



BBC Web Browser Compatibility and Currency

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1. Introduction

The BBC provides and maintains an intranet service ('Gateway') containing information and content for BBC staff and contractors. An increasing number of critical business processes and services are now delivered via the web browser, either hosted via a Gateway linked site, or from independent servers. These include expenses processing, finance and ordering processes, risk assessment and scheduling systems.

Therefore it is important that the BBC's corporate web browser maintains maximum compatibility with all the content it is required to display whilst offering the best possible functionality and security.

2. Policy Scope

This policy applies to all BBC customers of a standard desktop platform as provided by Siemens IT Solutions and Services (SISS).

This policy does not seek to lay out the detailed technical standards expected of web developers but lays down guidance on which platforms the content should support.

It is recognised that some users will need to run additional alternative browsers for testing and development purposes.

3. The Policy

The BBC's corporate browsers are Microsoft Internet Explorer for the PC and Safari for the Mac.

Browser versions will be updated from time to time as indicated on the User Platform roadmap to ensure that BBC staff have access to the most secure and functional browser.

It is the responsibility of those developing content and applications to ensure that content renders and functions correctly on **at least the current version of browser** (although general best practise is to ensure that content is 'platform agnostic' and will run on any common OS/browser platform).

Furthermore, it is the responsibility of content owners and those with strategic responsibility for web-based applications to ensure that they will continue to render and function once browsers are updated as indicated on the User Platform roadmap.

Appendix A – Document History

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