

Microsoft Edge web browser upgrade in Scomis hosting environment

Internet Explorer 11 was built-in to the Hosted platform as part of the Windows Operating system that we use on our Front End SIMS Servers. As such these servers have to be in line with the specification set out by ESS who provide SIMS. Internet Explorer 11 is no longer compatible with several websites as it is end of life on some Windows versions and has been replaced with Microsoft's Edge browser. We have recently received confirmation from ESS (who develop SIMS) that the Microsoft Edge web browser is now fully supported with SIMS.

We have completed our own internal testing and have deployed the Microsoft Edge web browser to our hosted environment. Due to Edge browser being a replacement product to Internet Explorer, there are some instances where things will need to be done slightly differently.

For example, Internet Explorer allowed users to "Right click" inside a webpage / SIMS report and export data directly into Microsoft Excel. Users will be unable to right click and "export to excel" in Edge natively. But a simple workaround is to run Edge in Internet Explorer mode. Please see <https://faq.scomis.org/kb827659/> for further details.

The way that files are downloaded in Edge is also different. Now when downloading files (such as Exams base data) files are automatically saved into your Hosted "My Documents" folder. Edge will then show a dialogue box that will allow you to move these files to where you wish to organise them (for example F:\Public\SIMS\ExamsIn). Please see <https://faq.scomis.org/kb857489/> for further details.

Favourites previously saved in Internet Explorer will be automatically imported into Edge. Any saved passwords stored in Internet Explorer will be migrated to across to Edge. But the ability for Edge browser to submit a password automatically into a website is dependent on the type of website you are accessing. Because of this we would recommend making a list of any websites for which you have saved passwords (within hosted) and ensure that you know these passwords. Please see <https://faq.scomis.org/kb873331/> for details on how to view and add favourites in Edge.

When a report outputs to Microsoft Edge HTML, the formatting of the gridlines for "Registration Reports" does not display as expected. This is because the report has been designed originally in Internet Explorer by SIMS. Run the report as normal, click the three dots top right corner of the report and click "Reload into Microsoft Explorer" this will then reload the report and show the formatting as originally intended. Please see <https://faq.scomis.org/kb966525/> for further details.