

## **Internet Browser Questions**

### **How do I erase my cookies?**

Cookies are storage files that collect personal information that you have provided to particular vendors on the Internet. Only that information that you have provided is stored. The cookies are used to speed up the interactive process while on line with that vendor. For instance, if you visit Amazon, reading preferences are stored so that the web page can advertise specific deals that fit your taste.

- In IE5, you can limit the storage of cookies. Click Tools, Internet Options, Security, Internet, Custom Level. My suggestions under Cookies include; prompt for "allow cookies" and enable for "allow per-session". This way, you are aware of any cookies stored on your computer. Clean out the cookies by going to My Computer, C:, Windows, Cookies, then Select All and Delete.
- In IE4, clean out the cookies by going to My Computer, C:, Windows, Cookies, then Select All and Delete.
- In Netscape, clean out the cookies by going to My Computer, C:, Windows, Cookies, then Select All and Delete.

### **How do I clean out my cache?**

Cache is a temporary storage of web pages that the browser uses to increase the speed of your Internet connection. The browser checks to see if there is a copy of the page in the cache, if there is, it loads the cache version since the interaction of the hard drive is faster than the interaction across the net. If the cache is not controlled, it can use a lot of space on your hard drive.

- For IE; go to My Computer, C:, Windows, Temporary Internet Files, the Select All and Delete.
- For Netscape; go to My Computer, C:, Program Files, Netscape, Users, Default, Cache, then Select All and Delete.
- Or, in Netscape, go to Edit, Preferences, Advanced, Cache, Clear Cache.

### **How do I limit the size of my cache?**

- In Netscape go to Edit, Preferences, Advanced, Cache, then enter the maximum amount of cache in the Disk Cache window.
- In IE5, Click Tools, Internet Options, General, Settings, then use the slider bar to establish the maximum amount of space for cache. We suggest nothing greater than 10%

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of your hard drive size.

#### **How do I clean out my History?**

- In Netscape got to Edit, Preferences, Navigator, then click on Clear History.
- In IE5, Click Tools, Internet Options, General, then click on Clear History

#### **How do I limit the size of my History?**

- In Netscape got to Edit, Preferences, Navigator, then the number of days for History.
- For IE5, Click Tools, Internet Options, General, then enter the number of days you want to maintain history.