

## AnswersThatWork's User Friendly configuration of Internet Explorer 7

### What you will achieve

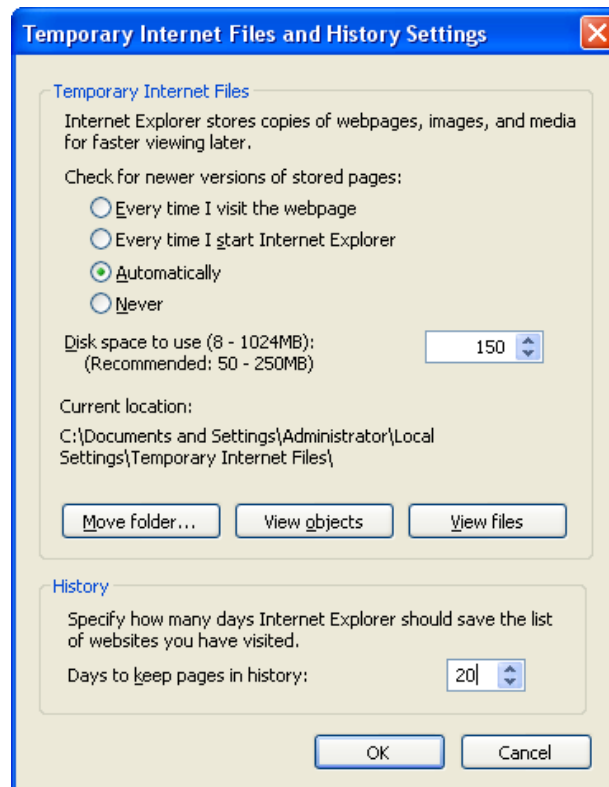
The screenshots which follow will guide you through our recommended configuration settings for your **Internet Explorer 7** Internet browser. If you follow this well tested configuration, your PC will be configured in a way such that :

- The multi-tab function of Internet Explorer 7 (IE7) will work smoothly and above all intuitively, without unnecessary additional IE7 windows.
- Popups will be blocked automatically or will open unobtrusively into new tabs.
- You will be kept up to date with your RSS feeds.
- IE7 will not use unnecessarily large amounts of hard disk space for its cache, and temporary files will be cleared when you exit Internet Explorer 7 at the end of the day.
- You will not get prompted with a security dialogue box, when you try to run a file on your PC where the Publisher for that file cannot be verified.

### Configure Internet Explorer 7

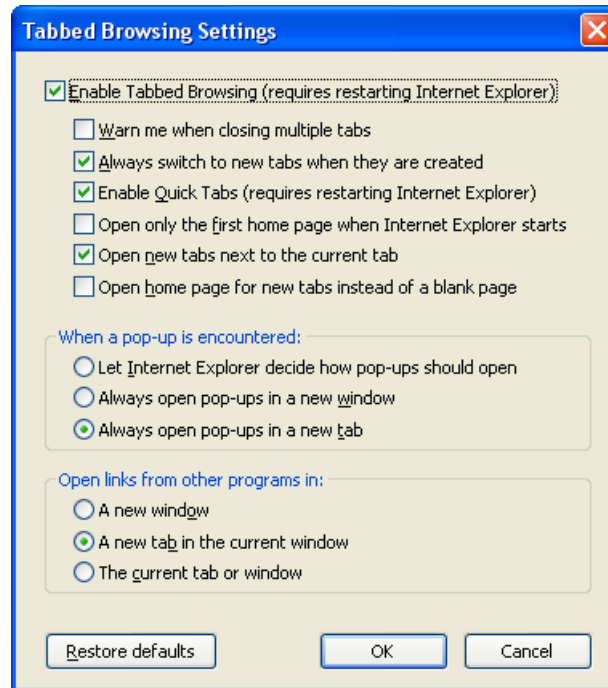
- Choose the **Tools \ Internet Options** menu option in Internet Explorer 7.
- While on the **GENERAL** tab, click on DELETE in the **Browsing History** section.
- Click **DELETE FILES**.
- Click **YES**.
- Click **Close**.
- Click **SETTINGS**, still in the **Browsing History** section.

- Configure the **Temporary Internet Files** section on the Window which opens up as per the screenshot below – the rationale behind a setting of 150Mb is that a cache rarely performs well when it gets into hundreds of megabytes, and in February 2007 most Internet users have broadband speeds of 4Mbits, 8Mbits, or better, and at such speeds Internet Explorer will re-fetch pages at lightning speed without the user noticing a delay :

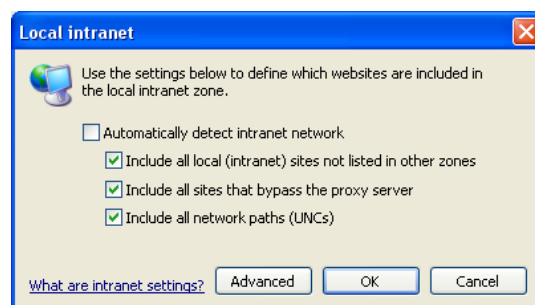


- Click **OK**.

- Click **SETTINGS** in the **Tabs** section and configure the next screen as per the screenshot below and then click OK :



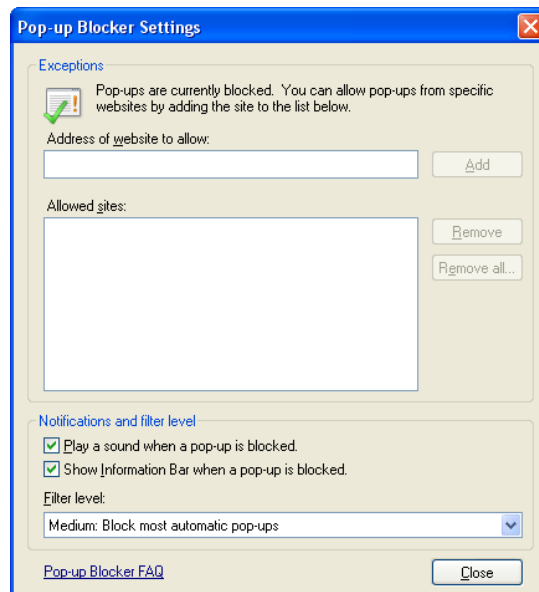
- Click **COLORS** once you are back on the **GENERAL** tab.
- Check *“Hover Color”* on the screen that comes up.
- Click **OK**.
- Move to the **SECURITY** tab.
- Under the section titled *“Select a zone to view or change security settings”*, click on **LOCAL INTRANET** so that it appears highlighted.
- Click on the **SITES** button.
- Configure the *“Local intranet”* dialogue box as follows :



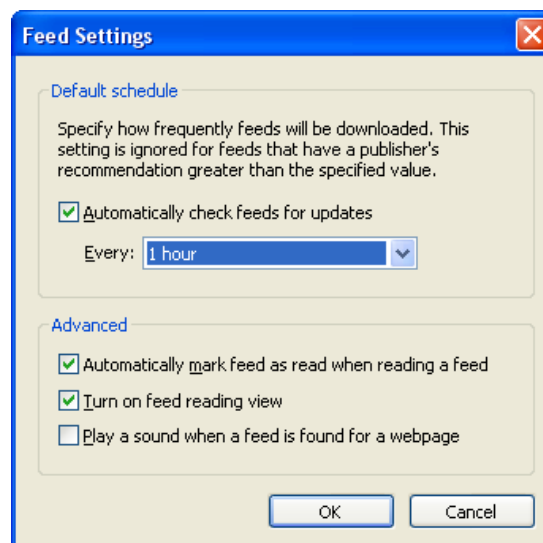
- Click on **OK**. This particular configuration steps gets rid of the following irritating warning message whenever you try to run some programs from a network drive : ***“The publisher could not be verified. Are you sure you want to run this software ?”***. An example of such a message is shown below :



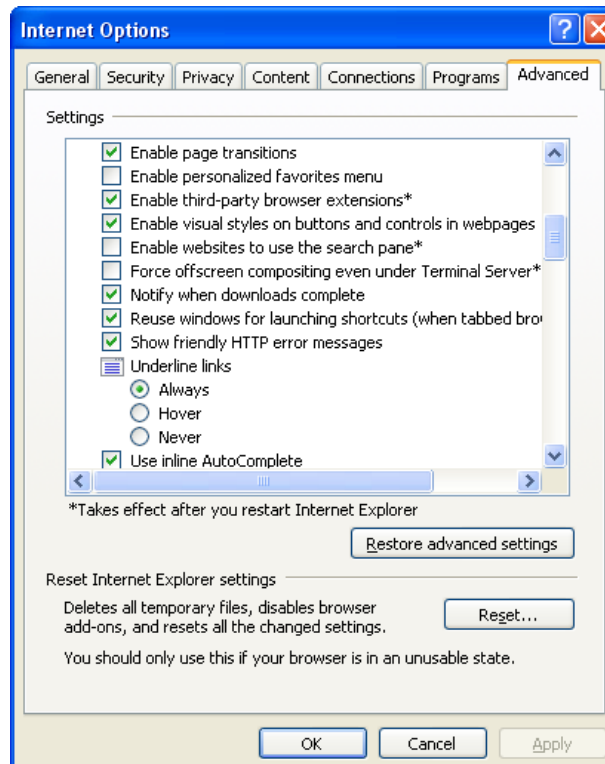
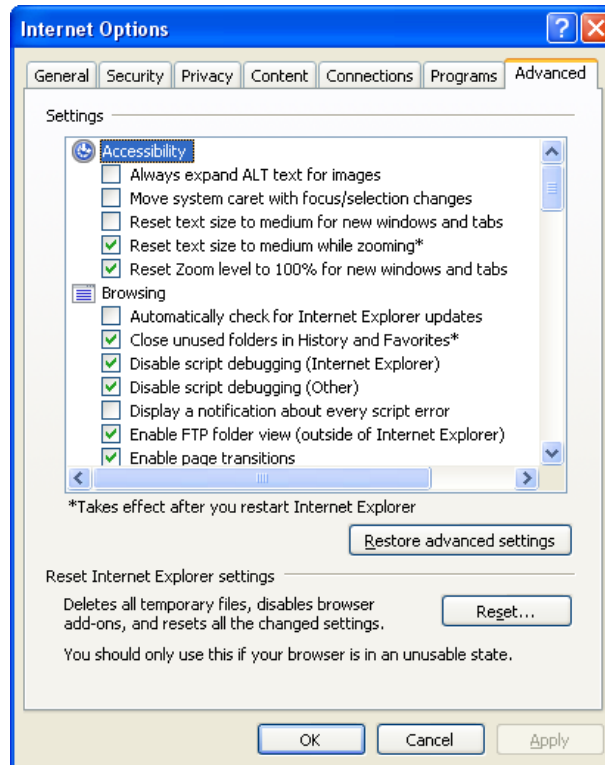
- Move to the **PRIVACY** tab.
- Check ***Turn on Pop-up-Blocker***.
- Click **APPLY**.
- Next, click on SETTINGS for the *Popup Blocker* and make sure *Notifications and Filter Level* is set as per the screenshot below :

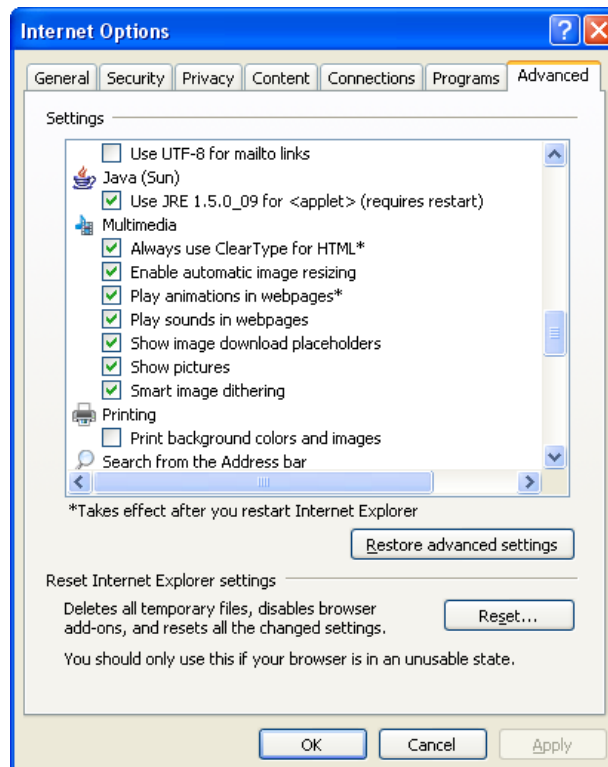
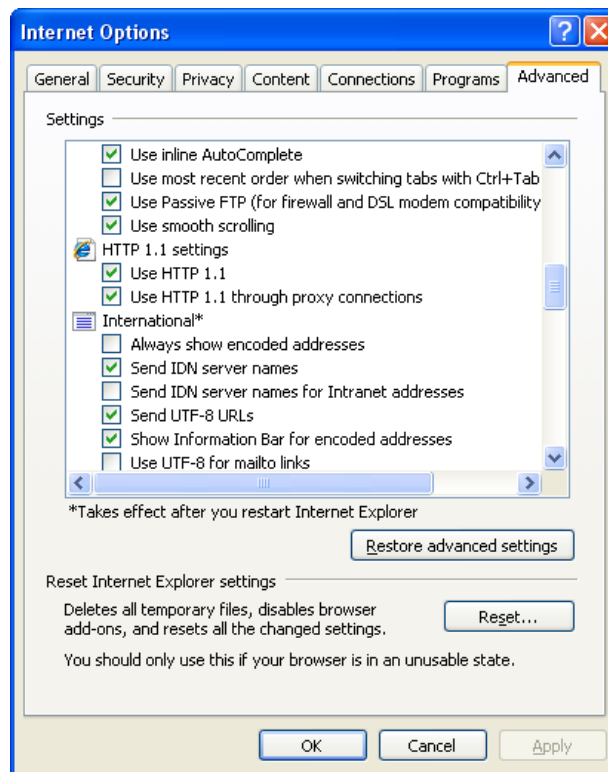


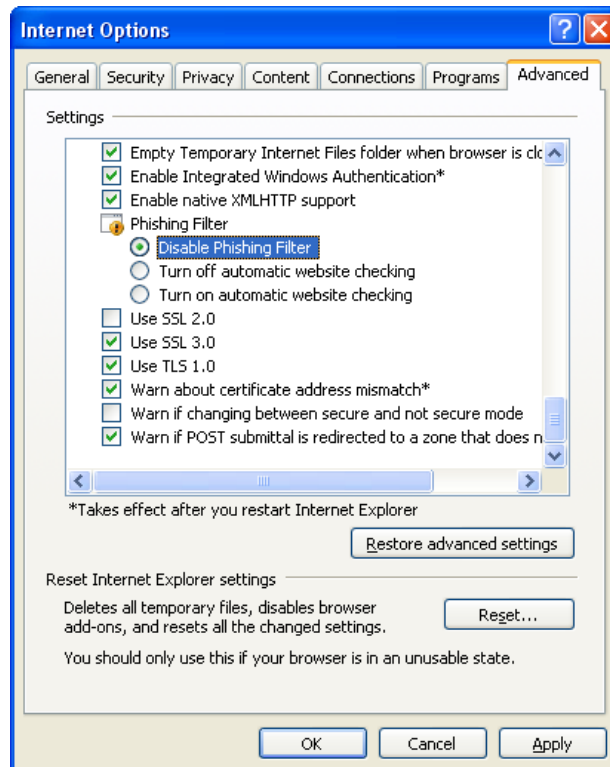
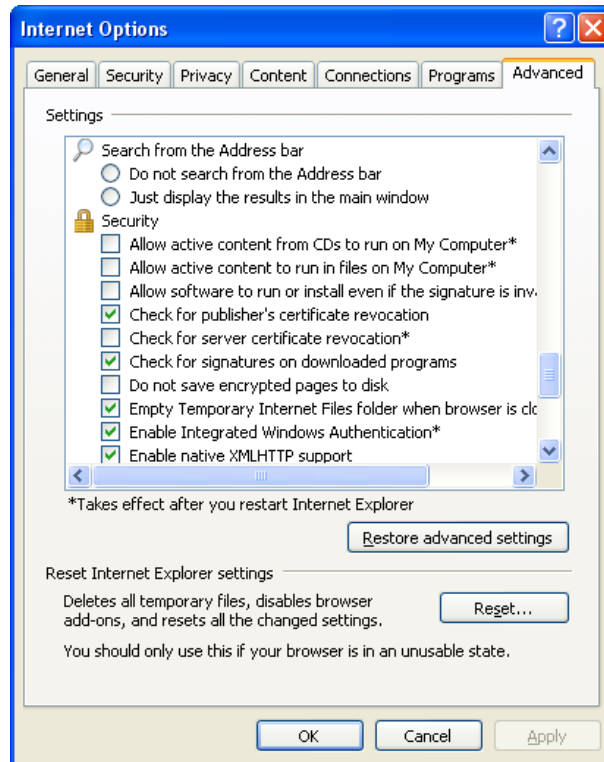
- Click **CLOSE**.
- Click **APPLY** when you are back on the **PRIVACY** tab.
- Move to the **CONTENT** tab.
- Click on SETTINGS in the **AutoComplete** section.
- Make sure **Web Addresses** is checked. As for the other settings, the choice is yours – clicking on each settings brings up a help text in the bottom of that window.
- Click **OK** when finished.
- Click on SETTINGS in the *Feeds* section and set the options on that window as shown in the screenshot below, then click **OK** :



- Move to the **ADVANCED** tab and set the options as per the series of screenshots below, then click OK :







Click OK.

**That's it. You're done !**

As time goes you may eventually find yourself making additional tweaks of your own, particularly to the **ADVANCED** tab. Until then, however, you will enjoy a smooth and user-friendly use of Internet Explorer 7.

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