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Your Browser's Cache

Whenever you "surf" the Internet, your browser temporarily stores images and pages on your hard drive. This is done to speed up your download when you revisit pages - the images are already on your hard drive, so you don't have to wait for them to download again. The place where the information is stored is called the cache. The cache also tells you and others where you have been online - showing the pages and images that were viewed during your last visits. Your browser can be set to save pages for a day, a week or even for months - but the higher the number of days your settings are programmed for, the larger portion of your hard drive is filled with old images and pages. When the cache fills up, performance of your PC slows down, and you may even run out of space. Clearing out your cache is one way to save space on your computer.

Each browser has a different menu name for clearing the cache - see Tools and Options or Preferences on your browser and look for the option there - it may be listed as "empty now", or a "delete files" option.

Other Suggestions

While working with your browser options, check to see if your browser is remembering your passwords, or form information, and uncheck the box that allows it to do so.

Check to see how long your browser is keeping your history - this can slow down your computer.

Check your cookies - you can read more about that [here](#).