How To Clear Cache in Every Major Browser

(Chrome, Firefox, Edge, IE Safari and more...)

Cookies (the non-edible type) are tiny files stored on your hard drive by your browser that contain information about your visit to a particular website, like logon status, personalization and advertising preferences, etc.

Most of the time, cookies make browsing much more enjoyable by keeping you logged in to a site you visit frequently or remembering the several questions you've already answered at your favorite polling site.

Sometimes, however, a cookie may remember something you'd rather it didn't, or even become corrupted, resulting in a browsing experience that's less than enjoyable. This is when deleting cookies may be a good idea.

You might also want to delete cookies if you're experiencing issues like 500 Internal Server or 502 Bad Gateway errors (among others) which are sometimes indications that the one cookies for a particular site are corrupted and should be removed.

How Do I Delete Cookies and Clear the Cache?

Whether for computer issue, privacy, or another reason, clearing cookies is a pretty simple task in any popular browser.

You can usually delete cookies from the *Privacy* or *History* area, available from the *Settings* or *Options* menu in the browser. In most browsers, the same menu can be reached through the Ctrl+Shift+Del keyboard shortcut.

The steps involved in deleting cookies differ considerably depending on what web browseris used. Below are some browser-specific cookie clearing tutorials.

Chrome: Clear Browsing Data

Deleting the cookies in Google Chrome is done through the *Clear browsing data* section, which is accessible through *Settings*. After you choose what you want to delete, like Cookies and other site and plug data, confirm it with a click or tap of the Clear browsing data button.

Tip: If you're looking to delete all the saved password in Chrome, you can do that by picking the Passwords option.

If you're using a keyboard, you can quickly open this part of Chrome's settings with the Ctrl+Shift+Del keyboard shortcut.

The same area can be opened without a keyboard by clicking or tapping on the menu at the top right of Chrome (it's the button that has three stacked lines). Choose More tools > Clear browsing data... to open the *Clear browsing data* section and pick what you want to delete.

See How to Delete Cookies in Chrome [*support.google.com*] for additional information like how to delete cookies from specific websites, how to allow or deny websites from leaving cookies, and more.

Tip: If you want to delete *all* of the cookies or passwords in Chrome, no matter how long ago they were saved, be sure to select the beginning of time from the option at the top of the *Clear browsing data* window - from the dropdown that says *Obliterate the following items from:* .

To clear the cookies from Chrome's mobile browser, tap the menu button on the top right of the screen (the one with three stacked dots), and choose Settings. Under the Privacy submenu, tap Clear Browsing Data. On that new screen, tap each area you want to erase, like Cookies, Site Data or Saved Passwords, etc.

At that point, you can clear the cookies with the Clear Browsing Data button (you have to tap it again for confirmation).

Firefox: Clear All History

Delete cookies in Mozilla's Firefox browser through the *Clear All History* window of its *Options* section. Choose the Cookies option and then the Clear Now button to erase the cookies in Firefox.

The easiest way to get to this window in Firefox is with the Ctrl+Shift+Del keyboard shortcut. Another way is through the three-lined menu at the top right of the browser - choose Options > Privacy > clear your recent history to open the *Clear All History* section.

See How to Delete Cookies in Firefox [*support.mozilla.org*] if you need more help or you want to know how to delete cookies from specific websites only.

Tip: In the *Clear All History* window, you can choose Everything from the *Time range to clear:* menu to delete all the cookies and not just ones that were created within the last day.

If you're using the mobile Firefox browser, you can delete the cookies through the Settings > Clear Private Data menu. To get there, tap on the tabs button on the top right so that you can see all the open tabs. Choose the gear icon on the top left of that screen, and then follow that menu to the *Clear Private Data* section. Choose Cookies (and anything else you want to delete, like the browsing history) and then tap the Clear Private Data button to delete them. You have to confirm it with one last OK button.

Microsoft Edge: Clear Browsing Data

To delete the cookies in Microsoft Edge, use the *Clear browsing data* window from *Settings* to select the option called Cookies and saved website data. Clear them out with the Clear button.

Tip: You can delete more than just the cookies in Microsoft Edge, like passwords, download history, browsing history, location permissions, and more. Just choose which what you want deleted from the *Clear browsing data* screen.

The Ctrl+Shift+Del keyboard shortcut is definitely the quickest way to get to the *Clear browsing data* screen in Microsoft Edge. However, you can also get there manually through the menu button on the top right of the screen (called *Hub* - the one that has three horizontal dots). From there, go to Settings and click or tap the Choose what to clear button.

See How to Delete Cookies in Microsoft Edge [*support.microsoft.com*] for detailed instructions.

Internet Explorer: Delete Browsing History

The *Delete Browsing History* section of Internet Explorer is where you delete the cookies. Click or tap the things you want to delete and then use the Delete button to clear them. The option for cookies is called Cookies and website data - if you want to delete all the saved passwords, place a check in the Passwords box.

The fastest way to get to this screen in Internet Explorer is to use the Ctrl+Shift+Del keyboard shortcut. The other way is manually, through the settings button (the gear icon at the top right of Internet Explorer), then the Internet options menu item. In the *General* tab, under the *Browsing history* section, click the Delete... button.

See How to Delete Cookies in Internet Explorer [*support.microsoft.com*] for more help, like how to delete cookies in older versions of Internet Explorer.

Safari: Cookies and Other Website Data

Deleting the cookies in Apple's Safari web browser is done through the *Privacy* section of *Preferences*, under the *Cookies and other website data* section. Click or tap Remove All Website Data... to delete all the cookies, or choose Details... to delete website-specific cookies.

Whether you're on macOS or Windows, you can get to this section of the browser's settings through the *Action* menu (the gear icon at the upper-right corner of Safari). Select the Preferences... option and then the Privacy tab. The buttons I mentioned above are under the section called *Cookies and other website data.*

If you use the Remove All Website Data... button, choose the Remove Now button to delete all of Safari's cookies. If you want to delete cookies from specific websites, pick the Details... button and then select the cookies you want to remove - click or tap Remove to delete them.

See How to Delete Cookies in Safari [*support.apple.com*] for more specific instructions.

To delete the cookies on the mobile Safari browser, like on an iPhone, start by opening the Settings app. Scroll down and tap on the Safari link, then scroll down on that new page and tap Clear History and Website Data. Confirm that you want to remove the cookies, browsing history, and other data by tapping the Clear History and Data button.

Opera: Clear Browsing Data

The setting to delete cookies in Opera is found in the *Clear browsing data* part of the browser, which is a section of *Settings*. Place a check next to Cookies and other site data, and then click or tap Clear browsing data to delete the cookies.

A super quick way to get to the *Clear browsing data* section in Opera is by using the Ctrl+Shift+Del keyboard shortcut. Another way, that's almost as quick, is with the Menu button, through More tools > Clear browsing data.

See How To Delete Cookies in Opera [*opera.com*] for some additional information on viewing, deleting, and managing cookies.

You can delete the cookies from the mobile Opera browser too. Tap on the red Opera button at the center of the bottom menu and then choose Settings. Under the *General* tab, tap on the Clear... menu item. Tap Clear Cookies and Data and then Yes to delete all of the cookies Opera has stored.

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