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NOTE: Before you begin, download the most recent version of the Sun Java Plug-in from the [Software and Player Plug-ins Page](#)

Browsers	Settings
<p>Internet Explorer 6 (PC Only)</p> 	<p>Enable Cookies: Tools > Internet Options > Privacy > Advanced > Check "Override Automatic Cookie Handling (accept 1st party; Prompt 3rd party)" and check the option to always accept session cookies. OK back to browser.</p> <p>Enable Java: Tools > Internet Options > Advanced Tab > scroll down to Java (Sun) and check the box next to "Use XXX X.X for <applet> (required restart)". OK back to browser and restart the machine.</p> <p>Enable Javascript: Tools > Internet Options > Security Tab > Custom Level > Scroll down to Scripting and enable "Active Scripting," "Allow Paste Operations via Script," "Allow status bar updates via script," and "Scripting of Java Applets". OK back browser.</p> <p>Enable Status bar: View > Check "Status Bar".</p> <p>Get New Page Each Visit: Tools > Internet Options > General Tab > in Temporary Internet Files section, click the Settings button > select "Every Visit to Page." OK back to browser.</p> <p>Pop-up Blocker Settings: Tools > Pop-up Blocker > Pop-up Blocker Settings ... > Add *.ucmo.edu and *.blackboard.com > Close back to browser.</p> <p>Discussion Board Issues: Tools > Internet Options > Security Settings > scroll down to "Launching programs and files in an IFRAME" and choose Enable. OK back to browser.</p> <p>Cut, Copy & Paste: In the Edit menu, these options are disabled when the user has the Visual Text Box Editor enabled. User should use the buttons on the Text Box Editor's Toolbar in BB instead.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- or -</p> <p>Disable the Visual Text Box Editor: From the My Blackboard area, select Tools > Personal Information > Set Visual Text Box Editor Options > Select Unavailable and Submit.</p> <p>AOL Users: Minimize the AOL browser and double-click the Internet Explorer icon to open a new session to use Blackboard.</p>
<p>Internet Explorer 7 (PC only)</p> 	<p>NOTE: Support and testing of IE7 is pending, we recommend using IE6 or Firefox at this time. <i>This document will be updated as new information becomes available.</i></p> <p>Enable Cookies: Tools > Internet Options > Privacy > Advanced > Check "Override Automatic Cookie Handling (accept 1st party; Prompt 3rd party)" and check the option to always accept session cookies. OK and OK back to browser.</p> <p>Enable Java: Tools > Internet Options > Advanced Tab > scroll down to Java (Sun) and check the box next to "Use XXX X.X for <applet> (required restart)". OK back to browser and restart the machine.</p> <p>Enable Javascript: Tools > Internet Options > Security Tab > Internet > Custom Level > Scroll down to Scripting and enable "Active Scripting," "Allow Programmatic clipboard access," "Allow status bar updates via script," "Allow websites to prompt for information ...," and "Scripting of Java applets". OK back browser.</p> <p>Enable Status bar: Tools > Toolbars > Check "Status Bar".</p> <p>Get New Page Each Visit: Tools > Internet Options > General Tab > in Browsing history section, click the Settings button > select "Every time I visit the webpage." OK and OK back to browser.</p> <p>Pop-up Blocker Settings: Tools > Pop-up Blocker > Pop-up Blocker Settings ... > Add *.ucmo.edu and *.blackboard.com > Close back to browser.</p> <p>Trusted Sites: Tools > Internet Options > Security > Trusted sites > Sites > Uncheck "Require server verification for all sites in this zone"</p> <p>Add *.ucmo.edu and *.blackboard.com > Close and OK back to browser.</p> <p>Discussion Board Issues: Tools > Internet Options > Security Settings > Custom Level > scroll down to Miscellaneous and enable "Launching programs and files in an IFRAME". OK and OK back to browser.</p>
<p>Mozilla Firefox (PC and Mac)</p> 	<p>NOTE: for Mac OS X browsers, access preferences via the Application Menu (ex. Firefox>Preferences).</p> <p>Enable Cookies: Tools > Options > Privacy > Cookies > select "Accept cookies from sites." OK back to browser.</p> <p>Enable Java: Tools > Options > Content > check the "Enable Java" box. OK back to browser.</p> <p>Enable Javascript: Tools > Options > Content > check the "Enable Javascript" box. OK back to browser.</p> <p>Advanced JavaScript Settings : Tools > Options > Content > Click the "Advanced" button next to Enable JavaScript > check the "Change status bar text" box. OK and OK back to browser.</p> <p>Enable Status Bar: View > Check "Status Bar".</p> <p>Get new page each visit: Tools > Options > Privacy > History tab: set "Remember Visited Pages for the Last 0 Days." OK back to browser.</p> <p>Popup Blocker Settings: Tools > Options > Content > Click the "Exceptions" button next to Block Pop-up Windows > Add *.ucmo.edu and *.blackboard.com > Click Allow and Close. OK back to browser.</p> <p>Clear Browser Cache: Tools > Options > Privacy > Private Data > click "Clear Now" button. OK back to browser.</p>
<p>Safari 1.2 & 2.0 (Mac Only)</p> 	<p>All Settings: Safari Menu > Preferences > click Security icon > Check: Enable Plugins, Java, & Javascript.</p> <p>Clear checkbox on "Block Popup Windows."</p> <p>Accept Cookies > select "Only From Sites You Navigate To."</p> <p>NOTE: Safari users may need to disable the Visual Text Box Editor in BB, if they encounter problems with text boxes.</p> <p><i>My Blackboard > Tools > Personal Information > Set Visual Text Box Editor Options > select "Unavailable" > Submit.</i></p>
<p>Netscape (PC and Mac)</p> 	<p>NOTE: Netscape is currently not compatible or supported, we recommend using IE6, Firefox or Safari at this time. <i>This document will be updated as new information becomes available.</i></p>