

Chapter 3. Getting started

This chapter gives you the information you will need to establish your first WIMS session. Topics include:

- Internet access requirements
- WIMS access levels
- Your WIMS logon ID and WIMS password
- Logging on
- Logging off

Access to WIMS web

You can access WIMS from the Internet.

To communicate with WIMS, use the Internet domain name:
<http://famweb.nwcg.gov>

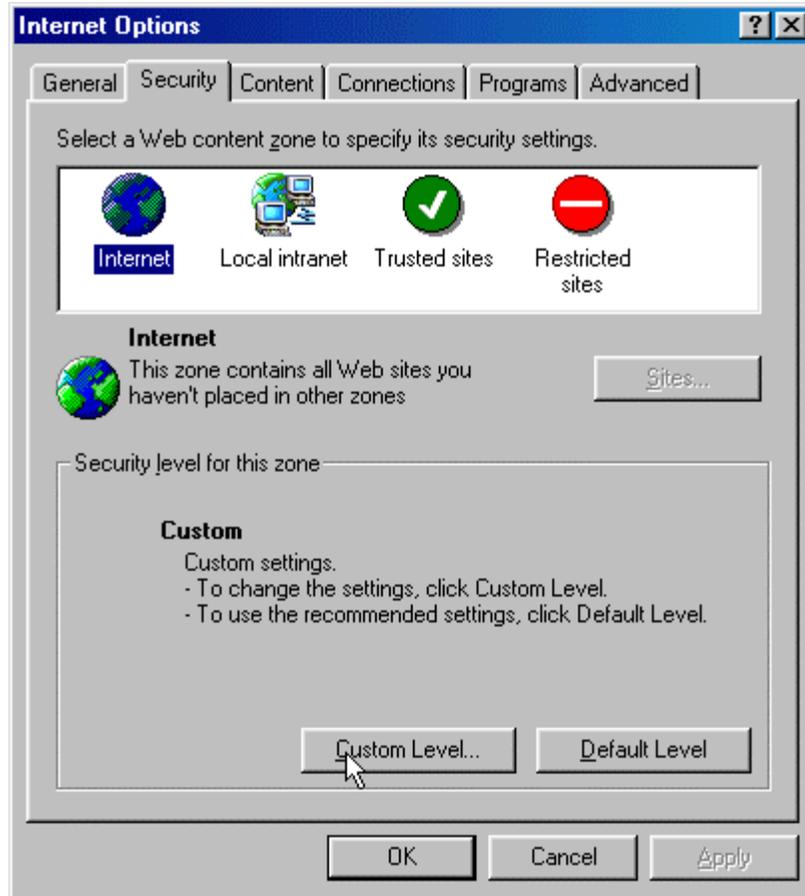
Browser Requirements

You must be running Netscape Navigator 4.7 or Internet Explorer 5.0/5.5 to access WIMS web. You must have Java enabled and you will also need to set your text size to smallest.

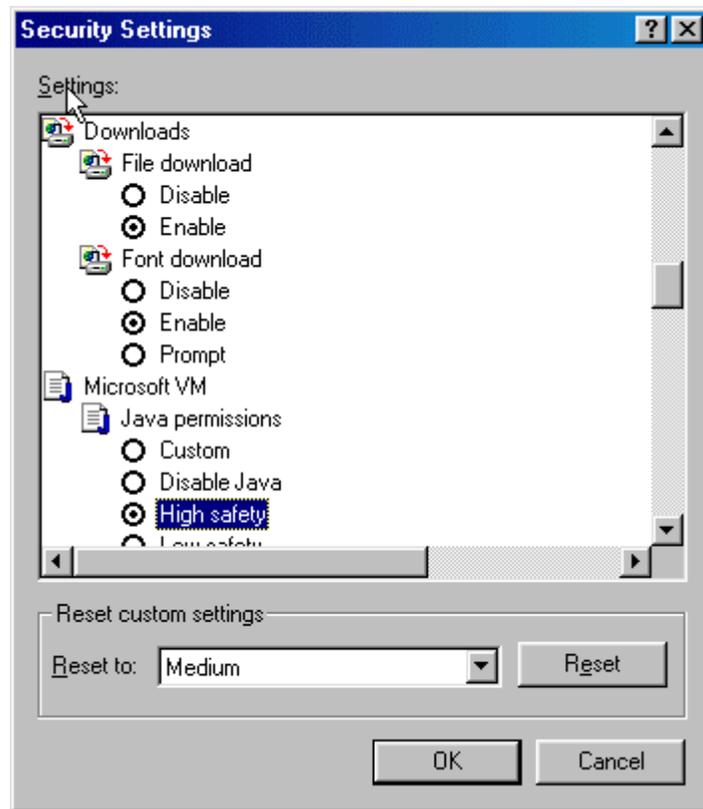
To enable Java on Microsoft Internet Explorer:

Choose Tools from the toolbar and Internet Options from the drop down menu.

From the Internet Options dialog box choose the Security tab and then Custom Level as displayed on the next page.



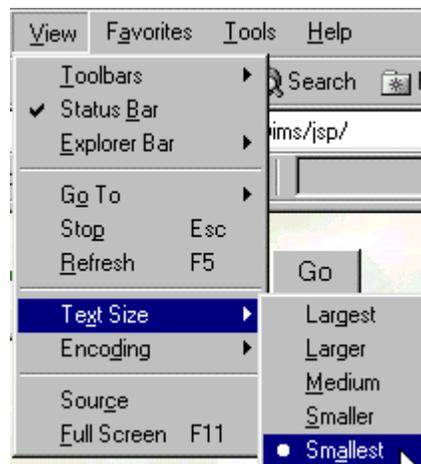
The Security Settings dialog box will display. Scroll through the listed security options to Microsoft VM and make sure that the option Disable Java is not selected.



Any setting other than Disable Java should allow you to run WIMS web.

To change your text size settings in Internet Explorer:

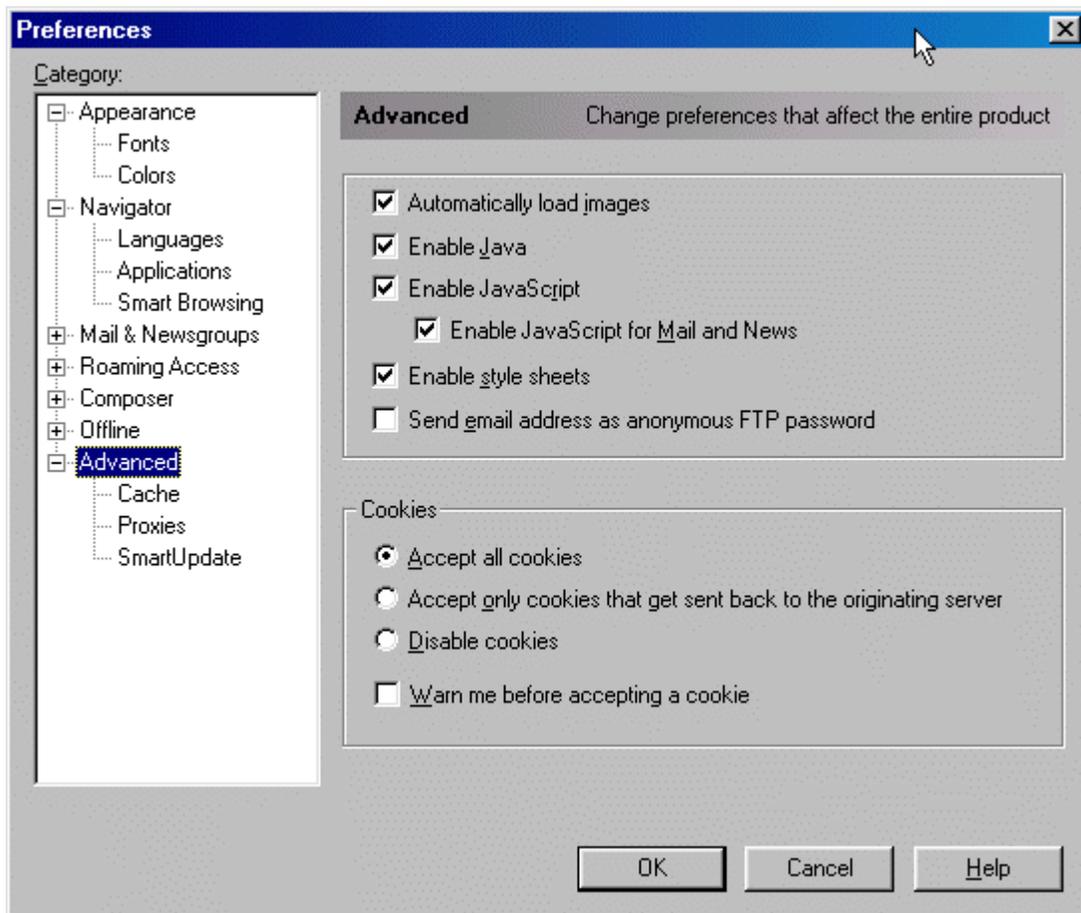
Choose View, Text Size, and then Smallest from your browser's toolbar as shown below.



To enable Java on Netscape Navigator 4.7:

Choose Edit from the toolbar and Preferences from the drop down menu.

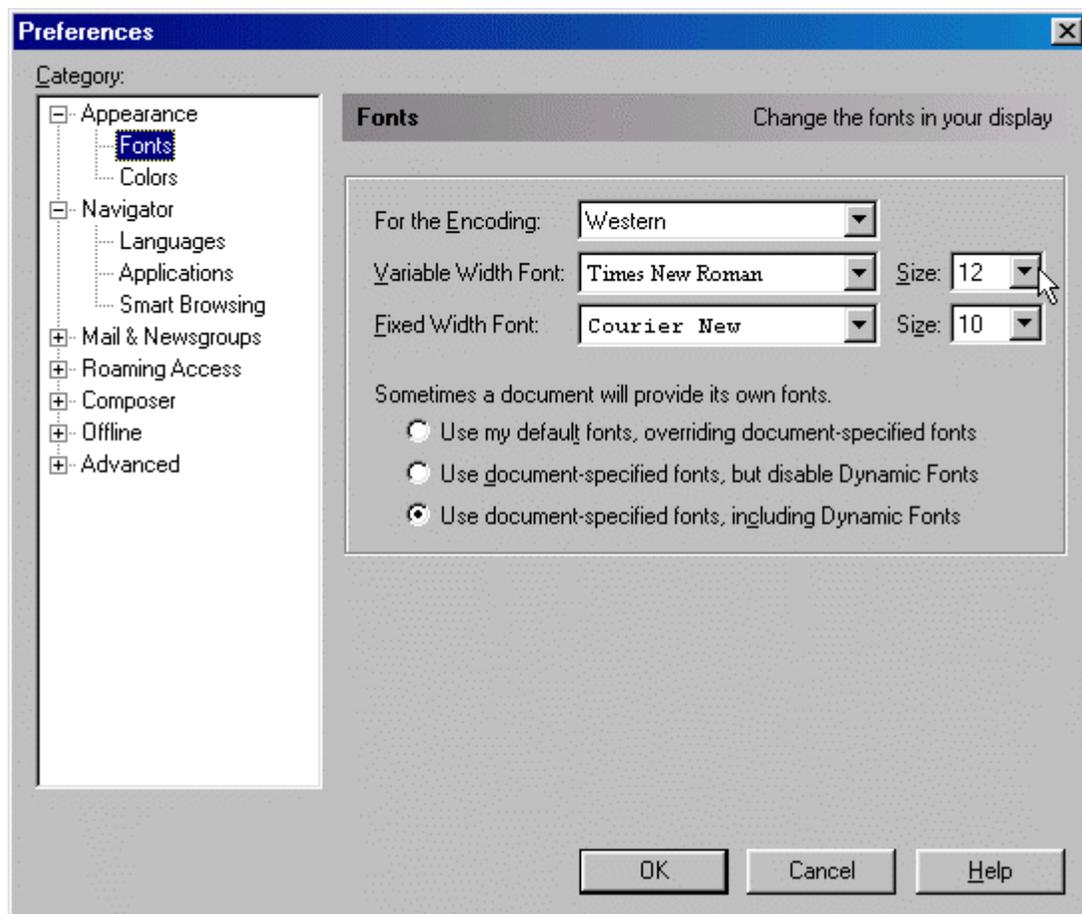
From the Preferences dialog box that appears click Advanced from the Category pane as displayed below. Make sure that Java and JavaScript are enabled.



To change text size on Netscape Navigator 4.7:

Choose Edit from the toolbar and Preferences from the drop down menu.

From the Preferences dialog box click Fonts from the Category pane as displayed below. Make sure that Font size is set no larger than 12 pts.



WIMS access levels

WIMS has three access levels:

- Data Manager - access to all WIMS functions except entering and editing forecasts.
- Data Entry - access to some WIMS functions including entering and editing observations.
- National Weather Service (NWS) - access to all major WIMS functions.

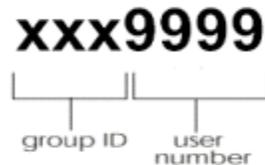
Based on your work duties, you are assigned an access level that allows you to perform only specific functions within WIMS. This WIMS User's Guide explains every menu and form available for all three access levels. In some cases, you must have a specific access level or have that station's ownership to see and use some WIMS menus and forms.

For a list of menu options and access levels, see Appendix A, "Menus, FastPaths, and access levels."

Your WIMS logon ID

Each WIMS logon ID is assigned by an agency security officer or the F&AM Fire Applications Helpdesk and the user access level is tied to the logon ID. It contains accounting information that the WIMS system needs to identify users for billing purposes.

The diagram below identifies the key components of your WIMS logon ID.



To request access or change your access level complete and submit the forms in Appendix D, "WIMS/ NIFMID forms and instructions."

Your WIMS password

Your WIMS password is linked to your WIMS logon ID. Together, these provide the first layer of security to reduce the possibility of unauthorized access to the WIMS system. The password must contain 6 to 12 characters (a mix of letters and numbers). Make sure a number is not the first character in the password.

To change your WIMS password

To change your WIMS password logon to the FAMWEB home page
<http://famweb.nwcc.gov>

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Information updated June 6, 2003

WIMS
Weather Information Management System v1.1

SIT Report
National Situation Report
Updated 6/1/2003

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Incident Information Summary ICS-209
Updated 6/1/2003

Pocket Cards
Firefighter Pocket Cards

KCFAST
WIMS/NIFMID Historical Weather and Fire occurrence data

AMIS
AMIS Data Entry and Reports

FEPMIS
Federal Excess Property Management System

[WIMS Users Guide](#) updated 7/25/01
[WIMS TechNotes](#)
A [helpful hints](#) page is being managed for your convenience.

[SIT FAQ's](#)

[1999 Sit Data](#)
[2000 Sit Data](#)
[2001 Sit and 209 Data](#)
[2002 Sit and 209 Data](#)

[209 Users Guide](#) updated 7/17/01
[ICS-209s for calendar year 2002](#)

SIT Report and ICS-209 [updates](#) for 2002 information.

[US Federal Wildland Fire Management Data for 2002](#) is available.

[FAMWEB password management](#)

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Status of the WIMS/NIFMID Database Migration

The National Weather Service data gateway system is available to receive and send products as of June 4, 2003. This means that forecasts can be generated and the Weather Service bulletins are available in WIMS.

We have been receiving several calls dealing with the user name and password change in the new database instance. Please remember that the new user name no longer has the "OPSS" prefix. The new user name is your old user name without the "OPSS", i.e. an old user name of "OPSSFS9999" is now "FS9999". The password is based on the personal information stored in WIMS/NIFMID database for the user id. If the user id "OPSSFS9999" was assigned to "Smoky Longlastname" with a phone number of "800-233-5559", the password would be "longlast559". This is up to 8 characters of the last name and the last 4 digits of the phone number.

WIMS, KCFAST, SIT, and ICS-209 are available.

Your username no longer has the ops prefix. Read the [system update document](#) for information about your new password.

The US Federal Wildland Fire Management Data for 2002 has been updated.

If you experience any problems please contact the F&AM Helpdesk at 1-800-233-5559.

For support contact the Fire Applications Helpdesk:
 email: fire_help@dms.nwcc.gov
 phone: 1-800-233-5559 or 208-387-5280.

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Click on the FAMWEB password management link located below the application buttons.



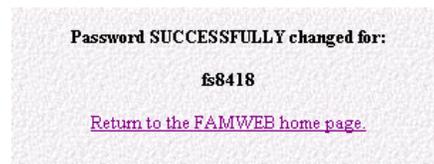
The user will be prompted to enter his/her current logon id and password pair.



The Password change screen will open. The user can click on continue and not change the password, or enter a new password, enter the new password one more time and click on submit.



A successful password screen will display.

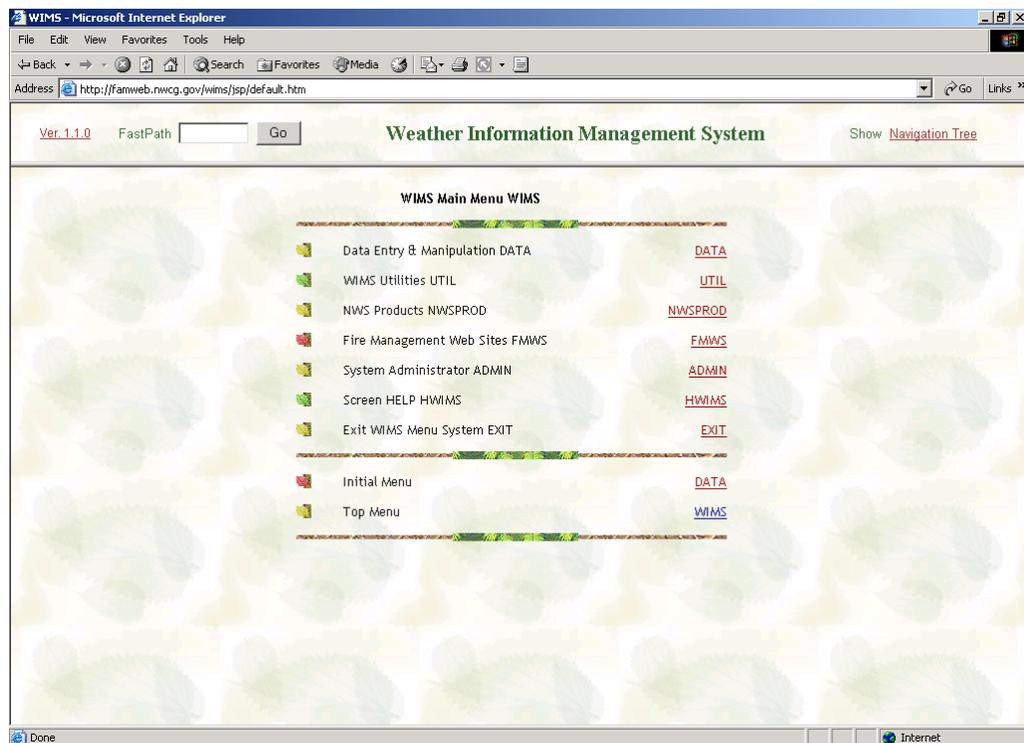


- If you cannot remember your WIMS password or cannot log on, contact your WIMS system administrator, or the F&AM Fire Applications Helpdesk.

Logging on to WIMS

To log on to WIMS

Type the WIMS Web Application URL <http://famweb.nwcg.gov> into your browser's Address bar click Go, opening The FAMWEB Home page. Click the WIMS button. The user will be prompted to type a valid WIMS logon ID and password in the appropriate fields and click OK. If you have entered your login ID and password correctly and the system is available the WIMS web application will load.



You have now successfully logged on to WIMS. If this is the first time you have logged on, see “Setting up or changing your profile” in Chapter 10, “Working with WIMS Utilities.”

During your WIMS session, if you do not perform any functions within 15 minutes you will be logged off automatically. To reestablish your WIMS session, see Appendix F, “Troubleshooting” in the back of this guide.

Logging off

Be sure to exit the WIMS system before closing your browser. To exit the WIMS Web Application System, click Exit from the WIMS main menu, or type EXIT in the FastPath menu. You can log back on from this screen or close your browser window if you are finished with the application.

Accounting, security, and support services

WIMS is a transaction-based system and WIMS access charges are based on the actual work performed by the computer. To minimize your WIMS access charges, limit query, search, and other CPU-intensive functions.

Before you can access WIMS and the NIFMID database, you must establish an accounting code with the National Information Technology Center in Kansas City. This accounting code may be assigned to an individual or group of users and monitors computer usage for billing purposes.

To obtain a NITC-KC accounting code

- Complete and sign the WIMS/ NIFMID NITC-Terms and Conditions form located in Appendix D, “ WIMS/ NIFMID forms and instructions.”
- Forest Service users can need to contact their Regional Computer Security Staff for a logon id.
- For other Federal users, contact the F&AM Helpdesk.

Federal users must renew the Reimbursement Agreement Form (Form AD-672) every fiscal year.

- For Non-Federal users including state, local, and private users, submit a purchase order to the National Information Technology Center in Kansas City.

Charges are invoiced monthly. Non-Federal users must submit a new purchase order every fiscal year.

To obtain user support and system administration services

Contact your agency's system administrator. To locate this person, check with your supervisor and/or computer specialist.

You may also contact the F&AM Fire Applications Helpdesk in Boise, Idaho at 1-800-253-5559, or 208-387-5290. The helpdesk receives email at fire_help@dms.nwcg.gov. For after hours support, leave your name and WIMS logon ID, agency name, and a detailed message on the voice mail. If the problem is an emergency follow the voice-mail instructions to page a fire duty officer.