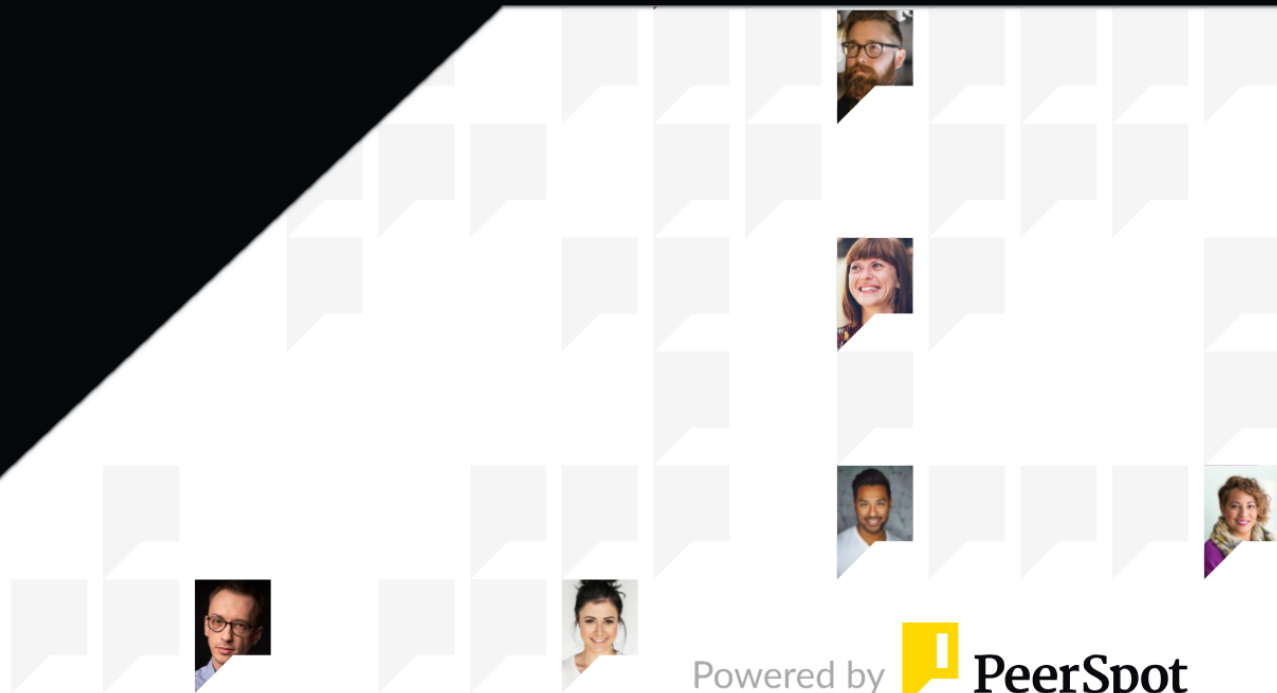


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**Squid Proxy Cache Server**

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# Product Recap



Squid Proxy Cache Server

# Squid Proxy Cache Server Recap

Squid Proxy Cache Server is a widely-used caching proxy that improves web performance and reduces bandwidth by caching frequently accessed content. It supports HTTP, HTTPS, and FTP protocols, making it a flexible and reliable solution for efficient data management and website acceleration.

Squid Proxy Cache Server provides a robust, high-performance caching solution that optimizes data flow and enhances user experiences by reducing redundant data transmission. It offers advanced caching algorithms and access controls, supporting various network configurations. Its versatility makes it suitable for ISPs, large enterprises, and small to medium businesses looking to improve network speed and reduce costs. Squid offers the ability to control content access, optimize bandwidth usage, and enhance security, positioning itself as a valuable tool for handling complex enterprise caching needs.

## What are the most important features of Squid Proxy Cache Server?

- **Caching:** Reduces bandwidth usage and improves load times by storing copies of frequently accessed pages.
- **Access Control:** Customizable user permissions to manage who can access specific data.
- **Content Filtering:** Improves security and compliance by filtering unwanted web content.
- **SSL Support:** Provides secure encryption for web traffic to protect sensitive data.
- **Load Balancing:** Distributes network traffic evenly to ensure optimal resource use and uptime.

## What benefits should users look for in Squid Proxy Cache Server reviews?

- **Improved Speed:** Noticeably reduces load times, enhancing user experience.
- **Cost Efficiency:** Lowers expenses related to data usage and infrastructure.
- **Enhanced Security:** Offers robust options to secure network data.
- **Scalability:** Easily adapts to growing networking needs without sacrificing performance.
- **Reliability:** Proven track record of maintaining consistent performance in diverse environments.

In industries like telecommunications and education, Squid Proxy Cache Server is utilized to manage high volumes of traffic and content access. Telecom operators use it to balance traffic loads effectively, ensuring uninterrupted service. Educational institutions leverage its caching capabilities to store large amounts of educational material, providing fast access to resources for students and educators while controlling access to inappropriate content.

# Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:



“The best features that Squid Proxy Cache Server offers include a lot of caching functionality, which is the best part, and then it is the security.”



**Mayashankar Mishra**

Owner For Data Center Operations Dns Cache at Proximus S.A.



“What I appreciate the most about Squid Proxy Cache Server is that both of its features are very beneficial for any IT company, whether it should be a media company, a finance company, or any other sector.”



**Ammar Khan**

Microsoft System Administrator at National Bank of Pakistan



“Before, we used Blue Coat Proxy, Cyberoam Proxy, Forcepoint, and other solutions, and the reason we switched to Squid Proxy Cache Server is cost, because those professional proxy solutions have huge yearly cost involvement, and currently with Squid Proxy Cache Server, we are using it at no cost.”



**Mirza Rakib**

Security Infrastructure Security Engineer at a comms service provider with 1,001-5,000 employees

- ✓ “Squid Proxy Cache Server has positively impacted my organization because, as I mentioned, I do not have to enable internet access for each and every machine.”



**Garfield Carneiro**

Dev Ops Technical Lead at a computer software company with 201-500 employees

- ✓ “The traffic reduction resulting from Squid Proxy Cache Server has improved productivity and brought measurable benefits to the company, as there were savings not only in bandwidth and costs, but also in staff idleness.”



**Marcio Carlos**

Analista de Segurança Senio at Optanet

- ✓ “In terms of scraping, Squid Proxy Cache Server has made things easier and more efficient for my organization because it is one of the commonly used open-source proxy servers.”



**Joshua Name**

Senior Software Engineer at a tech vendor with 1,001-5,000 employees

- ✓ “Squid Proxy Cache Server has positively impacted my organization over the past 10 plus years by helping resolve any issues that occurred without major outages.”



**Os Sankar**

Linux System Engineer at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees

## What users had to say about valuable features:

“The overall main benefits I experienced from using Squid Proxy Cache Server are the ability to control employee web browsing. I can manage which websites employees are permitted to access. This prevents them from consuming excessive bandwidth on the company network..”

**Nasser Alhashim**

Information Technology System Engineer at Unemployed

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“Squid Proxy Cache Server offers flexibility, ease of deployment, and scalability as its best features. Its flexibility and scalability have helped my team by making it easy to set up redundant Squid Proxy Cache Server instances and allowing for quick restoration on the fly. Squid Proxy Cache Server has positively impacted my organization by creating a better user experience. I have noticed the improvement in user experience through user feedback, improved network speed, and better usage of the available bandwidth, which saves company resources..”

**Vikesh Singh**

Cyber Security Specialist at Honeywell

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The best features that Squid Proxy Cache Server offers are the block list via ACL, which helps tremendously, and the basic installation with pfSense that I used frequently, along with the very interesting log recording functionality.

The features such as the block list via ACL and log recording made my work easier by allowing employees to have better quality of performance in terms of blocking, which helped people stay more focused and integrated in what they had to do without getting distracted by sites or networks they should not access. .”

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“I think the best features that Squid Proxy Cache Server offers are the block list via ACL, which helps a lot, the basic installation with pfSense that I used frequently, and the interesting log records, which are very helpful for us. The features such as the block list via ACL and log recording made our work easier by helping to ensure that employees had better quality of performance in terms of blocking, so people stay more focused and more engaged in what they have to do and do not get distracted with sites or networks they should not be accessing..”

**Raphael Dias**

Analista De Infraestrutura Pleno at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees

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“What I appreciate the most about Squid Proxy Cache Server is that both of its features are very beneficial for any IT company, whether it should be a media company, a finance company, or any other sector. This offers the benefit and the secure option that no employee or user should go directly to the internet. It is very useful to use a proxy server and securely connect to the internet because the forward proxy always saves you. Any user connecting from internally is protected from outside attacks since we are using a forward proxy server.

“For Squid Proxy Cache Server, we use it primarily to secure our network. No device, no user, and no desktop is allowed to use the internet bypassing the proxy. The first thing in our mind at that time was to secure our network when our devices and users connect to the internet. We introduced Squid Proxy for that to minimize security risks. We also used it for the reverse proxy to mitigate incoming attacks when someone visits websites and other services. The traffic connects directly to our servers and passes through our reverse proxy server. Secondly, we planned to have a cache to speed up our productivity between servers and user data, so we also configured caching settings in the proxy server, which provides a great benefit to productivity by saving bandwidth..”

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“The best features Squid Proxy Cache Server offers in my experience include how easy it is to install and configure. It has been available for almost every Linux distribution for the last twenty to thirty years. Although these days it is not as widely used as other networking tools, the advantage that it gives is that not every machine needs to have access to the internet. Another part that I really appreciate about it is the logs. The logs allow you to see what every machine is accessing. I think that is one of the best features of Squid Proxy Cache Server. You can actually see if a request is going to a particular domain and what is being served by Squid Proxy Cache Server. The only limitation there is that HTTPS traffic cannot be decrypted. Anything that happens inside an HTTPS tunnel is not shown to Squid Proxy Cache Server, which is appropriate security and how HTTPS was supposed to work.

“One of the features that I find useful in Squid Proxy Cache Server is that you can host multiple Squid Proxy Cache Server instances behind a load balancer, and you can have a cache mechanism. You can have a parent domain hierarchy in Squid Proxy Cache Server. If the child is not able to find a certain website, it goes to the parent. Those things are also available in Squid Proxy Cache Server, though they are rarely used today. You can chain Squid Proxy Cache Server instances together to create one more cache and have busy servers and less busy servers. There is something called a cache miss and a cache hit. A good proxy server has a higher number of cache hits and a lower number of cache misses. All those things are very well documented inside the logs as well. That is another unique feature of Squid Proxy Cache Server.

“Squid Proxy Cache Server has positively impacted my organization because, as I mentioned, I do not have to enable internet access for each and every machine. They have to go via Squid Proxy Cache Server. So that has increased my security bar for the network. This approach has led to more peace of mind and best practices. Only one server has to access the internet. On the firewall, you have to allow only Squid Proxy Cache Server. The rest are all clients to that Squid Proxy Cache Server. So that takes care of your major security headache..”

**Garfield Carneiro**

Dev Ops Technical Lead at a computer software company with 201-500 employees

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## Other Solutions Considered

I did not evaluate other options before choosing Squid Proxy Cache Server, as it came up first when I researched, and I already had the integration, which made it much easier to use.

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“I previously used a different solution, specifically the Blue Coat proxy, which was end of life. With a lot of cost optimization, I switched to Squid Proxy Cache Server as a solution..”

**Mayashankar Mishra**

Owner For Data Center Operations Dns Cache at Proximus S.A.

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“I previously used a different solution before Squid Proxy Cache Server, which was Microsoft ISA, and I switched because of the robust features and scalability of Squid Proxy Cache Server..”

**Vikesh Singh**

Cyber Security Specialist at Honeywell

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“Before choosing Squid Proxy Cache Server, I evaluated other options such as SSHD as a SOCKS server and Apache as a proxy server. But those are very hard to configure. Squid Proxy Cache Server is the de facto proxy cache server. I do not need to explain much. If you just search for "proxy server," you are most probably going to find that Squid Proxy Cache Server is the right one..”

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“Before choosing Squid Proxy Cache Server, the client always evaluates other options, such as next-generation firewalls like Check Point and Fortinet, among others. Their content control and caching capabilities are very small, so they are not so advantageous. The cost-benefit factor was always important, and those who chose to keep Squid Proxy Cache Server did so because of this cost-benefit issue..”

**Marcio Carlos**

Analista de Segurança Senio at Optanet

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“Before, we used Blue Coat Proxy, Cyberoam Proxy, Forcepoint, and other solutions. The reason we switched to Squid Proxy Cache Server is cost. Those professional proxy solutions have huge yearly cost involvement, and currently with Squid Proxy Cache Server, we are using it at no cost.

“We evaluated a few solutions: Blue Coat, Cyberoam, and Squid, mostly these three. We found that Squid is the lowest-cost option. We also tried Forcepoint. We put Forcepoint, Blue Coat, Cyberoam, and Squid into a matrix and table, and based on all those factors, we found that Squid is good in terms of cost. We also conducted research and found that everybody uses Squid as their backend caching solution..”

**Mirza Rakib**

Security Infrastructure Security Engineer at a comms service provider with 1,001-5,000 employees

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# ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

“I do not have specific data regarding return on investment with Squid Proxy Cache Server. However, in general, I feel it is useful. Mostly, I do not see any cost involved except for the hardware cost..”

**Mirza Rakib**

Security Infrastructure Security Engineer at a comms service provider with 1,001-5,000 employees

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With Squid Proxy Cache Server, you can save money because you don't need to pay for more bandwidth as you concentrate the web access in Squid Proxy Cache Server. You save money because people don't have the possibility to make a distraction with other content on the web since you can force the users to access a specific list of websites. At all times, you save money.

**Sandro Melo**

Cybersecurity Tenure Specialist at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees

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“I did not observe any practical result in terms of monetary values after implementing Squid Proxy Cache Server because I always used it as open source, together with pfSense, which is also open source. Everything was configured manually, and I did not have much improvement in terms of cost because there were none..”

**Raphael Dias**

Analista De Infraestrutura Pleno at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees

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“I have seen a return on investment with Squid Proxy Cache Server because money is definitely saved. Also, the enterprise maintenance and having the hardware from the vendors, which is like a lock-in, makes it difficult to replace the hardware proxies nowadays, so it's interesting. If it's container-based, it can add further advantages..”

**Mayashankar Mishra**

Owner For Data Center Operations Dns Cache at Proximus S.A.

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“I have not obtained any return on investment, as unfortunately I did not work with the licensing side, so I cannot say there was a return on investment. However, technically, if I think about the implementation cost, the cost of use, of adjustments, over time, and maintenance, it has certainly already paid for itself..”

**Marcio Carlos**

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“I have seen a return on investment due to the money saved by allowing more bandwidth for other applications, such as VPNs, since the internet connection is secure with the cache and proxy, which also saves time because we only need to check one proxy server instead of all PCs, enabling centralized administration, and we need fewer employees since only one server handles connectivity and monitoring instead of checking routers and switches..”

**JaimeLuque**

Works at a computer software company with 51-200 employees

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# Use Case

“My main use case for Squid Proxy Cache Server is as a filter. I use it as an add-on to pfSense firewall software, where I can create rules to permit users to browse certain content or restrict access. Squid Proxy Cache Server is used not only to cache data but also to restrict permission to content..”

## Validated user

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“I completed one project with my virtual lab using Squid Proxy Cache Server. I started using Squid Proxy Cache Server approximately four months ago, in April or March. I created a virtual lab with a virtual company that has users, and I used Squid Proxy Cache Server to block them from entering certain internet websites. The main use case for Squid Proxy Cache Server was to control web access. I chose Squid Proxy Cache Server because it is open source and free, which are the features I appreciate most about it..”

## Nasser Alhashim

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“I have been working in my field for more than 15 years. I used Squid Proxy Cache Server for approximately 5 to 7 years, though I am not using it lately. My main use case for Squid Proxy Cache Server was when I used pfSense, and it was very important for me to have Squid Proxy configured. I mainly used it for website blocking to provide full security coverage, particularly focusing on the matter of accesses and analysis of different clients within the company, and I used it daily within a scenario together with pfSense..”

**Raphael Dias**

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“In my career, I have been using Squid Proxy Cache Server for almost five years. I was working in a news channel in media before two years ago. When I was there, we deployed Squid Proxy Cache Server for media-related pictures and file-related contents.

“We use Squid Proxy Cache Server primarily to secure our network. No device, no user, and no desktop is allowed to use the internet bypassing the proxy. This is all about the forward proxy. The first thing in our mind at that time was to secure our network when our devices and users connect to the internet. We introduced Squid Proxy for that to minimize security risks. We also used it for the reverse proxy to mitigate incoming attacks when someone visits websites and other services. The traffic connects directly to our servers and passes through our reverse proxy server. Secondly, we planned to have a cache to speed up our productivity between servers and user data, so we also configured caching settings in the proxy server, which provides a great benefit to productivity by saving bandwidth..”

**Ammar Khan**

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Although I am not using Squid Proxy Cache Server lately, I used it for approximately five to seven years.

My main use case for Squid Proxy Cache Server was during the time when I was using pfSense, so I set up a configuration that was very important for me to have Squid Proxy configured.

“I used Squid Proxy Cache Server mainly for site blocking to provide complete security coverage, which helped me deal with the issue of access and analysis of different clients within the company, and I used it daily within a scenario together with pfSense.

“At the time I used Squid Proxy Cache Server, it was implemented on a local network consisting of a physical machine that had several Docker containers, and inside it, pfSense handled all the ACL control together with Squid Proxy Cache Server. .”

**RaphaelDias**

analista sênior at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees

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“My main use case for Squid Proxy Cache Server is that we have machines behind an internet firewall which do not have access to the internet. The only way these machines can access anything outside, for example, Java packages or Maven packages, is via Squid Proxy Cache Server. These machines are called air-gapped servers, and air-gapped servers do not have access to the internet. If they do not have access to the internet but still want to access the internet, then Squid Proxy Cache Server is a good way to connect to the internet and download those packages. Currently, we are using it as a security tool. Not every machine needs to connect to the internet. Only a handful of machines need to connect, or in this case, Squid Proxy Cache Server needs to connect to the internet.

“Although Squid Proxy Cache Server was earlier used in a pre-internet environment where not every machine was connected to the internet, it is still surviving now because it is the only mechanism where we can emulate firewalling. Not every machine needs to connect to the internet. Our product is based out of a data center, so machines go via Squid Proxy Cache Server. Unique scenarios or challenges include having to enable something called ACLs. Most people just install Squid Proxy Cache Server and think that it is all done, but there is a specific Access Control List that you have to enable so all servers or your subnet will start accessing Squid Proxy Cache Server. If you do not enable this, then the machines will not get access to the internet.

“In our case, we only use it for Maven proxy servers or Maven cache. We use the Maven cache after Squid Proxy Cache Server. So, any application that needs a Java package comes to the Maven cache server, then it goes to Squid Proxy Cache Server, and then it goes to the internet. We are limiting what we are allowing through the proxy..”

**Garfield Carneiro**

Dev Ops Technical Lead at a computer software company with 201-500 employees

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# Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

I chose a rating of 10 for Squid Proxy Cache Server because it works well and is simple to install. The configuration allows us to define different types of rules, combine different types of goals, and it is a tool that is really useful.

**Sandro Melo**

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Cybersecurity Tenure Specialist at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees

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“Installing Squid Proxy Cache Server was very easy. I used it for free for training purposes. I implemented it as a package with pfSense during the initial setup process..”

**Nasser Alhashim**

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Information Technology System Engineer at Unemployed

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“When I chose Squid Proxy Cache Server, I did not evaluate other options because it came up first during my research, and I already had the integration, which made it much easier to use..”

**Raphael Dias**

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“Squid Proxy Cache Server is deployed on-premises in our organization. We have approximately six Squid Proxy Linux machines, and we have an F5 load balancer that controls those six Squid Proxies. High availability can also be implemented, but we have not tried that..”

**Mirza Rakib**

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Security Infrastructure Security Engineer at a comms service provider with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“Squid Proxy Cache Server has positively impacted my organization because first of all, it's an open-source thing, so I don't really have to do anything special to buy the license. It comes default with Red Hat, and that is how we install on the servers. In my previous company, we were installing it on Fedora and Ubuntu. It's completely free and open source..”

**Mayashankar Mishra**

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Owner For Data Center Operations Dns Cache at Proximus S.A.

# Customer Service and Support

“There was not any sort of technical support for Squid Proxy Cache Server when we were using it. We did not have any technical support or any SLA from any company. We were managing it on our own, and it was totally open-source..”

**Ammar Khan**

Microsoft System Administrator at National Bank of Pakistan

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“I have never used customer support for Squid Proxy Cache Server, so I cannot comment on it. I only used the community, and the community is very active, so the support and assistance from everyone is substantial..”

**Marcio Carlos**

Analista de Segurança Senio at Optanet

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“Customer support for Squid Proxy Cache Server is fine; at this moment, open-source configurations only require changing a few lines in configuration files, which is not difficult, and it is easy software to work with..”

**JaimeLuque**

Works at a computer software company with 51-200 employees

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“I did not use customer support for Squid Proxy Cache Server because I configured the application myself.

“I cannot speak to the quality of support since I did not use it, though I believe good support would be provided if needed..”

**Anibal Silva**

Data Engineer at Ericsson

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“The customer support for Squid Proxy Cache Server is not needed because it is an open-source product. You do not need customer care support for Squid Proxy Cache Server. If you know how to run most open-source products, this is the product. If you can run Linux and install packages on Linux, this is a good way to go. There is no support needed. There is an open-source community available on the internet, or the manual pages themselves are very helpful..”

**Garfield Carneiro**

Dev Ops Technical Lead at a computer software company with 201-500 employees

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“We never used the Webmin GUI for Squid Proxy Cache Server, but for a Linux expert, it is easy to control from the command line. I never have experience using the GUI. I have rarely used Webmin, but I did not discover how Webmin is useful. There should be a GUI interface or UI so that administrators can control it more easily.

“I always thought Squid Proxy Cache Server is open source, so I never considered that there should be support. However, it would be great to have support similar to Red Hat Enterprise Linux. Before it was open source, but later it became enterprise. Currently, I do not know if there is a professional support team available for Squid Proxy Cache Server, but it would be helpful.

“So far, we have not needed to reach out for help regarding support for Squid Proxy Cache Server..”

**Mirza Rakib**

Security Infrastructure Security Engineer at a comms service provider with 1,001-5,000 employees

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## Other Advice

“I would rate Squid Proxy Cache Server a seven out of ten overall, considering its working, scalability, and durability. The scalability and reliability worked well for Squid Proxy Cache Server, so I would rate it an eight out of ten. However, I would rate it a little lower in security because it does not come with the required security features. I give Squid Proxy Cache Server an overall rating of seven out of ten..”

**Ammar Khan**

Microsoft System Administrator at National Bank of Pakistan

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“I think the best features that Squid Proxy Cache Server offers are the block list via ACL, which helps a lot, the basic installation with pfSense that I used frequently, and the interesting log records, which are very helpful for us. My advice to other people thinking about using Squid Proxy Cache Server is that you can use it because it is worth it. I would rate this product a 10 out of 10..”

**Raphael Dias**

Analista De Infraestrutura Pleno at a tech vendor with 10,001+ employees

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“I rate this product an eight out of ten. I would have rated it a nine because I did not understand it before; it was a seven at that time. I mean that you need to tell me more about what I did not understand before my seven rating. I encourage you to move forward, but you need to improve your understanding of my pronunciation, as your support should extend beyond American citizens..”

**Validated user**

Chief Executive Officer & Founder & Owner at a consultancy with 1-10 employees

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“I would rate Squid Proxy Cache Server a nine out of ten. I rate it a nine because it is really good, and I have not seen too many other products that compare. Regarding Squid Proxy Cache Server's AI capabilities, I think it is a well-thought-out framework and certainly very useful in its application. In terms of Squid Proxy Cache Server's AI capabilities, I find it very accurate with really good outputs. My overall review rating for Squid Proxy Cache Server is nine..”

**Vikesh Singh**

Cyber Security Specialist at Honeywell

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“I advise others looking into using Squid Proxy Cache Server that if they are proficient in Linux and have a good Linux administrator, they should go for it.

“Everything is good regarding Squid Proxy Cache Server. I would just advise that there should be a professional web interface for Squid so that we can see the consumption of the proxy. My review rating for this product is eight out of ten..”

**Mirza Rakib**

Security Infrastructure Security Engineer at a comms service provider with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“I use the logs from Squid Proxy Cache Server only for troubleshooting. For example, why is a certain IP address not able to get a certain package or what is a certain IP address doing? The logs are mostly in an access log format and it is very easy to read and see what each and every machine is trying to access.

“I rate Squid Proxy Cache Server a nine out of ten.

“I rate it a nine because I do not think any software is ten out of ten. Every software has a chance to improve. No software is perfect.

“Integrating AI with Squid Proxy Cache Server is a really great ask and would be a great feature.

“Regarding Squid Proxy Cache Server's AI capabilities, it just works out of the box. You do not have to worry too much about it. It has sensible defaults inside it. You just have to tweak those sensible defaults if you are having high traffic.

“My advice to others looking into using Squid Proxy Cache Server is to go ahead and install it. The sensible defaults will take care of most of the security items. You really do not have to worry about it.

“For twenty-three years, I thought I would not be using Squid Proxy Cache Server. I thought the days of Squid Proxy Cache Server were dead, obsolete, and that it was not needed. But it does serve its purpose in today's age as well..”

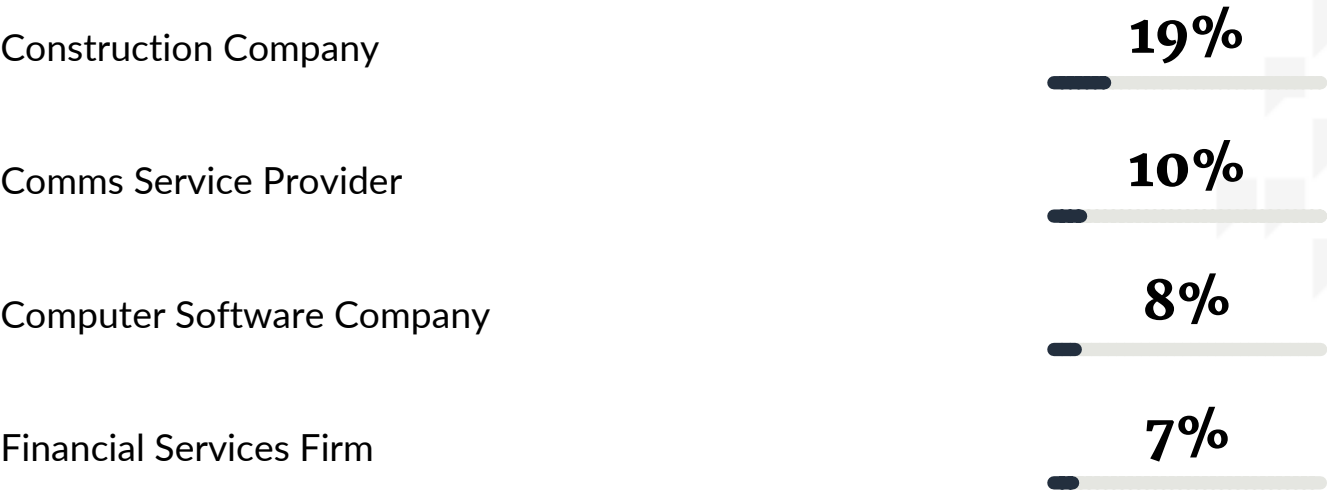
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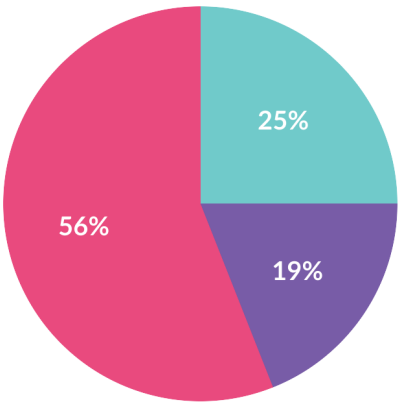
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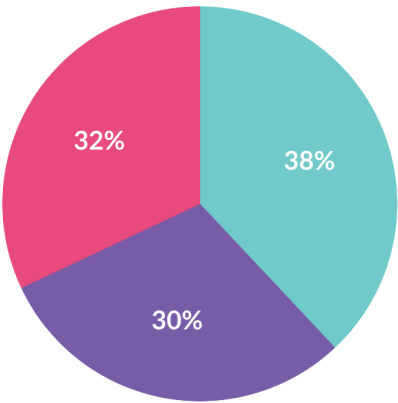


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