

## How to pass referrer information to specific Web pages

### Situation:

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

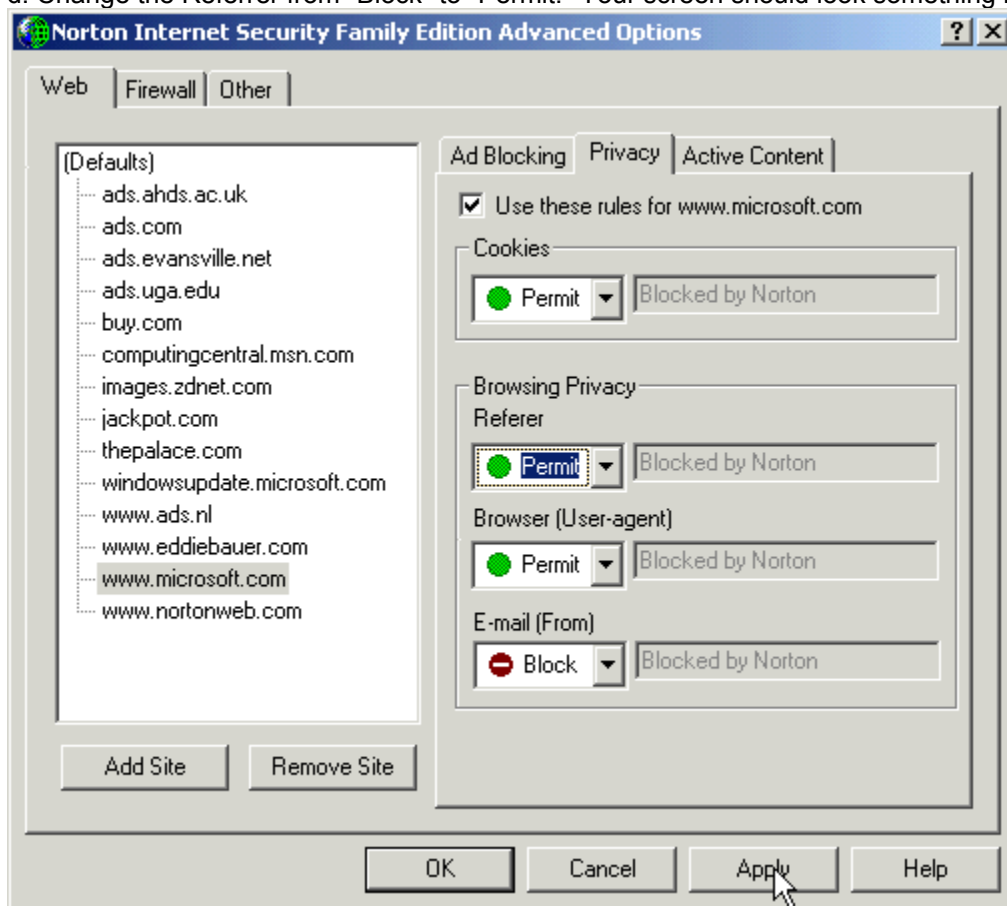
### Solution:

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, see the document [How to pass referrer information to specific Web pages in Norton Internet Security or Norton Personal Firewall 2003](#).

### To create a rule:

1. Open the list of Web sites:
  - a. Open NIS or NPF.
  - b. Click Options.
  - c. Click Internet Security or Personal Firewall. This step is not always needed.
  - d. Click Advanced Options.
  - e. Click the Web tab.
2. Add a new Web site:
  - a. Click Add Site. A new site/domain box appears.
  - b. 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.
3. Configure the new Web site:
  - a. Click the name of the new site.
  - b. Click the Privacy tab.
  - c. Check the "Use these rules for..." box.
  - d. Change the Referrer from "Block" to "Permit." Your screen should look something like this:



- e. Click Apply, and then click OK.
4. Click OK to close the Options window.

### **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](http://www.symantec.com) and click [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com), the browser sends information to the server [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com). The information includes the fact that you are currently viewing the site [www.symantec.com](http://www.symantec.com). If you block referrer information, the server [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com) does not "know" that you were previously at [www.symantec.com](http://www.symantec.com). If the server [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com) required this information, your browser would not display the Web page at [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com), and you might see an error.

### Reference:

[http://service1.symantec.com/SUPPORT/nip.nsf/docid/2000070515373136?Open&src=hot&docid=2002042913273736&nsf=nip.nsf&view=docid/2002042913273736?opendocument&src=hot&prod=norton%20internet%20security&ver=2003%20for%20windows%202000/me/98/xp&stg=2&base=http://www.symantec.com/techsupp/nis&dtype=&prod=Norton%20Internet%20Security&ver=2003%20for%20Windows%202000/Me/98/XP&osv=&osv\\_lvl=](http://service1.symantec.com/SUPPORT/nip.nsf/docid/2000070515373136?Open&src=hot&docid=2002042913273736&nsf=nip.nsf&view=docid/2002042913273736?opendocument&src=hot&prod=norton%20internet%20security&ver=2003%20for%20windows%202000/me/98/xp&stg=2&base=http://www.symantec.com/techsupp/nis&dtype=&prod=Norton%20Internet%20Security&ver=2003%20for%20Windows%202000/Me/98/XP&osv=&osv_lvl=)