BACKING UP YOUR BROWSER

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POPULAR INTERNET BROWSERS

- Mozilla Firefox
- Microsoft Internet Explorer
- Google Chrome

BROWSER SETTINGS

- Home page selection
- Bookmarks/Favorites
- Menu bar
- Favorites bar
- Add-ons
- Cookies
- History

LOSING IT!

How do the settings become lost?

- New computer
- User error
- Aggressive repair
- Malware
- Synchronization with other computers

BACKING UP THE SETTINGS

Firefox	Free third-party utilities
Internet Explorer	
Google Chrome	Integrated backup to Google site

WHAT ABOUT E-MAIL?

- Two modes of access
  - Web-based
  - Client-based (Mozilla Thunderbird, Microsoft Outlook Express, Windows Live Mail)
- For Thunderbird, use same utility as that used for backing up Firefox.

Firefox and Thunderbird

- Most configurable browser and easiest and most foolproof backup system
- MozBackup
  - Download from http://mozbackup.jasnapaka.com/
- Where to store the backup files
  - Dropbox (download from www.dropbox.com)
  - Flash drive

Internet Explorer

- The least configurable browser
- Could get by with exporting bookmarks
- Third-party utility: BackRex
  - Download from http://backsettings.com/
  - Not as thorough as MozBackup
  - Store files on Dropbox or flash drive

GOOGLE CHROME

Allows backup to the “cloud”

- Configure Chrome
- Sync (send the configuration to the cloud for storage)
- Disconnect the sync
- To restore settings, reestablish the sync.
- Still may need to tweak home page setting.

E-MAIL

- What should be backed up?
  - Contact list (easy)
  - Messages (not so easy)

E-MAIL ACCESS MODES

- Web-based (resides in the “cloud”)
  - Comcast
  - AOL
  - Hotmail
  - Gmail
  - Yahoo!
- Client-based (resides on your PC)
  - Thunderbird
  - Outlook Express, Windows Live Mail

BACKING UP CONTACT LIST

- Each e-mail service provides command to export and import contacts
  - Formats: csv and sometimes LDIF

BACKING UP MESSAGES

- Thunderbird: Use MozBackup
- Windows Live Mail: Use internal backup function
- Web-based
  - Not effective if archived on server
  - Must bring messages into Thunderbird or other client
    - Can link client to the Web-based service
    - Or forward selected messages to client account
    - Synchronizes with inbox only
    - Does not replicate folder structure

E-MAIL BACKUP OTHER OPTIONS

- Use Windows Live Mail for complete link to Hotmail.
- Use Gmail Backup to archive Gmail (*untested*).
  - (http://gmail-backup.en.softonic.com/)
- Use MailStore Home to archive any Web-based accounts (*untested*).
  - (http://www.mailstore.com/en/mailstore-home.aspx)

ADDED ATTRACTION
EASY THEMES FOR YOUR BROWSER

- Firefox
  - www.getpersonas.com
  - What I like: Fox Fire Rings, Space Fox

- Google Chrome
  - www.skarv.net
  - Click on the “Design” icon at top left of page

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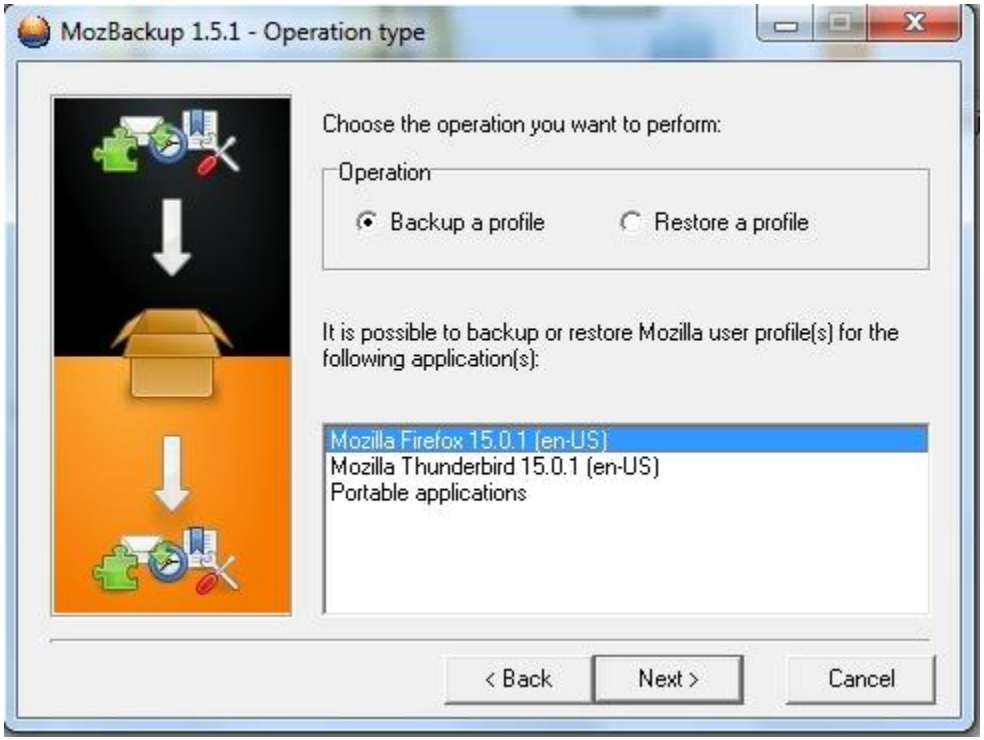

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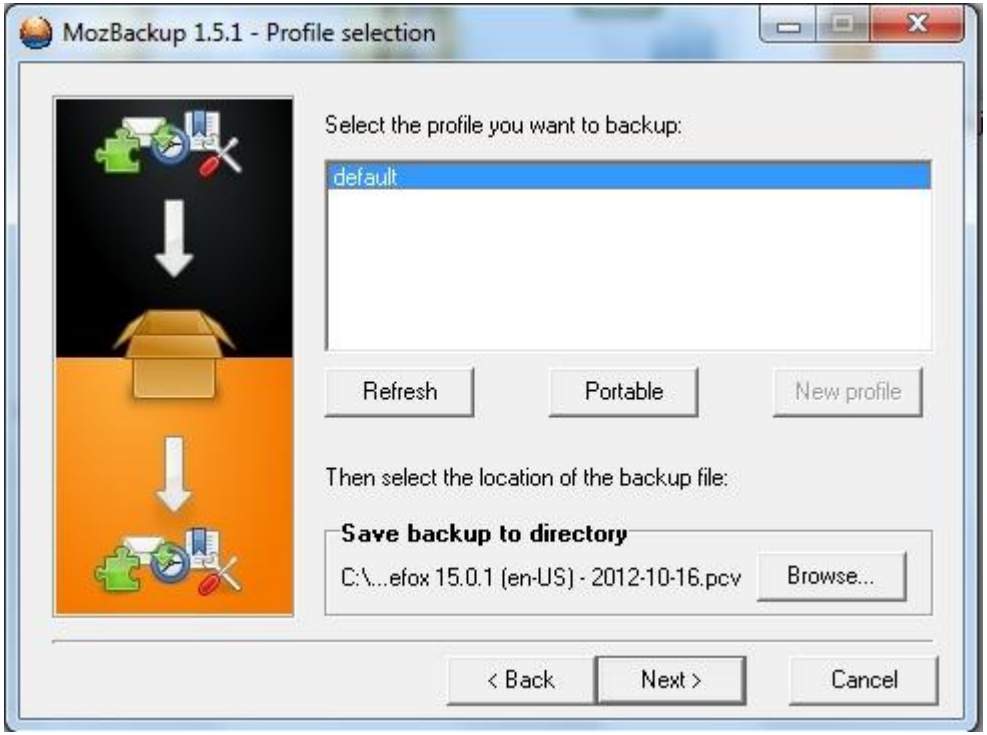

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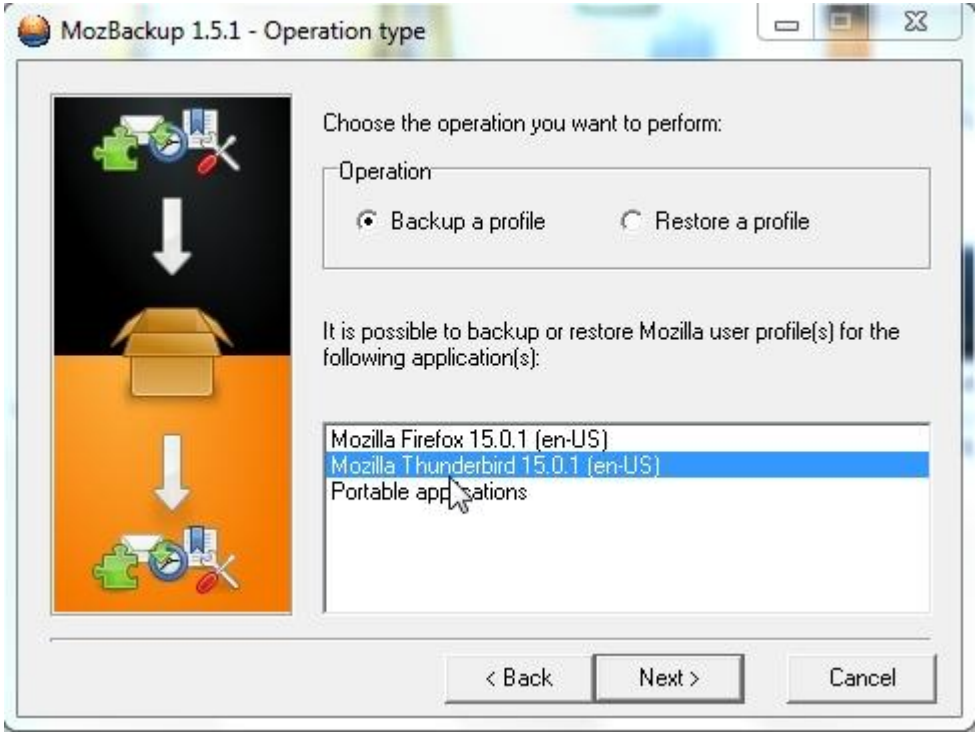

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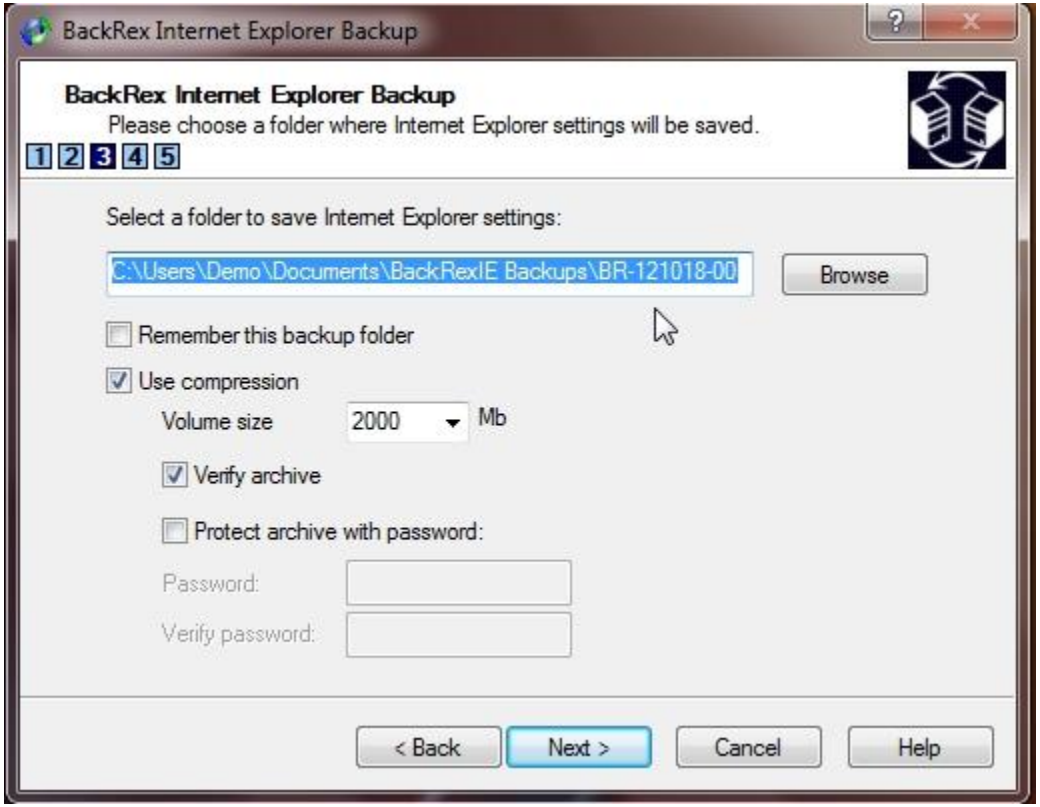

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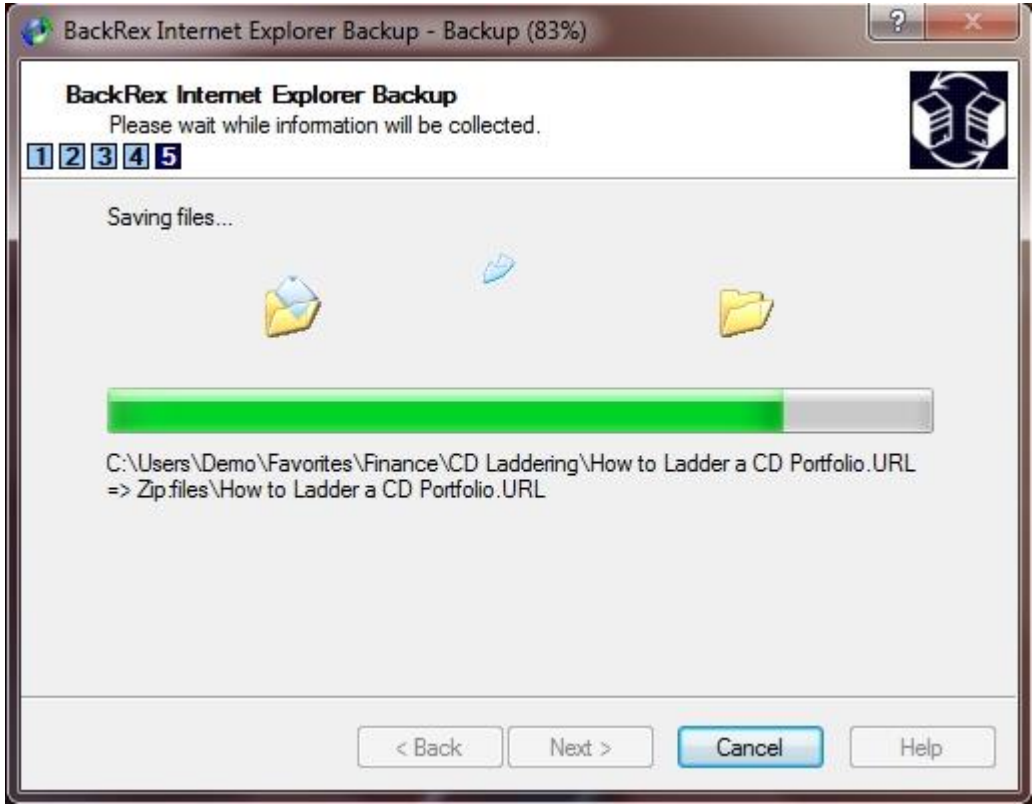

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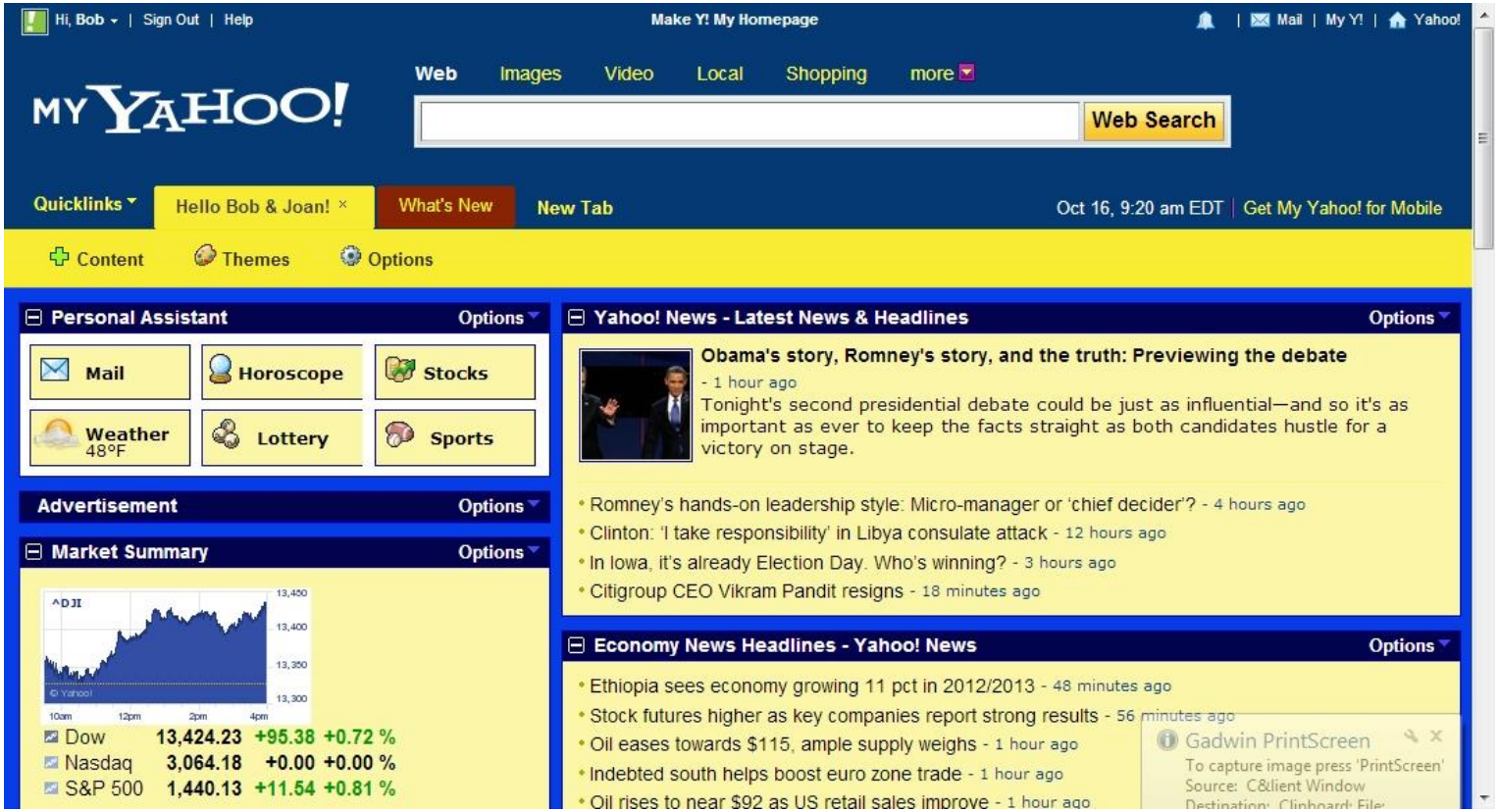

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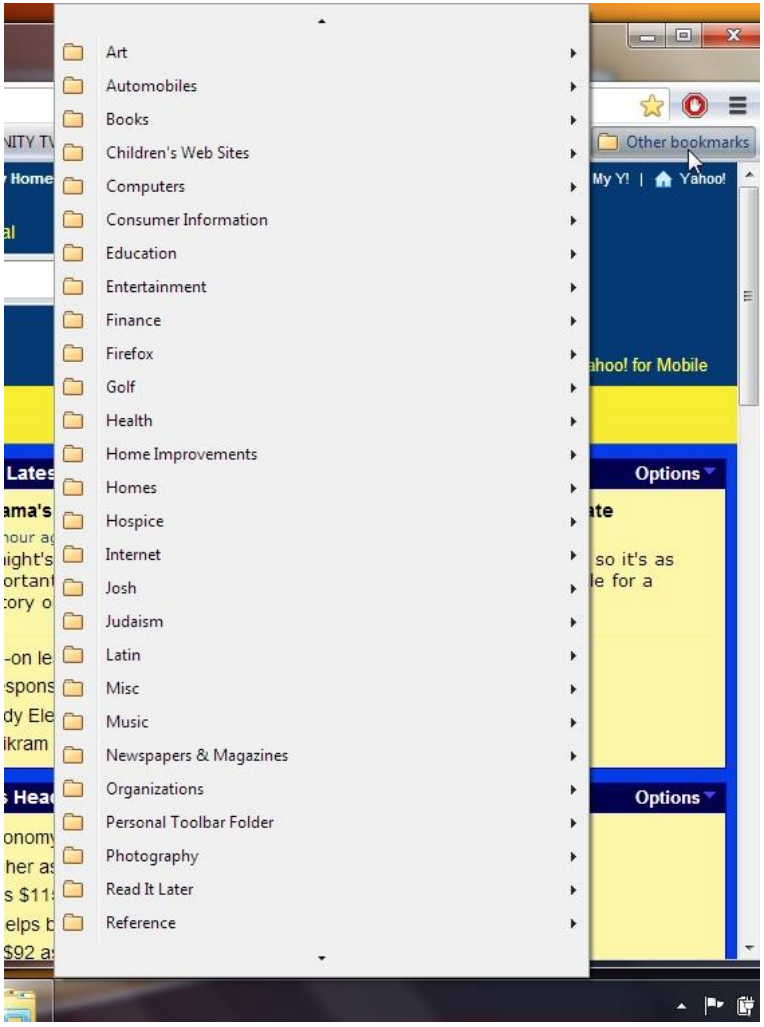

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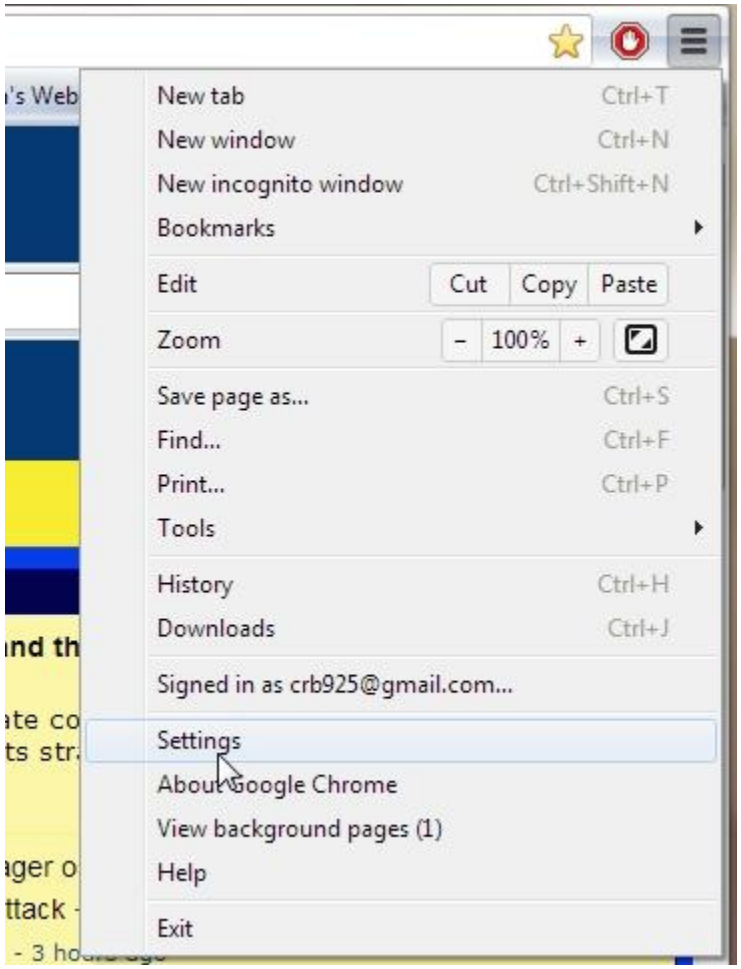

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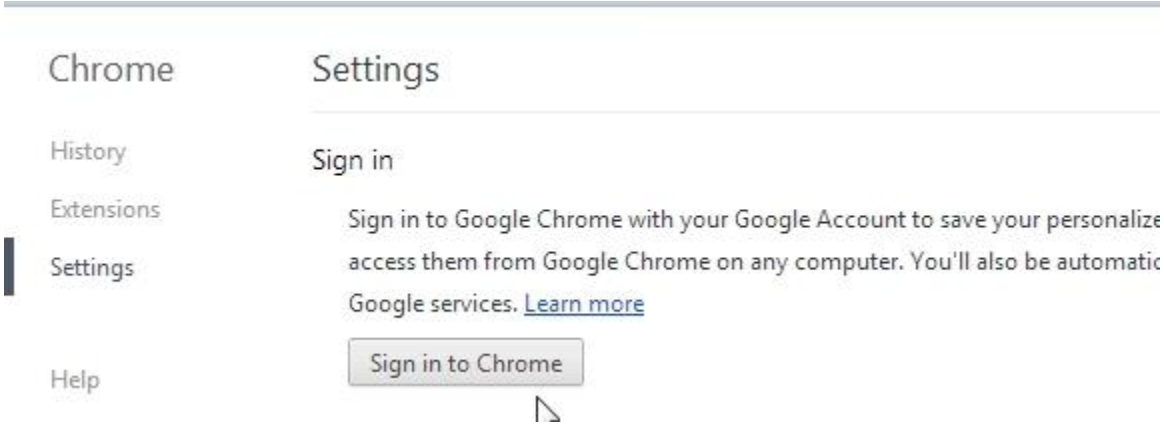

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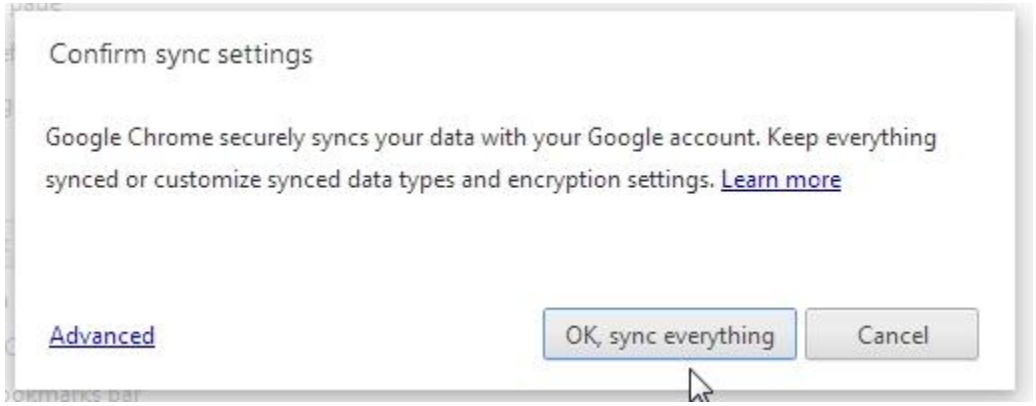

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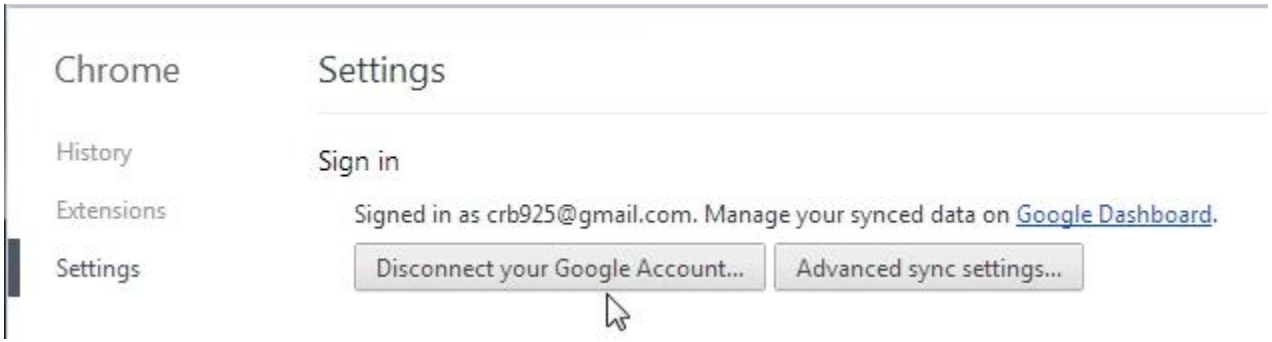

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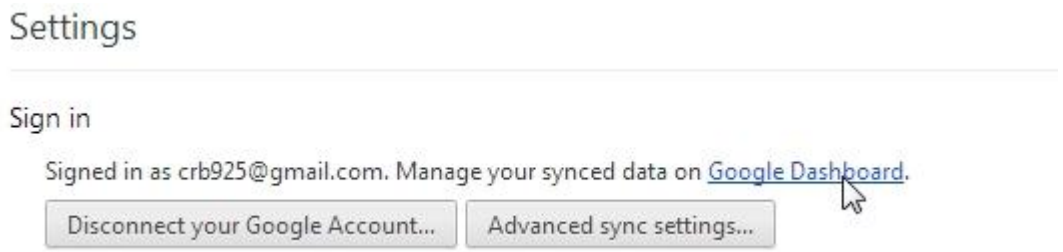

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