

How to configure the Pop-up Blocker on a computer that is running Windows XP Service Pack 2

INTRODUCTION

This article discusses how to configure the Pop-up Blocker on a computer that is running Windows XP Service Pack 2. The Pop-up Blocker is a new feature in Internet Explorer. This feature blocks most unwanted pop-up windows from appearing. By default, the Pop-up Blocker is turned on. When the Pop-up Blocker is turned on, the automatic and background pop-up windows are blocked, but the pop-up windows that are opened by a user will still open in the usual manner.

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MORE INFORMATION

How to turn on the Pop-up Blocker

Note By default, the Pop-up Blocker is turned on. You may only have to turn it on if it is turned off.

The Pop-up Blocker may be turned on in the following ways:

- When you are prompted.
- On the Tools menu.
- From Internet Options.

When you are prompted

You can turn on the Pop-up Blocker when you are prompted to do this before the first pop-up window appears.

On the Tools menu

To configure the Pop-up Blocker on the Tools menu, follow these steps:

1. Click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, and then click **Internet Explorer**.
2. On the **Tools** menu, point to **Pop-up Blocker**, and then click **Turn On Pop-up Blocker** to turn on the Pop-up Blocker, or click **Turn Off Pop-up Blocker** to turn off the Pop-up Blocker.

From Internet Options

To configure the Pop-up Blocker from Internet Options, follow these steps:

1. Click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, and then click **Internet Explorer**.
2. On the **Tools** menu, click **Internet Options**.
3. Click the **Privacy** tab, and then select the **Block pop-ups** check box to turn on the Pop-up Blocker, or clear the **Block pop-ups** check box to turn off the Pop-up Blocker.
4. Click **Apply**, and then click **OK**.

How to configure Pop-up Blocker settings

The following Pop-up Blocker settings can be configured:

- Allow Web sites list.
- Block all pop-up windows.
- Override key.
- Configure sound.

Allow Web sites list

You can allow pop-up windows to open in a Web site by adding the Web site to the **Allowed sites** list. To do this, follow these steps:

1. Click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, and then click **Internet Explorer**.
2. On the **Tools** menu, point to **Pop-up Blocker**, and then click **Pop-up Blocker Settings**.
3. In the **Address of Web site to allow** box, type the address of the Web site, and then click **Add**.
4. Click **Close**.

Block all pop-up windows

To block all pop-up windows, including the pop-up windows that are opened by a user, follow these steps:

1. Click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, and then click **Internet Explorer**.
2. On the **Tools** menu, point to **Pop-up Blocker**, and then click **Pop-up Blocker Settings**.
3. In the **Filter Level** list, select **High: Block all pop-ups [Ctrl to override]**, and then click **Close**.

Override key

To open a pop-up window yourself, even though you have set the filter level to **High: Block all pop-ups [Ctrl to override]**, keep the CTRL key pressed, and then open the pop-up window.

Configure sound

To play a sound when a pop-up window is blocked, follow these steps:

1. Click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, and then click **Internet Explorer**.

2. On the **Tools** menu, point to **Pop-up Blocker**, and then click **Pop-up Blocker Settings**.
3. Select the **Play a sound when a pop-up is blocked** check box, and then click **Close**.

How to configure the Pop-up Blocker for zones that are considered safe.

Because the Trusted sites and Local intranet Web content zones are considered safe, they never have their pop-up windows blocked. To configure the Pop-up Blocker for these zones, follow these steps:

1. Click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, and then click **Internet Explorer**.
2. On the **Tools** menu, click **Internet Options**.
3. Click the **Security** tab, and in the **Select a Web content zone to specify its security settings** box, click **Local intranet**.
4. Click **Custom Level**, and under **Use Pop-up Blocker** click **Enable** to turn on the Pop-up Blocker, or click **Disable** to turn off the Pop-up Blocker.
5. Click **OK** two times.
6. Repeat steps 1 through 2.
7. Click the **Security** tab, and in the **Select a Web content zone to specify its security settings** box, click **Trusted sites**.
8. Click **Custom Level**, and under **Use Pop-up Blocker** click **Enable** to turn on the Pop-up Blocker, or click **Disable** to turn off the Pop-up Blocker.
9. Click **OK** two times.

For additional information about the Internet Explorer Information Bar in Windows XP SP2, click the following article number to view the article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

[843017](http://support.microsoft.com/kb/843017/) (http://support.microsoft.com/kb/843017/) Description of the Internet Explorer Information Bar in Windows XP Service Pack 2

How to configure the Pop-up Blocker by using registry key

To configure the full Pop-up Blocker

1. Click **Start**, click **Run**, type **regedit**, and then click **OK**.
2. Locate and then click the following registry subkey:
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Main\FeatureControl\FEATURE_WEBPOPUPMANAGEMENT
3. Double-click **Iexplore.exe**
4. To turn off the full Pop-up Blocker, in the **Value data** box, type **0**, and then click **OK**. Or to turn on the full Pop-up Blocker, in the **Value data** box, type **1**, and then click **OK**.

To configure Pop-up Blocker per zone

Each number under either of the following registry subkeys represents the different zone:

- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\Zones
- HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\Zones

For 1809 under each zone, a data value of 3 means that Pop-up Blocker is disabled. A data value of 0 means Pop-up Blocker is enabled.

For more information, click the following article number to view the article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

[182569](http://support.microsoft.com/kb/182569/) (http://support.microsoft.com/kb/182569/) Description of Internet Explorer security zones registry entries

How to configure the Pop-up Blocker by using Group Policy

To configure the full Pop-up Blocker

1. Click **Start**, click **Run**, type **gpedit.msc**, and then click **OK**.
2. Expand **User Configuration**, expand **Administrative Templates**, expand **Windows Components**, and then expand **Internet Explorer**.
3. Set User Pop-up Blocker according to your desired settings. You have to update policies or restart the computer to apply changes.

To configure Pop-up Blocker per zone

1. Click **Start**, click **Run**, type **gpedit.msc**, and then click **OK**.
2. Expand **User Configuration**, expand **Administrative Template**, expand **Windows Component**, expand **Internet Explorer**, expand **Internet Control Panel**, expand **Security Page**, and then select a desired zone.
3. Set **Turn off popup management** according to your desired settings. You have to update policies or restart the computer to apply changes.

REFERENCES

For more information, click the following Microsoft Web site:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/winxppro/maintain/sp2brows.msp>
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