

## Enabling Compatibility Mode for Internet Explorer Version 8

**The Problem:** When using Internet Explorer 8, many websites will no longer display as they did in previous versions. This is because Microsoft has tried to make a browser that better conforms to current standards of design for websites. Many websites still do not conform fully to these new standards—Blackboard is one of those websites. As a result, accessing the Blackboard system using Internet Explorer 8 may cause new “weirdness” for us. There is a setting called “Compatibility Mode” that can be easily enabled by the user. Enabling Compatibility Mode will fix this problem.

**The Fix:** To enable compatibility mode, start by loading any page in Blackboard. Next, locate the Compatibility Mode button which resembles a ripped piece of paper (see screen shot below). You’ll find it to the right of the address bar and to the left of the reload and stop buttons. Click on it once, and your page will reload. Compatibility Mode is now engaged for any page on Blackboard. **This setting is permanent and will not need to be re-done each time you load Blackboard.**



Internet Explorer 8 may cause problems viewing other websites too!

See <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/internet-explorer/features/enhanced-navigation.aspx> for more information!