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<b>Internet Browser</b>	
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### Description of Standard

This standard below outlines the Government of Alberta (GoA) internet browser standard on a GoA standard desktop image.

### Standard Specification

Microsoft's desktop browsers are the standard internet browsers used on GOA standard desktop images:

- Internet Explorer 11 is the standard internet browser on the Windows 7 and Windows 10 images.
- Microsoft Edge is also available on the Windows 10 image.

Chrome and Firefox are also available to all GoA users thru System Center Configuration Manager (SCCM).

Internet Explorer 11 Enterprise and Compatibility modes will be used to emulate the version of Internet Explorer required by the specific site or application. A list of these sites and associated applications will be maintained.

#### Browser Versions

All browsers will be maintained at an n-1 version level with required testing for Internet Explorer being completed before an upgrade proceeds.

#### Browser Updates

Enterprise editions of each browser will be used to try and minimize the number of updates required, but at a minimum, updates to all browsers will be performed on a quarterly basis. Additional updates may be completed as circumstances dictate (I.E. security patches, vulnerability fixes, etc.).

#### Browser Support

- Internet Explorer: Fully supported by the GoA Service Desk
- Microsoft Edge, Chrome and Firefox: Support will be provided on "reasonable effort" only

### **Browser Configurations**

Private Browsing is not enabled as per the [HR Directive - Use of Government of Alberta Internet and Email](#).

- Private browsing disables the browsing history and web cache. If private browsing is enabled it limits the available data for forensic data investigations.

### **Where to Apply This Standard**

This standard applies to all GoA Domain Ministries in the Government of Alberta.

### **Authority and Exceptions**

Internal Use Only

### **Supporting Documentation**

HR Directive - Use of Government of Alberta Internet and Email

<http://www.chr.alberta.ca/Practitioners/?file=directives/relations/use-of-information&cf=5>

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