

Re: What's the story on Content.IE5?

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Hi Terry,

Who's Ed?

107...../ files are cookies. OK. I delete all cookies.

As with anything involving Temporary Internet Files, this gets confusing.

The "cookies" in the Temporary Internet Files Folder are just pointers to the real cookies, like a shortcut.

Real cookies are stored here >>

%homepath%\Cookies

or

C:\Documents and Settings\Your Name Here\Cookies

The Delete Cookies button deletes the cookies here >>

%homepath%\Cookies

or

C:\Documents and Settings\Your Name Here\Cookies

But it also deletes the pointers to the real cookies here >>

%homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files

or

C:\Documents and Settings\Your Name Here\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files

If you manually delete a cookie file from the Temporary Internet Files folder, both the pointer to the Cookies folder and the cookie file located in the Cookies folder are deleted.

If you delete a cookie from the cookies folder it leaves the pointer to the cookie behind. But it's worthless. Just like a shortcut that does not point to anything.

Example.

C:\Documents and Settings\Wesley P. Vogel\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Cookie:wesley p. vogel@xxxxxxxxxxxxx/

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Properties of Cookie:wesley p. vogel@xxxxxxxxxxxxx/ shows this; Cache name: wesley p. vogel@download[1].txt

The real cookie is here...

C:\Documents and Settings\Wesley P. Vogel\Cookies\wesley p. vogel@download[1].txt

2.35MB is huge for an index.dat file.

C:\DOCUME~1\WESLEY~1\VOG\LOCALS~1\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\index.dat is 112 KB. This morning it was 32 KB. This index.dat gets deleted at every boot by a batch file.

Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\index.dat file is hard to delete because it is in use. There are several ways around this. A batch file that deletes it before it's in use. Logging on as another user and then deleting it. And more.

I do not necessarily believe this...

[[Index.dat is the Internet Explorer cache index file. It facilitates the browser cache mechanism that speeds access to frequently accessed web pages across different browser processes in the same user context.]]

From...

Temporary Internet Files Use More Disk Space Than Specified
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;301057>

Content.IE5 is not visible from Windows Explorer, it doesn't matter what settings you have set, you have to sneak up on it.

According to PA Bear and Frank Saunders, "Smoke and mirrors."

The index.dat & desktop.ini files are the smoke generators.

Temporary Internet Files folder is a Virtual Folder and a Namespace object. Has something to do with being a shell folder with its own GUID. I don't understand half of this. Anyway, moving along.

Temporary Internet Files folders are Special Folders, like My Documents, My Music, My Computer, Recycle Bin, et cetera. Part of what makes them special is the GUID or Globally Unique Identifier. These are found in the registry, where the GUID is the identifier for the special folder. They are found here: HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID. The GUID for Temporary Internet Files is {7BD29E00-76C1-11CF-9DD0-00A0C9034933}.

Part of this is because of the desktop.ini file.

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Most Temporary Internet Files folders are Hidden and classified as system files. They are hidden from Windows Explorer and Search. The device used to hide them is the desktop.ini file. The desktop.ini signals that they are system files, hidden and if deleted, they are recreated on the next boot. To find them, you have to discover them by accident or know where to look.

The Desktop.ini file is a text file that specifies how a file system folder will be viewed and handled.

Some info on Desktop.ini files pieced together from many sources...

File system folders are commonly displayed with a standard icon and set of properties, which specify, for instance, whether or not the folder is shared. The Desktop.ini file is a text file that specifies how a file system folder will be viewed and handled. The most common use of the Desktop.ini file is to assign a custom icon to a folder.

The desktop.ini can have info that lists the folder as a system file, hidden and if deleted, it is recreated on the next boot. The desktop.ini can also have info like a UICLSID line that hides the folder in Windows Explorer. And a CLSID line that disables the Search utility from searching through the folder.

Also the folder name info can be listed in the desktop.ini. For example, the folder Shared Documents becomes just Documents if you remove the desktop.ini.

Desktop.ini for Content.IE5:

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[.ShellClassInfo]
UICLSID={7BD29E00-76C1-11CF-9DD0-00A0C9034933}
```

Desktop.ini for History.IE5:

```
[.ShellClassInfo]
UICLSID={7BD29E00-76C1-11CF-9DD0-00A0C9034933}
CLSID={FF393560-C2A7-11CF-BFF4-444553540000}
```

The UICLSID line hides the folder in Windows Explorer. The CLSID line disables the Search utility from searching through the folder.

If you delete the desktop.ini then the folders are no longer special and become visible. However, they will be recreated at next boot. You can fool Windows by editing the desktop.ini leaving only the [.ShellClassInfo] line.

I have to put all this info into one document one day. :-)

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes

MS-MVP Windows Shell/User

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In news:354th1lq7tkobkrvf9rq724mga48laf9q9@xxxxxxx,

Terry Pinnell <terrypindel@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:

> "Wesley Vogel" <123WVogel955@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

>

>> Hi Terry,

>>

>> Smoke and mirrors.

>>

>> Content.IE5 does not appear in Widows Explorer, you have to know where

>> it is and sneak up on it.

>>

>> From your screen shot...

>>

>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files

>> which translates to

>> C:\Documents and Settings\Terry Pinnell\Local Settings\Temporary Internet

>> Files

>> has no subfolders.

>>

>> What are all of those 107...../ files? Are these from Forte Agent?

>> What are those icons by the 107 files? Looks like some kind of Notepad.

>> A notepad replacement maybe?

>

> Thanks for the follow up Ed.

>

> I too was puzzled by those so I tried opening one. Like most Cookies,

> that didn't enlighten me much! First few all looked like this:

>

> Conversion

>

CvsBQTlyNXI2bUluQkpcz0NNSXdVd3FoUUNJQ0NLWjdINDUyaWVaQUEzNHRCNFRBZzdFQVFDckNC
TVFBS2FCZ3JxdF9EQUFBQUFRQ

> [and 4 more lines more like that]

> www.googleadservices.com/pagead/conversion/1071027584/

> 1024

> 453695744

> 29680886

> 725687104

> 29674851

> *

>

> I've never been too fussed about cookies, but maybe I should be? Do

> you clear them out regularly (and suffer the presumable downsides of

> some inconvenience), or just leave them alone?

>

>

>> ETO36HQ9 and GD6Z0LAN are subfolders in Content.IE5.

>>

>> Internet Explorer, Outlook Express, Help and Support and other programs

>> use Temporary Internet Files for storing temp files. No telling what

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>> else was storing files there. Forte Agent maybe? Was that still open
>> when you cleaned the TIFs?
>
> Probably, usually open 96% of the time. As I saw at least one JPG in
> there, maybe IrfanView too?
>
>> %homepath% is an environment variable that is the path to the user's home
>> directory.
>>
>> Typing or pasting %homepath% into the Start | Run box opens to the
>> Documents and Settings folder on whatever drive it is located on and the
>> logged in user.
>>
>> I.e. C:\Documents and Settings\Terry Pinnell
>>
>> %homepath% is also shorter than C:\Documents and Settings\Terry Pinnell
>> It is certainly shorter than C:\Documents and Settings\Wesley P. Vogel.
>> ;-)
>>
>> To view:
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files
>>
>> Start | Run | Type: inetctl.cpl | Click OK
>> Or right click the Internet Explorer icon on your Desktop.
>> Or: Start | Settings | Control Panel | Internet Options.
>> General tab | Settings button | View Files button
>>
>> Or...
>>
>> Start | Run | Paste this in the box:
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>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files
>>
>> Click OK.
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>> To view:
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet
>> Files\Content.IE5 AND \Content.MSO (Created by an MS Office program).
>>
>> Start | Run | Type: cleanmgr | Click OK | Highlight Temporary
>> Internet Files |
>> View Files button
>>
>> Or...
>>
>> Start | Run | Type: %tmp% | Click OK |
>>
>> You will probably have to click the Folders button on the Tool Bar.
>> Click: [+] Temporary Internet Files
>> Click: [+] Content.IE5
>> Click: Random named folders

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>> Look at stuff
>> You can also view Content.MSO
>>
>> Or...
>>
>> Start | Run | Paste this in the box:
>>
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5
>>
>> Click OK.
>> You can also view Content.MSO
>
> Yes, thanks, got that from the previous posts of yours I mentioned.
>
>> Or...
>> Start | Run | Paste this in the box:
>>
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.MSO
>>
>> Click OK.
>
> The subfolders now seem to have been deleted, in which case that
> appears to have take *two* reboots since I deleted them!
> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.MSO now
> shows only
> desktop.ini
> Index.dat
>
> That index is 2.35MB, so I guess that's just the Cookies (which need
> separate deletion)?
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> ---
> Terry, West Sussex, UK

• *Follow-Ups:*

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• *References:*

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