

How to Clear the Cache on IE11

The temporary Internet files in Internet Explorer 11, sometimes called the cache, are the copies of text, images, and other data from recently viewed websites that are stored on your hard drive.

As far as troubleshooting a problem goes, deleting temporary Internet files is helpful when a web page won't load but you're pretty confident that the site works for others.

Deleting the temporary Internet files in Internet Explorer is safe and won't remove other things like cookies, passwords, etc..

Follow the easy steps below to clear the cache in Internet Explorer 11:

Difficulty: Easy

Time Required: Deleting temporary Internet files in Internet Explorer usually takes less than a minute

Here's How:

1. Open Internet Explorer 11.
2. On the very right-hand side of the browser, click on the gear icon, also called the *Tools* icon, followed by **Safety**, and finally **Delete browsing history...**

Note: If you have the Menu bar enabled, you can instead click **Tools** and then **Delete browsing history....**

3. In the *Delete Browsing History* window that appears, *uncheck* all options *except* the one labeled **Temporary Internet files and website files**.
4. Click the **Delete** button.
5. The *Delete Browsing History* window will disappear and you may notice your mouse icon go busy for a few moments.

As soon as your cursor returns to normal, or you notice the "finished deleting" message at the bottom of the screen, consider your temporary Internet files deleted.

Tips:

1. Older Internet Explorer versions, like IE10, IE9, and IE8, have similar procedures for clearing the cache but please try to run the [latest version of IE](#) if you can.
2. Check out the [Web Browsers](#) site for more about Internet Explorer 11, as well as other browsers like Firefox, Chrome, and Safari.