

How to pass referrer information to specific Web pages in NIS and NPF

Situation:

You want Norton Internet Security (NIS) or Norton Personal Firewall (NPF) to pass referrer information to a specific Web page.

Solution:

Before you begin: This document is intended for use with Norton Internet Security, Norton Internet Security Professional, and Norton Personal Firewall 2003 or 2004. For information on how to pass referrer information in NIS or NPF 2002 or earlier, read the document [How to pass referrer information to specific Web pages](#).

Some Web pages require referrer information before allowing you to view their page. If you want to allow referrer information to pass to a particular Web page, you must create a rule for it.

To create a rule

1. Open NIS or NPF.
2. Do one of the following.
 - **In NIS/NPF 2003**, click Options > Internet Security or Personal Firewall (This step is not always needed), and then click the Web Content tab.
 - **In NIS/NPF 2004**, double-click Privacy Control, and then click Advanced.
3. Click Add Site. A new site/domain box appears.
4. Enter the name of the site that you want to receive the referrer information and click OK. In this example, it will be www.symantec.com. The site name appears in the left frame of the Options window.
5. Click the name of the new site.
6. Click the Global Settings tab.
7. In the "Information about visited sites" section, clear "Use default settings."
8. Click Permit.
9. Click OK to close the Options window.

Technical Information:

How referrer information works

When you click a Web page, your browser notes the current page that you are on and sends that information to the server of the new Web page. This way, the server for the new Web page knows the last Web page that you viewed.

For example, if you are on www.symantec.com and click www.microsoft.com, the browser sends www.microsoft.com the information that you are currently viewing www.symantec.com. If you block referrer information, the server of the page you are requesting to see does not know what page you saw last. By default, Norton Internet Security (NIS) and Norton Personal Firewall (NPF) block this information. Some Web sites require this information before they allow you to see their pages.

Product(s): Norton Internet Security 2003 6.0, Norton Internet Security 2004 7.0, Norton Internet Security Professional 2003, Norton Internet Security Professional 2004 7.0, Norton Personal Firewall 2003 6.0, Norton Personal Firewall 2004 7.0

Operating System(s): Windows 98, Windows 98 SE, Windows Me, Windows 2000, Windows XP Home Edition, Windows XP Professional Edition

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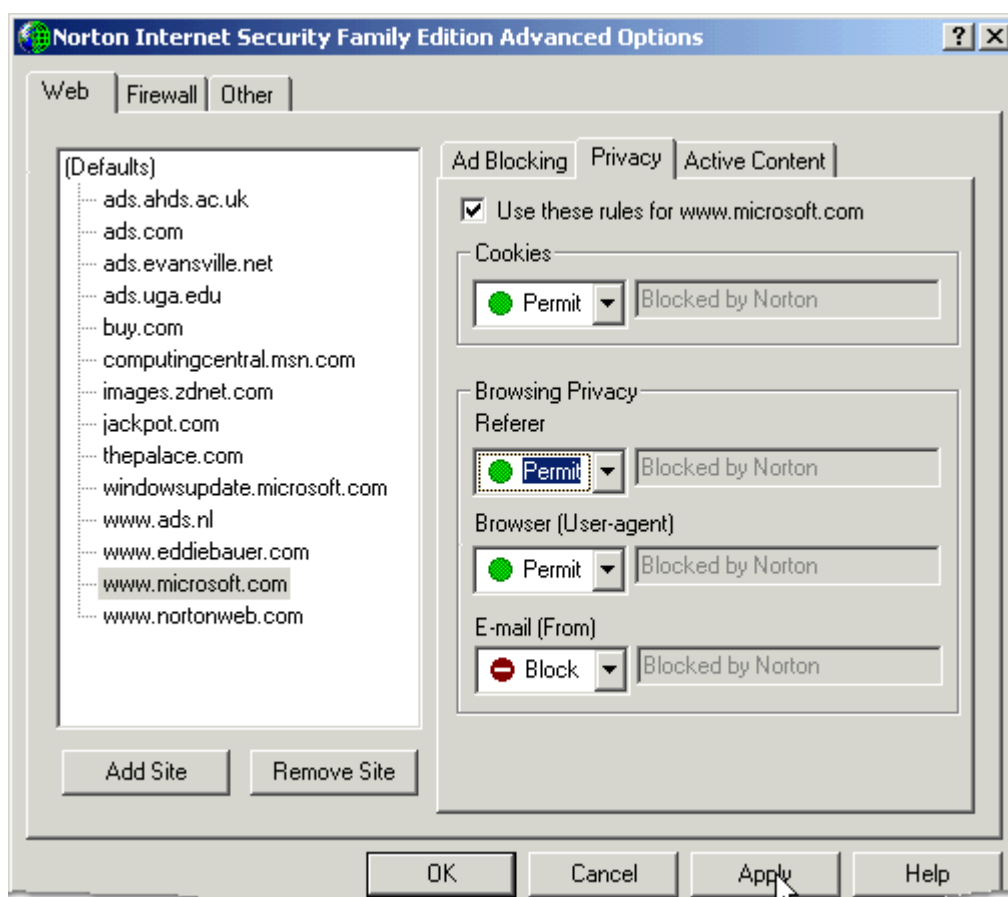
Situation: You want to allow Norton Internet Security (NIS) or Norton Personal Firewall (NPF) to pass referrer information to a specific Web page.

Solution: If you want to allow referrer information to pass to a particular Web page, you must create a rule for it.

Note: For instructions on passing referrer information with Norton Internet Security or Norton Personal Firewall 2003 or 2004, read the document [How to pass referrer information to specific Web pages in NIS and NPF](#).

To create a rule

1. Open NIS or NPF.
2. Click Options.
3. Click Internet Security or Personal Firewall. (This step is not always needed.) The Options window appears.
4. Click Advanced Options.
5. Click the Web tab.
6. Click Add Site. A new site/domain box appears.
7. Enter the name of the site that you want to receive the referrer information and click OK. That site name appears in the left frame of the Advanced Options window.
8. Click the name of the new site.
9. Click the Privacy tab.
10. Check the "Use these rules for..." box.
11. Change the Referrer from "Block" to "Permit." Your screen should look something like this:



12. Click Apply, and then click OK.
13. Click OK to close the Options window.

Technical Information:

How referrer information works

Referrer information is information that a Web site sends to another Web site when you click a link on the first Web site to open the second Web site. When you click a Web page, your browser makes a note of the current page you are on and sends that information to the server of the new Web page. This way, the server for the new Web page knows the last Web page you viewed.

If you block referrer information, the server of the page you are requesting to see does not know what page you saw last. By default, Norton Internet Security (NIS) and Norton Personal Firewall (NPF) block referrer information. However, some Web pages require referrer information before allowing you to view the page.

For example, if you are on www.symantec.com and click www.microsoft.com, the browser sends information to the server www.microsoft.com. The information includes the fact that you are currently viewing the site www.symantec.com. If you block referrer information, the server www.microsoft.com does not "know" that you were previously at www.symantec.com. If the server www.microsoft.com required this information, your browser would not display the Web page at www.microsoft.com, and you might see an error message.

Product(s): Norton Internet Security 2000, Norton Internet Security 2000 - Family Edition 2.0, Norton Internet Security 2000 2.0, Norton Internet Security 2001 - Family Edition 2.5, Norton Internet Security 2001 - Family Edition 3.0, Norton Internet Security 2001 2.5, Norton Internet Security 2001 3.0, Norton Internet Security 2002 4.0, Norton Internet Security Professional Edition 2002, Norton Personal Firewall 2.0, Norton Personal Firewall 2001 2.5, Norton Personal Firewall 2001 3.0, Norton Personal Firewall 2002 4.0

Operating System(s): Windows 98, Windows NT 4.0 Workstation, Windows 2000 Professional, Windows Me, Windows 98 SE, Windows XP Professional, Windows XP Home Edition, Windows 98SE

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