How to Delete Your Browser History

If you share a computer with someone else, you might not want that person to be able to check your Internet browsing history. That record is easy to erase, however, in all of the major browsers. Here's how to delete your browser history in Internet Explorer, Chrome, Firefox, and Safari.

Erase Your Internet Explorer History

A useful keyboard shortcut for deleting your browsing history in <u>Internet Explorer</u> is **Ctrl-Shift-Delete**. If you press this combination of keys in a recent version of Explorer, you'll bring up a dialog box that lets you specify what you want to keep and what you want to purge. Simply check the boxes next to the history you want to remove, and then click *Delete*. Job done.



Clear Out Your Chrome History

<u>Chrome</u> users have access to the same slick keyboard shortcut as Internet Explorer users. Press **Ctrl-Shift-Delete** in Chrome, and you'll see Google's options for deleting your browser history. As with IE, simply check the boxes next to the history items you want to clear, but be sure to examine the options available to you in the drop-down menu at the top. This menu allows you to specify how much of your history you'd like to delete. You can choose to excise the past hour, day, week, or month--or you can obliterate everything since the beginning of time.

Clear Browsing Data	
Obliterate the following items from: Clear browsing history Clear download history Empty the cache Delete cookies and other site an	the beginning of time 💌 d plug-in data
Clear saved passwords	
Clear saved Autolini form data	
	Clear browsing data Cancel

Delete Your Browsing History in Firefox

<u>Firefox</u> fans, too, have access to the same keyboard shortcut for deleting browser history as IE and Chrome users: Press **Ctrl-Shift-Delete** to summon the history-clearing options that are available to you in Firefox. If you don't see a detailed list of what you can and can't delete, click the *Details* arrow to reveal the specifics. As with Chrome, you have the option of choosing a time range to clear. The options are a bit different, however. In Firefox, you can clear the last hour, the last 2 hours, the last 4 hours, the last full day, or your entire Firefox history.

Clear Recent History
Time range to clear:
D <u>e</u> tails
🕼 Browsing & Download History
Form & Search History
Cookies =
Cache
Active Logins
🔲 Site Preferences 👻
Clear Now Cancel

Erase Your History in Safari

Like most browsers, Safari has a ton of keyboard shortcuts, but it doesn't have one for deleting your browser history. Instead, click the gear icon in the upper-right corner, and select *Reset Safari*. In the resulting pop-up menu, check the items that you want to clear; then press the *Reset* button to purge your data.

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	Are you sure you want to reset Safari?
	Select the items you want to reset, and then click Reset. You can't undo this operation.
	Clear history
	Reset Top Sites
	Remove all webpage preview images
	Clear the Downloads window
	Remove all website icons
	Remove saved names and passwords
	Remove other AutoFill form text
	Close all Safari windows
	Reset all location warnings
	Remove all website data
?	Reset Cancel