How to Clear a Cache on a Web Browser

A simple guide to free up some space and improve your browsing experience.

What is a cache and why clear it?

A cache is a temporary storage of data that your web browser uses to load websites faster. It can include images, scripts, stylesheets, and other files that are downloaded from the web server. However, sometimes a cache can cause problems, such as loading outdated or corrupted content, taking up too much space, or slowing down your browser. Clearing a cache can help you solve these issues and refresh your browser.

How to clear a cache on different browsers.

The steps to clear a cache may vary depending on the browser you are using. Here are some common browsers and how to clear their cache:

Google Chrome: Click on the three dots icon at the top right corner of the browser, then select Settings. Under Privacy and security, click on Clear browsing data. Choose a time range and make sure Cached images and files is checked. Then click on Clear data.

Firefox: Click on the menu button at the top right corner of the browser, then select Options. Under Privacy and security, click on Cookies and Site Data. Then click on Clear Data. Make sure Cached Web Content is checked and click on Clear.

Safari: Click on the Safari menu at the top left corner of the screen, then select Preferences. Under the Advanced tab, check the Show Develop menu in menu bar option. Then click on the Develop menu and select Empty Caches.

Internet Explorer: On the Internet Explorer Tools menu, click Internet Options. The Internet Options box should open to the General tab. On the General tab, in the Temporary Internet Files section, click the Delete Files button.

Microsoft Edge: Click on the three dots icon at the top right corner of the browser, then select Settings. Under Privacy, search, and services, click on Choose what to clear. Select a time range and make sure Cached images and files is checked. Then click on Clear now.