

Tech Tips for Seniors

Clear Website Browsing History

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Almost all computers and mobile devices store the digital paths that display the content of web pages you have viewed.

That results in faster retrieval of those pages the next time you request them.

Problems occur, however, when the managers of websites update data on those pages.

Therefore, you may not receive the latest updates unless you clear your browsing history on a regular basis.

That process is different for each browser. The following sets of instructions illustrate how to clear your browsing data and history in five of the most popular browsers.

Microsoft Edge

1. On your computer, open Edge.
2. Select Settings and more > Settings > Privacy and services .
3. Under Clear browsing data, select Choose what to clear.
4. Choose a time range from the Time range drop-down menu.
5. Choose the types of data you want to clear. For example, you may want to remove browsing history and cookies but keep passwords and form fill data.
6. Select Clear now.

Apple Safari

1. Select Settings on an iPhone or iPad and scroll down to the Safari line.
2. Scroll down to the line: “Clear History and Website Data”.
3. Tap the red box: “Clear History and Data”.
4. On an Apple computer, open Safari. tap the History pull-down and select “Clear History.”

Google Chrome

1. On your computer, open Chrome.
2. At the top right, click More.
3. Click More tools.
4. Clear browsing data.
5. Choose a time range, like Last hour or All time.
6. Select the types of information you want to remove.
7. Click Clear data.

Android Chrome

1. On your Android phone or tablet, open the Chrome app .
2. At the top right, tap More. History.
3. Tap Clear browsing data.
4. Next to 'Time range', select how much history you want to delete. To clear everything, tap All time.
5. Check 'Browsing history'.
6. Tap Clear data.

Opera

1. On your computer, open Opera.
2. Press Ctrl+H to open your history page.
3. Click Clear browsing data in the top-right corner.
4. Select what you want to delete and the time range, like recent history or all time.

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