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Clearing a Web Browser's Cache

Benefits of clearing a web browser's cache

When using a web browser, files and web pages that you access are often stored, or 'cached,' to make pages load more quickly when it's accessed again in the future. This is a standard feature in all web browsers.

At times, changes to a website won't be seen automatically, as the web browser is accessing a previously cached version of the website, and not the most recent version.

A common way to address this issue is to clear a web browser's cache of temporary internet files. Clearing a web browser's cache does not damage any information stored in a browser such as bookmarks or your homepage. Instead, it simply makes the web browser think that you have not visited a webpage before. The next time you access a webpage after clearing your cache, the web browser will instead load and display the most recent version of the website, as it will have no previous versions stored.

Please note that whenever you clear your web browser's cache, it is a good idea to completely restart the web browser for this change to fully take effect.
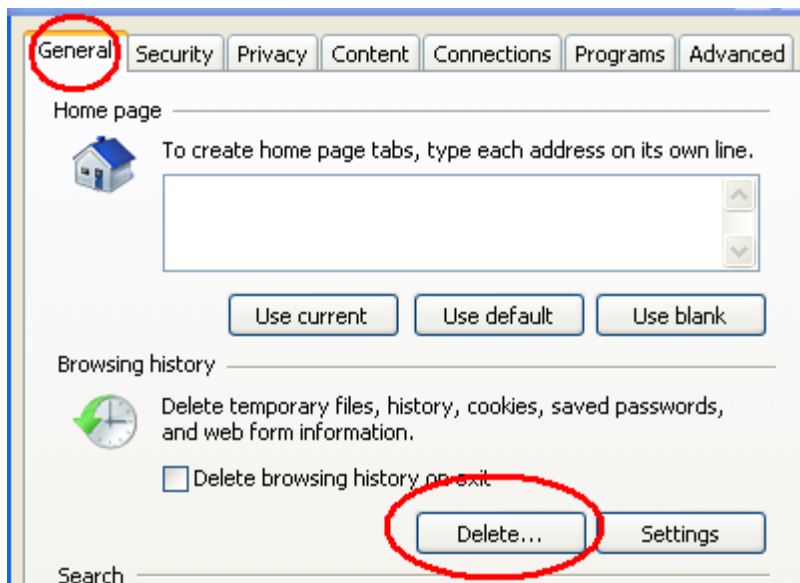
Clear Cache In Internet Explorer 8+

1. At the top of the page, click the **Safety** menu, then select **Delete Browsing History...** from the list.

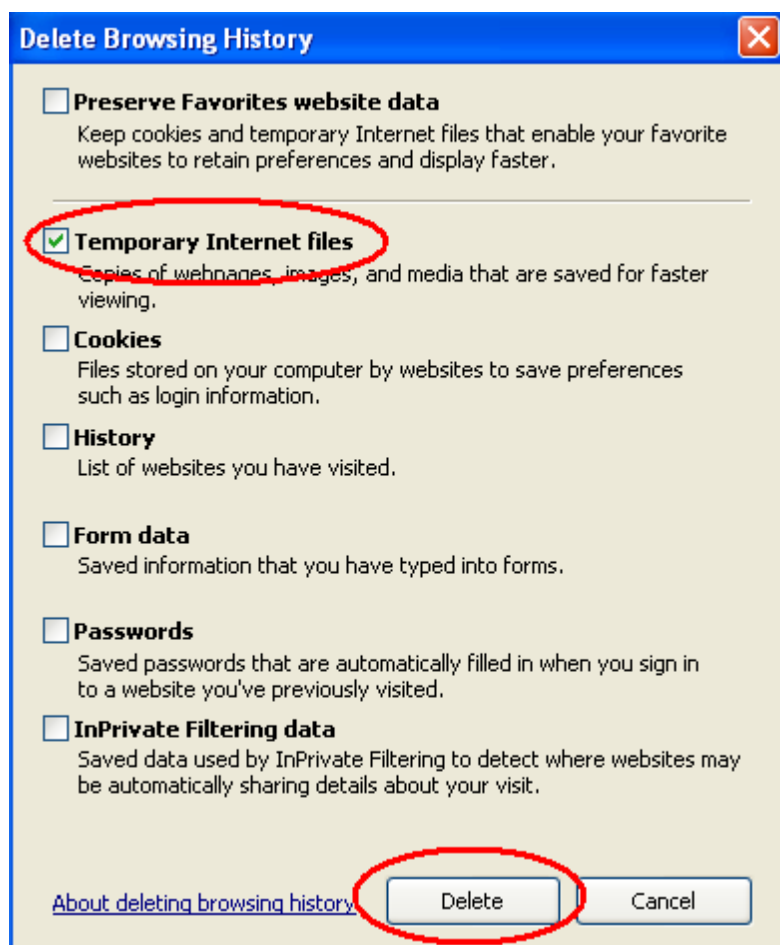2. Uncheck the box for **Preserve Favorites website data**.

3.   Check the box for **Temporary Internet files**.

4.   Click **Delete**.

Clear Cache In Internet Explorer 7

1.   At the top of the page, click the **Tools** menu, then select **Internet Options** from the list.

2.   In the 'General' tab, find the 'Browsing history' section. Click **Delete…**

3.   Uncheck the box for **Preserve Favorites website data**.

4.   Check the box for **Temporary Internet files**.

5.   Click **Delete**.

Clear Cache In Firefox

1.   Go to **History**.

2.   Select Clear **Recent History**.

3.   Select the desired range in the **Time range to clear** drop-down menu.

4.   Click the down arrow next to **Details** and select the items you wish to clear (such as *cache*).

5.   Click **Clear Now**.

6.   Restart your browser (recommended).
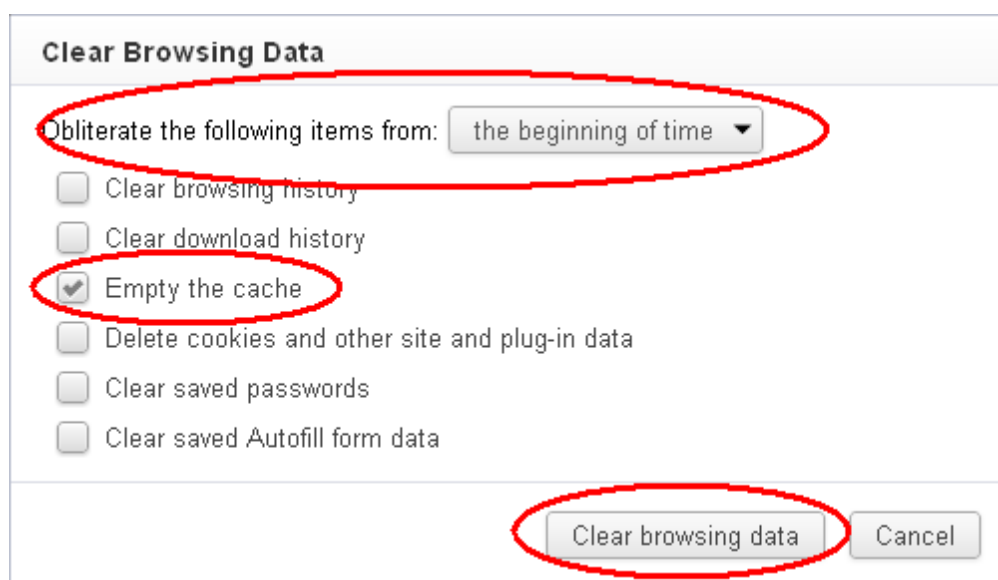
Clear the cache for Firefox 3

1. At the top of the page, click the **Tools** menu, then select **Clear Recent History** from the list.

2. Ensure that the box for **Cache** is checked.

3. Click **Clear Recent History...**

Clear Cache In Google Chrome

1. At the top of the page, click the **Configuration** icon (shaped like a wrench), then select **Tools >> Clear browsing data...** from the list.

2. In the dropdown menu next to 'Obliterate the following items from:' select **the beginning of time**.

3. Check the box for **Empty the cache**. All other boxes should be unchecked.
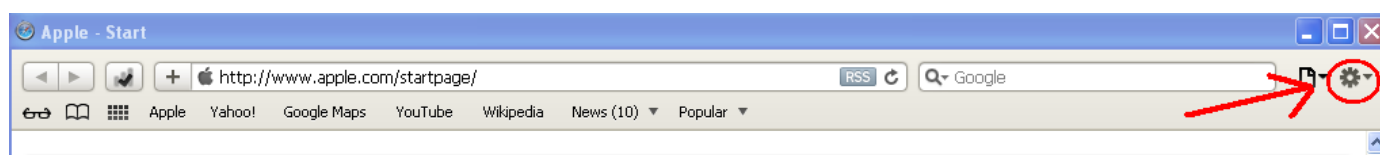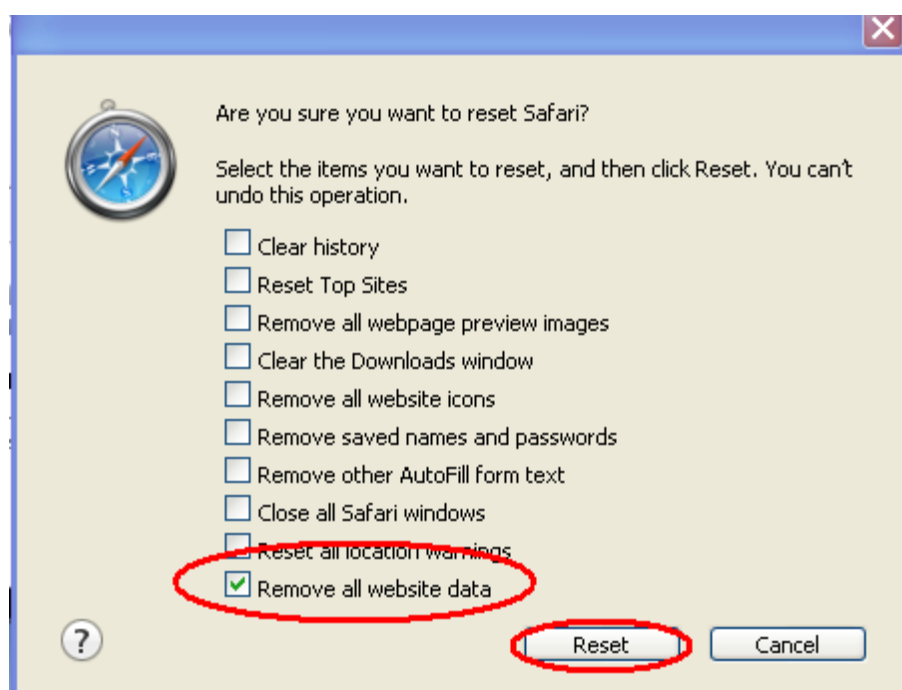

4. Click **Clear browsing data.**

Clear Cache In Safari

1. At the top of the page, click the **Configuration** icon (shaped like a gear), then select **Reset**

Safari... from the list.

2. Check the box for **Remove all website data**. All other boxes should be unchecked.

3. Click **Reset.**

Clear Cache In Safari (Mobile Platforms)

1. At the home screen, tap **Settings**.

2. Tap **Safari**.

3. Tap the button for **Clear Cache**.

4. Tap **Clear Cache** again to confirm.

Clear Cache In Android (Mobile Platforms)

1. Open the default Android web browser.

2. Press the Menu button on the device, then tap **More**.

3. Tap **Settings**.

4. Scroll down to the 'Privacy settings' section. Tap **Clear cache**.

5. Tap **OK**.

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