

Microsoft Internet Explorer 7

From the 1st of November 2006, Microsoft are due to release their new Browser IE7 via Automated Update. Potentially this may have an impact on Bacstel-iP systems.

Components of IE are used within the Bacstel-iP systems – both iSeries and Windows versions. IE holds the register of smart card certificates, and also controls the Secure Sockets communications (HTTPS) for the Windows product, and those iSeries systems that use the PC for transmission.

We therefore strongly recommend that users of our system do NOT adopt the new IE7 release on all PC's before testing our system on one specific PC.

Grange IT Limited have tested IE7 as follows:

- File submission via native IBM iSeries
- File submission via PC for IBM iSeries systems
- File submission via Bacstel-iP for Windows
- Use of BACS website with smart card * *see note below*
- Download of Input and Arrival Reports for all systems

All systems successfully transmitted and received data as expected with IE7

* Contacting the BACS website for the first time. When using Gemplus as the card reading software, IE7 issues a warning when connecting to BACS that it does not trust the Gemplus add-on. You must accept the use of Gemplus add-on. We suspect that the same will happen with other card signing solutions.

The following is a statement from Voca (BACS):

It is the responsibility of the solution supplier to make sure any changes brought about by IE7 are not detrimental to their customers ability to Interface with Bacstel-IP (through their Solution Supplier Interface) for submissions and report retrieval.

Any signing solution related issues should be referred to the appropriate sponsoring bank.

Any customer who updates to IE7 must ensure that this does not have a detrimental effect on their business functionality (including back office or downstream applications).

If any problems are encountered with IE7 when accessing Bacstel-IP pages or reports then these should be reported to the BACS service desk for investigation and progression. Specific examples should be provided.

If you have any issues with IE7 and our products please call us on 01947 880458.