

Skill Level: Beginner

Here's a step-by-step guide for clearing browser history, cache, and temporary internet files across the five major browsers: Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Opera, and Edge.

This guide uses clear instructions suitable for anyone, regardless of technical experience.

Google Chrome (Windows & Mac)

1. Open **Chrome**.
2. Click the **three-dot menu** (top right).
3. Select **History** > then click **History** again.
4. On the left, click **Clear browsing data**.
5. In the popup:
 - Choose a **Time range** (select *All time* for a full clean).
 - Tick:
 - Browsing history
 - Cookies and other site data
 - Cached images and files
 - Click **Clear data**.

Mozilla Firefox (Windows & Mac)

1. Open **Firefox**.
2. Click the **three-line menu** (top right).
3. Go to **History** > then click **Clear Recent History**.
4. In the popup:
 - Set Time range to clear (choose Everything to wipe all).
 - Click **Details** to select:
 - Browsing & Download History
 - Cookies
 - Cache
 - Offline Website Data

5. Click **OK** to confirm.

Safari (Mac only)

1. Open **Safari**.
2. Click **Safari** in the top-left menu.
3. Select **Clear History....**
4. In the popup:
 - Choose the time range (select all history for a full clean).
5. Click **Clear History**.

For deeper cleaning (cache only):

6. Go to **Safari > Preferences > Advanced**.
7. Tick **Show Develop menu** in menu bar.
8. From the new Develop menu, click **Empty Caches**.

Opera (Windows & Mac)

1. Open **Opera**.
2. Click the **O menu** (top left on Windows) or **Opera** (top menu on Mac).
3. Choose **History**.
4. Click **Clear browsing data**.
5. In the popup:
 - Select the Time range (All time recommended).
 - Tick:
 - Browsing history
 - Cookies and other site data
 - Cached images and files
6. Click **Clear data**.

Microsoft Edge (Windows & Mac)

1. Open **Edge**.
2. Click the **three-dot menu** (top right).
3. Select **Settings**.
4. On the left, click **Privacy, search, and services**.
5. Under **Clear browsing data**, click **Choose what to clear**.
6. Set Time range to **All time**.
7. Tick:
 - Browsing history
 - Download history
 - Cookies and other site data
 - Cached images and files
8. Click **Clear now**.

Pro Tip: After clearing, restart your browser to ensure all changes take effect.