

BrowseGate Proxy server v2.8x (September 2000)

We recommend that you might wish to print this file out for reference while you complete the installation of your BrowseGate proxy server...

Installation and setup guidance.

The initial installation of BrowseGate will have installed a full access 15 day evaluation system that you may run as the LITE, Personal, Home or work version. The Lite version is atotally free proxy server, but only provides support for a maximum of 2 concurrent PCs, and also has some limitations on the features provided when compared to all the other versions. If at the end of the evaluation period you choose to continue to run BrowseGate as the Lite system, we operate a "postcard ware" system which means you will still need to "register" your continuing use of it by sending the details specified on the splash screen to NetcPlus so that we can send you a full Lite serial number and unlock key.

When you are ready to register a commecrical copy, you can select any of the 3 following commercial versions

BrowseGate Personal (up to 3 users) - \$44.95

@Home-BrowseGate (up to 4 users) - \$99

@Work-BrowseGate (for 5 or more users) - starts at \$165

Despite BrowseGate being a very powerful network/intranet proxy server, our customers all tell us it is very simple to install and configure, providing you follow a few basic rules that will certainly be familiar to any of you that understand TCP/IP, but it can of course be slightly more difficult to anyone who is fairly new to TCP/IP networking.

These notes are aimed primarily at those who are not too familiar with TCP/IP on Windows PC's, and we therefore ask for those for whom some of the following information may appear to be blatantly obvious to be patient.....

The Help System provided with BrowseGate contains a great deal of information on how to setup TCP/IP networking, so if you do not already have it installed we recommend that you first have a look through this for any information you may require. These notes will hopefully give you a quick reference to reach the relevant areas in the BrowseGate Help System.

FINALLY - DON'T DESPAIR !!!! It really is quite simple once you get stuck into it. Most customers report to us that they usually have BrowseGate configured and all the basic proxy gateways up and running in less than an hour or so..... So go for it NOW !!!!!

If you REALLY are stuck - and you are not installing the LITE version, then you can always send an email to our tech support people. They love a challenge, and are sure to be able to put you right quickly and easily.

However, if you are having problems with the configuration of Windows itself - PLEASE CONTACT the Microsoft support group and not our own people. Microsoft are responsible for providing you with technical support on setting up any Windows components including TCP networking themselves....

We are more than happy to provide all **registered customers of our commercial versions** with free email support but can only do so for current registered releases of our own software. Please ensure you have your serial number available for us if you call or quote it in your emails to bgsupport@netcplus.com

1 - Finished the BrowseGate Installation

To be reading this you have obviously already installed BrowseGate :-))

These notes assume that you already have your Windows network and TCP/IP networking installed. If not, please read the Help System provided in your version of Windows. The sections shown below in the BrowseGate Help System, which are accessible from the main Contents page, may also be helpful.

General Technical information

What to do if your networked PC's cannot connect to BrowseGate
How to set up TCP/IP on your network

If you want an overview of the most important TCP/IP configuration items, check out the following Help Topics :-

General Technical information

Ports - What are they and how do you configure them ?
What to do if your networked PC's cannot connect to BrowseGate
All About TCP/IP etc
About the Windows HOSTS file

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2 - What networked internet applications do you want to support ?

BrowseGate will act successfully as a proxy server for almost all types of internet applications, but naturally enough you need to configure it to provide the various types of support your networked users are going to require.

To find out how to set up proxies for any of these -
Check the information given in the Help System under the sub heading of:-

Configuration

Web browsing

WEB BROWSERS - setting the communications port

Email clients or servers (POP3 and SMTP)

EMAIL SERVICES -supporting the POP3/SMTP email service

NNTP Internet News Clients

NEWS SERVICES - supporting the NNTP news service

FTP Client applications

EXTRA SERVICES - support for additional services

Other Client applications

EXTRA SERVICES - support

SOCKS 4/5 client applications

SOCKS SERVICE - support for the SOCKS protocol

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3 - How to set up your client applications

Most email, news, FTP and similar clients have their own help systems that should provide information on what you need to do to make them work with BrowseGate. This will typically be found under the headings of either PROXY or FIREWALL.in those help systems.

The BrowseGate Help system also contains detailed information on how to configure many of the most popular internet applications to work with a proxy server - (Just in case you are unable to find the information you need in their own help systems)

These include instruction for all of the following applications at the time of writing.

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.xx and 5.xx
- Netscape Navigator 4.xx
- Absolute FTP
- CuteFTP
- WS_FTP
- Microsoft Outlook (and Express)
- Qualcomm Eudora
- MS Exchange
- Pegasus mail
- Forte Free Agent
- Netscape (AIM) Messenger

Please check out the following BrowseGate Help Topics :-

Configuration

Configuring SOCKS applications to use BrowseGate

Setting up your network clients to use BrowseGate

- Setting up your web browsers to connect to BrowseGate
- Configuring your eMail clients to connect to BrowseGate
- Configuring NNTP News clients to connect to BrowseGate
- Configuring common FTP clients to use BrowseGate

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The rest of the BrowseGate configuration is slightly more advanced, but a quick browse through the Help system should be all you need to sort it all out.

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