

# Microsoft Reviews HTML 5 Standards

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(PhysOrg.com) -- Microsoft's Internet Explorer Program Manager, Adrian Bateman will be reviewing the specifications for HTML 5 that has been taken more seriously by Apple, Google, Opera, and Mozilla.

Adrian Bateman stated: "As part of our planning for future work, the IE team is reviewing the current editor's draft of the HTML5 spec and gathering our thoughts. We want to share our feedback and discuss this in the working group."

The current draft of HTML 5 includes number of important advancements that will render web pages more dynamic. Some of the HTML 5 features will include built-in video and audio with the ability to store web applications on your computer so that they can be used offline.

This approach would increase [web application](#) response time.

[Google](#), Apple, and [Mozilla](#) are using some of HTML 5 features in their latest browsers; however Microsoft is being more cautious. Internet Explore 8 supports some of HTML 5 features like, the DOM Store, Cross Document Messaging, Cross Domain Messaging, and Ajax Navigation.

In a CNET interview, in July, with Amy Barzdukas, general manager for IE, Amy commented; "The support of ratified standards (that [Web developers](#)) can use is something that we are extremely supportive of." "In some cases, it can be premature to start claiming support for standards that are not yet in fact standards."

The message that Microsoft is trying to convey is that they are now focusing more on the HTML 5 specifications. Microsoft's philosophy in the past has been that they would determine what technology IE should support. As we all know, Microsoft Internet Explore has been steadily loosing market share with their competitors and realizing now that they need to change their old philosophy.

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