

**Clear Your Internet History.** You may want to change your internet browser settings to never remember browsing history. If that's not possible, delete your history when closing your browser.

## Internet Explorer

1. Click the Tools button , point to Safety, and then click Delete browsing history.
2. Select the types of data or files you want to remove from your PC, and then tap or click Delete.
  
1. If using an older version of Explorer, you may need to click on the Tools button and choose Internet Options.
2. Browsing history is listed on the General tab. Click the Delete button to choose the types of files you want to remove. Choose the Settings button to further customize your choices.

**Note:** If you want Internet Explorer to delete your browsing history every time you close it, select the *Delete browsing history on exit* check box before you click Delete.

### *InPrivate Browsing*

InPrivate Browsing helps prevent your browsing history, temporary Internet files, form data, cookies, and user names and passwords from being retained by the browser.

1. You can start InPrivate Browsing from the Safety menu, by pressing Ctrl+Shift+P, or from the New Tab page.
2. Internet Explorer will launch a new browser session that won't keep any information about webpages you visit or searches you perform.
3. Closing the browser window will end your InPrivate Browsing session.

## Chrome

1. At the top right, click Menu .
2. Click **History and recent tabs**  **History**.

### *Clear all of your history*

1. At the top right, click Menu .
2. Click **History and recent tabs**  **History**.
3. Click the button **Clear browsing data**. A dialog will appear.
4. From the drop-down menu, select how much history you want to delete. To clear your entire browsing history, select the **beginning of time**.
5. Check the boxes for the data you want Chrome to clear, including "browsing history." [Learn more about the types of browsing data you can delete](#)
6. Click the button **Clear browsing data**.

*Delete specific items from your history:* You can manually delete parts of your history. To search for something specific, use the search bar at the top.

1. At the top right, click Menu .
2. Click **History and recent tabs**  **History**.
3. Check the box next to each webpage that you want to remove from your History.
4. At the top of the page, click the button **Remove selected items**.
5. A confirmation box will appear. Click **Remove**.

### *Incognito Mode*

If you don't want Google Chrome to save a record of what you visit and download, you can browse the web in incognito mode. You can open an incognito window on your computer to prevent Chrome from saving your browsing history. You can switch between an incognito window and any regular windows you have open. You'll only be in incognito mode when you're using the incognito window.

1. Open a Chrome window
2. In the top right, click the icon you see: Menu  or More .
3. Select **New Incognito Window**.
4. A new window will open with a gray incognito icon .
5. To close incognito mode, go to the corner of each of your incognito windows and click the **X**.

**Note:** Incognito mode isn't available if the account is a part of Windows 10's "Family Mode."

**Tip:** You can also use the keyboard shortcut and press Ctrl + Shift + N (Windows, Linux, and Chrome OS) and  + Shift + N (Mac) to open an incognito window.

## Firefox

1. Click the menu button , choose History, and then Clear Recent History....
2. Select how much history you want to clear:
3. Click the drop-down menu next to **Time range to clear** to choose how much of your history Firefox will clear.
4. Next, click the arrow next to **Details** to select exactly what information will get cleared. Your choices are described in the [What things are included in my history?](#) section above.
5. Finally, click the Clear Now button. The window will close and the items you've selected will be cleared.

*If you need to clear your history every time you use Firefox, you can set it to happen automatically on exit so you don't forget.*

1. Click the menu button  and choose Options.
2. Select the Privacy panel.
3. Set **Firefox will:** to **Use custom settings for history**.
4. Check the box for **Clear history when Firefox closes**.
5. To specify what types of history should be cleared, click the Settings... button next to **Clear history when Firefox closes**.
6. In the **Settings for Clearing History** window, check the items that you want to have cleared automatically each time you quit Firefox.
7. After selecting the history to be cleared, click OK to close the **Settings for Clearing History** window.
8. Close the *about:preferences* page. Any changes you've made will automatically be saved.

*Private Browsing* allows you to browse the Internet without saving any information about which sites and pages you've visited.

**Important:** Private Browsing doesn't make you anonymous on the Internet. Your Internet service provider, employer, or the sites themselves can still track what pages you visit. Private Browsing also doesn't protect you from [keyloggers](#) or [spyware](#) that may be installed on your computer.

There are two ways to open a new Private Window.

Open a new, blank Private Window

- Click the menu button  and then click New Private Window

Open a link in a new Private Window

- Right-click on any link and choose Open Link in New Private Window from the context menu.

**Tip:** Private Browsing windows have a purple mask at the top.

*What does Private Browsing not save?*

- **Visited pages:** No pages will be added to the list of sites in the History menu, the Library window's history list, or the [Awesome Bar](#) address list.
  - **Form and Search Bar entries:** Nothing you enter into text boxes on web pages or the [Search bar](#) will be saved for [Form autocomplete](#).
  - **Passwords:** No new passwords will be saved.
  - **Download List entries:** No files you download will be listed in the [Downloads Window](#) after you turn off Private Browsing.
  - **Cookies:** [Cookies](#) store information about websites you visit such as site preferences, login status, and data used by plugins like Adobe Flash. Cookies can also be used by third parties to track you across websites. For more info about tracking, see [How do I turn on the Do Not Track feature?](#)
  - **Cached Web Content and Offline Web Content and User Data:** No temporary Internet files ([cached files](#)) or files that websites save for offline use will be saved.
- Note:**
- New [bookmarks](#) you create while using Private Browsing will be saved.
  - Any files you download to your computer while using Private Browsing will be saved.

## Safari

*Clear all items:*

1. Choose History
2. Clear History
3. Then click Clear

Safari also clears caches and the list of recent searches, and removes the website icons that appear in the search and address field.

*Clear items:*

1. Choose History
2. Show History
3. Select history entries and daily sets of entries
4. Then press Delete

*Clear items automatically:*

1. Choose Safari
2. Preferences
3. Click General
4. Then choose an option from "Remove history items."