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# WebCT 4.x: Browser Settings

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## Competencies

After reading this document, you will be able to:

- Set the Browser Cache
- Enable Java
- Enable Cookies

## Setting the Browser Cache

By adjusting your browser settings, you can optimize your browser for WebCT. To ensure that you are viewing the most current version of your WebCT course, set your browser to update cached pages regularly. To determine which browser version you have, click Help / About and a window will appear, listing the current version.

### 1 For Internet Explorer 5.x and higher:

- From the *Tools* menu, select *Internet Options*.
- On the *General* tab, under *Temporary Internet files*, click **Settings**.
- Under *Check for newer versions of stored pages*, select *Automatically*.
- Click **OK**. The *Internet Options* window appears.
- Click **OK**. The cache setting is updated.

### 2 For Netscape Navigator 6.2 and higher:

- From the *Edit* menu, select *Preferences*.
- In the *Category* section, under *Advanced*, select *Cache*.
- Under *Compare the page in the cache to the page on the network*, select one of the following:
  - » For Netscape Navigator 6.2.x, select *automatically*.
  - » For Netscape Navigator 7.0.x, select *when the page is out of date*.
- Click **OK**. The cache setting is updated.

## Enable Java™

To ensure that *Whiteboard*, *Chat*, the *WebEQ Equation Editor*, and the *HTML editor* function correctly, you must enable Java on your browser.

### 1 For Internet Explorer 5.x and higher:

- From the *Tools* menu, select *Internet Options*.
- Click the **Security** tab.
- Click **Custom Level**. The *Security Settings* window appears.

- Scroll down to *Microsoft VM*, and under *Java permissions*, select one of the following safety settings:
  - » *High safety*
  - » *Low safety*
  - » *Medium safety*
- Click **OK**. A confirmation message appears.
- Click **Yes**. The *Internet Options* window appears.
- Click **OK**. The Java setting is updated.

## 2 For Netscape Navigator 7.0:

- From the *Edit* menu, select *Preferences*.
- In the *Category* section, select *Advanced*.
- Ensure that *Enable Java* is selected.
- Click **OK**. The Java setting is updated.

## 3 For Netscape Navigator 6.x:

- From the *Edit* menu, select *Preferences*.
- In the *Category* section, select *Advanced*.
- Ensure that *Enable Java* and *Enable Javascript* are selected.
- Click **OK**. The Java setting is updated.

## Enabling Cookies

Your browser must have cookies enabled to log in to WebCT.

### 1 For Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0:

- From the *Tools* menu, select *Internet Options*.
- Click the Privacy tab.
- If using a default setting (Default button is depressed), move the slider to select one of the following privacy settings:
  - » *Medium High*
  - » *Medium*
  - » *Low*
  - » *Accept all cookies*
- If using a custom setting, click *Advanced*:
  - » Select *Override automatic cookie handling*
  - » Select *Always allow session cookies*
  - » Click **OK**. The *Internet Options* window appears.
- Click **Apply** and then click **OK**. The cookie settings are updated.

### 2 For Internet Explorer 5.x:

- From the *Tools* menu, select *Internet Options*.
- Click the Security tab.
- Under *Custom*, click *Custom Level*. The *Security settings* window appears.

- Scroll down to the *Cookies* section.
- Under *Allow cookies that are stored on your computer*, select *Enable*.
- Under *Allow per-session cookies*, select *Enable*.
- Click OK. A warning message appears.
- Click OK. The *Internet Options* window appears.
- Click OK. The cookie settings are updated.

### 3 For Netscape Navigator 7.0:

- From the *Edit* menu, select *Preferences*.
- In the *Category* section, under *Privacy and Security*, select *Cookies*.
- Select one of the following:
  - » *Enable cookies for the originating website only*
  - » *Enable cookies based on privacy settings*



**Note** To view your privacy settings, click **View**.

- » *Enable all cookies*
- Click OK. The cookie settings are updated.

### 4 For Netscape Navigator 6.x:

- From the *Edit* menu, select *Preferences*.
- In the *Category* section, under *Privacy and Security*, select *Cookies*.
- Select one of the following:
  - » *Enable cookies for the originating website only*
  - » *Enable all cookies*
- Click OK. The cookie settings are updated.