

On Windows PC:

Steps to clean up:

1. Delete the downloaded file

Go to Downloads (or the folder where the file was saved).

Delete the PDF/ZIP file.

Empty the Recycle Bin.

2. Flush DNS cache (to erase domain traces)

Press Windows + S, type cmd, right-click and choose Run as Administrator

Run:

```
ipconfig /flushdns
```

This clears domain names the OS remembered (like yourusername.github.io).

3. Clear temp files (just in case)

Press Windows + R, type:

```
%temp%
```

Select all and delete (Ctrl + A → Delete)

4. Clear prefetch cache (optional)

Press Windows + R, type:

```
prefetch
```

Select all and delete (admin rights needed)

5. Wipe recent file list (optional)

Open Run → type:

```
recent
```

Select all and delete (clears Quick Access file traces)

6. Clear browser download history (if not in incognito)

If you accidentally used a regular tab, manually clear downloads/history:

Chrome: Ctrl + H → “Clear browsing data” → Select Download History and Cached files

Edge/Firefox: Similar steps

On Ubuntu (any distro, GNOME-based):

Steps to clean up:

1. Delete the downloaded file

Check ~/Downloads/ or wherever the file was saved

Delete the file

Empty the Trash

2. Flush DNS cache (depends on resolver)

Try one of these based on your system:

systemd-resolved (most common):

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sudo systemd-resolve --flush-caches
```

dnsmasq (if used):

```
sudo /etc/init.d/dnsmasq restart
```

NetworkManager:

```
sudo systemctl restart NetworkManager
```

3. Clear recent file history (GUI apps log this sometimes)

Clear GNOME's recent file list:

```
rm ~/.local/share/recently-used.xbel
```

4. Clear thumbnails (if file previewed)

Run:

```
rm -r ~/.cache/thumbnails/*
```

5. Clear temp files

Run:

```
sudo rm -rf /tmp/*
```

6. Clear browser download history (if not incognito)

Chrome/Brave: Ctrl + H → Clear History

Firefox: Menu > History > Clear Recent History