



Netscape for Mac OS X.2

In order for most Web-based processes to function as desired, the following recommendations are suggested on the end-user's desktop computer.

AIS recommends that all users of Apple's Macintosh Operating Systems utilize the Mac OS X.2 and **Netscape 7.2** web browser or higher.

In order to verify the version of Netscape installed:

- Open an instance of Netscape and locate the toolbar on the top of the browser window with the following drop down menus:
Netscape | File | Edit | View | Go | Bookmarks | Tools | Window | Help
- From the toolbar, click **Netscape**, and then click **About Netscape** or from the toolbar, click **Help**, and then click **About Netscape**.
- The version number will be listed in a new window. Verify that the version is either Netscape 7.2 or higher.

If the version is not **Netscape 7.2** or higher, AIS recommends downloading the latest version of the [Netscape](#) web browser.

Once verified that **Netscape 7.2** or higher version is running on the desktop system, confirm that the following recommended settings are selected:

- Open an instance of the Netscape browser and locate the toolbar on the top of the browser with the following drop down menus:
Netscape | File | Edit | View | Go | Bookmarks | Tools | Window | Help
- From the toolbar, click **Netscape**, and then click **Preferences...**
- A new browser window named **Preferences** will appear on the screen with the following **Categories** listed on the left. Click on the links below to go directly to the specific category recommendations area within the document.

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- [Instant Messenger](#)
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- [Privacy & Security](#)

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Appearance

From the **Category** list on the left click on the arrow next to the **Appearance** heading. This will display the following four items under the **Appearance** category:

- **Appearance**
 - **Fonts**
 - **Colors**
 - **Themes**
 - **Languages and Content Packs**
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Click on the **Appearance** category and edit the following settings on the right.

- "*When Netscape starts up, open*" display box:
 - Verify that only the **Navigator** check box is selected
- Verify that the **Show Tooltips** check box is selected
- Verify that the **Show Web Site Icons** check box is selected
- Verify that the **Resize large images to fit in the browser window** box is not selected

Click on the **Fonts** sub-category and edit the following settings on the right.

- "*Fonts for:*" display box verify that the following settings are selected:
 - **Western** from the drop down menu
 - **Serif** from the "*Proportional:*" drop down menu
 - **16** from the "*Size (pixels)*" drop down menu for the **Serif** typeface
 - **Times** from the "*Serif:*" drop down menu
 - **Helvetica** from the "*Sans-serif:*" drop down menu
 - **Apple Chancery** from the "*Cursive:*" drop down menu
 - **Gadget** from the "*Fantasy:*" drop down menu
 - **Courier** from the "*Monospace:*" drop down menu
 - **13** from the "*Size (pixels)*" drop down menu for **Courier** typeface
 - **None** from the "*Minimum font size:*" drop down menu
- Verify that the "*Allow documents to use other fonts*" check box is selected
- Verify that the "*Display resolution:*" drop down menu is set to **96dpi**

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Colors** sub-category.

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Themes** sub-category.

Click on the **Languages and Content Packs** sub-category and edit the settings on the right.

- "*Installed language packs:*" text box
 - Verify that the display contains **English (US)**
 - "*Installed content packs:*" text box
 - Verify that the display contains **US Region**
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Navigator

In the **Category** list window click on the arrow next to the **Navigator** heading. This will open the following seven items under the **Navigator** category:

- **Navigator**
 - **History**
 - **Languages**
 - **Helper Applications**
 - **Smart Browsing**
 - **Internet Search**
 - **Tabbed Browsing**
 - **Downloads**
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AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Navigator** sub-category.

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **History** sub-category.

Click on the **Languages** sub-category to edit its properties on the right.

- "*Languages for Web Pages*" text box
 - Verify that the "*Languages in order of preference:*" display box contains **English/United States [en-us]**
- "*Character Encoding*" text box
 - Verify that **Western (ISO-8859-1)** is selected from the "*Default Character Encoding:*" drop down menu

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Helper Applications** sub-category.

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Smart Browsing** sub-category.

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Internet Search** sub-category.

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Tabbed Browsing** sub-category.

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Downloads** sub-category.

Composer

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Composer** category.

Mail & Newsgroups

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Mail & Newsgroups** category.

Instant Messenger

In the **Category** list window click on the arrow next to the **Instant Messenger** heading. This will open the following six items under the **Instant Messenger** category:

- **Instant Messenger**
 - **Privacy**
 - **Buddy Icons**
 - **Notification**
 - **Away**
 - **Styles**
 - **Connection**
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AIS does not recommend using the **Instant Messenger** for security purposes.

Click on the **Instant Messenger** category and verify that no checkboxes in the **Instant Messenger** category are selected.

- "*Signing on to Instant Messenger*" text box verify that none of the following checkboxes are selected:
 - **Show Today window at signon** check box
 - **Disable automatic login to websites using the Screen Name Service** check box
- "*Creating and formatting messages*" text box verify that none of the following checkboxes are selected:

- **Enter key inserts Return** check box
 - **Tab key inserts Tab** check box
 - **Show timestamps on messages in new windows** check box
 - **Display emoticons as graphics** check box
- "*Instant Messenger in Mail*" text box verify that none of the following checkboxes are selected:
 - **Show online state in message envelope** check box
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ICQ

AIS does not recommend using **ICQ** for security purposes.

Privacy & Security

In the **Category** list window click on the arrow next to the **Privacy & Security** heading. This will open the following nine items under the **Privacy & Security** category:

- **Privacy & Security**
 - **Cookies**
 - **Images**
 - **Popup Windows**
 - **Forms**
 - **Passwords**
 - **Master Passwords**
 - **SSL**
 - **Certificates**
 - **Validation**
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Click on the **Cookies** sub-category and edit the following settings on the right.

- "*Cookie Acceptance Policy*" display box:
 - Verify that the **Allow cookies based on privacy settings** radio button is selected
 - Click on the **View...** button to edit cookie setting in the **Privacy Settings** window
 - Verify that the **medium** radio button is selected in the "*Level of Privacy*" selection box
 - Click the **OK** button for the **Privacy Settings** window to register your selection
- In the **Manage Cookies and Sites** display box select the **Cookie Manager** button.

- Click on the **Remove All Cookies** button daily to delete the automatically saved cookies from your computer
- Click on the **OK** button to register your selection

This task should be performed daily because stored files and cookies degrade the performance of your computer and could pose a privacy and / or security risk.

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Images** sub-category.

Click on the **Popup Windows** sub-category and edit the following settings on the right.

- "*Popup Windows*" selection box
 - Uncheck the **Block unrequested popup windows** radio button

This is necessary because popup windows are needed for use with various AIS applications including: ePay, eTrac and Compliance Education Certification.

Click on the **Forms** sub-category and edit the following settings on the right.

- "*Form Manager*" selection box
 - Verify that the **Save form data from web pages when completing forms** check box is not selected

Click on the **Passwords** sub-category and edit the following settings on the right.

- "*Passwords Manager*" selection box
 - Verify that the **Remember passwords** check box is not selected
 - Click on the **Manage Stored Passwords** button to edit the settings in the **Password Manager** window
 - Click on the **Passwords Saved** tab in the **Password Manager** window
 - If there are saved passwords in the "*Password Manager has saved login information for the following sites:*" window, click on the **Remove All** button to delete the saved passwords from the browser
 - Click on the **Close** button for the **Password Manager** window to register your selection
- "*Encryption versus Obscuring*" selection box
 - Check the **Use encryption when storing sensitive data** selection box

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Master Passwords** sub-category.

Click on the **SSL** sub-category and edit the following settings on the right.

- "*SSL Protocol Version*" selection box
 - Verify that the **Enable SSL version 2** check box is checked
 - Verify that the **Enable SSL version 3** check box is checked
 - Verify that the **Enable TSL** check box is checked
- "*SSL Warnings*" selection box
 - Verify that the **Loading a page that supports encryption** check box is not checked
 - Verify that the **Loading a page that uses low-grade encryption** check box is not checked
 - Verify that the **Leaving a page that supports encryption** check box is not checked
 - Verify that the **Sending form data from an unencrypted page to an unencrypted page** check box is not checked
 - Verify that the **Viewing a page with an encrypted/unencrypted mix** check box is not checked

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Certificates** sub-category.

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Validation** sub-category.

Advanced

In the **Category** list window click on the arrow next to the **Advanced** heading. This will open the following eight items under the **Advanced** category:

- **Advanced**
 - **Scripts & Plugins**
 - **Keyboard Navigation**
 - **Cache**
 - **Proxies**
 - **HTTP Networking**
 - **Software Installation**
 - **Mouse Wheel**
 - **DOM Inspector**
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Click on the **Advanced** category and edit the following settings on the right.

- "*Features that help interpret web pages*" selection box
 - Verify that the **Enable Java** check box is checked
 - Verify that the **Send this email address as anonymous FTP password:** check box is not checked

Click on the **Scripts & Plugins** sub-category and edit the following settings on the right.

- "*Enable JavaScript for*" selection box
 - Verify that the **Navigator** check box is checked
 - Verify that the **Mail & Newsgroups** check box is not checked
- "*Allow scripts to:*" selection box verify that all the following check boxes have been checked:
 - **Move or resize existing window** check box
 - **Raise or lower windows** check box
 - **Hide the status bar** check box
 - **Change status bar text** check box
 - **Change images** check box
 - **Disable or replace context menus** check box

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Keyboard Navigation** sub-category.

Click on the **Cache** sub-category and edit the following settings on the right.

- "*Set Cache Options*" selection box
 - Click on the **Clear Cache** button
- "*Compare the page in the cache to the page on the network*" menu
 - Verify that the **Every time I view the page** button is selected
- "*Link Prefetching*" selection box
 - Deselect the **Prefetch web pages when idle, so that links in web pages designed for prefetching can load faster.** check box

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Proxies** sub-category.

Click on the **HTTP Networking** sub-category and edit the following settings on the right.

- "*Direct Connection Options*" selection box
 - Verify that the **Use HTTP 1.1** radio button is selected
 - Verify that the **Enable Keep-Alive** check box is checked
 - Verify that the **Enable Pipelining** check box is not checked
- "*Proxy Connection Options*" selection box
 - Verify that the **Use HTTP 1.1** radio button is selected

- Verify that the **Enable Keep-Alive** check box is checked
- Verify that the **Enable Pipelining** check box is not checked

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Software Installation** sub-category.

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **Mouse Wheel** sub-category.

AIS has no specific recommendations for the **DOM Inspector** sub-category.

When finished with all of the categories and the settings contained within them, click the OK button from the Preferences window to register the changes.
