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Sophos XG Firewall for Education

Purpose-built for education.

XG Firewall is optimized for education, delivering unmatched visibility and insight, the ultimate in security and control, and unique threat response capabilities. It offers a powerful set of capabilities to help you monitor what's happening on your network, manage your firewall, and respond to threats.



Purpose-built for Education

XG Firewall delivers a feature set that's purpose-built to help education institutions overcome the challenges they face.

Powerful Web Filtering Policy

XG Firewall uses a powerful but intuitive web policy model that you would normally only find in dedicated enterprise web filtering products costing many times more. It makes managing multiple user- and group-based custom policies a breeze. Plus, there are built-in policies for CIPA and activities like "Not Suitable for Schools" that you can utilize right out of the box and easily modify to suit your specific needs. You also have full control over SafeSearch, YouTube, and file downloads as part of every policy.

Child Safety and Compliance

Compliance mandates like the Children's Information Protection Act (CIPA) in the U.S., the Safeguarding and Prevent Duty guidelines in the U.K., and similar initiatives in many other jurisdictions are designed to keep young users safe online. While very well-intentioned, they can pose a significant challenge for many organizations. Fortunately, XG Firewall provides built-in features and policy settings that help organizations get compliant quickly and easily. XG Firewall includes built-in policies for CIPA and pre-defined activities including "Not Suitable for Schools" as well as features such as SafeSearch, YouTube restrictions, and Keyword Filtering to enable child safety online.

Context-aware Keyword Filtering

With XG Firewall you can help you identify potentially problematic behavior early on. XG Firewall can log, monitor, and even enforce policies related to keyword lists related to bullying, radicalization, or self-harm (for example). You can schedule reports to identify users at risk and get details about their activities, including what and where they are posting or what sites they are visiting.

Insights Into Top Risk Users

Our unique User Threat Quotient (UTQ) provides actionable insight into user behavior. XG Firewall correlates each user's surfing habits and activity with advanced threat triggers and history to identify users with risky online behavior. It enables you to immediately take action to address students engaged in behaviors that put themselves or your network at risk. Set up reports to automatically send to teachers or safeguarding officers, keeping them in the loop about at-risk students.

Top-Rated Protection from Threats

XG Firewall contains all the latest threat protection technologies you need to stop hacks and attacks dead in their tracks. Sandstorm Sandboxing scans all files coming in through the web or email for malicious behavior in a safe environment, using the latest deep learning technology from our Intercept X next-gen endpoint product. Our top-rated intrusion prevention system (IPS) catches any hacker or attack attempting to exploit a vulnerability across the network. And our web protection solution performs JavaScript emulation to catch threats lurking in compromised websites such as cryptojacking.

Chromebook Support

XG Firewall supports more authentication methods than most other firewalls including directory services, client-based, clientless, and of course Chromebooks with an easy-to-deploy agent that enables full user-based policy and reporting for all your Chromebook users.

Synchronized Security

XG Firewall integrates with Sophos Intercept X to provide the ultimate protection solution at both the network and endpoint while enabling unique Synchronized Security features. Sophos Security Heartbeat™ shares health status in real time between all your Sophos-managed endpoints and the firewall, enabling XG Firewall to isolate any compromised or infected system automatically until it can be cleaned, preventing threats from spreading. It also enables rich insight into all applications on your network that are currently going unidentified because of encryption or evasive behavior. These added visibility, protection, and response benefits are only possible with Sophos Synchronized Security.



Powerful. Simple. Affordable.

Sophos XG Firewall provides all the visibility, security, and controls that education institutions need while making everyday management and reporting easy in a supremely affordable package.

Xstream Architecture

XG Firewall brings a fresh approach to the way you identify hidden risks, protect against threats, and respond to incidents without taking a performance hit. Our Xstream Architecture for XG Firewall utilizes a unique packet processing architecture that delivers extreme levels of visibility, protection, and performance.

Ultimate Security and Control

XG Firewall provides all the advanced technology you need to protect your network from the latest ransomware and advanced threats. You also get the most powerful web filtering policy enforcement and protection available, and we've made everything extremely easy to set up and manage locally or in the cloud.

Unique Threat Response

XG Firewall is the only network security solution that is able to fully identify the source of an infection on your network and automatically limit access to other network resources in response. This is made possible with our unique Security Heartbeat which shares telemetry and health status between Sophos-managed endpoints and XG Firewall.

Connect and Save with SD-WAN

Connecting schools in your district can be a costly endeavor. That's why we've integrated software-defined wide area networking, or SD-WAN, into our XG Firewalls. Using SD-WAN, you can connect every school and headquarters in your district for a lot less than the price of MPLS (multi-protocol label switching). Securely transmit sensitive student and staff information between sites. Keep pace with changing educational technologies and applications on the network. And achieve consistent performance and availability for cloud applications such as Dropbox Education, G Suite, ClassDojo and others in classrooms and administrative offices wherever they're located.

Incredible Value, Eminently Affordable

We've engineered XG Firewall to deliver outstanding performance and security efficiency for the best return on your investment. XG Firewall is consistently rated among the top performers in independent tests by industry analysts, and no other firewall includes more in a single appliance than XG Firewall.

Management and Reporting Made Simple

XG Firewall makes managing and reporting on your network easy. With Sophos Central Firewall Management you can manage one or more XG Firewalls from any location. It all starts with a clean, informative dashboard and traffic light-style indicators that immediately indicate what needs your attention the most when you log in. Sophos Central Firewall Reporting provides the tools and flexibility to create custom reports that offer instant insight into the applications, risks, trends, and more impacting your network. It's all available in the cloud at no extra charge. And our web filtering policy is second to none in providing a powerful yet intuitive set of tools for managing compliance on your network. Educators can even help with the day-to-day management of web policy exceptions for their classroom curriculum.



How to Buy

Choose just the protection you need:



Network Protection

Top-rated intrusion prevention, deep learning, and advanced threat protection technologies to stop the latest threats dead in their tracks.



Sandstorm Protection

Next-gen cloud sandbox technology that integrates deep learning, exploit detection, and CryptoGuard to catch the latest file-based threats.



Web Protection

Powerful web filtering and protection with keyword content filtering, SafeSearch and YouTube controls, plus application identification and control.



Security Heartbeat™

Links your Sophos-managed endpoints with your XG Firewall to deliver important visibility insights into network health, a coordinated defense to attacks, and automatic endpoint isolation.



Email Protection

Full SMTP and POP message protection from spam, phishing, and data loss with our unique all-in-one protection that combines policy-based email encryption with DLP and anti-spam.



Web Server Protection

Harden any file or web servers against hacking attempts while providing secure access to external users with reverse proxy authentication.

Sophos XG Firewall Value Bundles

For the ultimate in protection, value, and peace-of-mind, get one of our convenient value bundles:

EnterpriseProtect Plus is our next-gen firewall value bundle. It includes an XG Series hardware appliance, Enhanced Support, and everything you need for network protection, web protection, application control, and sandboxing.

TotalProtect Plus is our full protection bundle. It includes an XG Series hardware appliance, Enhanced Support, and our full security suite including network, web, sandboxing, email, and web server protection.

Take Advantage of the E-Rate Discount Program

E-Rate is a federally funded program that helps U.S. schools and libraries create and enforce a CIPA-compliant internet safety policy to obtain discounted internet access, telecommunications, and basic network security products by anywhere from 20% to 90%. [Apply today.](#)

Free 30-day trial – no strings attached

If you'd like to take an XG Firewall for a test drive, you can get the full-featured product simply sign up for our free 30-day trial.

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