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(57) Abstract: A system, method, and article of manufacture suitable for user configurable management of accessing content provided by a provider of content (14) is disclosed, comprising providing a user who has predetermined management rights with a choice of one or more link filters, the link filters comprising permissions for functions that allow access to or transform or interpret content transferred from a source of content (14) for a browser; defining a set of user permissions which allow the user to define relationships between the content and the user such as associating the defined set of user permissions with one or more link filters and associating the defined set of user permissions with its associated link filters with the user; and storing the defined set of user permissions with its associated link filters in a persistent data store (30) wherein a desired set of user permissions may be selectively retrieved from the persistent data store (30) based on its associated user. The present invention allows use of a user created or externally supplied rating system, and further allows defining more than one link filter per URL, by way of example and not limitation such as allowing range of days, times, or a combination of these during which the link filters are operational and a similar range when the link filters are not operational. In a preferred embodiment, the present invention comprises an http proxy (20) to implement the link filtering.

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