How to Clear Your Browser's Cookies

Cookies contain information that websites have gathered about you and stored on your computer as small text files. Most of these files are completely harmless, but others store where you went, what you did, and any personal information you gave. Web sites may also allow other websites (their advertisers, for example) to put cookies known as third-party cookies on your computer. To ensure that companies are not keeping tabs on what you do online, use one of the following methods to clear your browser's cookies.

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Steps

**Google Chrome**

1. Open your browser and click the Tools button in the upper right-hand corner. This button looks like a wrench.
Click Clear Browsing Data and select a timeframe that you want to delete.

Make sure Delete Cookies and Other Site and Plug-In Data is checked. Check or uncheck other options as desired.
Internet Explorer 9

1. Open your browser and click the *Tools* button in the upper right-hand corner. This button looks like a cog.

2. Go to *Safety > View Browsing History*. 
Check or uncheck any additional aspects of your browsing history.

Click Delete.
Internet Explorer 8

1. Open your browser and go to **Tools > Internet Options**.

![Internet Options](image)

2. Under the **General tab**, find the **Browsing History section**. From here, you can decide whether to delete some or all cookies:
   - To **delete all cookies**, click uncheck the Preserve Favorite Website Data box, check the box next to Cookies, and hit **Delete**.

![Delete Browsing History](image)

- To **selectively delete cookies**, go to **Settings > View Files**. Select the cookies you wish to delete (hold down **CTRL** while clicking to make multiple selections) and press **Delete**.

Internet Explorer 8: New Toolbar

1. Open your browser and go to **Safety > Delete Browsing History**.

![Safety](image)

2. Make sure **Cookies** is checked.
Check or uncheck any additional aspects of your browsing history.

Click Delete.
Internet Explorer 7

Open your browser and go to Tools > Internet Options. Under the General tab, find the Browsing History section. From here, you can decide whether to delete some or all cookies:

To delete all cookies, click Delete, select Delete Cookies, and hit Yes.

To selectively delete cookies, go to Settings > View Files. Select the cookies you wish to delete (hold down CTRL while clicking to make multiple selections) and press Delete.

Firefox

Open your browser and go to Firefox > Options (PC) or Firefox > Preferences (Mac). If you don’t see the Tools menu, press Alt+T key to access Tools.

1. Open the Privacy tab and click remove individual cookies.
To delete specific cookies, select the cookies you wish to delete. Hold down CTRL while clicking to make multiple selections and press Remove Cookies. You can even expand each site to delete specific cookies from each site.

Mobile Safari for iPhone, iPad and iPod

1. Go to to Settings > Safari.

2. Scroll down and tap Clear Cookies and Data.

3. Tap Clear Cookies and Data to confirm.

Safari 5: Quick Method
Open your browser and go to the menu labeled **Safari**.

Select the sub-menu **Preferences**.

Select the **Privacy** tab at the top of the window.
Under **Cookies and Other Website data**, select the **Details** button.

Remove desired cookies. Either remove select cookies or click **Remove All**.

**Safari 5: Comprehensive Method**

1. Open your browser and go to the menu labeled **Safari**.
2. Select the sub-menu Reset Safari.

3. Un-check all the checkboxes except Remove All Website Data.

4. Select the Reset button.
Safari 4: Quick Method
Open your browser and go to the menu labeled Safari.
Select the sub-menu Preferences.
Select the Security tab at the top of the window.
Select the Show Cookies button.
Remove desired cookies. Either remove select cookies or click Remove All.
Safari 4: Comprehensive Method
1. Open your browser and go to the menu labeled Safari.
2. Select the sub-menu Reset Safari.
3. Un-check all the checkboxes except Remove All Cookies.
4. Select the Reset button.
Opera
1. Open your browser and go to Settings > Delete Private Data.
To delete all cookies, uncheck anything you want to keep (ex. history, saved passwords, cache, etc.) and then click Delete. You may get a dialog that says "Active transfer has not been removed" if you are currently downloading a file; this is done to prevent download interruption.

To delete specific cookies, go to Manage Cookies. Select the cookies you wish to delete (hold down CTRL while clicking to make multiple selections) and press Delete.

**Konqueror**

1. Open your browser and go to Settings menu > Configure Konqueror.

2. Scroll down and select Cookies.

3. Click the Management tab.

4. **Delete cookies.** Either click Delete All to delete all cookies or select the cookies you wish to delete (hold down CTRL while clicking to make multiple selections) and click Delete.

**Video**
It is a good idea to clear your browser's cookies on a regular basis.

- You can disable or restrict cookies via your browser’s security settings. This is recommended for security reasons but will render some sites inoperable; to be able to use such sites, you will have to add them as exceptions to your restrictions list.
- It is a good idea to clear your browser's cache while clearing cookies. The cache stores information, images, and web pages on your computer for quick and easy access. Hackers can obtain crippling financial information from your cache if you're not careful.

## Related wikiHow

- How to Block and Accept Cookies in Internet Explorer
- How to Clear Your Browser's Cache
- How to Be Safe While Online
- How to Use a Credit Card Online
- How to Enable Cookies in Firefox
- How to Fix if You Can't Access a Particular Website
- How to Fix Internet Explorer when It Can't Open a Webpage
- How to Delete Your Browsing History After Shopping for Presents
- How to Delete Your Computer History (for Chrome Only)

## Sources and Citations

- Mactips on deleting cookies from iPhone