

## Re: Can't find message

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- *From:* "Wesley Vogel" <[123WVogel955@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:123WVogel955@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)>
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Hi Pete,

Most people accuse me of being a gentleman and a scoundrel. :-)

Most of it was copied and pasted from other posts I've written. I learned a while ago to save anything that looked like it might be useful again. No sense in typing the same thing over and over.

What kind of engineer?

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes

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In [news:uM83bT7jFHA.3960@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:uM83bT7jFHA.3960@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx),

Pete <[petesworkshop@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:petesworkshop@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> hunted and pecked:

> Wes...Thank you so much for the most comprehensive response I have ever  
> received. You are a gentleman and a scholar, and if you don't understand  
> all the stuff about the TIF folder, and "being a shell folder with its own  
> GUID", I don't have a chance (lol). You are a smart guy (like I have  
> said), and you did not waste your time writing all this, and I certainly  
> appreciate it, and have already copied it to my hard drive, via my "old  
> inbox" (you wouldn't believe all the messages I have in there – lol), and  
> you ought to see my favorite places (full of medical info).

>

> I am a technical person and a retired engineer, and I find everything you  
> wrote below very interesting and informative. I won't have to write the  
> long post I was going to write now (on the Content.IE5 folder). I will  
> start a new thread like you said for further comments. Thanks...Pete

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> "Wesley Vogel" <[123WVogel955@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:123WVogel955@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
> [news:erUIWByjFHA.3144@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:erUIWByjFHA.3144@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

>> Hi Pete,

>>

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

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

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>> desktop.ini.  
>> -----  
>>  
>> I have a shortcut to Content.IE5.  
>> C:\DOCUME~1\WESLEY~1\VOG\LOCALS~1\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5  
>> -----  
>>  
>> To view:  
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files  
>>  
>> Start | Run | Type: inetctl.cpl | 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:  
>>  
>> paste %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files  
>>  
>> Click OK.  
>>  
>> To view:  
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet  
>> Files\Content.IE5 AND \Content.MSO  
>>  
>> Start | Run | Type: cleanmgr | OK | Highlight Temporary Internet  
>> Files  
>>>  
>> View Files button  
>>  
>> Or...  
>>  
>> Start | Run | Type: %tmp% | 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  
>> View  
>> 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

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>>  
>> Or...  
>> Start | Run | Paste this in the box:  
>>  
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.MSO  
>>  
>> Click OK.  
>>  
>> Note: Disk Cleanup (cleanmgr.exe) will \*not\* clean:  
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet  
>> Files\Content.IE5  
>>  
>> I don't know why you can view the Content.IE5 folder with Disk Cleanup  
>> but it won't clean the folder.  
>>  
>> According to David Candy, this isn't true. This has to do with...  
>> Safely delete access time stored here (7 is days):  
>> HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\  
>> Explorer\VolumeCaches\Temporary Files\  
>> Value Name: LastAccess  
>> Value Type: REG\_DWORD  
>> Value Data: 7  
>>  
>> As far as I'm concerned 7 days is too long. I suppose I could change it  
>> to  
>> 1, but I'm not worried about it, because I use Disk Cleaner.  
>>  
>> Clear the Temporary Internet Files using the Windows XP Disk Cleanup  
>> utility  
>> <http://windowsxp.mvps.org/clearxptif.htm>  
>>  
>> -----  
>>  
>> I use Disk Cleaner to clean out most everything on my machine along with  
>> a batch file or two.  
>>  
>> I have Disk Cleaner set to run quiet at startup. Runs for 5 seconds or  
>> so and exits. I also like the fact that, after you set it up, it cleans  
>> all the following with one click (and/or automatically at boot). Makes  
>> XP's Disk Cleanup look like a piker. XP's Disk Cleanup will \*not\* clean  
>> Content.IE5.  
>>  
>> Disk Cleaner will Clean:  
>> Temporary Internet Files {Including the contents of the Content.IE5  
>> folder}  
>> Internet Cookies  
>> Internet History  
>> System Temporary Folder  
>> Recent Documents  
>> Run... Dialog List  
>> Find Document List

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>> Find Computer List  
>> URLs in IE Address Bar  
>> URLs in Shell Address Bar  
>> Media Player Recent URLs  
>> WinZip Recent Files  
>> WinZip Extract To Folders  
>> Paint Recent Files  
>> WordPad Recent Files  
>> Cleans Recycle Bin (what else?)  
>> Opera Cache  
>> Opera Cookies  
>> Opera History  
>> Opera Visited links  
>> Opera Download History and Download folder  
>> Firefox Cache  
>> Firefox Cookies  
>> Firefox History  
>>  
>> Disk Cleaner  
>> <http://www.xs4all.nl/~mp2004/>  
>>  
>> -----  
>>  
>> To clean out \*all\* Temporary Internet Files.....  
>> 1) Start | Run | Type: inetctl.cpl | OK  
>> Or right click the Internet Explorer icon on your Desktop.  
>> Or: Start | Settings | Control Panel | Internet Options.  
>> Best to do this with all instances of Internet Explorer closed.  
>> Especially  
>> if there are a large number of files.  
>> 2) On the General Tab, in the middle of the screen, click on Delete Files  
>> 3) Check the box ? Delete all offline content { This cleans >>  
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files AND  
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5  
>> 4) Click on OK and wait for the hourglass icon to stop after it deletes  
>> the  
>> temporary internet files  
>> 5) You can now click on Delete Cookies and click OK to delete cookies  
>> that websites have placed on your hard drive.  
>>  
>> If you want, try this: Open IE | Tools | Internet Options | Advanced tab  
>>>  
>> scroll down to the bottom | check: Empty Temporary Internet Files folder  
>> when browser is closed | click Apply | OK. Entirely up to you, but if  
>> you want to be rid of this, it is done automatically. Deletes the  
>> content of %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet  
>> Files but not the Content.IE5 or Content.MSO folders.  
>>  
>> Also: Start IE | Tools | Internet Options | General tab | Days to keep  
>> pages in history: 0 | Apply | OK.  
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>>  
>> Even with all this cleaned out  
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5  
>> can still show that it is pretty good sized.  
>>  
>> I just cleaned mine and it is 224 KB. That's because the index.dat file  
>> is  
>> 224 KB.  
>>  
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\index.dat  
>>  
>> I use a batch file to delete that index.dat file when I reboot.  
>>  
>> Side note:  
>> Most index.dat files get recreated if they are deleted.  
>>  
>> %windir%\PCHealth\HelpCtr\OfflineCache\index.dat.  
>>  
>> This index.dat does not get recreated. The loss of this particular file  
>> will  
>> cripple System Information (msinfo32.exe). This index.dat actually does  
>> something besides growing to a huge size.  
>> -----  
>>  
>> Content.IE5 contains all kinds of things. Files generated by Help and  
>> Support Center and Outlook Express, for example.  
>>  
>> [[Note: when viewing Newsgroup messages Outlook Express dumps a series of  
>> zero-byte files into the TIF. When Outlook Express is closed it fails to  
>> cleanup these files. To delete these zero-byte files you must select the  
>> option "Delete all offline files".]]  
>>  
>> From...  
>> Internet Explorer Tips and Tricks  
>> <http://www.mvps.org/winhelp2002/ietips.htm>  
>>  
>> [[Outlook Express 5.5 and 6 place a zero byte file in TIF for every  
>> message  
>> that you read. These files are only visible from Start | Find | Files or  
>> Folders, not from Windows Explorer. ]]  
>>  
>> [[The easy way to get rid of them if you use OE 5.5 or 6 is to open  
>> Internet  
>> Explorer and go to Tools | Internet Options. In the Temporary Internet  
>> Files  
>> Section choose "Delete files". In the next dialogue check the box for  
>> "Delete all offline content" and click "OK".]]  
>>  
>> From...  
>> CA\* files in TIF  
>> <http://www.fjsmjs.com/OE/CA.htm>

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>> -----  
>>  
>> Outlook Express creates a zero byte file for every message read. Plus  
>> wbk\*\*.tmp files when messages are read. Plus wbk\*\*.tmp files when you  
>> Save  
>> a message that you're working on, every time you hit Save.  
>>  
>> The zero byte files have names like [1] or [14]. The files are created  
>> in Content.IE5 subfolders.  
>>  
>> Examples...  
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet  
>> Files\Content.IE5\1EXPNXVB\[14]  
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet  
>> Files\Content.IE5\GC1GM403\[54]  
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet  
>> Files\Content.IE5\LJTLPTXJ\[25]  
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet  
>> Files\Content.IE5\NU1KF7TX\[12]  
>>  
>> The wbk\*\*.tmp files have names like wbk118.tmp or wbkE5.tmp The files are  
>> created in Content.IE5 subfolders.  
>>  
>> Examples...  
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet  
>> Files\Content.IE5\GC1GM403\wbk118.tmp  
>> %homepath%\Local Settings\Temporary Internet  
>> Files\Content.IE5\GC1GM403\wbkC1.tmp  
>> -----  
>>  
>> Once in a while you see posts by real Microsoft employees.  
>>  
>> Nobody will fess up to nominating me. I asked my lead and I asked  
>> around.  
>>  
>> I belong to some private MVP lists and once in a while I see someone  
>> asking  
>> if nominating so-and-so is a good idea and does anyone disagree.  
>> Microsoft  
>> also has people that monitor the newsgroups and they nominate people  
>> also. -----  
>>  
>> Well this post is 11KB, I hope I covered everything. If not, Start a new  
>> thread.  
>>  
>> --  
>> Hope this helps. Let us know.  
>>  
>> Wes  
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>> In [news:O4FAiojjFHA.3316@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:O4FAiojjFHA.3316@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx),  
>> Pete <petesworkshop@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:  
>>> Thanks Wes...see inline comments below...Pete  
>>>  
>>> Well, thank you for reading my post. I have some good ones coming up  
>>> that I think may interest you. One of them is on the "dreaded"  
>>> invisible (and I have show hidden files checked, and hide protected  
>>> system files unchecked) folder "content.ie5" (its one of seven folders  
>>> with the same title – the other six visible), and it has a lot of crap  
>>> in 8 subfolders that I consider useless). I have XPsp2, home edition.  
>>>  
>>> I stumbled on to it by accident by right clicking its parent folder  
>>> (TIF's – which was empty after clearing cache), and I did a properties  
>>> and saw 10 subfolders and a whole bunch of files, and said HUH? My  
>>> Irfan thumbnails will show it in it's directory tree, but windows  
>>> explorer won't (another Bill Gates first – lol – microsoft likes to  
>>> hide stuff). It was visible in millenium, but not in XP. The only way  
>>> you can get it to show in windows explorer is to type its full path  
>>> name in the address bar. It is quite involved, and I struck out in  
>>> another site. It will take me some time to compose my post since I ran  
>>> out of steam with the other group, but it will be coming. Damn it, I  
>>> didn't want to start explaining it here...Pete  
>>>  
>>>  
>>> Wes...Do the microsoft people ever respond to the posts...Pete  
>>>  
>>>  
>>> Yours is older (lol).  
>>>  
>>>>  
>>>  
>>> Wes...I was a little familiar with the MS–MVP's, and went to the site  
>>> you provided. Could you tell me a little more about the nominations  
>>> (eg who nominated you). Who usually makes the nominations – the  
>>> nominee's peers or microsoft (via monitoring newsgroups – I  
>>> assume)...Pete  
>>>  
>>  
>> <snip>

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