

Re: Updating Internet Options using a Script

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Robear,

Thank you for responding, but I don't think you understood my question or the situation.

(1) I don't want to run a script out of I/E that changes the security settings. I would like to include another file with the setup to do this. This would be the same as instructing the user to make the changes themselves. I'm trying to make it less confusing for them. Our software is sold to real estate agents who in turn customize html files and distribute them for free. I don't have contact with the actual end users.

(2) It's not a matter of making our application more SP2 security compatible. These are local files that contain JavaScript. There is no way to rewrite them and there's nothing unsecure about them. Local files whether they are run from a browser or not should be considered safe. All local files should be trusted according to the help file for Internet Explorer. Here is an excerpt directly from the I/E help file in the section titled "Understanding Security Zones". "In addition, any files already on your local computer are assumed to be very safe, so minimal security settings are assigned to them. You cannot assign a folder or drive on your computer to a security zone."

The ironic thing is – these same files run just fine from the internet. It's only when they are on your local PC that you get the error. (How's that for security?) It's actually a problem with SP2. The two options "Allow active content from CD's to run on my computer" and "Allow active content to run in files on my computer" just need to be set. This should be the default settings with SP2.

Thanks again.

Joe Sodora

>-----Original Message-----

>Joe Sodora wrote:

>> *Is it possible to update I/E's Internet Options using a
>> separate script file? After installing SP2 on an XP box,
>> I/E does not run local html files containing JavaScript.
>> You have to manually go into the Internet Option
settings*

>> *and check two boxes. Is it possible to have a separate
>> script file that will automatically do this? I would
like*

>> *to package such a file with software that we sell.*

Thanks.

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>*That would be defeating the added security features in
SP2, Joe, and I for*

>*one would not want to use (let alone buy) software which
would do so.*

>*Perhaps you can rework the application to be more SP2
Security-compatible?*

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>~Robear Dyer (PA Bear)

>MS MVP–Windows (IE/OE), AH–VSOP

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>*WinXP SP2: What's New for Internet Explorer and Outlook
Express*

><http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/sp2/ieoeoverview.mspx>

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>*What You Should Know About Spyware*

><http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/spyware/devioustsoftware.mspx>

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>*AumHa Forums*

><http://forum.aumha.org>

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