Overview

Browsers contain a folder in which certain items that have been downloaded are stored for faster future use. Images, icons, photos, and even sometimes entire web pages are examples of items which are saved or cached. When you visit a webpage, your browser checks to see if a copy of the files on the page are already in its cache. While this can be helpful, sometimes it can also lead to your browser not downloading new updates on a page.

Clearing your cache forces your browser to retrieve the newest copy available from the website.

NOTE: Cache may also be referred to as Temporary Internet Files.

Clearing Cache

The following instructions may be helpful in clearing cache on your browser. Please consult the Help section for your specific browser if it is not listed here.

Google Chrome

The option to clear browser cache is located under the Customize and control Google Chrome menu icon.

To clear cache in Chrome:
1. Click the Customize and control Google Chrome menu icon.
3. Select Cached images and files (as well as anything else you want to remove).
4. Click the Clear data button.
5. Close the Settings tab and relaunch ILN.

Internet Explorer < 9

In Microsoft Internet Explorer clearing the cache is completed from the Internet Options dialog box.

To clear cache from Internet Explorer:
1. Click the Settings (Gear) icon.
2. Select Internet Options from the menu. The Internet Options dialog box displays.
3. Click the Delete button in the Browsing history section of the General tab. The Delete Browsing History dialog box displays.
4. Verify the Temporary internet files and website files checkbox is selected.
5. Click the Delete button. The Delete Browsing History dialog box will automatically close.
6. Click the OK button to close the Internet Options dialog box and relaunch ILN.

Mozilla Firefox

To clear cache in Mozilla Firefox:
1. Click the Open Menu icon.
2. Select Options from the menu.
3. Click Privacy & Security from the navigation pane.
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4. Click the Clear History button in the History section. The Clear All History dialog box displays.
5. Click the Clear Now button.

**Apple Safari**
In Apple's Safari browser, clearing cache is completed via the Develop menu. Click the Develop menu option and select Empty Caches from the list.

6. Close the Options tab and relaunch ILN.