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Instructions for deleting the contents of the cache in Chrome

Browsers are almost a necessity to internet surfing in the modern days as it is the quickest way to access anything on the internet, and among the dozen browsers people use, Google Chrome, is often used by many. From the creation of computers, caches are always what computers used to store temporary data, and it is the same for browsers. It is a good practice to clear browser cache every so often as it not only can protect your personal information, but also helps Chrome to run faster, as well as resolve any issues where the website is not loading properly.

Materials Needed

- Your personal laptop/computer with a Google Chrome browser

Experience

- Basic computer and browser navigation skills

Step 1. Open Google Chrome on your computer

- It may seem obvious, but some people may think the cache is accessed somewhere else

Step 2. Open settings in Google Chrome

1. Move the mouse to the top right of the browser and click the menu button ⋮ next to your user icon and a menu will pop up.
2. Look through the menu, find and click on settings. The settings page will pop up.
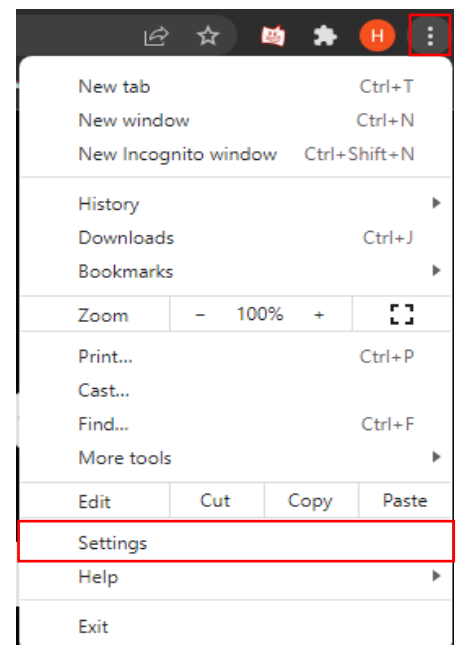
Chrome menu

Step 3. Navigate to the Security and Privacy page

1. On the left menu bar, find and click Security and Privacy. The window on the right should change to the Safety check/Security and Privacy menu.
2. From the Security and Privacy menu (under safety check), find and click on the Clear browsing data tab and a small window will pop up. It should be the first one the list
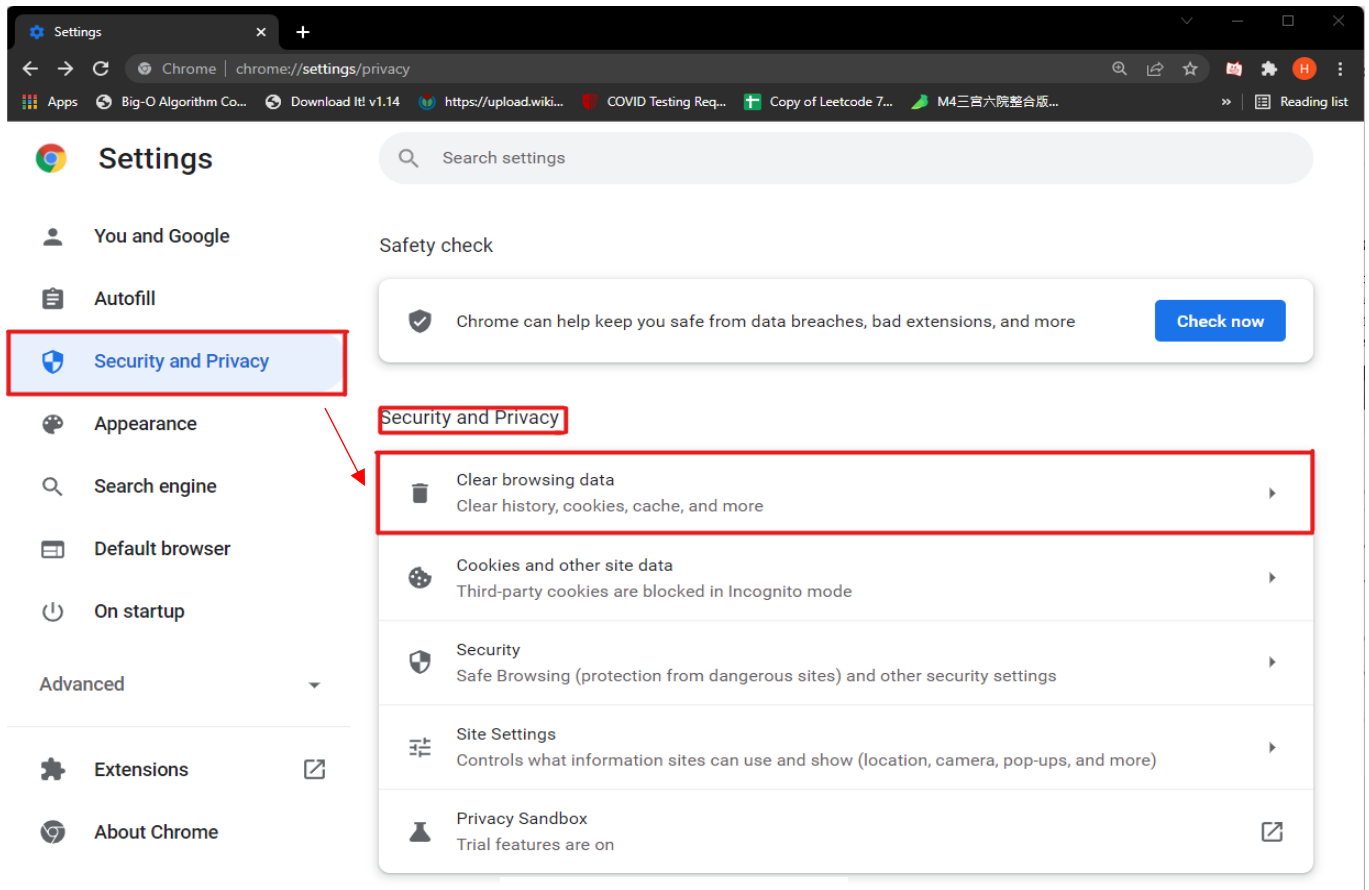

Security and Privacy page

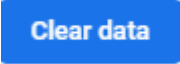# Step 4. Select the cache you want to delete

The window should automatically open with the advanced tab, which gives you all the cache options that you can delete. If you wish, you can switch back to the Basic tab, where there are less options to not overwhelm you. You can also choose the time frame from which the caches were stored.

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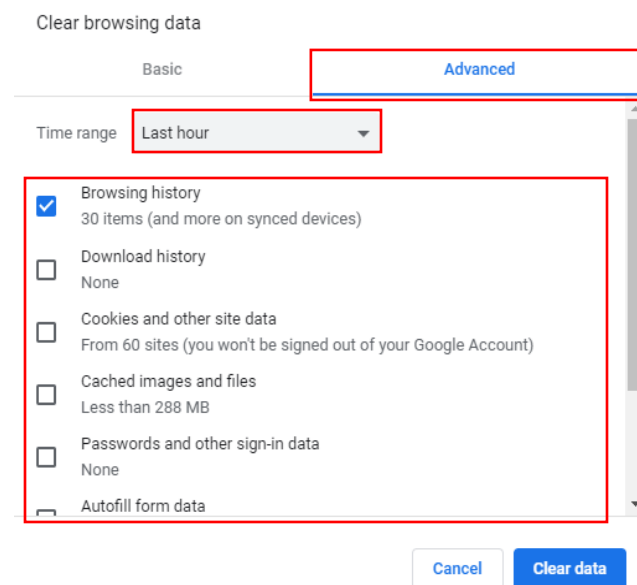
Cache deletion options

Step 5. Confirm and delete your selected data

After choosing the options/caches, pressing the **Clear data** button will DELETE your selected caches from the time range you have selected. Once pressed, it CANNOT be undone. You can also press the **Cancel** button and nothing will be deleted. Pressing either of the buttons will lead you back to the page from step 3, which means the data have been deleted, or nothing was deleted if you pressed the **Cancel** button. From there, you are safe to leave/close the page.

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- Browsing history: Deletion of records of every website you have visited
- Download history: Deletion of your download history stored in the Downloads tab; the actual downloaded files are not deleted.
- Cookies and other site data: Deletion of cookies, or data from any website, and its locally stored data in Chrome
- Cached images and files: Deletion of images and files from websites that requires loading using the internet (that is, some images and files are downloaded and stored in the browser after you first visited the website, and therefore will load on the website even if there's no internet connection)
- Passwords and other sign-in data: Deletion of passwords and login information saved on websites; Deleting this will log you out of every website
- Autofill form data: Deletion of auto fills such as search histories, login information, and any other potential recurring form information
- Site Settings: Deletion of the settings you have configured on any website
- Hosted app data: Deletion of data from the apps you added/downloaded from the Chrome Web Store

Troubleshooting:

- If you see no data on some of the options, set the time range further back, sometimes it is older than you remember

Conclusion:

You should now be able to delete caches from Chrome. You should also clean the caches every so often to lighten the browser. Thank you for reading and hope you have a pleasant browsing experience.