

New Changes to Securus

Announcing the arrival of Securus 'Next Generation'

Securus Software is proud to introduce our latest product - **Securus 'Next Generation'**.

Starting in January 2010, we will gradually phase out existing versions of Securus to be replaced with 'Next Generation'. This booklet highlights what this might mean for your school and includes useful information about:

- Some exciting new features being introduced
- The technical implications and costs involved
- How you can get Securus 'Next Generation' for your school.

We hope you like the changes we are making to Securus and welcome your comments. Email us at schools@securus-software.com or call us on 01932 255 480 for more information.



About Securus 'Next Generation'



We have been developing our e-safety monitoring software for seven years using a proprietary operating system. With ambitions to develop new and better functions in the future, we decided that our existing platform was insufficient to support our planned product development. As a result, we have developed a completely new product that we have called Securus 'Next Generation' (NG).

Built on a Linux platform, Securus NG offers all the existing functionality of Securus Version 6, along with some new features and improvements which make it even easier to use. It has been extensively tested and will be available to customers in February 2010.

What has changed

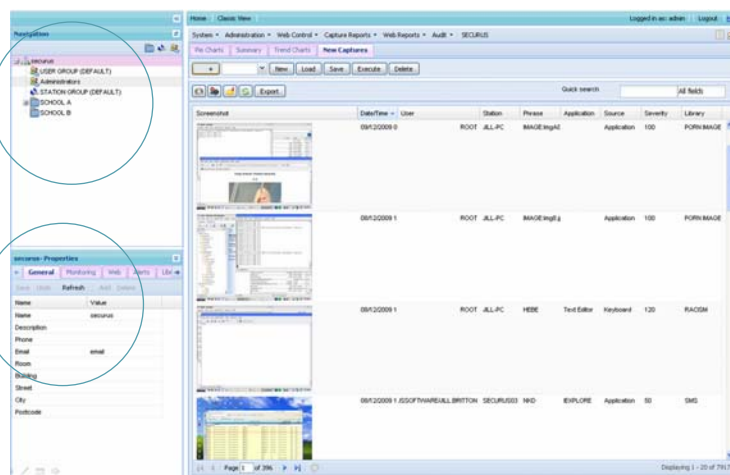
Securus NG offers a new layout, extra reporting tools and enhanced alerting functions. It is also more scaleable and easier to backup.

1. Streamlined layout

When you open up Securus NG for the first time, you will see a new layout. A directory structure makes it much easier to create user groups, apply different profiles and generate reports for each group. Securus NG is Active Directory compatible.

New directory structure for easier administration

Allows you to set different profiles, properties and AUPs for each user group



The streamlined layout will help you to manage your groups, set different permissions, upload a different AUP for each year group or create exclusion groups. You can also set different web block and allow lists for each group or apply them to your entire network.

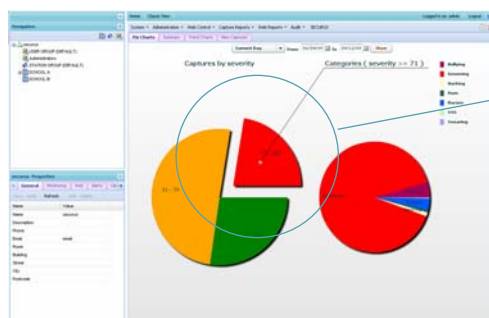


By providing a holistic overview of all groups being monitored, the new layout will also benefit any local authorities who are responsible for protecting a number of schools or looked-after children.

2. Enhanced reporting tools

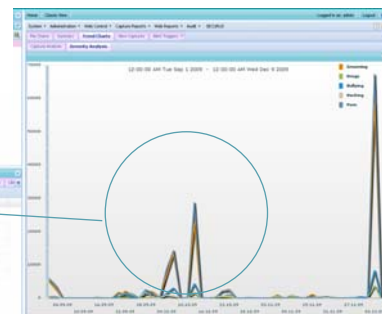
Securus NG offers a number of new reporting features to help you identify trends in behaviour and highlight individual users who are most at risk.

This information will be useful as part of your Ofsted inspections, helping you to demonstrate that safeguarding incidents are being recorded and the overall number of incidents has been reduced.



Summary charts show the frequency of serious captures

New reports show type of incidents and trends over time



A summary report lists the most recent captures along with the top users, phrases and websites all displayed on the same screen.

We have also made it possible to export your reports to a CSV file, Word, Excel or PDF.

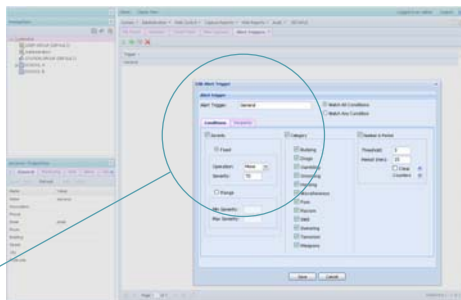
Finally, any reports you generate or customise will be automatically saved and displayed when you next log-in.

3. Improved alerting and scheduled reports



Set multiple alerts to notify other staff members about particular issues

Securus NG allows you to create email alerts for any type of incident. Simply choose the type of captures you want to be informed about and how serious they need to be. Whenever a capture is made that meets your criteria, an email alert will be sent to you immediately.



Reports can also be scheduled at regular intervals, providing you and members of your leadership team with daily, weekly or monthly reports of all incidents which involve a particular user or type of incident.

4. Further changes

A number of improvements have been also made to the administrative functions in Securus NG.

- Supports Linux Xandros notebooks and Mac OSX
- No limit on the number or size of backups
- Automatic software updates can be optionally applied
- Server virtualisation makes enterprise installations easier
- SIF (system interoperability framework) compliant
- *currently under development*

The improved layout in Securus NG will help secondary schools who want to provide e-safety monitoring on behalf of their feeder schools.



The Securus NG1 server will replace all previous Securus servers

What do I need to install Securus NG?

Securus NG is available free of charge to all existing customers who have a current support and maintenance contract.

However, in order to run the latest Securus software, you will need to replace your Securus server. The cost of updating your server is **not** covered by your support and maintenance contract.

The purchase price of a new server is £795 plus VAT. To place an order, call us on 01932 255 480 or email schools@securus-software.com.



Questions about Securus NG

Why should I move from Securus version 6 to Securus NG?

Securus NG has been created to be easier to use and manage. By moving to Securus NG, you will also benefit from all new features to be developed in the future. Note that there will be no further development of Securus version 6 after January 2010.

Will you continue to support Securus version 6?

We will be supporting Securus version 6 with library updates, technical support and bug fixes until 31 December 2011.

Can we use Securus NG to offer monitoring to our feeder schools?

The new layout in Securus NG allows more secondary schools to offer e-safety monitoring to their local primary schools. For more details about this, please contact us.

If I install Securus NG, do I need to reinstall the client software?

No. Your current client software will work with Securus NG.

Can I transfer my data or customised settings from my current server to a new Securus NG server?

No. With a new operating system, Securus NG is unable to import existing data or settings. In order to view your historical data, we recommend that you keep your existing server for a period of time.

If my current server fails, will you replace it with a new server capable of running Securus NG?

Your support and maintenance contract covers you for the replacement of a faulty server with a server of the same specification. It will not apply to the new type of server.

If I update my server, will my support and maintenance continue?

All customers installing Securus NG will continue to benefit from the same level of support and maintenance, which includes:

- Telephone and email helpdesk support
- Access to our customer support site
- New features
- Bug fixes

We will also be introducing an email newsletter in 2010 to alert you to technical and e-safety issues surrounding your use of Securus.



Can I see a demo of Securus NG?

We would like you to be one of the first to experience Securus NG. You can see a demo at the BETT Show or book an online demo.

1. The BETT Show - 13-16 Jan 2010

If you are visiting BETT at Olympia, London, we will be running demonstrations of Securus NG. Simply drop by the Securus stand (stand G65) in the Grand Hall and we will be happy to explain the new product to you and take your questions.

2. Book a webinar

If you can't make it to BETT, call us to arrange an online demo at a time that is convenient for you.

For further information

If you have a question about Securus NG or you would like to book an online demo or order a new server:

Call us 01932 255 480
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We will be happy to help.



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