WebEQ Equation Content Imported from WebCT and ANGEL packages incompatible with Browsers Not Supporting NPAPI Plugin Content

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Bulletin/Advisory Information: The equation editor in Blackboard Learn does not require a Java plugin. Equations authored in WebCT and ANGEL courses required Java, and when they are imported into Blackboard Learn continue to require Java for viewing.

In September 2015, Google Chrome will stop supporting NPAPI plugins. This includes the use of Java in the web browser. Before this date, it is possible to configure Chrome to allow this content; after this date Java content cannot be used. The new Edge browser from Microsoft also does not support NPAPI plugins. Users of these browsers will not be able to view equations that were authored in WebCT or ANGEL and then imported into Blackboard Learn.

There are two workarounds: 1) Users can be requested to use a browser that supports NPAPI and a Java runtime environment to view the WebEQ equation content. 2) The instructor or course builder can edit the affected items to recreate the equation using the Blackboard Learn equation editor that doesn’t require Java.

For more information about Chrome’s end of NPAPI support, see these links:
https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/6213033?hl=en
https://www.chromium.org/developers/npapi-deprecation

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