

Firefox 3 Browser Settings

Function	How To Set
Favorites/ Bookmarks/ Tags	<p>You must always start your Blackboard session at the main page, not the page where you type in your username and password. Use http://bboard.mcckc.edu as the URL for Blackboard.</p> <p>Always use the Logout link at the top of the Blackboard window (next to the Home and Help links) to exit Blackboard. Don't exit by closing out the window!</p>
Enable Clipboard function for Blackboard in Firefox Browser *if necessary*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Step 1: Show hidden folders:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Select the My Computer icon on your desktop○ Select the Tools menu on the top of the My Computer window○ Select Folder Options○ Select the View tab○ Select the Show hidden files and folders from a folder named Hidden files and folders○ Select OK button to exit• Step 2: Save the user.js file in the folder located in the following path:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Launch Firefox and go to http://distance.mcckc.edu/firefox/user.js○ Select the File menu on the top of the Firefox window○ Select Save page as...○ Select the My computer icon○ Locate a folder in the path by selecting each folder in the following: Local Disk (C:) \Documents and Settings\<Your Windows login> \Application Data\ Mozilla\ Firefox\ Profiles\ <one folder>○ Select the Save button to save user.js file in that <one folder>○ Close the download window
Cache	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Step 1: Locate Privacy settings in Firefox:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Launch Firefox○ Select the Tools menu on the top of the Firefox window○ Select Options○ Select the Privacy icon• Step 2: Privacy Settings<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Select the History tab below the privacy icon○ Enter zero (0) in the Remember visited pages for the last ___ Days○ Select the Cache tab○ Select the Clear Cache Now button○ Select the Cookies tab below the privacy icon○ Select the Clear Cookies Now button○ Select the OK button to exit

Session Cookies

- Launch Firefox
- Select the **Tools** menu on the top of the Firefox window
- Select **Options**
- Select the **Privacy** icon
- Select the **Cookies** tab
- Check the **Allow Sites to Set Cookies**
- Select **OK** button to exit

Java and JavaScript

- Launch Firefox
- Select the **Tools** menu on the top of the Firefox window
- Select **Options**
- Select **Content** icon
- Check **Enable Java**
- Check **Enable JavaScript**
- Select the **Advanced...** button on the right of **Enable JavaScript**
- Check everything, but EXCEPT **Hide status bar**
- Select OK button to exit

Private Data

- Launch Firefox
- Select the **Tools** menu on the top of the Firefox window
- Select **Options**
- Select the **Privacy** icon
- Select the **Settings** button
- Check Browsing History under **Private data** and **Settings**
- Select **OK** button to exit

Pop-Up Blockers

- Launch Firefox
- Select the **Tools** menu on the top of the Firefox window
- Select **Options** at the bottom of tools menu
- Select **Content** icon
- **UN**check **Block Popup Windows**
- Select **OK** button to exit

To disable other pop-up killers or ad-blockers:

- Search your hard drive for any software with "pop-up" in the name and disable it.
- Pop-up killing or ad-blocking functions are included in some anti-virus, internet security, personal firewall, and browser programs. **Disable the relevant setting in the program.**

Java Plug-In - The latest Java plug-in MUST be installed to insure all the features in Blackboard work well. Download the latest free Java plug-in here:

- Go to <http://www.java.com/en/>
- Click **Free Java Download** and follow the prompts

Note 1: The latest Java plug-in as of January 2009 is Version 6. Update 11

*Note 2: Mac users can use the **Software Update** feature (available on the Apple menu) to check that you have the most up-to-date version of Java for your Mac*

AOL - If you are having any problems using AOL with Blackboard follow these steps:

- Connect to the Internet using AOL BUT do not go to any websites using AOL
- Minimize the AOL window
- Launch Firefox
- Click on the address bar and type the web address for Blackboard (<http://blackboard.mcckc.edu>) and press the Enter key. Once you have accessed Blackboard you can use the Bookmarks function in Firefox to bookmark the Blackboard login page.
- Make sure that you have correctly set your browser settings using the links from the Browser Settings page for Firefox.

Caution: When AOL is not in use while you are working on your class using Internet Explorer, AOL will consider the user inactive and will disconnect the user after a period of time. To remain active and avoid being disconnected, return to the main page of AOL every half hour or so and click on a link. Then continue working on your online course using Blackboard and Firefox.

Warning: If you are taking an exam and return to the AOL main page you will be locked out of your test and unable to continue.

Discussion Board- When you first respond to a post in the discussion board using IE or Firefox, you will get a pop up window asking you to accept the applet. Be sure to click **Yes** or **Always**.