Block Access to Google Meet and Chat

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GAT Shield is a **Chrome extension** that, when deployed to the users, allows Admins to apply and **control the end-users Chrome browser.**

One of the GAT Shield's control features is allowing Admins to **Disable Meet chat/calls for the end users.**

This feature can be particularly useful in education environments where the Admin wants to disable Google Meet chat and calls. Admins can also enable this rule based on Time and Scope setup.

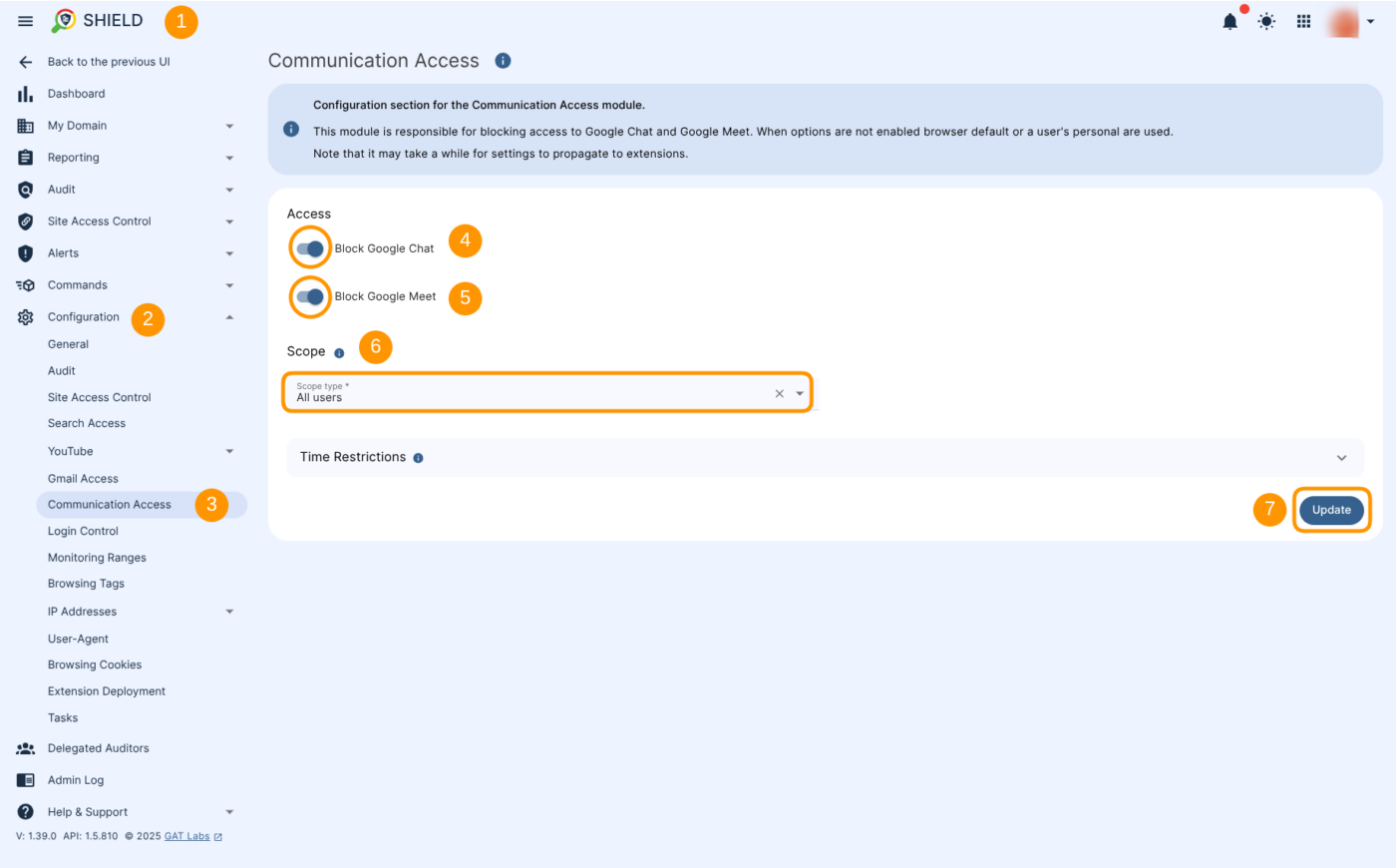
Apply Rule

To create a rule, navigate to **GAT Shield** (1) > **Configuration (1) > Communication Access (3)**

Select the available options:

- **Block Google Chat (4)**
- **Block Google Meet (5)**

Select the **Scope (6)** to whom the rule will be applied to and **Update (7)** the configuration.

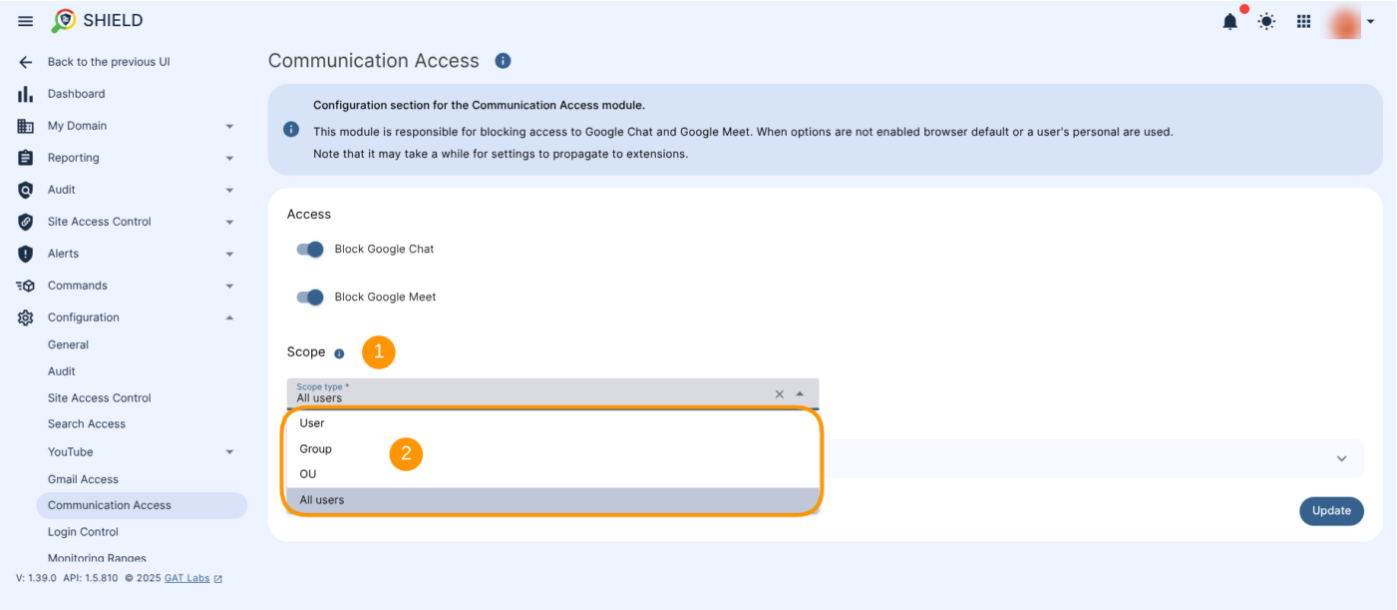


Scope

You can use different options to apply the Scope.

Go to the **Scope** section **(1)** and expand it to see all the options **(2)**. Select the users to whom the rule will apply.

- **User**
- **Group**
- **Organization Unit**
  - ***Include sub org. units***
- **All users**

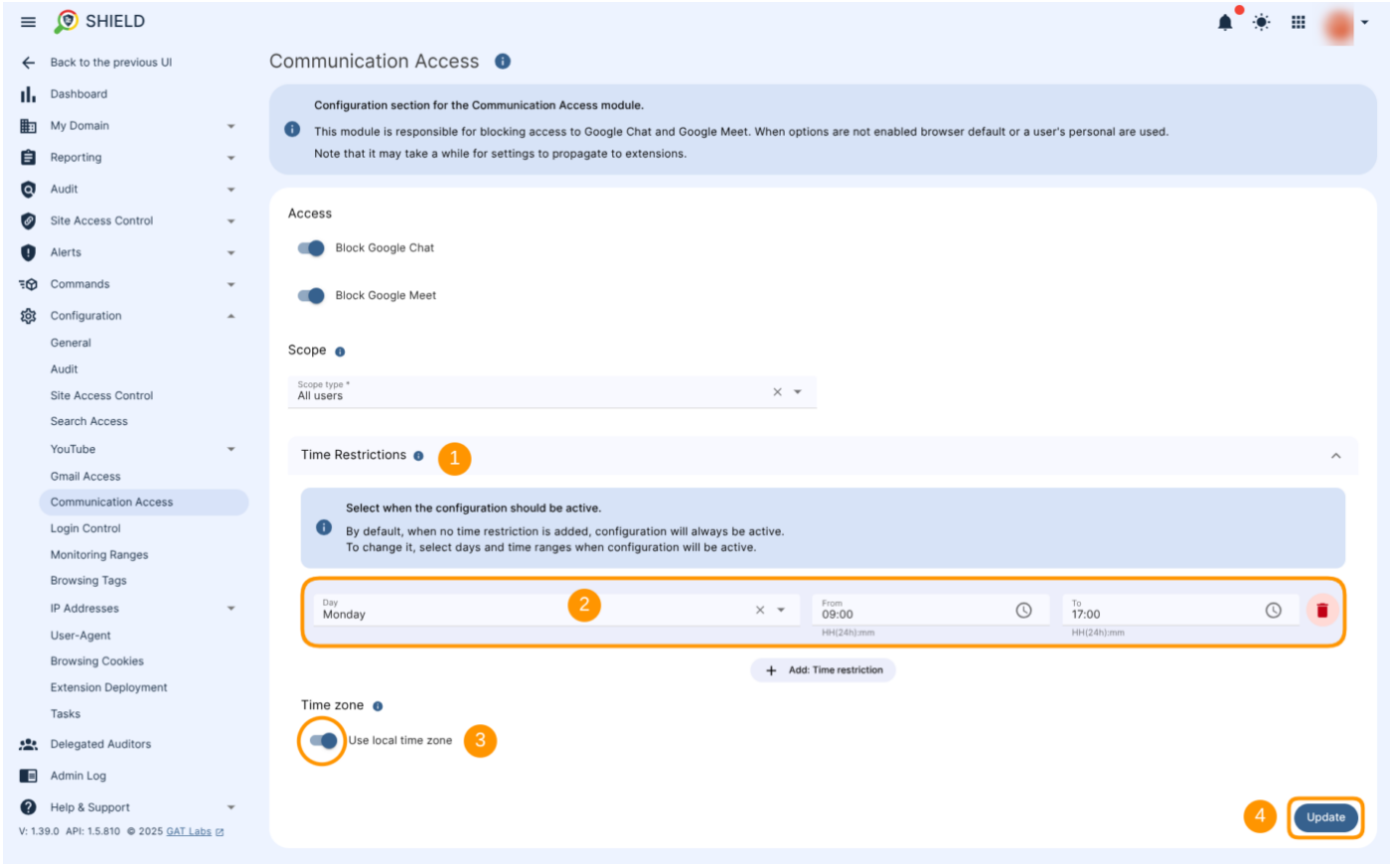


Time Restriction

The time restriction option allows Workspace Admins to select the **time frame** within which they apply the rule.

Select when the configuration should be active. **By default, when no time restriction is added, configuration will always be active.** To change it, select days and time ranges when configuration will be active.

To apply a specific time frame during which the rule should apply, expand the **Time Restrictions** section **(1)** and add the time restriction when the block should be active **(2)**. It is always a good practise to enable the **Use local time zone (3)** of the user. Once ready, **Update (4)** the configuration.



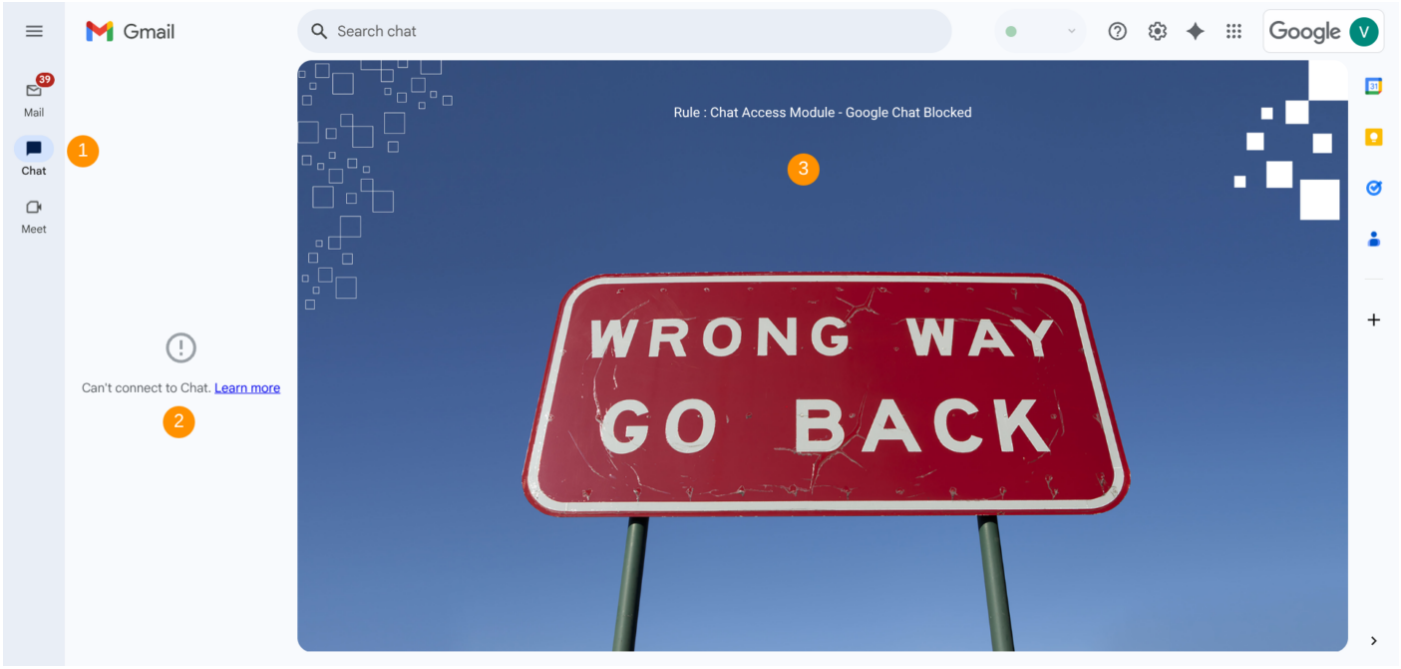
NOTE: When the **'Time restriction' expires,** the rule will be **reverted,** and **Chat** or **Google Meet** will be **available again as usual.**

Important Note: If ***Time Restriction is not*** *configured but the* ***Scope*** *is set to* ***All users*** *(default setup)* and the "***Block Google Chat/ Block Google Meet***" *is selected/enabled,* the rule will be applied for all users all the time until the rule is 'Deactivated' by all options being 'empty'.

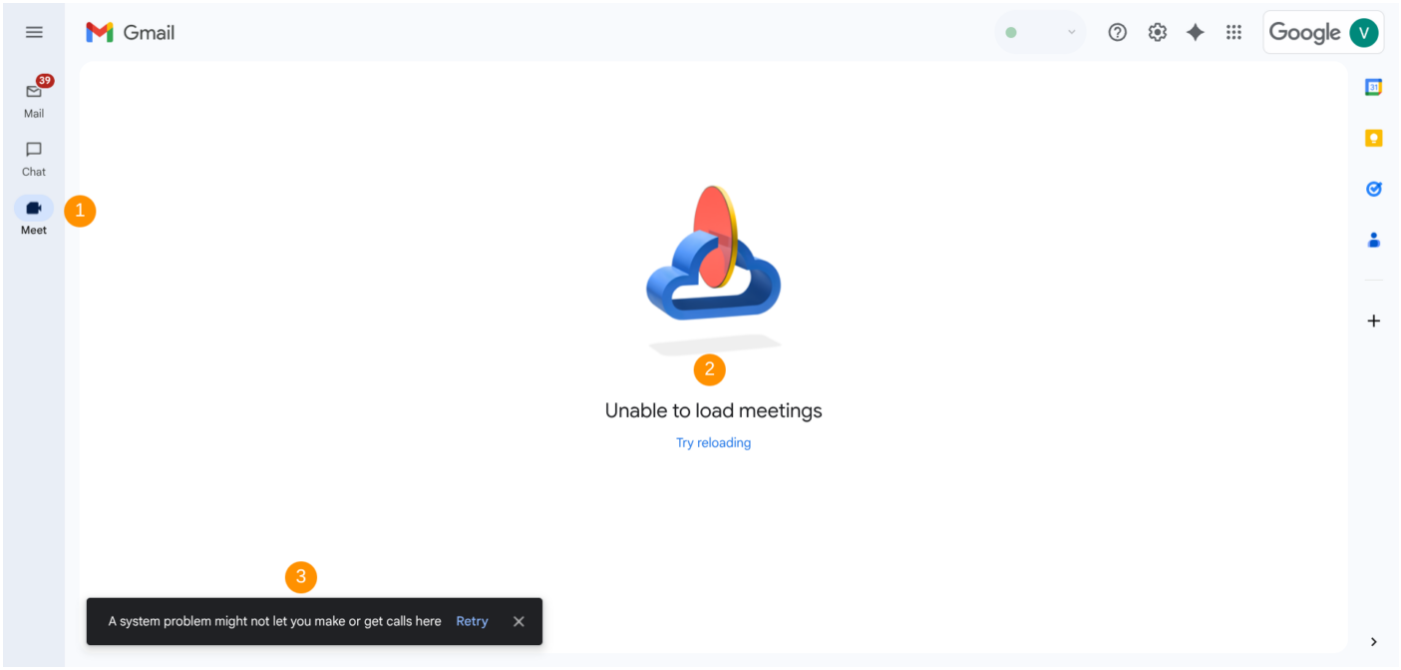
Results

Block Google Chat will **disable Chat and Spaces** functionality from Gmail (chat interaction).

Google Chat will be disabled for users, as you can see in the screenshot below:

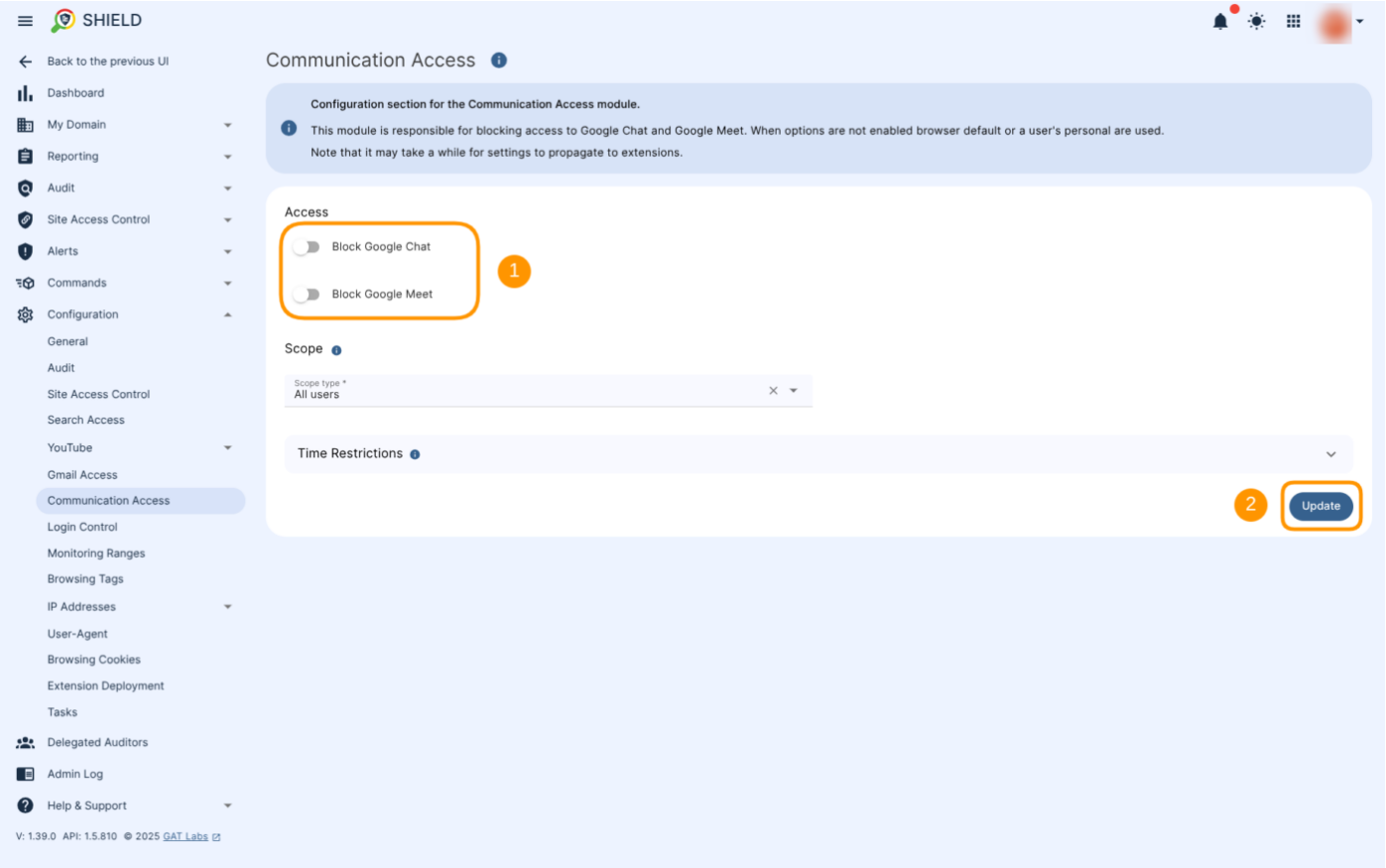


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Disable Rule

To disable the rule, unselect the **Block Google Chat** and **Block Google Meet (1)**, and click on **Update (2).**



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