

## Re: Deleting Cookies (Cookies vs. Temporary Internet File folders)

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Hi Blithe :-)

I have gone to the big guns for a bit more on this issue, which may be of some interest: (From MS MVP's for IE.OE and Windows 95-XP). I was not sure exactly what information you were wanting too well, so, I just covered all bases

Here is one that I think will interest you based upon your comment here, as it depends on how you want to delete, both or separately:

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Alex Nichol

TIF and Cookies are in quite separate physical folders.

But in XP if you open TIF either direct in Explorer or via the TIF Settings button - 'view files' in Internet Options, the contents of Cookies is included. They are not deleted though if you use the 'Delete files' in Internet Options - there is a separate Delete Cookies button.

(Aside - the above Delete Files and Delete Cookies buttons are also in the IE6 and IE SP1 on the Tools | Internet Options | General tab)

Mike Maltby

For those using Outlook Express it is however essential that the Temporary Internet Files, including "All offline content" be periodically emptied as

OE

dumps two files in TIF for each message displayed regardless of whether it is html or plain text. For those working newsgroups the number of these files can rapidly build up. This behaviour started with IE5.5 and remains in the latest RC2 version of IE6.

Alex Nichol

I don't usually use outlook express. But have just experimented, emptying TIF and then using OE (XP SP2 RC2) to get in the daily SPAM on my spam trap address, look at one or two in plain text and connect to the BING newsgroups and look at a few messages there (both preview and launch into their own windows), and I could not find any indication of any new file when I went back to look in TIF after closing OE

Wesley Vogel

> *[[When you empty the Temporary Internet Files folder in Internet Explorer, files that start with the word "Cookie" may remain in the folder.]]*  
>  
> *[[These files are pointers to the actual cookies that are located in the Windows\Cookies folder. To retain the association between these pointers and the actual cookie files, they are not deleted when you empty the Temporary Internet Files folder. However, 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.]]*

Sandi Hardmeier

This may help explain...

<http://inetexplorer.mvps.org/answers3.htm#Cache>

Wesley Vogel

Safely Delete the Temporary Internet Files

<http://mvps.org/winhelp2002/delcache.htm>

clear out temporary files and delete cookies.

<http://www.pchell.com/support/privacy.shtml>

Computer Health

<http://www.aumha.org/a/health.php#tip6>

Alex Nichol

Temporary means Temporary. Ones in the regular TEMP environmental variable folders can be cleaned out as soon as the program that uses them exits. It is advisable not to do this automatically at the 'autoexec' level, because some software installs leave some files there for use when the system reboots. But I have a 'clean it up' batch file that I run in the registry HKLM Run key

Ones in Temp Files are only needed should you be likely to go back to the page. In Internet Options – Settings button I suggest cutting the

space allowed down – say 50 MB is plenty – and leave it to its own devices.

I hope this will give you a bit more insight as to how the two separate folders work. :-)

Jan :)

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- > *prove useful.*
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