# Preparing Your Computer for Blackboard Learning System

Your browser must be configured correctly for Blackboard to work properly. Please follow these steps to prepare Internet Explorer 7 for Windows to run Blackboard. For a list of other supported browsers as well as more information on browser requirements, go to <a href="http://www.webct.com/tuneup">http://www.webct.com/tuneup</a>.

## OVERVIEW

- 1. Check the browser.
- 2. Accept the Java security certificate.
- 3. Enable pop-ups.
- 4. Adjust security settings.

## **DETAILED STEPS**

- 1. Check the browser.
  - a. Go to the Log In page for Blackboard (http://lms.samford.edu).
  - b. Click Check Browser:



c. Carefully read the Browser Check Results:



- d. Note any areas that do not pass the browser check and make the recommended changes.
- e. Close the Browser Check Results window.
- 2. Accept the Java security certificate.
  - a. Log in to Blackboard by typing your user name and password and clicking **OK**.
  - b. When the Java security certificate appears, make sure **Always trust content from this publisher** is checked, then click **Run**:

Do you wa	ant to run the application?	And
Name:	com.webct.platform.tools.dragndrop.common.Detect	PluginApplet
Publisher:	Blackboard	
From:	http://lms.samford.edu	
> 📝 Always	rust content from this publisher.	
		Run

Note: If you are running an older version of Java, the verbiage may be slightly different (e.g., you must click a button labeled **Always**). You must accept the Java security certificate and be running a supported version of the Java Runtime Environment in order to upload files and use certain tools, such as the Chat Tool and the HTML Creator.

#### 3. Enable pop-up windows.

- a. On the **Tools** menu, click **Pop-up Blocker**→**Pop-up Blocker Settings**:
- b. Type Ims.samford.edu and click Add. Then click Close:

	Pop-up Blocker Settings
N	Exceptions Pop-ups are currently blocked. You can allow pop-ups from specific websites by adding the site to the list below. Address of website to allow: Ims samford.edu Add
Y	Allowed sites:
	*samford.edu banner.samford.edu http://support.dell.com/support/index.aspx?c=us&l=en& http://support.dell.com/support/topics/global.aspx/sup http://www.dell.com http://www.dell.auction.com nextelonline nextel.com webct.samford.edu
	Notifications and filter level Play a sound when a pop-up is blocked. Show Information Bar when a pop-up is blocked. Filter level: Medium: Block most automatic pop-ups
	Pop-up Blocker FAQ Qose

### 4. Adjust Security settings

- a. On the **Tools** menu, click **Internet Options**.
- b. Click on the Security tab, then Trusted Sites, then Sites:

Intract Options
A Security Privacy Content Connections Programs Advanced
Select a zone to view or dronge security settings. Internet Local intr ti Trusted sites Trusted sites This zone conta trust not to damage your computer t your files.
Security level for this zone
-      -
Enable Protected Mode (requires restarting Internet Explorer)
Qustom level Default level
Reset all zones to default level
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c. In the **Trusted Sites** window, uncheck **Require server verification (https:) for all** sites in this zone. Next, under **Add this web site to the zone**, enter http://lms.samford.edu. Then click add, then **Close**.

Trusted sites	X	
You can add and remove websites from this zone. All we this zone will use the zone's security settings.	bsites in	
Add this website to the zone:		
http://lms.samford.edu	dd	
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## Need more help?

- For additional assistance updating your browser or Java, please contact the User Services Help Desk at 726-2662.
- For additional assistance using Blackboard, please contact Joe Zellner:

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