

Adding Trusted Sites to Browse on a Windows Secure Server

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Browsing the Web

Windows Server 2003 is a secure server, so content from the Internet is blocked unless we give permission for the site.

When searching the Internet with the Internet Explorer, we type in the URL <http://www.worldclasscad.com> and the Internet Explorer dialogue box with a red circle and negative sign appears on the computer's display.

We typically keep the continue to prompt when website content is blocked checked.

If we trust the website, we press the Add command button.

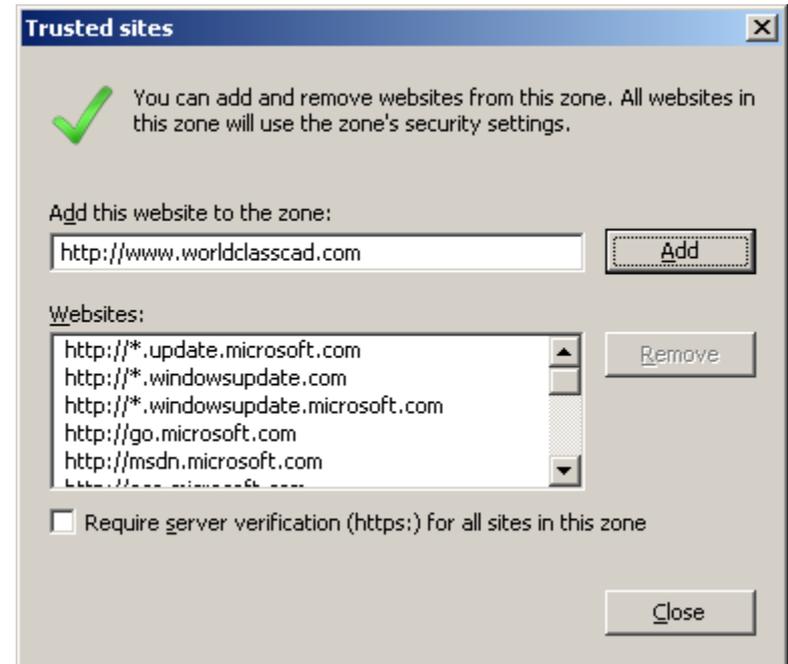


Adding a Trusted Site

The Trusted Site window appears showing the <http://www.worldclasscad.com> URL that we want to add to the zone.

This website is not a https site which is HyperText Transfer Protocol with Secure Sockets Layer. To add the website, we must uncheck the require server verification (https:) for all sites in this zone checkbox.

Then we press the Add button to include our needed website into the list.



Further Acknowledgements

We return to Internet Explorer and enter the URL into the Address Bar. We thought we were done, but many sites have Google Ads attached such as on the World Class CAD website. We decide we do not want the Google Ads, so we pick the Close button.



Viewing a Trusted Website

The World Class CAD website appears but the Google Ads that would appear in the lower right corner is not just a white box.

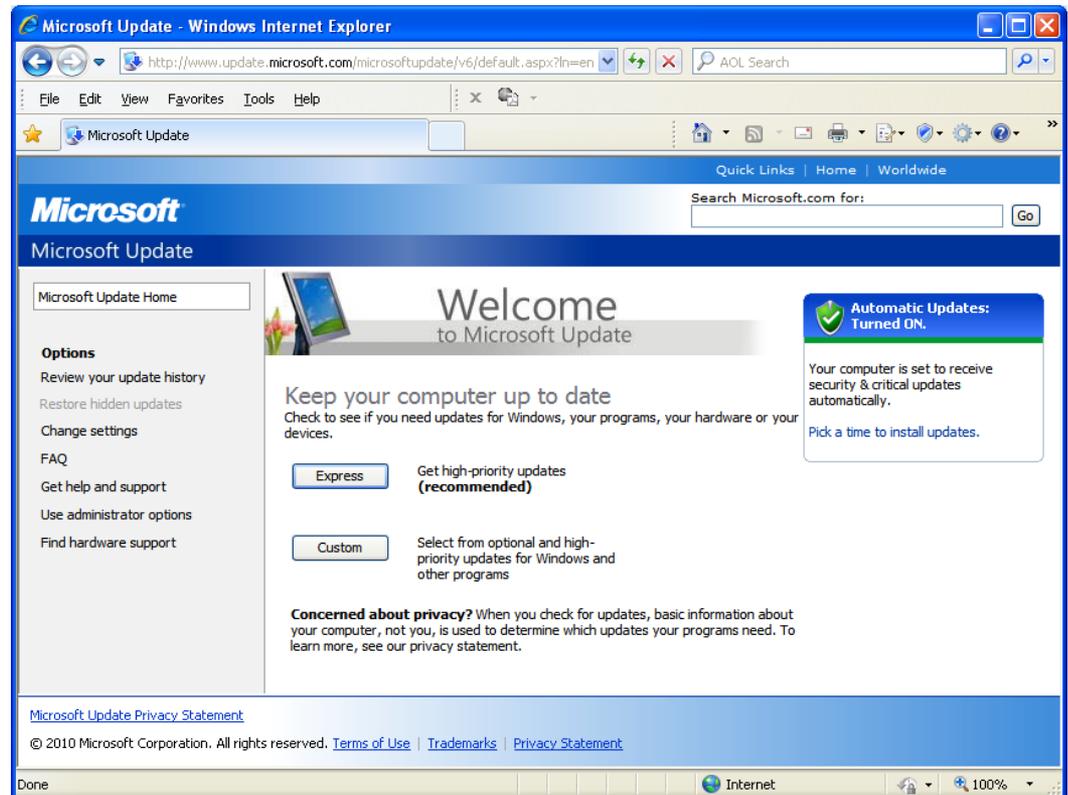
The screenshot shows the World Class CAD website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar displays <http://www.worldclasscad.com/>. The website features a navigation menu with categories such as CAD Training, Programming, Architecture, Mechanical, Civil Design, Energy Mgmt, Electrical, Designing, Mathematics, Office Apps, Ohio STEM, and Poster. A central section titled "World Class CAD Online Resources" includes a world map and links to various topics like 2D AutoCAD, Mechanical, Electrical, Architectural, Office Trng, Drafting, Programming, 3D AutoCAD, Microstation, Solid Edge, Pro Engineer, Solid Works, Civil, and Project. The right side of the page contains several advertisements, including one for progeSoft's progeCAD 2009 Smart Student Software, which is labeled as "Free Student Software" and "Charityware". Another ad for Bradford School is also visible. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows the current page as http://www.worldclasscad.com/principle_of_design.htm and indicates it is a "Trusted sites" page. The taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button and several open applications, including Microsoft Update, World Class CAD Home, and Microsoft PowerPoint.

Sites to Trust

Websites we can generally trust are :

- Microsoft, the network operating system programmers
- The Server manufacturer for technical support and drivers
- Antivirus software supplier

We urge network administrators not to turn off this enhanced security system which would open the server to unwanted browsing and interference.



Microsoft Update Webpage is already a trusted site

Security Questions

To learn more about Windows 2003 Server security, continue to the next lesson to set server password criteria and later take CA-224 Designing Security for a Microsoft Network.

