected from the *Site Control* menu on the *Cyber Patrol Headquarters* dialog.
For detailed information on how to change time and content settings, see "Using Cyber Patrol" in the Cyber Patrol Help for instructions.

How do I learn more about Cyber Patrol?
Click any Help button, or select the *Help Contents* or *Getting Started* option from the Cyber

Patrol Headquarters Help menu to learn more about Cyber Patrol.

How do I exit the Headquarters dialog?

Cyber Patrol runs minimized after you exit Headquarters. To exit the Headquarters dialog, select the *Exit* option of the File menu, and then click the *Validate Password* button on the *Cyber Patrol Access Checkpoint* dialog.

How do I test Cyber Patrol?

Try to access the Cyber Patrol test site: **http://www.microsys.com/TEST/**.

You should see a Cyber Patrol intercept message.

Can I demo Cyber Patrol?

You can try Cyber Patrol for a **demonstration period** before you buy it. At any time during the demonstration period, you can buy Cyber Patrol by registering it. Or, if you do not want to buy Cyber Patrol, you can uninstall it.

Clear browser caches

Adults, don't forget to clear any browser cache, e.g., Netscape, to remove previously stored Web offensive page information. See *Using Cyber Patrol with Caching Web Browsers* in a following section.

5. General Information about Cyber Patrol

Running Cyber Patrol and Headquarters

Cyber Patrol runs as a minimized icon on your desktop. You can move it or hide it behind other windows, but you cannot close it except through a password protected utility.

Cyber Patrol Headquarters is the program you run to set Internet access controls. Headquarters is password protected with the Headquarters password. In addition, you can assign a Deputy password, which can be used to bypass all Cyber Patrol restrictions.

Cyber Patrol Icon

There are several versions of the Cyber Patrol icon:

* *Blue & white "P"* means that Cyber Patrol is operating normally and no Internet disable conditions are in effect.
* *Red & white "P"* means that Cyber Patrol is operating normally, but there is a block on Internet access.
* *Blue "U"* means that a newer version of the Cyber Patrol application is at Cyber Central. Cyber Patrol looks for newer versions of itself every time you update the CyberNOT list. You can download this newer version from the Cyber Central Web page, http://www.microsys.com/.
* *Red "X" on top of the normal icon* means that you are bypassing Cyber Patrol protection.

Using Cyber Patrol with Caching Web Browsers

Some Internet browsers, such as Netscape, cache the most recently accessed Web pages to your PC hard drive. If you change the Cyber Patrol block list and use a browser, such as Netscape, be sure to clear the browser's local cache -- both disk and memory -- in order for the new Cyber Patrol configuration to take effect.

Blocking Windows Applications

An important feature of Cyber Patrol is its ability to manage the use of standard Windows applications. These applications can be games, applications not suitable for a child, or on-

line service provider applications -- such as those from CompuServe, Prodigy, or AOL. After configuring Cyber Patrol to block these applications, Cyber Patrol will take a few seconds to shut down an application that is blocked by Cyber Patrol.

How to Contact Cyber Central
The On-Line Help for Cyber Patrol contains a Technical Support section. This section outlines multiple ways you can obtain help in using and configuring Cyber Patrol. These options include: Internet mail, FTP, BBS, Web -- including a Frequently Asked Questions list (FAQ) -- and phone support.

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8. Glossary Highlights

A complete glossary is included in the Cyber Patrol **Help** file.

Cyber Central

Cyber Central refers to the Internet site that manages and maintains Cyber Patrol. Cyber Central:
- Provides updates to the CyberNOT List (the list of Internet sites).
- Manages Cyber Patrol registration.
- Takes recommendations for sites to be included on or removed from the CyberNOT List.
- Takes bug and comment reports.

CyberNOT List

The CyberNOT List is an encrypted list by category of specific Internet sites that distribute material that you may want to control.

Deputy

A Cyber Patrol Deputy is someone who knows the Deputy password. A Deputy can bypass Cyber Patrol and access the Internet without restrictions. A deputy can also activate the Internet Disable option from the Cyber Patrol icon menu.

Headquarters

Headquarters means the Cyber Patrol program that you use to set controls and administer Cyber Patrol on your PC. Access is restricted to persons knowing the Headquarters password.