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A lecturer from the EPS creates Catalonia's most comprehensive website on Internet Security

It helps parents prevent their children from accessing unsuitable contents using various IT tools

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[http://internetsegura.udl.cat]

What are the dangers of leaving children alone in front of a computer? How can you stop your webcam from streaming images without you knowing? These are some of the questions that the website web internetsegura.udl.cat can answer. It is the most comprehensive Catalan online security website and was set up by a lecturer from the University of Lleida's Polytechnic School (EPS). Carles Mateu, who is also a researcher with the University's Artificial Intelligence Research Group, created the site with the help of the managing director of the IT company Teixidó Associats, Albert Mas. It is so exhaustive that the local police force's Department for Computer Crimes is looking into using it as a baseline in the talks it gives on Internet security. The website helps protect the computers of both experts and laypeople by explaining concepts such as malware, phishing and spam. It also offers monitoring tools so that parents can stop their children from accessing unsuitable contents.

The website, whose contents are fully updated, gives information about the potential dangers on the network as well as offering materials to prevent them. All of the tools are easy to download and compatible with all computer environments (Windows, Linux and Mac), as well as with the various browsers currently available. There are parental control tools, games for children, informative videos to raise the awareness of adolescents about the dangers they many encounter on the Internet and other additional information.

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In addition, internetsegura.udl.cat [http://internetsegura.udl.cat] has a section in which users can pose any questions they may have. In the future, a complementary DNS service will be added to the site. It will associate diverse information from different domains that will allow users to surf the Internet using names instead of numbers. This means that by making minor changes to the

configuration of a network interface card, any family will be protected against pornographic, violent and drug related contents without the need to install any software.

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