Installing the ActiveX Control JInitiator for Banner6

Microsoft recently released Service Pack 2 for the Windows XP operating system. This service pack features built-in ActiveX Controls to help keep your computer safe from malicious worms and viruses distributed over the internet. While the ActiveX Controls are generally a useful tool, ActiveX is necessary to use Banner in Internet Explorer. ActiveX is used to install the JInitiator, which is the component used to connect to the Banner database. While you may keep the ActiveX Controls active on your computer, you will need to make one adjustment to accommodate Banner and the JInitiator.

1. Launch Internet Explorer and visit www.nl.edu/banner6/. You will now notice that Internet Explorer has blocked the ActiveX Control for JInitiator.

2. If you click with your mouse in the message area, you will now see a menu of options. These options are: Install ActiveX Control, What's the Risk? and Information Bar Help. Click on Install ActiveX Control.

3. You will now be prompted with an Internet Explorer Security Warning. This warning is to notify you that you are being asked to install an application from the server onto your computer. Select Install to begin the process of installing the JInitiator onto your computer.
4. Once the JInitiator is fully installed, you will be able to connect to Banner6 through Internet Explorer without any warnings or security messages. After clicking on Install, the installation process will begin. You will be asked where to install the ActiveX Control JInitiator on your computer. By default, it will install to your C drive. Unless you would like to install elsewhere on your computer, click Next.

5. The installation process will now begin.

6. After the installation process is completed and JInitiator has been successfully installed, you will need to refresh the page loaded in Internet Explorer to login to Banner. Click F5 on your keyboard or click the Refresh icon on your Internet Explorer toolbar. After refreshing the window, you will now see the login box.