Partially Restrict YouTube Access by Whitelisting Specific Videos with GAT Shield

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What it is

This guide demonstrates how to use GAT Shield to restrict general YouTube access while still permitting select videos. This configuration is ideal for minimizing distractions while allowing access to specific educational or informational content. What products are involved

This is a feature of the **GAT Shield extension.**

Why it matters

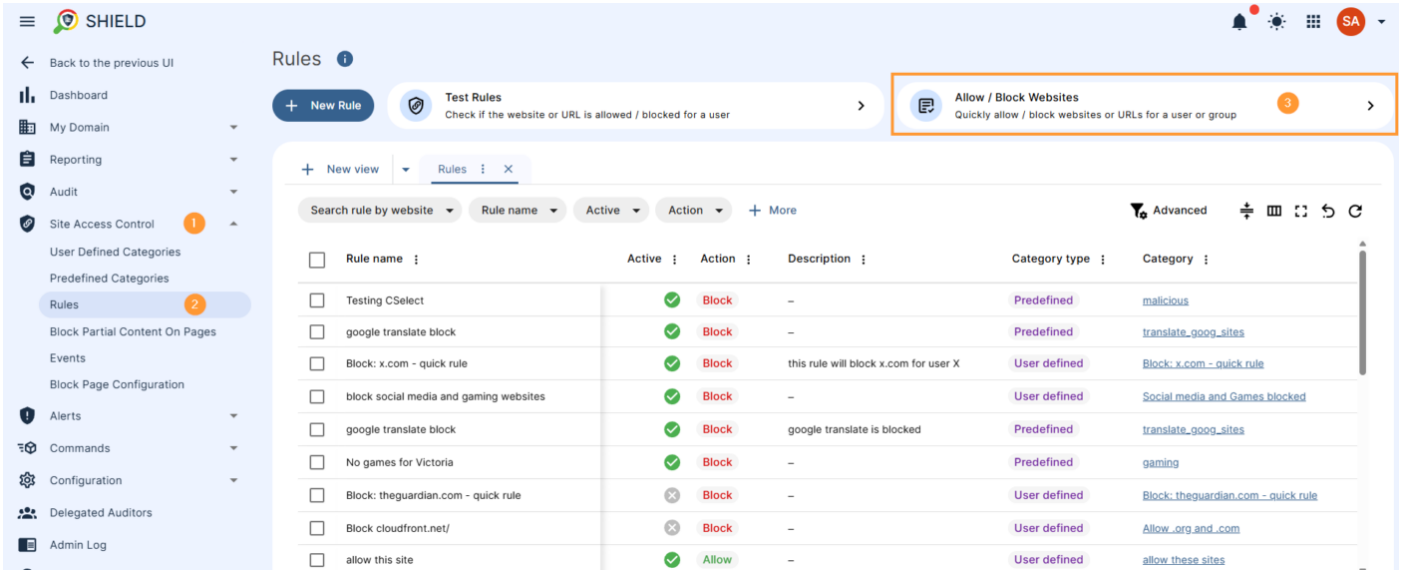
This solution is ideal if you want to apply precise control of the users visiting specific URLs.

How to implement - YouTube Access Restrictions

Apply the Block rule

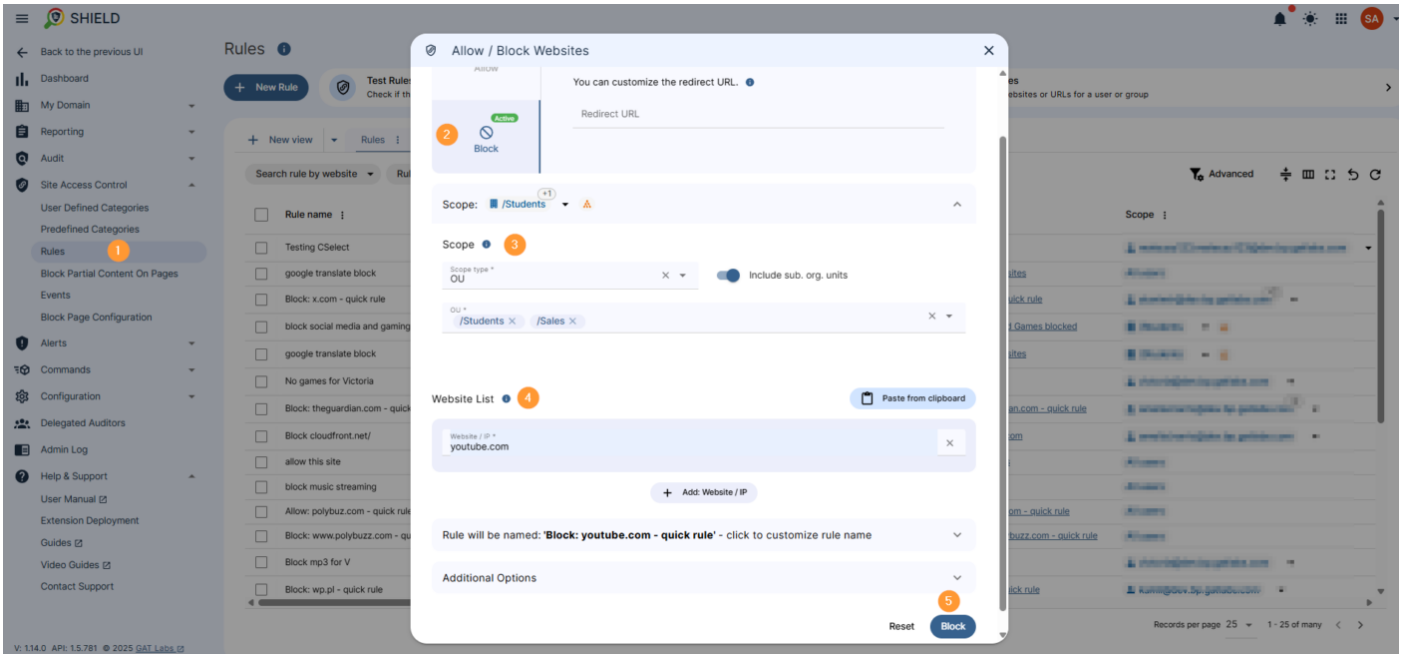
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Select **Allow/Block Sites** (quick allow / block sites for a user or group)



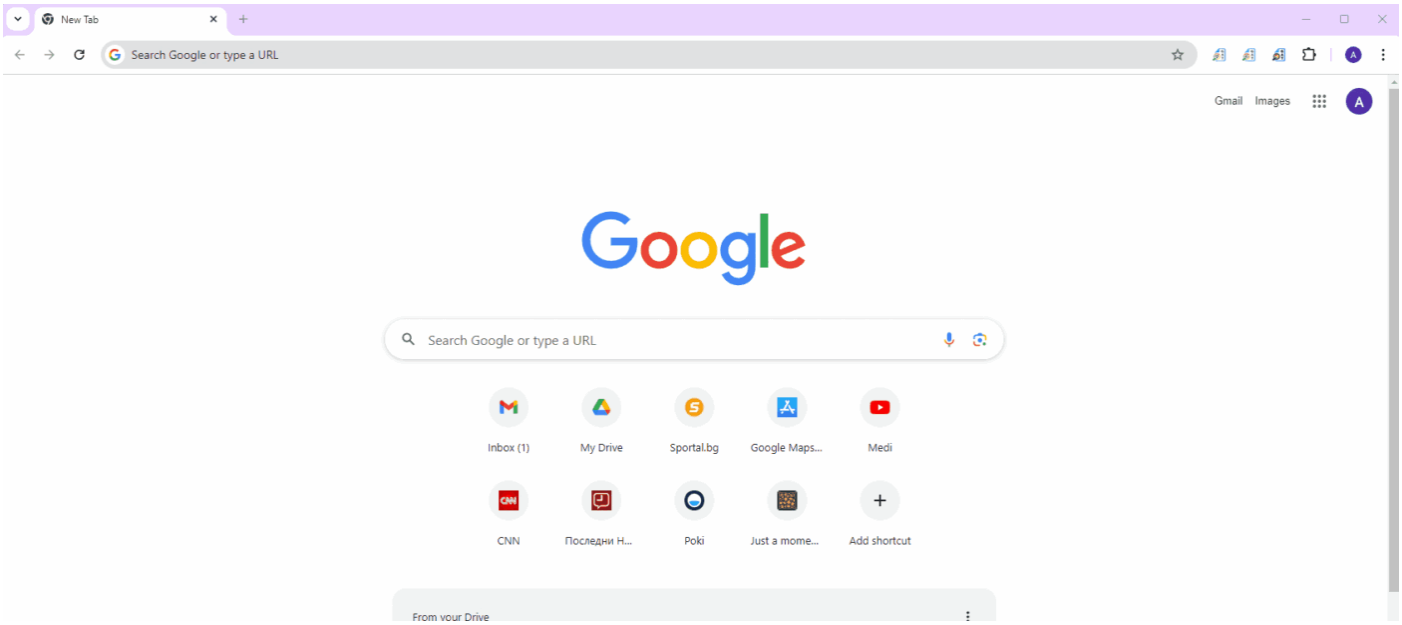
A pop-up window will be displayed

- Select **Block** to be **Active**
  - Optional - Redirect URL - Enter the URL to which the user will be redirected.
- **Scope** - select **which users to be affected**
- **Site list** - enter the **URL to be blocked**
  - Optional - change the name of the rule
  - Optional - Additional options - enter rule description
- **Block** - click to enable the rule and block the site for the scope of users



The Result of the Block Rule

The scope of users will be **blocked and unable to visit the youtube.com** webpage**.**

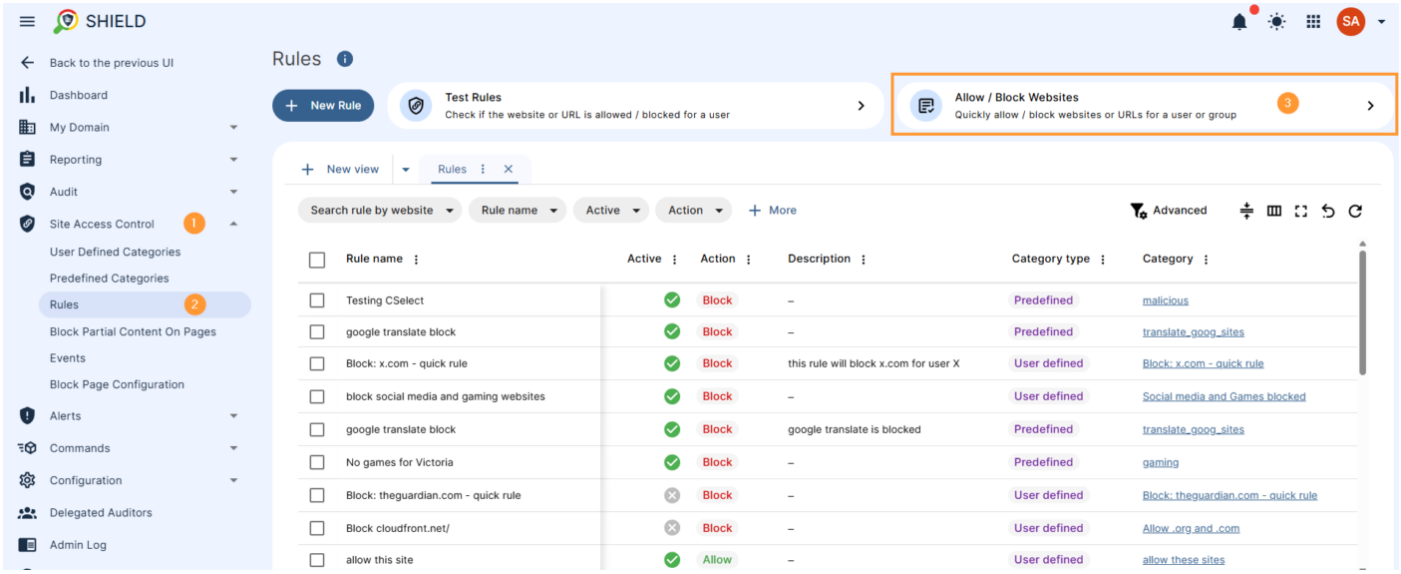


Apply the allow rule

In the **allow list,** we will add the URLs that the end-users will be allowed to open.

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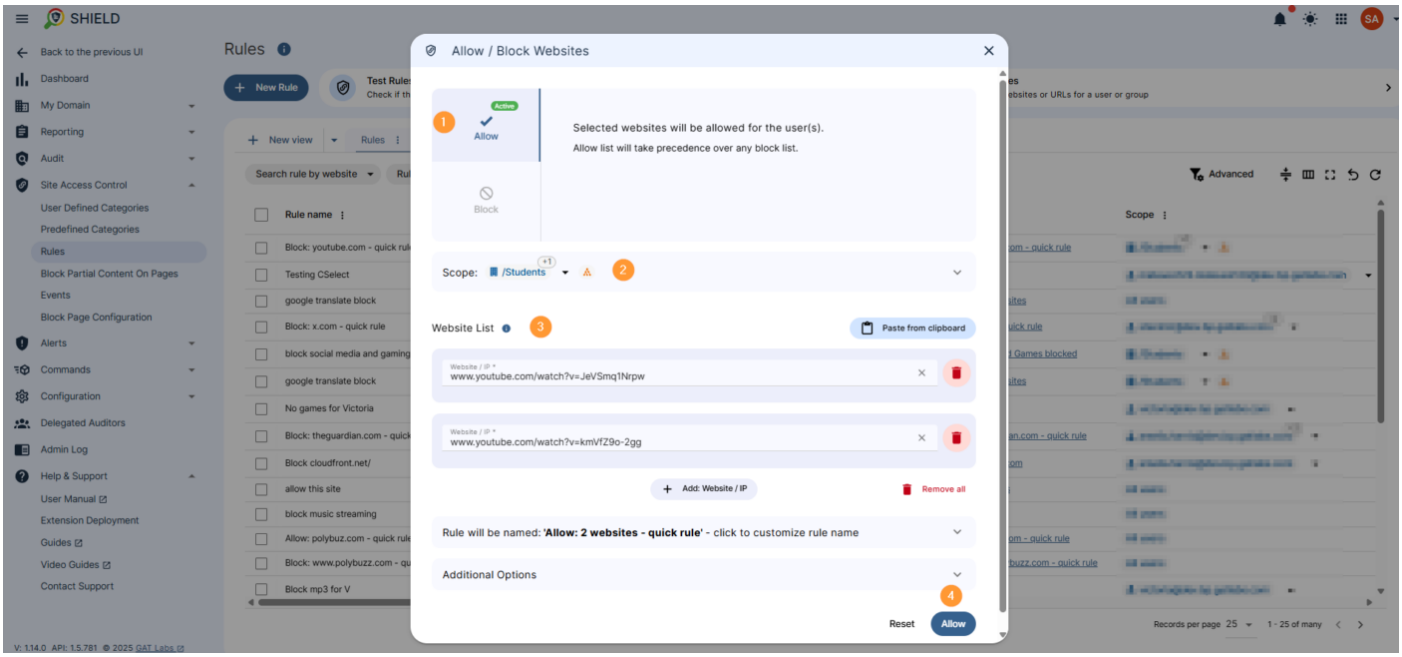


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- Select **Allow to be Active**
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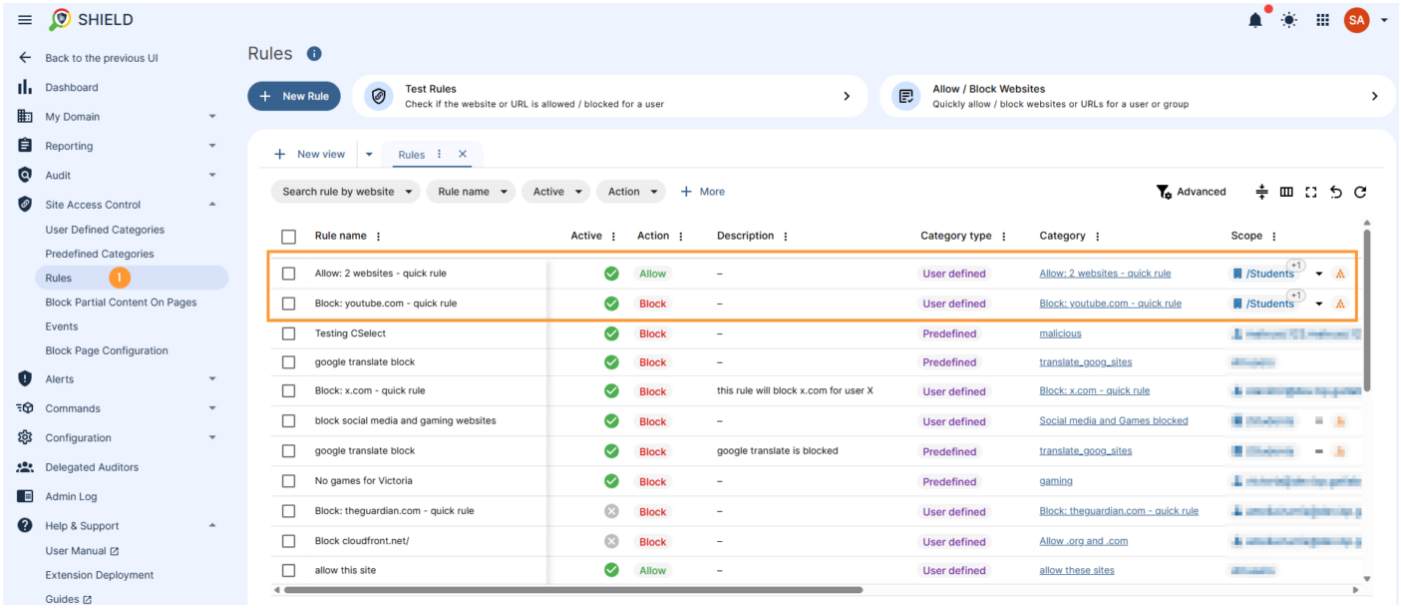
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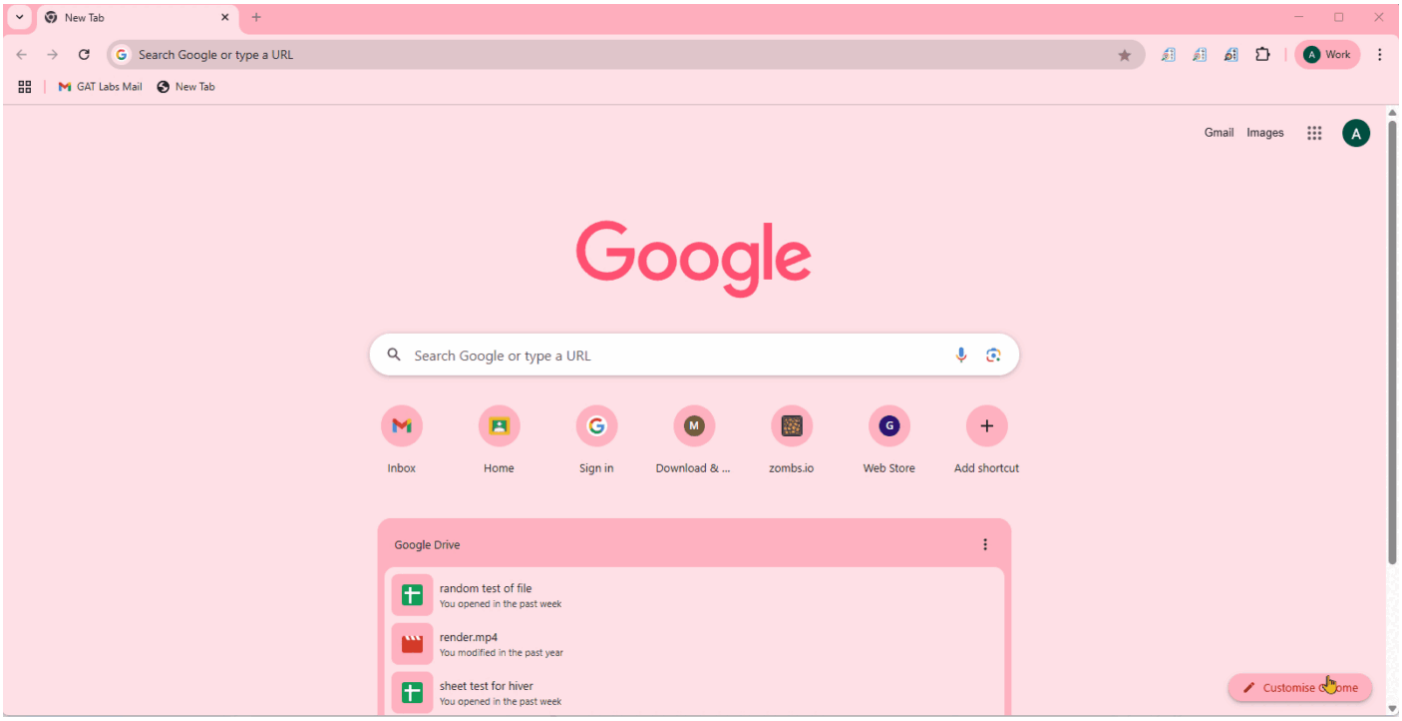
As a result, you would have two rules: one to **block YouTube** for selected users and one to **allow specific URLs (videos)** of YouTube for the same scope of users.

The allow list will take precedence over any block list.



Result of both allow and block rules

The end-users can open the URLs from the Allow list



Availability

This is globally available to all Shield users

Events reported

Navigate to **GAT Shield > Site Access Control > Events**, and you can view all the details for the alerts that have been triggered by visiting YouTube.

