



Installing Internet Explorer 8

There's lots of choices when installing IE 8 for the first time. These choices can be changed after the installation, so don't worry about making a mistake.

Suggested Sites No, don't turn on

This feature sends the addresses of sites visited along with other information to the Microsoft servers in an attempt to personalize your browsing experience. Search suggestions display a list of other possible search terms as you type your search term into the search box or Address bar.

Microsoft's privacy policy is vague on how long they keep this identifying info that includes your computer's IP address.

Choose your settings Choose custom settings

Use the custom settings (rather than express) to establish your preferences.

Choose a default search provider Keep my current default search provider

Do you want to download updates for your search providers? No, I don't want to download updates. This feature essentially means grab a list of the latest available search providers.

Choose your Accelerators. Keep my current Accelerators.

Accelerators can take information on the webpage and provide quick ways to use it with other Web services (primarily Microsoft). See how to turn off or Add more accelerators.

Turn on SmartScreen Filter Turn on SmartScreen Filter.

Designed to block users from visiting phishing sites or Web sites that try to foist malicious software.

Change your default browser Do you want to make Internet Explorer your default browser? Yes.

This is the general preference. Firefox folks may wish to select No. Import settings from my other browser is only necessary if you were using a browser other than Internet Explorer.

Compatibility Settings Yes, I want to use updates. This feature helps make websites designed for older browsers look better. You'll find a Compatibility View button next to the Refresh button on the Address Bar.