

Technical Alert 21-001:
Internet Explorer and Windows 11
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Windows 11 has an expected release date of October 21, 2021 and will be offered as a free upgrade from Microsoft. Internet Explorer will be retired and not available in Windows 11. Microsoft Edge currently has an Internet Explorer compatibility mode feature to run some legacy applications.

How does this affect the Army Distributed Learning Community?

- Once Windows 11 is released, DL users who experience issues with legacy courseware developed for IE can use the Edge IE Mode feature.
- For courseware development, refer to the latest Baseline Home Computer Configurations for guidance for the use of approved browsers such as Edge.
- Both ADL and Army SCORM Conformance Test Suite (ACTS) requires IE to function. Courseware developers and testers must run ADL CTS or ACTS in Edge IE mode.

This Technical Alert provides instructions for using Edge's IE mode feature.

About using Internet Explorer mode in Microsoft Edge

Microsoft's Edge Browser features a mode to view web pages that require Internet Explorer.

- The same IE11 apps and sites you use today can open in Microsoft Edge with Internet Explorer mode.
- Microsoft created Internet Explorer (IE) mode in Microsoft Edge for organizations that still need Internet Explorer 11 for backward compatibility with existing websites but also need a modern browser.

IE mode supports the following Internet Explorer functionality

- All document modes and enterprise modes
- ActiveX controls (such as Java or Silverlight)
- Browser Helper Objects
- Internet Explorer settings and Group Policies that affect the security zone settings and Protected Mode
- The F12 developer tools for IE, when launched with IEChooser
- Microsoft Edge extensions (Extensions that interact with the IE page content directly are not supported.)

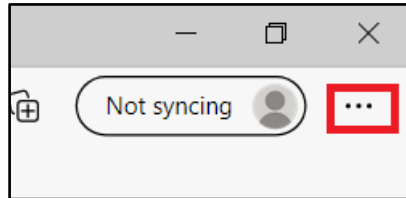
IE mode does not support the following Internet Explorer functionality

- Internet Explorer toolbars
- Internet Explorer settings and Group Policies that affect the navigation menu (for example - search engines and home pages.)
- IE11 or Microsoft Edge F12 developer tools.

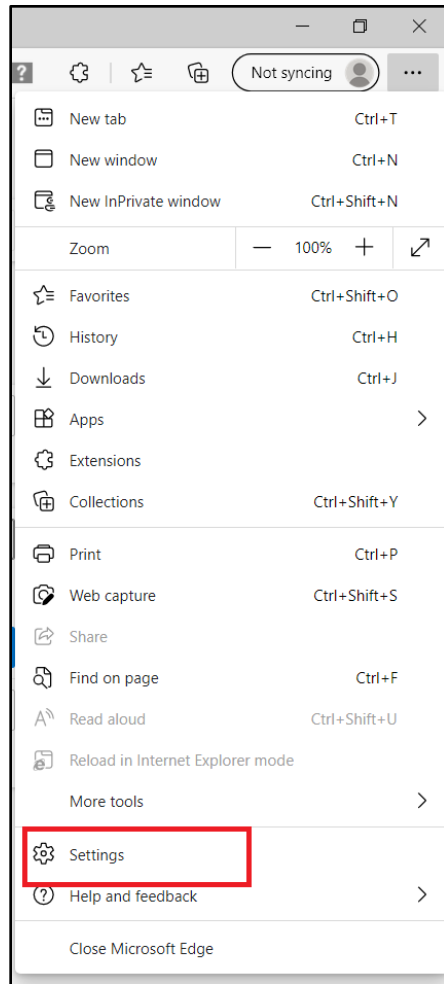
How to enable and use Internet Explorer mode in Microsoft Edge

Step 1: Enable Internet Explorer mode (Accomplish this step once)

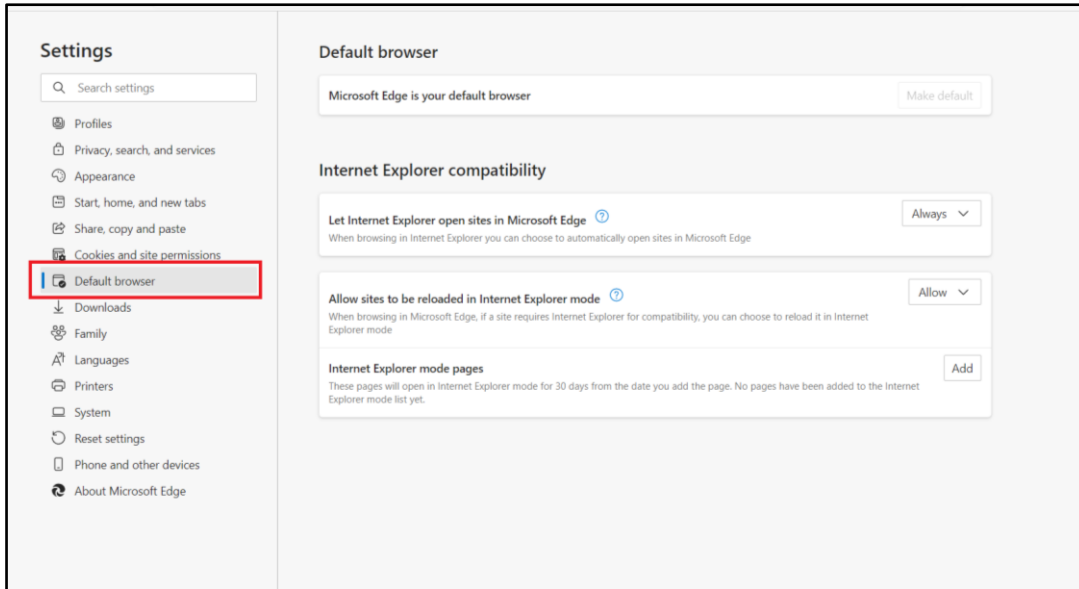
- a. Open Edge and select the three-dot icon “...” in the top right address bar area of the browser to open the main menu.



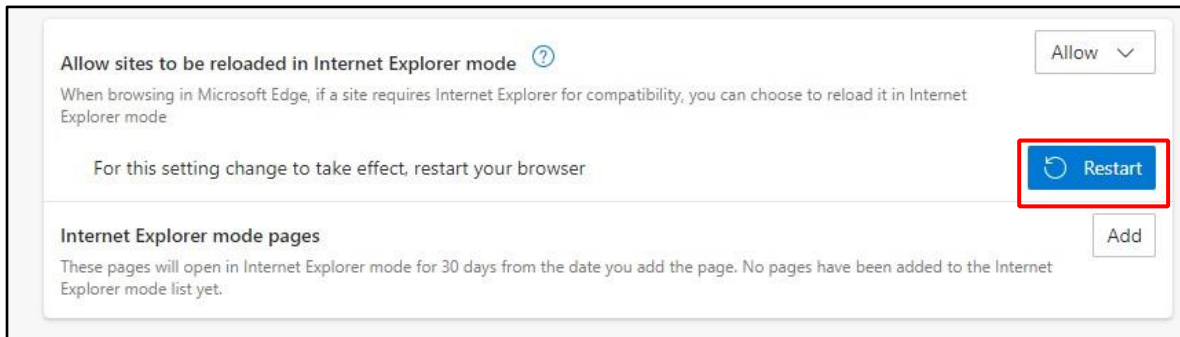
b. Select "Settings."



- c. Select “Default browser” on the left sidebar. Next, select “allow” under the dropdown menu for the “Allow sites to be reloaded in Internet Explorer mode” option under the “Internet Explorer compatibility” heading.



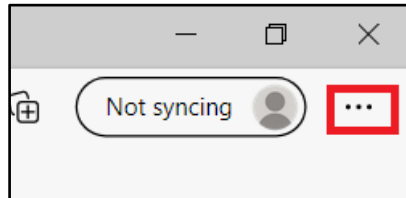
If prompted, press the blue restart button to reload Microsoft Edge:



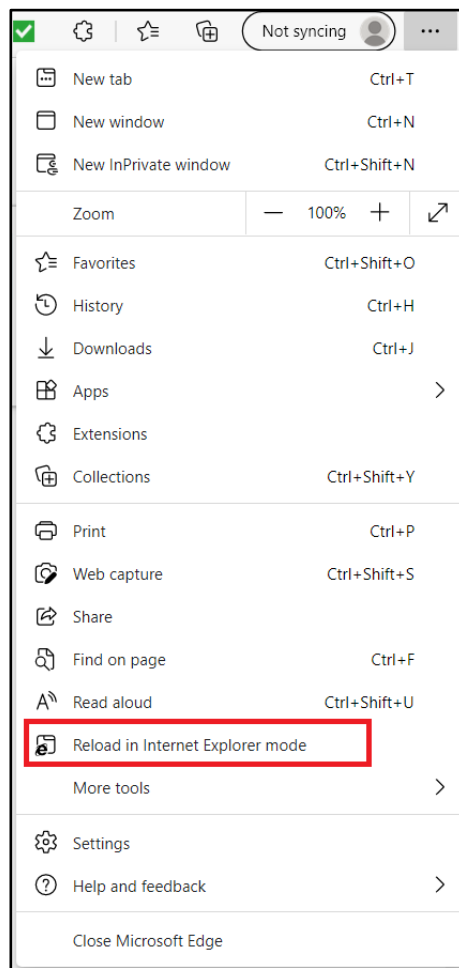
Step 2: Load a web page in Internet Explorer mode

Accomplish this step each time when opening a web page. (Depending on the version of Edge, this setting may be in two possible menu locations.)

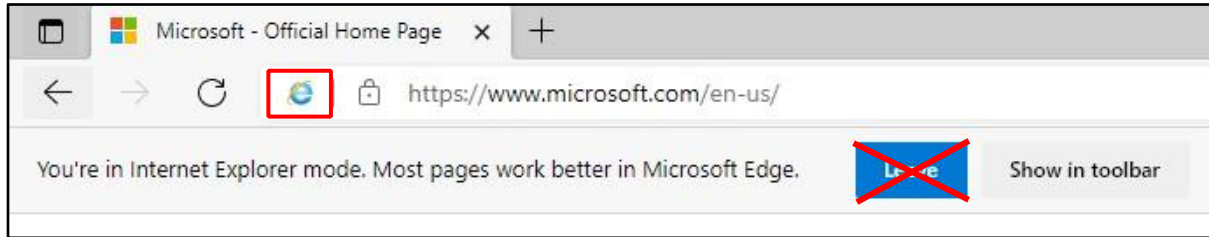
- a. Open the web page and select IE mode on the tab, select the three-dot icon “...” in the top right address bar area of the browser window to open the main menu.



- b. Select the “Reload in Internet Explorer mode” button. It is located just above the “More tools” drop-down box



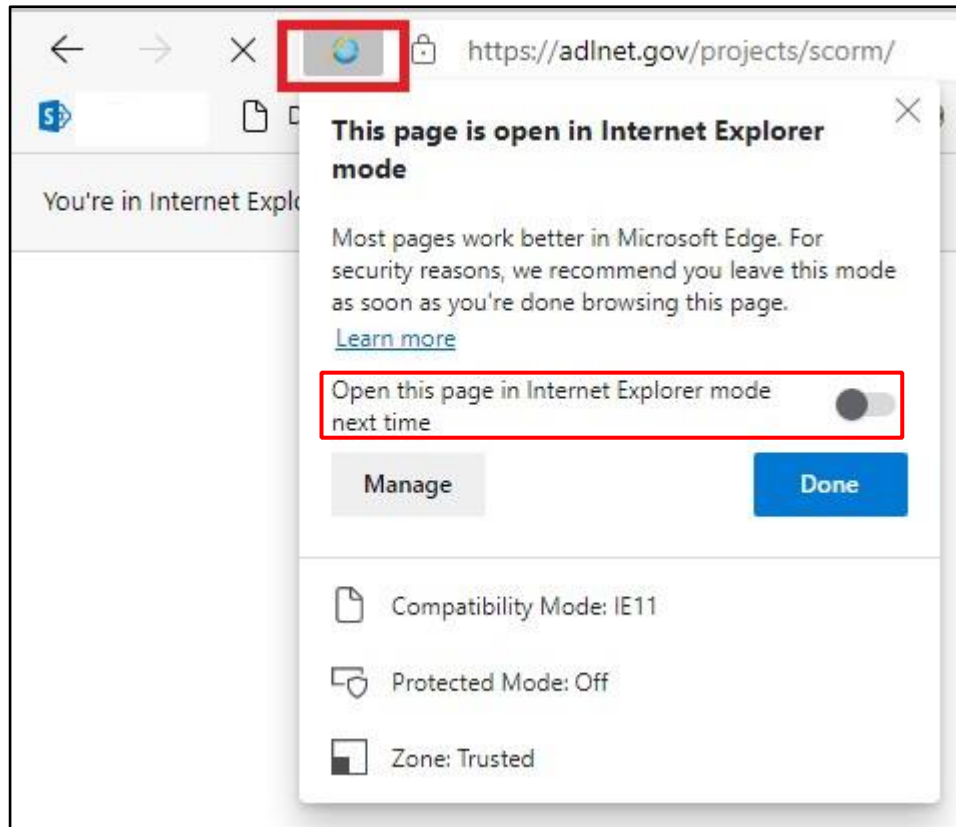
In Internet Explorer (IE) mode the IE icon is displayed in the address bar right of the refresh button. DO NOT click the "Leave" button (marked with red X) or you will exit IE mode.



Step 2.1: Open this page in in IE mode next time

To automatically open Edge in IE mode, select the IE button, marked in red below, to open a dialog box containing a switch to “Open this page in Internet Explorer mode next time.”

Enabling this switch will always open a webpage in IE mode in the future. Then select the blue “Done” button below.



Step 2.2: IE mode Pages

Enabling webpages to open in IE mode will automatically generate a list of IE mode webpages under Edge> Settings> Default Browser. This page will display the webpage toggled date and the date that the webpage will expire. Webpages will expire every 30 days and require re-adding the webpage once it expires (see step 2.1).

