

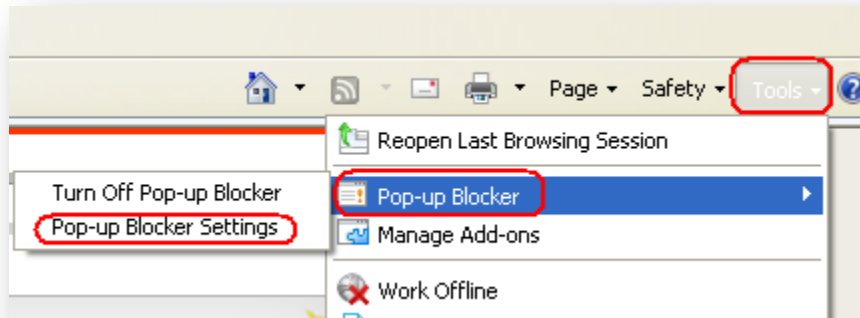
## I.E. 8 Settings for Blackboard 7.3

This guide will lead you through the steps required to ensure that your Internet Explorer 8 browser is ready for use with our Blackboard CMS.

First we need to set-up the Pop-up blocker and Compatibility View.

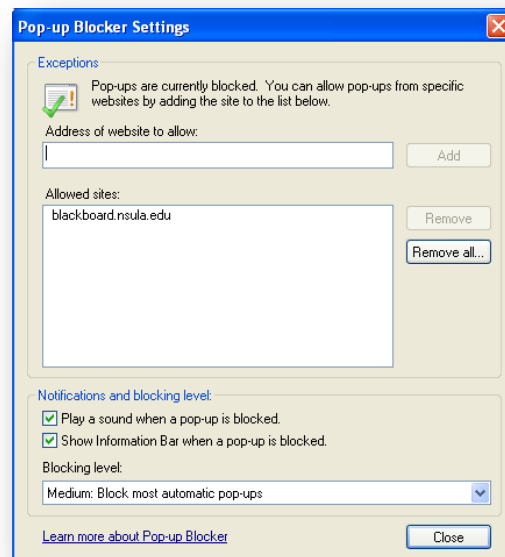
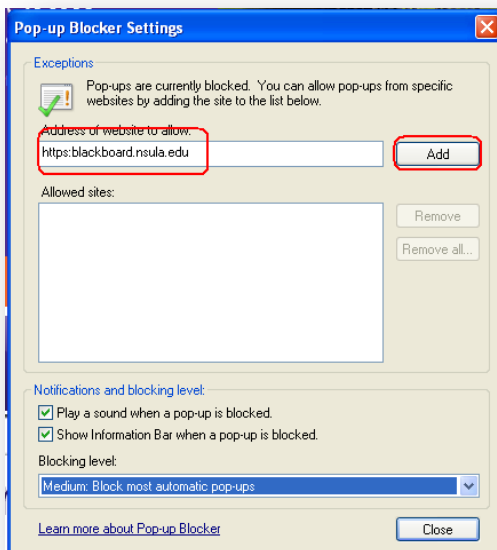
We need to set an exception with the Pop-up blocker. This will allow pop-ups for the Blackboard server but not outside websites.

First we click on the **Tools** button located on the right side of the tab bar. Then we mouse over the **Pop-up Blocker** link. This will bring up the slide out menu.



If the Pop-up Blocker Settings link is grayed out, then you will need to turn on the Pop-up blocker. Turn on the Pop-up blocker by clicking the Turn on the Pop-up Blocker link, then open the menu again and the settings link will be available. Now click on **Pop-up Blocker Settings**.

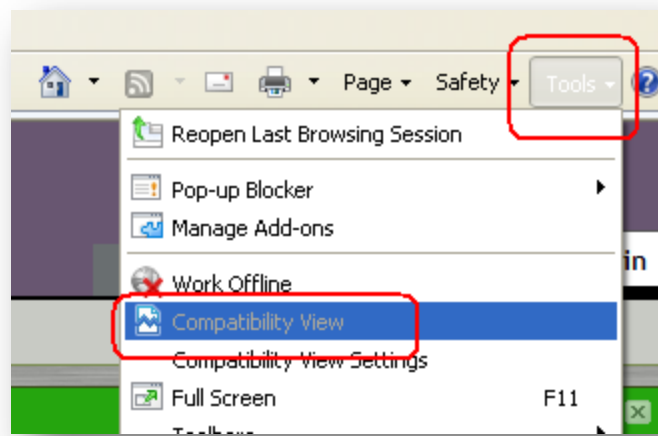
A box will appear that will allow you to exclude certain websites from having their pop-ups blocked. Type in <https://blackboard.nsula.edu> into the **Address of website to allow** field. Then click the **Add** button.



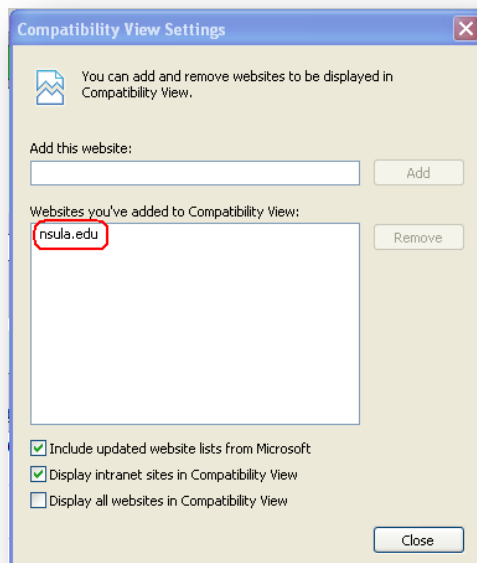
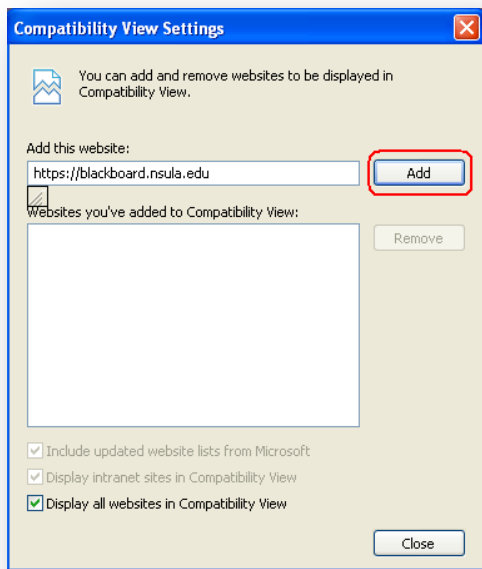
You will see that the address will move down into the larger box. Click the **Close** button in the bottom right corner.

Now we will set-up our Compatibility View.

Click on **Tools** again and this time click on **Compatibility View**.

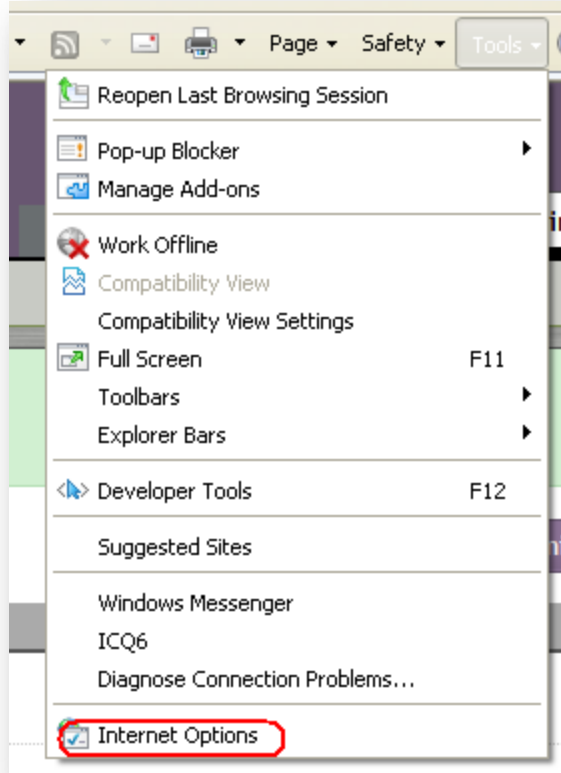


A Compatibility View Settings box will appear. This works almost the same way as the Pop-up exception does. Type <https://blackboard.nsula.edu> into the **Add this website** box then click the **Add** button.

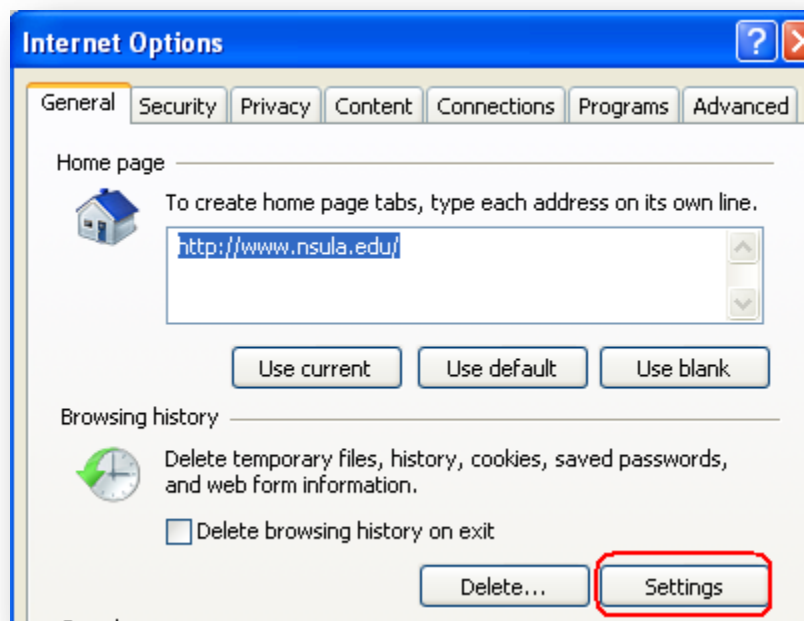


You will see the address move into the larger box below the add box. Click on the **Close** button in the lower right to close this box.

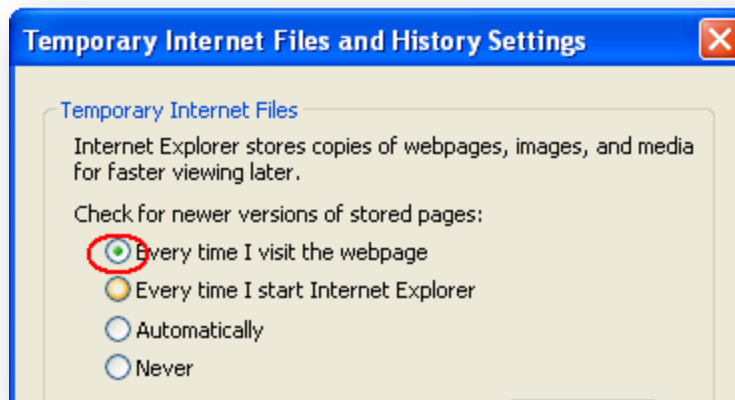
Now we will make sure that our browser is checking for the latest web pages from Blackboard. Click on the **Tools** link again and this time click on **Internet Options** located at the bottom of the list.



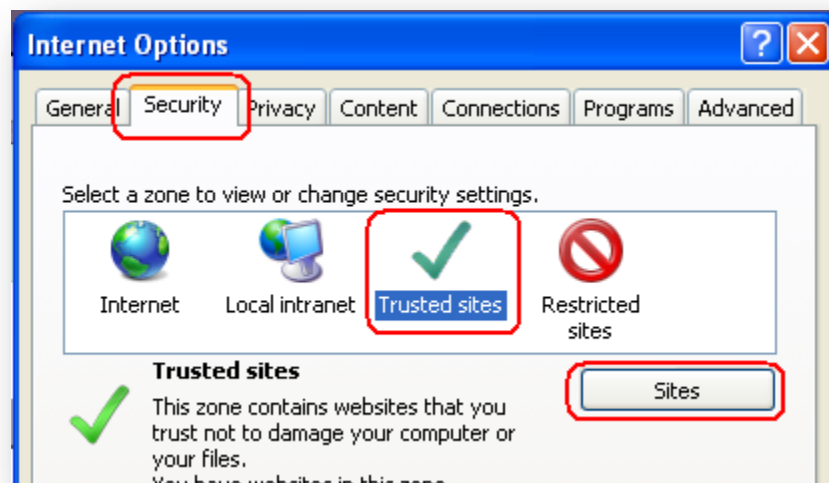
This will open the **Internet Options** box. By default the General tab is opened. On this tab, we want to click on the **Settings** button located within the **Browsing history** section.



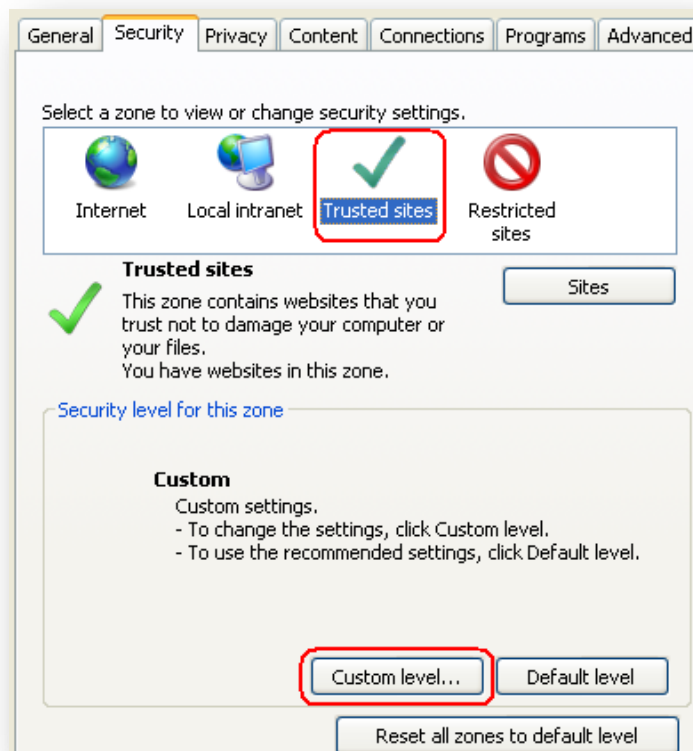
This will open up a new window. Set the **Check for newer versions of stored pages** option to **Every time I visit the page**.



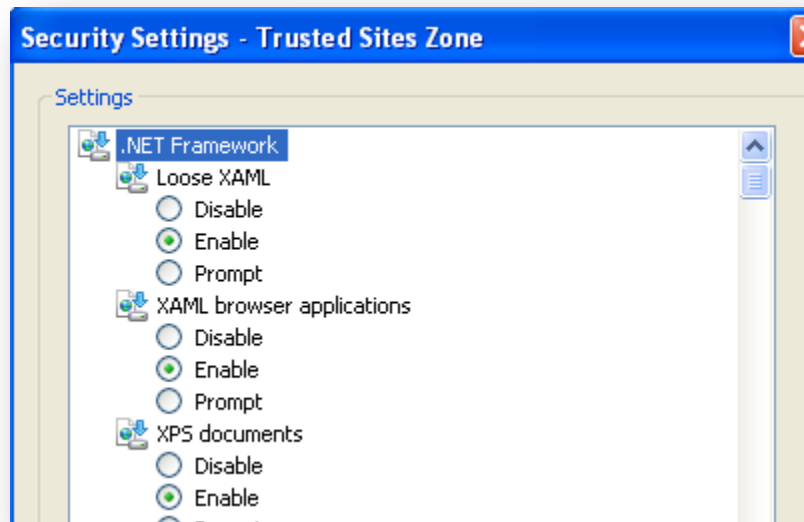
Once this is set, click on the **OK** button. This will close the window and take us back to the **Internet Options** page. Now we will click on **Security** tab. Click on **Trusted Sites** icon. Then click on the **Sites** button located underneath the box that contains the icons.



Now we will enter <https://blackboard.nsula.edu> into the **Add this website to the zone box**. Click the **Add** button. This will move the name down into the Websites box. Ensure that the **Require server verification** box is **NOT** checked. Then click on the **Close** button. Select the **Trusted sites** icon again to highlight it. Below you will see a box entitled **Security level for this zone**. Click on **Custom level** button.



You will see a new box pop up. The box will have the title **Security Settings – Trusted Sites Zone**. You will see a list that looks like this.



Scroll down the list of options and make changes to the following sections:

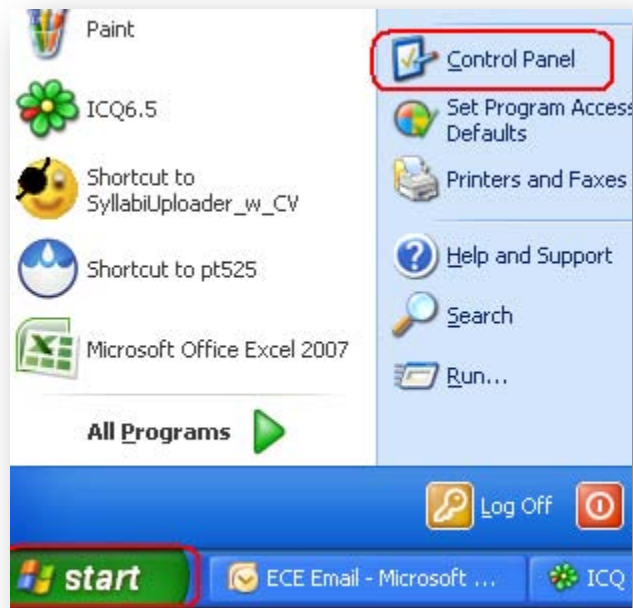
Display Mixed Content	Enable
Active Scripting	Enable
Allow programmatic clipboard access	Enable
Allow status bar updates via script	Enable

Then click **OK**. Verify that you do wish to change these settings.  
Click **OK** to close the **Internet Options** box.

Now we want to ensure that we have the latest version of Java.

Blackboard requires Java to perform several required functions. Blackboard uses java during exams, discussion board usage and file submissions. First we will verify our current version of Java.

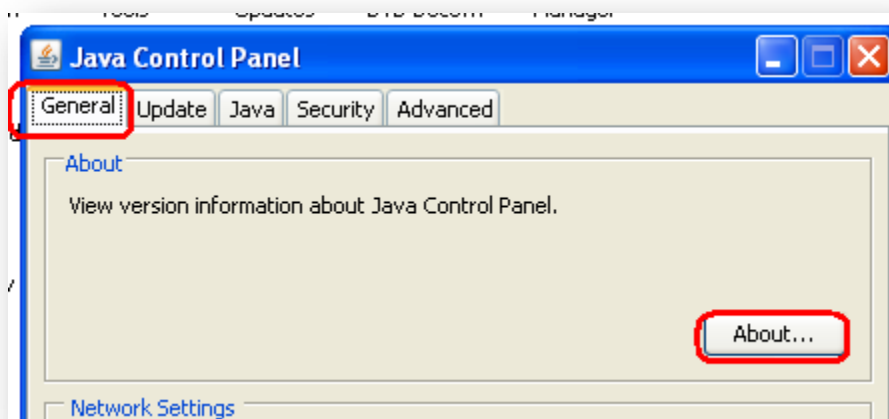
Click on the **Start** button and then click on the **Control Panel** link.



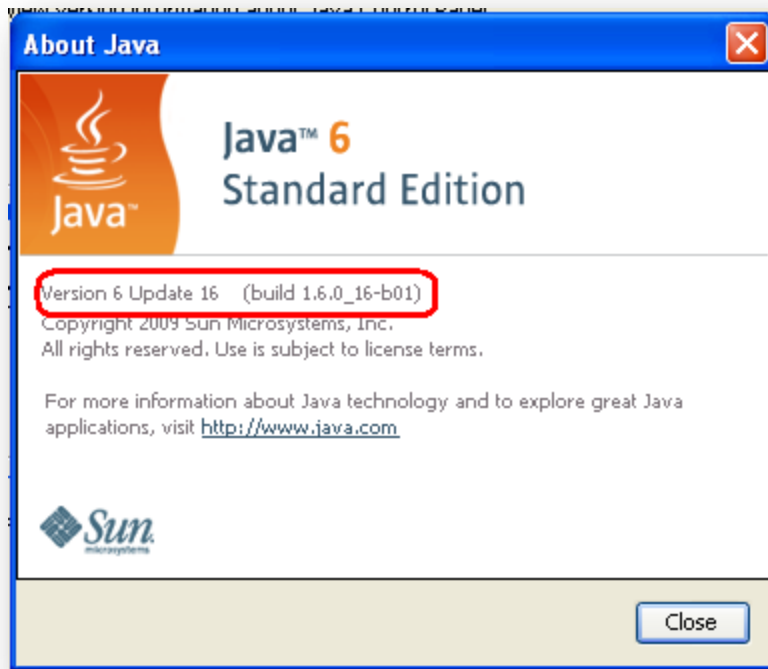
In the upper left corner you will see a link that says **Switch to Classis View**, click this link. If your link says **Switch to Category View** then you will not need to click it. Now that we are in the classic view, look for an icon that says Java.



Double click the icon. If you do not see an icon here then go to the download Java section of this guide. The **Java Control Panel** will appear. Click the **About** button.



When you click on the **About** button a new window will come up and display information about your version of java. We are looking for the Version and Update.



Version 6 Update 16\_16 is the latest version at the time this guide was created. Any version earlier than Version 4 must be updated for it to work with our Blackboard system. Most of the Version 5 series work without issue. The latest version works very well.

#### **Download Java**

To download the latest versions of Java please go to: <http://www.java.com> . Click the **Free Java Download** button and follow the onscreen instructions to complete the installation process.

Once you have completed the Java installation please shut down your Computer and restart.

If you require assistance with the steps outlined in this guide please contact the Student Support helpdesk at 318.357.6696 or via email at [sos@student.nsula.edu](mailto:sos@student.nsula.edu).