

## Re: Updating Internet Options using a Script

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<http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/Windows/microsoft.public.windows.inetexplorer.ie6.browser/2004-09/6783.htm>

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Take it up with 'em here:

<http://register.microsoft.com/mswish/suggestion.asp>

The appropriate MS teams *\*will\** get your message, though you prolly won't get a reply.

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~PAB

Joe Sodora wrote:

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> Yep. Now you're getting it. And that's our beef with SP2.
> The default out-of-the-box settings allow internet html
> files with JavaScript to run without a warning, but not
> the exact same files if they are stored locally on your
> PC. Of course, you could change the settings and not allow
> internet files with JavaScript to run, but you have to go
> out of your way to make this happen. Local files should be
> treated the same way.
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> As I stated earlier, this is Microsoft's philosophy "In
> addition, any files already on your local computer are
> assumed to be very safe, so minimal security settings are
> assigned to them." Their actions, however, don't jive with
> this.
>
> Here is a simple html file with JavaScript:
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> <html>
>
> <head>
> <title>Test JavaScript</title>
> </head>
>
> <body>
>
> <p>JavaScript Test</p>
> <script LANGUAGE="JavaScript">
> <!--
> document.write("Last updated :");
> document.write(document.lastModified);
> // -->
> </script>
>
> </body>
> </html>
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>
> Copy this code into Notepad and store it on your PC as an
> html file and run it. If you have not set the two options,
> you will get a security warning. But run this same file
> online -
> http://www.onlinerealtyproducts.com/JavaScriptTest.html
> and you will not get a warning.
>
> Joe
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>
>> -----Original Message-----
>> Joe Sodora wrote:
>>> Than why do they allow these exact same files to be run
>>> from the internet without giving you an error message? Are
>>> files run from the internet safer than local files on your
>>> computer?
>>>
>>> Try it yourself. Take simple html file and insert
>>> JavaScript. If you ftp that file to a web site, you will
>>> be able to run it from the web with the default browser
>>> settings.
>>
>> "...with the default browser settings" is the rub: You *would* get an
>> error
>> message (or prompt) if the Security Zone in which the file is running
>> (e.g., Internet Zone) were configured to disallow the file or prompt
>> before running it. Try it yourself: Disable (or choose Prompt for) all
>> scripting in IE Tools>Internet Options>Security>Internet>Custom Level and
>> see what happens then.
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>> ~Robear Dyer (PA Bear)
>> MS MVP-Windows (IE/OE)
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