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You might want to write down your supervisor password, because you will need to type it any time you change Content Advisor settings.

Turns the current rating system on or off. You can turn the rating system on or off only if you have the appropriate permission as a supervisor of the computer.

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Specifies whether people using this computer have permission to view material that has not been rated.

If this check box is selected, users will be able to see some objectionable material, if the author of the Web page has not rated the page by using the rating system you are using. If this check box is clear, users will be unable to view any unrated Web page, no matter how safe the content on the page might be.

[Click this to view, add to, or change the list of rating systems installed on this computer.](#)

Click this to move the rating system down one line. Placing a ratings system later in the order causes its restrictions to be enforced after those of any of the ratings systems above it on the list.

Click this to move the rating system up one line. Placing a ratings system earlier in the order causes its restrictions to be enforced before those of any of the ratings systems below it on the list.

Click this to view a Web site that gives you information on ratings systems and how to set up Internet Explorer to limit the types of content that others can view.

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Click this to change the supervisor password.

Provides a space for you to type the new supervisor password.

**Note** The supervisor password is case-sensitive. Before you type the password, make sure the CAPS LOCK key is not on.



Specifies whether users who know the supervisor password can type the password in order to view Web pages containing potentially objectionable material.

If this check box is clear, a message appears saying that you are not allowed to view the Web page, and you will not be allowed to type the supervisor password to view the Web page.

Provides a space for you to type your old password. For security, asterisks ( \* ) appear instead of what you type.

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Provides a space for you to type the password again. If what you type matches what you typed in the **New Password** box, Windows changes the password. For security, asterisks ( \* ) appear instead of what you type.

Lists the rating systems installed on this computer.

Click this to add a rating system to the list.

Removes the selected rating system from the list.

Provides a space for you to type the supervisor password. For security, asterisks ( \* ) appear instead of what you type.



Provides a space for you to type the name of a ratings bureau.

Click this to display the Web page for your current ratings provider.

Adds the Internet address (URL) to the list of sites that are always available no matter how the site is rated.

Adds the Internet address (URL) to the list of sites that are never available no matter how the site is rated. This feature is helpful when you want to prevent access to a Web site that does not use ratings labels and thus is not affected by the settings you specified on the **Advanced** tab.

Removes the Internet address (URL) from the list of approved and disapproved Web sites.

Type the Internet address (URL) that you would like to always or never allow access to, regardless of how the site is rated. This feature is helpful when you want to prevent or always allow access to a Web site that does not use ratings labels and thus is not affected by the settings you specified on the **Advanced** tab.

Displays the list of Web sites that you are always or never allowed to visit, regardless of the settings specified on the **Advanced** tab.

Lets you select a PICSRules file to control access to Web sites. These files use a ratings system developed by the Platform for Internet Content Selection (PICS) to filter out what content can be viewed. Only Web sites that include PICS labels are affected by this filtering. This feature is helpful for parents who want to limit the Internet content their children can view. If you want to prevent access to specific Web sites that don't use ratings labels, click the **Approved Sites** tab and then add them to the list of disapproved Web sites.



Lists the PICSRules files installed. If Content Advisor is enabled, Internet Explorer blocks access to any Web sites containing content that does not adhere to the limits set in the PICSRules files. Internet Explorer scans through the rules list from the top down. It's best to put the most restrictive rules files first, because they will filter out the most Web sites. That way Internet Explorer spends less time scanning through the rules lists for Web sites that will be blocked anyway. Only Web sites that include PICS labels are affected by this filtering. If you want to prevent access to specific Web sites that don't use ratings labels, click the **Approved Sites** tab and then add each Web site to the list of disapproved sites.

Removes the content restrictions controlled by the PICSRules file that you selected with the **Import PICSRules File** button.

## **What is Content Advisor?**

The Internet provides us with unprecedented access to a wide variety of information. Some information, however, may not be suited for every viewer. For example, you might want to prevent your children from seeing Web sites that contain violent or sexual content.

With Content Advisor, Internet Explorer provides a way to help you control the types of content that your computer can access on the Internet. After you turn on Content Advisor, only rated content that meets or exceeds your criteria can be displayed. You can adjust the settings.

With Content Advisor, you can:

- Control access to Content Advisor settings. You turn Content Advisor on, and view the settings, by setting up a password. You will need this password to change any Content Advisor settings, so you might want to write it down for future reference.
- View and adjust the ratings settings to reflect what you think is appropriate content in each of four areas: language, nudity, sex, and violence.
- Adjust the types of content other people can view with or without your permission. You can override content settings on a case-by-case basis.
- Set up a list of Web sites that other people can never view, regardless of how the sites' contents are rated.
- Set up a list of Web sites that other people can always view, regardless of how the sites' contents are rated.
- View and change the ratings systems and bureaus you use.

Content Advisor is set to the most conservative (least likely to offend) settings when you first enable it. You can adjust these settings to match your own preferences.

Not all Internet content is rated. If you choose to allow other people to view unrated sites on your computer, some of those sites could contain inappropriate material. On the other hand, if you do not allow other people to view unrated sites, many Web pages will be unavailable regardless of their content.

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### To enable Content Advisor and set limits

- 1 Click **Start**, point to **Settings**, and then click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Double-click **Internet Options**.
- 3 Click the **Content** tab.
- 4 Under **Content Advisor**, click **Enable**.  
If you've already enabled Content Advisor, click **Settings**, and then type the supervisor password.
- 5 Click a category in the list, and then adjust the slider to set the limits you want to use.
- 6 Repeat this process for each category you want to limit, then click **OK**.
- 7 If a supervisor password has not already been set up for your computer, you are prompted to create one.

### Tips

- You might want to write down your supervisor password. You will need to type it any time you change the Content Advisor settings.
- To prevent others from visiting objectionable Web sites that don't use ratings labels, click the **Approved Sites** tab, and change the settings as appropriate.

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### To allow others to view restricted or unrated content

1 Click **Start**, point to **Settings**, and then click **Control Panel**.

2 Double-click **Internet Options**.

3 Click the **Content** tab.

4 Under **Content Advisor**, click **Enable**.

If you've already enabled Content Advisor, click **Settings**, and then type the supervisor password.

5 To allow others to view restricted content, click the **General** tab, and then select the following check box:

**Supervisor can type a password to allow users to view restricted content.**

To allow others to view unrated content, click the **General** tab, and then select the following check box: **Users can see sites that have no rating.**

6 Click **OK**.

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### To specify Web sites that others can always or never see

1 Click **Start**, point to **Settings**, and then click **Control Panel**.

2 Double-click **Internet Options**.

3 Click the **Content** tab.

4 Under **Content Advisor**, click **Enable**.

If you've already enabled Content Advisor, click **Settings**, and then type the supervisor password.

5 Click the **Approved Sites** tab, type the Internet address (URL) of a Web site, and then choose whether you want others to always or never have access to this site.

Repeat this process for each Web site that you want to set access for.

6 Click **OK**.

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