

Information Technology Policy

Internet Browser Standards

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1. Purpose

Standards document to ITP-SFT006 *Internet Browser Policy* details the internet browser technology standards.

2. Standards

Agencies are to standardize on one or more of the following current internet browser standards. The current standards have been tested for compatibility with enterprise applications.

CURRENT STANDARDS

(These technologies are supported by the current standards and meet the requirements of the architecture. They are recommended for use.)

Technology	Products	Technology Classification
Internet Browser	Microsoft Edge 88.0.705.63	Current

Notes Regarding Current Products:

While there are older versions of Edge, the current technology classification apply only to the current version listed above. The version above has been tested for compatibility with enterprise applications. Agencies that require older versions of Edge are required to file a waiver per ITP-BUS004 – *IT Waiver Review Process* and are responsible for ensuring agency applications are compatible with the older version(s).

CONTAIN

(These technologies no longer meet the requirements of the current architecture and are not recommended for use. They are to be phased out over time.)

Technology	Products	Technology Classification
Internet Browser	Microsoft Internet Explorer 11	Contain

The following SAP Graphical User Interface (GUI) for Windows is required for:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 11 – SAP GUI release 7.30 patch 9 or higher

Notes Regarding Contained Products:

- Technologies that are no longer the standard will be phased out over time.
- Extensive modifications to these systems require review to determine if newer technology should be used.
- All products are to be patched with service packs within six months of the release date in accordance with ITP-SYM006.
- New deployments or installations of these products are not recommended.

RETIRE

(These technologies are being phased out. Plans are to be developed for their replacement, especially if there is risk involved, such as lack of vendor support.)

Technology	Products	Technology Classification
Internet Browser	Microsoft Internet Explorer versions 10 and below	Retire

EMERGING/RESEARCH

(Have the potential to become current standards. At the present time, they are to be used only in pilot or test environments where they can be evaluated. Use of these technologies is restricted to a limited production mode and requires approval of a waiver request. Research technologies are less widely accepted, and time will determine if they become a standard.)

Technology	Products	Technology Classification
Internet Browser	N/A	Emerging

AGENCY OPTIONAL

(Agency Optional identifies technology that OA/OIT has approved for use with certain restrictions. Use of these technologies is allowed with the understanding that it is the agency's responsibility to develop internal policy and procedures for the management of these technologies. It is at the discretion of the agencies to deploy these technologies on a case-by-case basis to meet business requirements. A COPPAR waiver is not required to deploy Agency Optional technologies.)

Technology	Products	Technology Classification
Internet Browser	Google Chrome	Agency Optional
Internet Browser	Mozilla Firefox	Agency Optional

New deployments or installations of these products are not recommended.

3. Office of Administration Information Technology Enterprise Support Exception

Enterprise support staff who are required to use in private or incognito for their privileged accounts to perform administration are exempt from disabling incognito on their devices.

4. Publication Version Control

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5. Exemption from This Policy

In the event an agency chooses to seek an exemption, for reasons such as the need to comply with requirements for a federally mandated system, a request for waiver may be submitted via the enterprise IT Policy Waiver process. Refer to [ITP-BUS004 IT Waiver Review Process](#) for guidance.

This chart contains a history of this publication's revisions:

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