

## Re: clearing history and stored web addresses

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Hi Binbibi :-)

- > I've tried to delete files, delete cookies, clear history
- > and clear auto filler and I still get a website that
- > autofills. I don't want my kids seeing this but I can't
- > seem to erase it. Any suggestions?

How to clear Address Bar History

See here

<http://www.xmission.com/~comphope/issues/ch000511.htm>

See this section: Instructions for Internet Explorer users

<http://www.help2go.com/article58.html>

Free History Eraser from

<http://smartprotector.com/eraser/free-history-eraser.htm>

Deletes the History folder (and the index.dat file). When you reboot, a new folder is created

Delete History folder manually:

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

In order to prevent the Autocomplete from working, close all open browser windows or it will not take effect. Go to Tools | Internet Options | Click the Content tab. Click the button that says Autocomplete. Uncheck Web Addresses and all other items you don't want used with Autocomplete.

CAUTION: Be careful clearing passwords, be sure you have them backedup

-----Clear History for Windows XP

Courtesy of LuckyStrike:

Do a Deltree command in DOS:

[http://inetexplorer.mvps.org/answers\\_8.htm#deltree](http://inetexplorer.mvps.org/answers_8.htm#deltree)

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

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Follow the instructions to the letter. You will be left with new Index.dat file of 32 KB, and a newly created History folder. The same will apply if you go the distance and do a Deltree on TIF and Cookie folders. It is unnecessary to do that if they are in good working order.

or.....

Clearing Address Suggestions in IE – Per Jim Byrd

Hi Joe – To delete ALL Addresses in the Drop Down list, go here and download and install Mike Burgess' DelTypedURL.inf at <http://mvps.org/winhelp2002/delcache.htm> See below for Selective Delete.

You can also get DelSearchMRU.inf at <http://mvps.org/winhelp2002/DelSearchMRU.inf>

Note: this does not remove entries entered via AutoComplete. To remove hidden AutoComplete entries in History: <http://mvps.org/winhelp2002/delcache.htm#AutoComplete>

IMPORTANT NOTE: Be sure that ALL instances of IE6 are CLOSED before you do the install of this(these) .inf files.

A nice alternative just for selective or all Address (not Search) history maintenance is EditURLs, here: <http://www.aandrc.com/editurls/> Here also, you must close ALL instances of IE6 for the deletions to "take". Recommended.

or...

Clearing the TIF Cache –

Safely Delete the Temporary Internet Files  
<http://www.mvps.org/winhelp2002/delcache.htm>

The temporary I.E. files folder is a cache for web pages that you have visited. I don't know why Microsoft sets the default so high, but I have seen 2gb set for storage. This and other setting can be changed to decrease the size of the storage area, and supposedly delete the I.E. temp file when you close the browser.

The Cache  
<http://sweb.uky.edu/~wvang00/sayre/cache.htm>

Temporary Internet Files / Cache  
<http://www.desilva.biz/misc/iecache.html?s=d8d31b07730bc3e8353b5a2246b41f93>

Alex Nichol

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also.....

TIF & Cookies Information –

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

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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>

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Deleting Cookies .....

I get an error saying my browser is not set to accept cookies, but it is!

<http://inetexplorer.mvps.org/answers.htm#cookies>

Recreating the cache, history and cookie folders when corrupted

[http://inetexplorer.mvps.org/answers\\_8.htm#deltree](http://inetexplorer.mvps.org/answers_8.htm#deltree)

See <http://inetexplorer.mvps.org/answers.htm#cookies> and

[http://inetexplorer.mvps.org/answers\\_8.htm#deltree](http://inetexplorer.mvps.org/answers_8.htm#deltree)

If these steps do not resolve your problem, please post back to this thread with the details and any error messages.

Hope this helps

Jan :)

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<http://www.dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>