

Disabling Toolbars in Internet Explorer 6 on Windows 2k/XP Systems

Internet Explorer 6 can have custom toolbars installed, such as the Google, Yahoo, or ICQ toolbars. While these toolbars can be handy, many of them include pop-up blocking software that will interfere with your Blackboard Vista experience. These directions will show you how to check Internet Explorer for extra toolbars, and then show you how to disable any extra toolbars you may have.

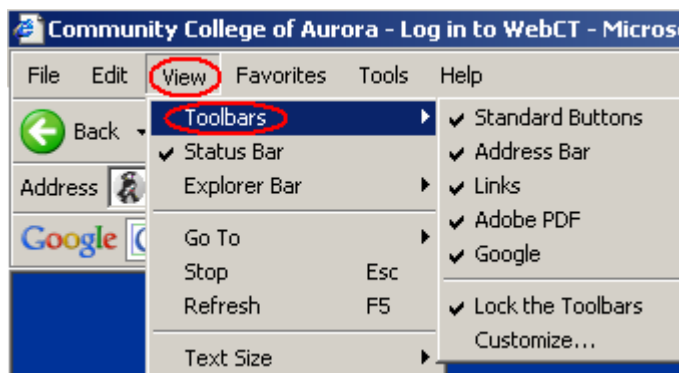
If you have a toolbar installed that you must keep active, then you will have to consult the toolbar or toolbar maker's help documentation for directions. You can find some additional information about where to go for help on various toolbars below in part 2 of this document.

Part 1: Disabling Toolbars in Internet Explorer 6

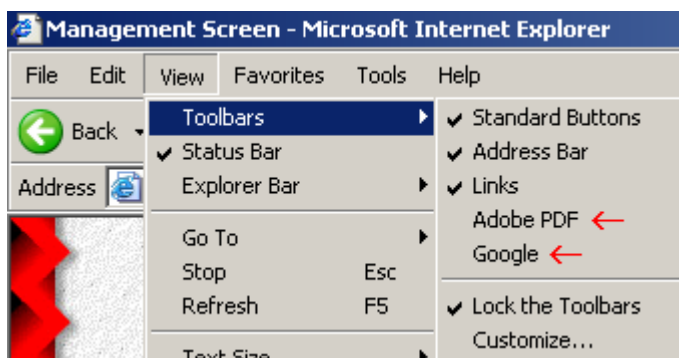
1. Close all open applications, especially any web browsers. You do not need to be connected to the internet for this procedure.
2. Launch a copy of Internet Explorer by double clicking on its icon. IE will display a page not found error if you are not connected to the internet. This is normal and can be ignored.



3. Left click on **View** and then on the dropdown menu, left click on **Toolbars**.
4. A fly-out menu will appear to the right of **Toolbars**. You only want the top three entries checked. If you see any additional entries, left click on them to uncheck and disable them. In the example to the right, you would left click on **Adobe PDF**, and then on **Google**.



5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 until only **Standard Buttons**, **Address Bar**, and **Links** are checked.
6. Only toolbars with a check to their left are active. Once you are done, your **Toolbars** entry should look similar to the example on the right. Note that both **Adobe PDF** and **Google** now have no checkmark on their left. You may have more toolbars installed than this example shows. Uncheck any additional toolbars.



That's it. You should now have all custom toolbars disabled.

Part II: Additional information for adjusting a Toolbar without disabling it

This document tells you how to disable a toolbar entirely. If you have a toolbar installed that you simply must use, then you can try to find directions on the toolbar maker's website that will tell you how to add the Blackboard Vista to your toolbar pop-up blocker's allowed site list (sometimes called a white-list). You may find the following sites helpful for information on how to set up your toolbar.

Google Toolbar: http://toolbar.google.com/popup_help.html

Yahoo Toolbar: <http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/toolbar/>

ICQ Toolbar: http://www.icq.com/toolbar/help_v2.html#popup

MSN/Windows Live Toolbar: http://help.msn.com/resources/targeted/en-US/msnsearchtoolbar_v1/content/searchtbar_proc_usepug.htm

In all cases, you need to allow pop-ups for the <http://cccs.blackboard.com> website.

Alternately, you may wish to download a separate browser to use for your Blackboard Vista classes. A separate browser will not necessarily help with Antivirus Suites pop-up blockers, but it will allow you to keep your IE toolbars active.

The Firefox browser is an excellent choice for an alternate browser. It is fully compatible with Blackboard Vista, and can be downloaded from <http://www.getfirefox.com>. You can install Firefox on your computer, and then use it for all your classes. This will allow you to keep your favorite toolbars active in Internet Explorer, and still have unrestricted access to your classes.

If your system has a dedicated pop-up blocker installed, or has an Antivirus suite that includes pop-up blocking functions, then you may still have problems with blocked pop-ups even after installing Firefox. In these cases, you will need to check your software's documentation or help files for directions on allowing pop-ups for a specific website. If your software's help file is searchable, try searching for "allow pop-ups". If your software has a support telephone number, you can also call them and ask how to allow pop-ups. In all cases, you need to allow the <http://cccs.blackboard.com> website to use pop-ups.