

Internet Browsers

Browser Choices:

The browsers you might be using are below:

Internet Explorer	Firefox	Safari
		

PC Users : Internet Explorer and Firefox

Mac Users: Safari and Firefox

It is a good idea to use two browsers, especially if you have a Web Enhanced course or are teaching online. Features that don't work on one browser might work on another.

Internet Explorer automatically comes with PCs, and Safari automatically comes with Macs. You can download Firefox at <http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/>

Google's new Chrome browser is still in the testing stages, but may be an alternative someday soon.

Terms:

Browsing History or History: An Internet browser can log the Web sites you visit and keep them in a list.

Cache: Pronounced "cash." Cache is a form of computer memory. In the case of the Internet, "cache" is commonly used in the context of "browser cache." Cache holds copies of recently accessed web pages and pictures on web pages. This speeds up page viewing because the next time you request that page, it is accessed from the cache on your computer instead of from a distant Web server. (about.com)

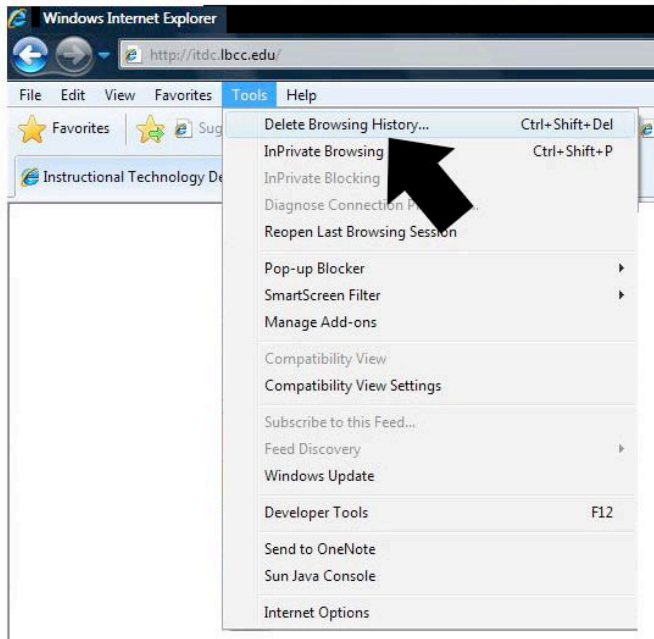
Cookies: "A cookie is a preference file written to the user's computer when they access a website. Cookies are commonly used to store account information that can be used when the website is revisited at a later date. For example, if the layout or content of a website can be customised, a cookie could be used to 'remember' the user's preferred background colour or news source. Only the website that created the cookie file can use the information it stores." (<http://www.motive.co.nz/glossary/cookie.php>)

Clearing information collected by browsers

If you use Outlook Web Access, LBCC's Web-based e-mail program, in a public place, you may want to clear your private information from the Internet browser you are using.

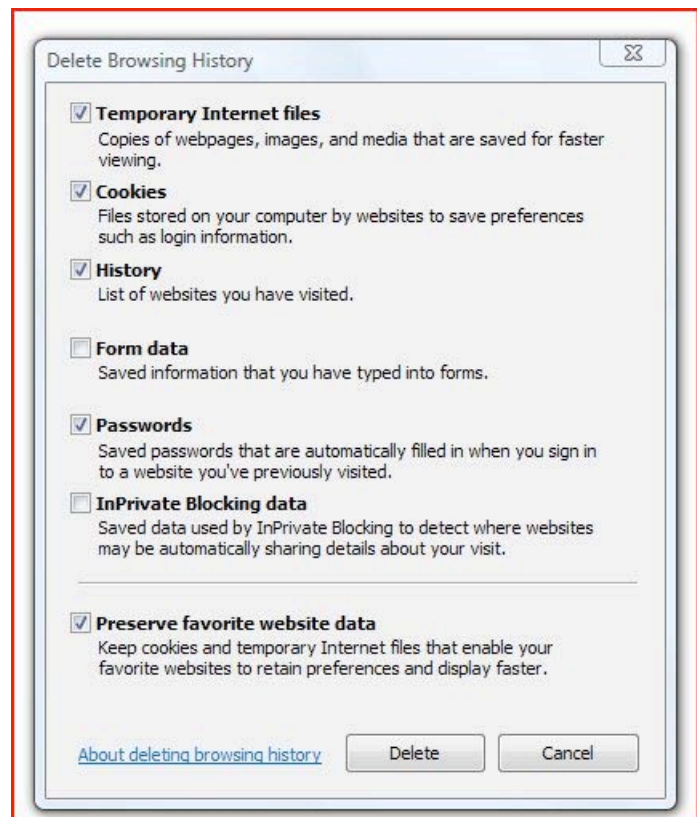
The following pages outline how to clear the browser information on the three browsers listed above.

Clearing Browser Information: Internet Explorer (PC only)



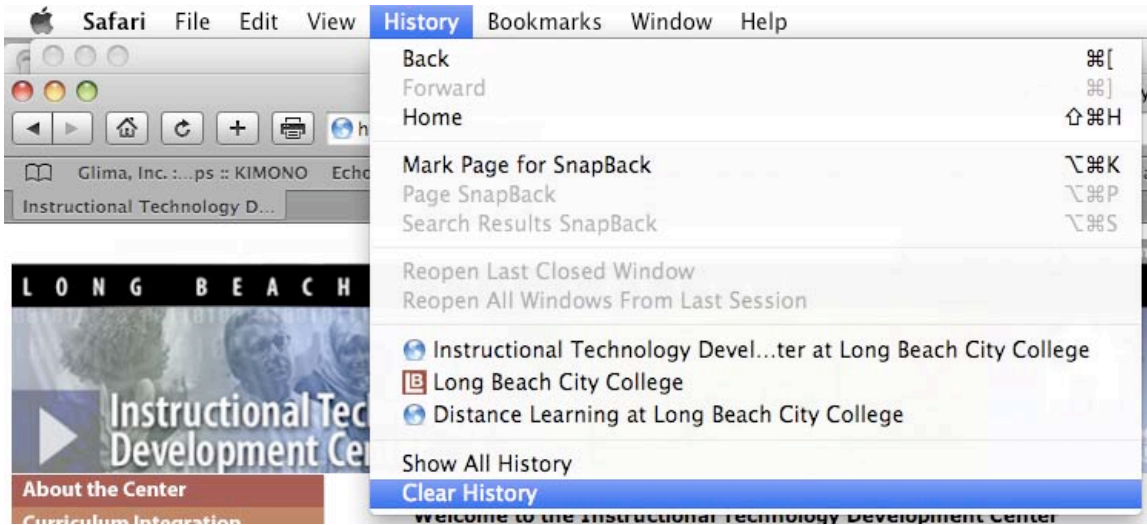
1. Choose the Tools Menu > Delete Browsing History...

2. Temporary Internet Files are cached files. You should also clear the browser history and saved passwords.

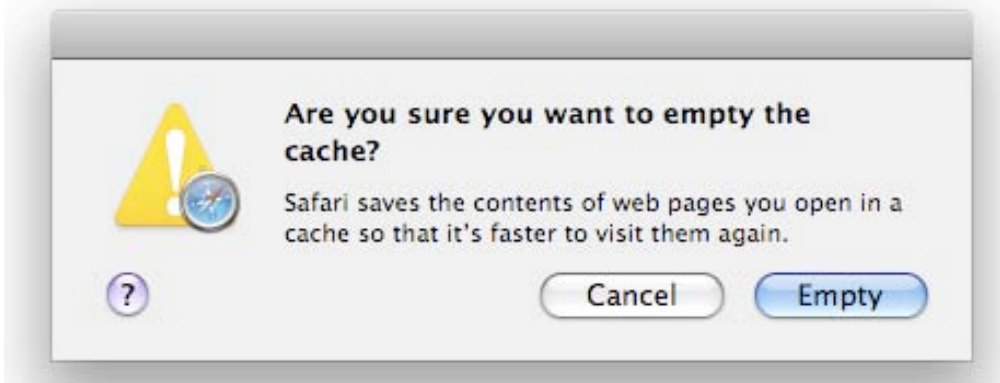
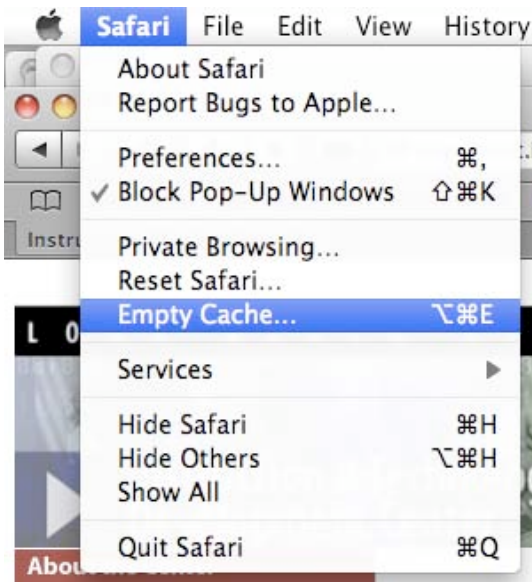


Clearing Browser Information: Safari (Mac only)

1. Clear the History (a record of all Web sites you have visited) by choosing History > Clear History

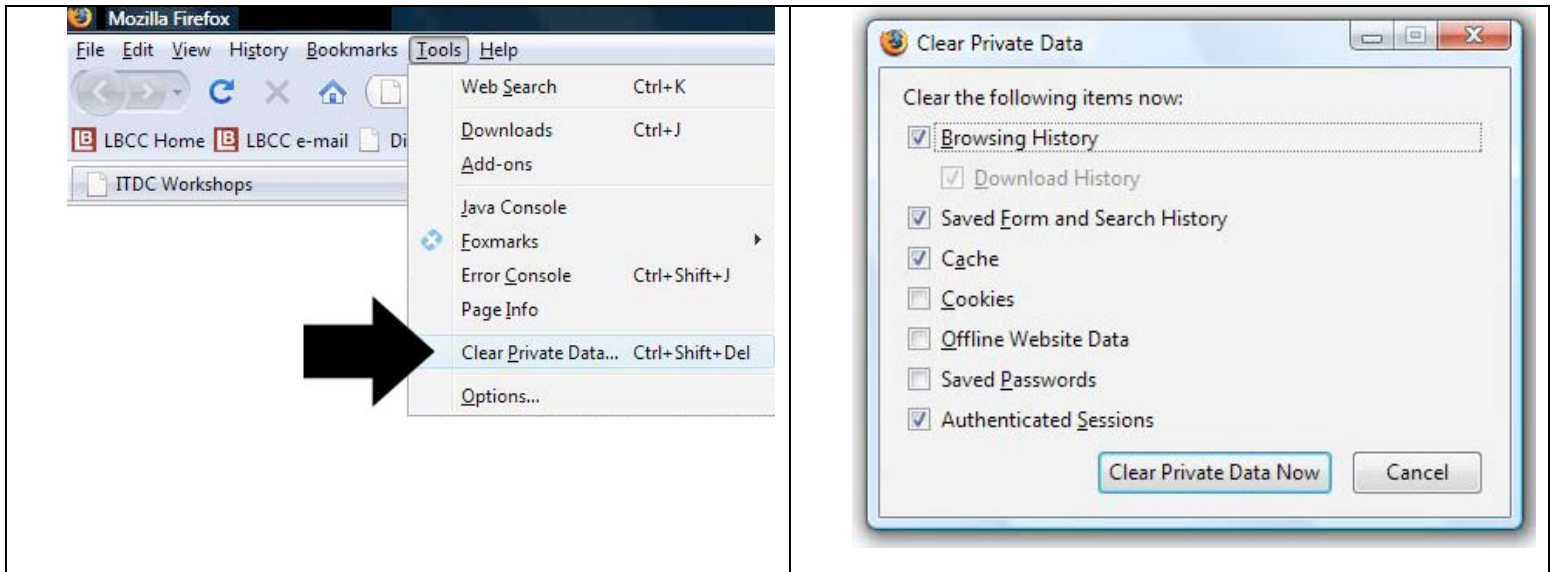


2. Clear the Cache. Choose the Safari menu, then Empty Cache....



Clearing the Cache: Firefox on the PC

1. Choose Tools Menu > Clear Private Data...
2. Choose from the list. Clear the History and Cache. Choosing “Authenticated Sessions” erases any passwords you used.



Clearing the Cache: Firefox on the Mac

Firefox uses the term “Private Data.” Choose the Tools Menu> Clear Private Data...

