Clean Browser Cache

Summary

As you surf the Web, your computer's browser saves in its [cache](#) the pictures, text, and [cookies](#) downloaded from each web page. When you return to a recently visited website, your browser often displays the information stored in cache, eliminating the time taken to re-download from that site.

Unfortunately the information in the cache may be old and not reflect changes to that site since your last visit.

Selecting the browser's Reload Page button ⟳ usually resolves the problem of stale data. But clearing the cache prior to visiting the web page guarantees a fresh download. [Clearing the cache](#) can also slightly increase a computer's speed, minimize security risks and fix browser errors.

Safari (Macintosh OS X)

Safari – Clear History
1. Select **History** > **Clear History** from the menu bar.
2. Click the **Clear** button.

Safari – Clear cache without deleting history
1. Select **Safari** > **Preferences** from the menu bar.
2. Click the **Advanced** tab at the top.
   A dialog box will open.
3. Click **Show Develop menu in menu bar**.
4. Close the dialog.
5. Select **Develop** > **Empty Caches** from the menu bar.

Firefox

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1. Click either **Tools** (menu bar) or the **Firefox** button.
2. Click **Options**.
3. Select the **Advanced** panel.
4. Click on the **Network** tab.
5. In the Cached Web Content section, click **Clear Now**.
6. Click **OK**.

Firefox (older versions)
1. Click **Tools** on the menu bar.
2. Click **Clear Recent History**.
3. Check boxes for items to be cleared and uncheck boxes for items to be retained.
4. Click the **Clear Now** button.

Internet Explorer

Internet Explorer (version 8 and above)
1. Select the Gear icon.
2. Click the **Tools** icon ⚙ > **Safety** (or click "Tools" from the menu bar).
3. Click **Delete Browsing History**.
4. Uncheck **Preserve Favorites website data** and check both **Temporary Internet Files** and **Cookies**.
5. Click the **Delete** button.

Internet Explorer (version 7)
1. Click **Tools** on the menu bar.
2. Click **Delete Browsing History**.
3. Click **Delete files…** for desired items.
   (Recommended: "Temporary Internet Files" and "Cookies".)
4. At the confirmation dialog, click **Yes**.

Google Chrome

Chrome

1. Click the Customize icon ☰ on the browser toolbar.
2. Select **History**.
    A History tab will open.
3. Select **Clear browsing data**.
    A Clear browsing data dialog will open.
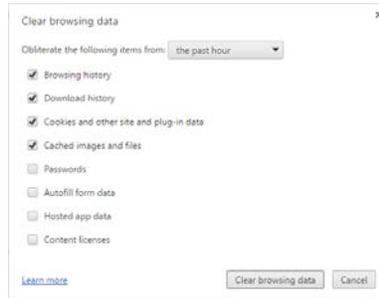
4. Select the checkboxes for the *types* of information to remove.
5. Select the *amount* of data that you want to delete.
    *(Tip: Select **beginning of time** to delete everything.)*
6. Click **Clear browsing data**.

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