



Policy Document: MDW Browser Standards

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Description

This document explains the web browsers that MDW applications work with. The browsers included below are the specific browsers and versions that all MDW software is coded for.

How Browser Standards Are Determined

The decision to support (or not to support) browsers is based on Omniture statistics that was gathered from our properties, so the market share is specific to our markets, not necessarily the national standards. However, our market share is fairly close to the Internet as a whole, so this list will suit our external customers as well. The general rule of thumb is that anything that has less than 0.5% market share is not supported. Everything else should be supported, with some rare exceptions, mentioned below. In all cases, assume the latest build number for the given version, as these will contain the latest bug fixes.

Supported Browser List

PC	Mac
Internet Explorer 7.0	Mozilla Firefox 1.5
Internet Explorer 6.0	Safari 1.3 [3]
Internet Explorer 5.5	Safari 2.0
Mozilla Firefox 1.5	

Exceptions To The Above List

➤ Internet Explorer 7.0

IE7 has not yet released, and does not have market share, but previews of the beta are available. It should be noted that the rendering engine is very different than 5.x and 6.0, and sites do behave differently than in previous versions. We should be very mindful of CSS and HTML hacks used to force older versions to behave.

➤ Internet Explorer 6.0

We also support IE6 variants such as MSN browser and IE (AOL), because the rendering engines are the same.

➤ Safari

Safari 1.x has a number of known bugs (as well as a complete lack of support, in some cases) pertaining to JavaScript and CSS. Safari is supported unless JavaScript is a requirement of the project (specifically, JavaScript that affects form objects or DHTML).

Questions/Comments

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