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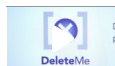cnet   REVIEWS   NEWS   VIDEO   HOW TO   SMART HOME   CARS   DEALS   DOWNLOAD   JOIN / SIGN IN

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Remove your troublesome past from the net

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Dont panic!

As a millennial American, you most likely know how easy it is to view and upload information on the internet. If you fall into this category, you're not alone. Roughly 57% of millennials have experienced this issue as well (Neil). Unfortunately, taking information down can be tough and stressful.

Although you face a difficult problem, as a Social Media expert, I can help guide you to solutions for you to remove your data and allow you focus on damage control.

Without action, the information you want removed could one day impact your college and job applications costing you thousands of dollars in potential salary throughout your life. The good news there are multiple solutions to your problem that I plan to cover in the next sections.

Remove Info that you Posted Online

To begin to solve your problem, consider deleting the information that you posted.

1. Go to the source (Facebook, youtube, etc.) which has the posted information.
2. Click on your home page which is usually located in the top right corner.
3. Find the post that you want to remove or hide.
4. Select "Hide" or "Delete" on the post options.
4. Identify the post you want to remove

Many sites such as Facebook and YouTube allow you to manage what you upload. However, if you are unable to edit since your friend posted information, you can follow these steps:

1. Go to the source (Facebook, YouTube, etc.) which your friend has posted information.
2. Click on settings which is usually located in the top right corner.
3. Choose the option activity log.
4. Identify the post you want to remove
5. Click on the circle with a line through it next to the post you want to remove.

Request the Source to Remove the Data

Another solution is to request the site and/or search engine to remove the data if you are unable to.

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If the source is not willing to remove the damaging information, then you can use a third party to remove your data by following the below steps:

1. Go to a trusted third party site like DeleteMe .
2. Click on "Learn More" to see if you would be comfortable with this option.
3. Click Sign Up once you feel ready to move forward.
4. Fill out the information requested.
5. Submit payment info.

Delete Your Personal Information From The Internet

Nearly everything you do leaves a trace, and data brokers collect this information to create and sell public profiles about you.

DeleteMe

DeleteMe removes:
» Your public profile from leading data sites

Select your plan

Current subscribers log in here

DELETEME FOR ONE PERSON

● 1 Year – $129
○ 2 Years – $209

DELETEME FOR TWO PEOPLE

» Contact, personal, and social information
» Photos of you, your family, and your home

○ 1 Year - $229
○ 2 Years - $349

Using a service like DeleteMe can make removing yourself from the internet less of a headache.
Screenshot by Misha Ward/CNET

Delete or deactivate Accounts

Another way to remove information is to delete and deactivate your accounts. You should use caution, deleting your accounts reduces the amount of information people can see on you but is permanent.

If the source is not willing to remove the damaging information, then you can use a third party to remove your data by following the below steps:

1. Go to your social media and blog sites.
2. Click on settings which is usually located in the top right corner.
3. Select "Security" in the drop down.
4. Click "Deactivate your account".
5. Follow steps to remove account. Caution, this action cannot be undone.

If you feel uncomfortable deleting your accounts, then consider setting your accounts to highest security options .

Parting words...

Now that you have ways to address your problem it is important to understand how effective they are at solving the problem. A survey found that 94% of people who had issues with deleting their online history were able to do so after following these steps. These steps work well as they are simple and provide quick action to your problem at hand.

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China doesn't just have the single fastest supercomputer in the world. It now dominates the list of the 500 fastest.

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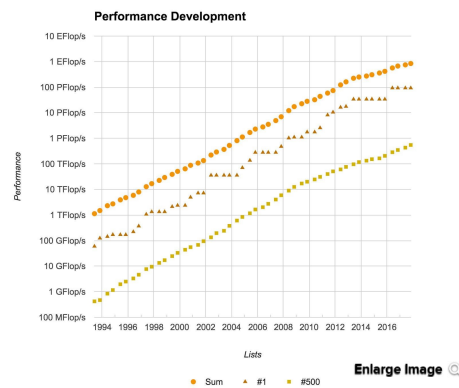
Top500

For years, China has claimed the top spot on a list of the 500 fastest supercomputers. Now it dominates the overall list, too, pushing the United States into second place.

For the first time, China has the most systems on the Top500 list, 202, up from 159 six months ago. The US dropped from 169 to 144. And in terms of the total performance of those machines, China also overtook the US, the Top500 supercomputer list organizers said.

The news underscores the relentless ascent of China's supercomputing trajectory in recent years. It also marks a notable shift in the international balance of high-end computing power that's closely tied to industrial, academic and military abilities.

Performance Development

The steady increase in computing power on the Top500 list of supercomputers tailed off in recent years. This chart shows the performance of all 500 machines as the orange points, the single fastest as the brown triangles and the 500th on the list as the yellow squares. Today's slowest machine has the performance of the fastest one in 2008.
Top500

Supercomputers, mammoth machines that can occupy entire buildings and use thousands of processors, are useful for tasks like simulating nuclear weapons explosions, forecasting weather, designing aircraft and investigating the cosmos by reconstructing billions of year of the universe's history.

At the SC 17 supercomputing show starting Monday in Denver, NASA will show off supercomputing work into precise simulations of climate change on Earth, the aerodynamics of drones that fly using multiple propellers and detailed forecasts of shock-wave damage from meteors.

The Top500 list, released twice a year in conjunction with the annual SC conference, is compiled by researchers at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, the University of Tennessee and cloud-computing company Prometeus. It ranks

HP Enterprise is the top maker of supercomputers in late 2017, as measured by the number of machines on the Top500 list of the world's most powerful systems. **Enlarge Image**

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supercomputers by how fast they can perform mathematical calculations on an imperfect but still useful speed test called Linpack. Results are measured in floating-point operations per second, or FLOPS.

The top two machines both are in China. Sunway TaihuLight, at China's National Supercomputing Center in Wuxi, was clocked at 93.01 petaflops, or 93 quadrillion calculations per second. The No. 2 machine, Tianhe-2 at the National

Supercomputer Center in Guangzho, scored 33.86 petaflops. They've held the top two spots for two years.

The United States might reclaim the top spot on the Top500 list, though. An IBM-built machine called Summit at Oak Ridge National Laboratory is designed to reach about 200 petaflops, double the performance of Sunway TaihuLight. It's in a 10,000-square-foot facility that's got a 20-megawatt power system for running the machine and keeping it cool. That's enough electricity to power about 16,300 houses.

For years, supercomputing speeds increased steadily with each new release of the Top500 list. In about 2012, though, progress improvements slowed down a notch, limited by diminishing processor speed improvements.

The Top500 organizers also have begun ranking supercomputers by a newer speed test designed to better reflect the range of computing tasks the machines handle, the High-Performance Conjugate Gradient (HPCG) benchmark. By this measure, Fujitsu's K Computer at the RIKEN Advanced Institute for Computational Science in Japan is the top performer.

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