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## Background

HSPnet is a web-enabled system to improve coordination of student placements in all health sciences disciplines across a practice education jurisdiction (typically a province). Implementing HSPnet helps to improve communications, minimize handling of paper, reduce turnaround time, and enhance a jurisdiction's ability to plan for and to build capacity for student placements.

As a web-enabled application, introducing HSPnet in an organization has negligible IT impact. User support is provided by the HSPnet Help Desk (via email or phone) and system requirements include only Internet Explorer, Adobe Reader, and an active email account.

This document provides information on system requirements to support organizations in assessing the IT impacts of HSPnet implementation and desktop requirements for individual user access.

## System Specifications and User Requirements

Component	User System and Setup Requirement:
<b>Client Interface</b> - HTML pages with significant use of JavaScript, DHTML and CSS. The application is designed for use within IE 5.5 or higher and has not been tested extensively on other browsers. SSL encryption (128-bit) is used on all pages and transmissions.	Internet Explorer version 5.5 or later with the following settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable JavaScript</li> <li>• Enable Session cookies (to maximize functioning of navigation menus)<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Set Popup blocker (Windows XP SP2) to "Medium" or "High". HSPnet should be added to the "allowed" sites list.<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Email Interface</b> – HSPnet permits users to generate context-appropriate email through "mailto" links embedded throughout the application; no email automation (scripting) is performed.	Local email client such as Outlook, Outlook Express, or Groupwise <sup>3</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet Explorer must be set to use the correct email account under Tools / Internet Options / Programs.</li> </ul>

A test site is available for anyone wishing to test sending of email links and printing of PDF forms:

[www.hspcanada.net/training/HSPnet\\_Test1.asp](http://www.hspcanada.net/training/HSPnet_Test1.asp)

<sup>1</sup> HSPnet uses cookies for the sole purpose of tracking which navigation menus are open during a session. If cookies are disabled, HSPnet will function properly but navigation menus will not "remember" their expand/collapse settings between screen refreshes.

<sup>2</sup> HSPnet will occasionally popup a secondary window, at the request of the user only (never automatically).

<sup>3</sup> Lotus Notes experiences problems with mailto links that include a lengthy Subject (over 27 characters). There is no known patch from IBM at this time, but HSPnet users can resolve this issue through a "minimize email subject length" setting in their personal setup.