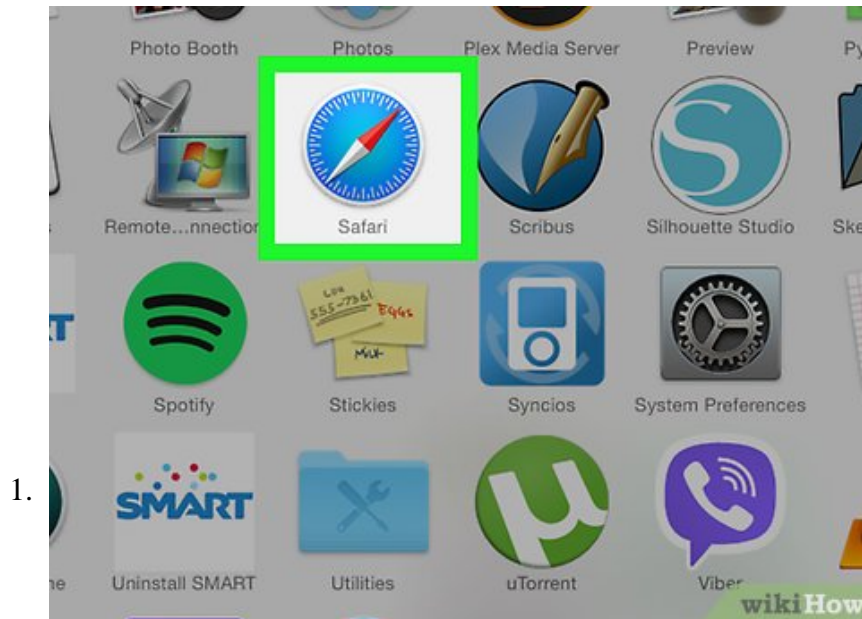


How to Delete Cookies on a Mac

This wikiHow teaches you how to delete your Mac's Safari, Chrome, and Firefox cookies. Cookies are temporary files related to sites that you've visited. Keep in mind that while clearing cookies from your browser may speed it up, doing so...

Method 1 of 3:

Safari



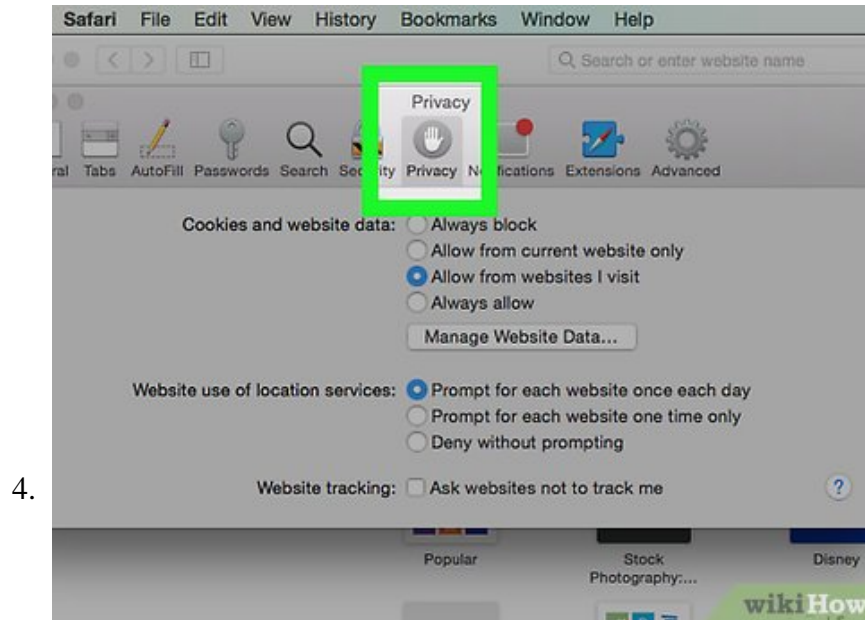
Open Safari. It's the blue, compass-shaped app icon.



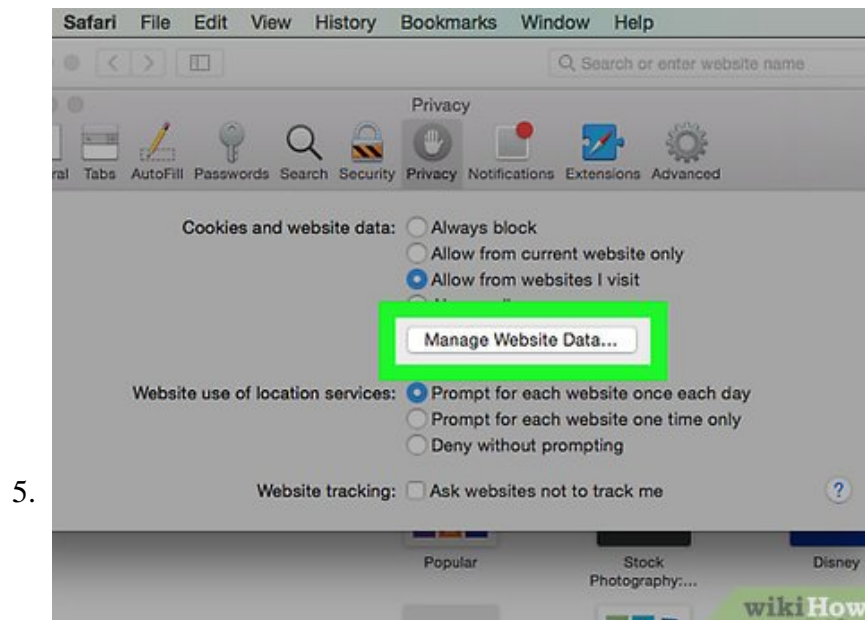
Click **Safari**. This menu item is in the top-left side of your Mac's screen. A drop-down menu will appear.



Click **Preferences...**. It's near the top of the **Safari** drop-down menu.

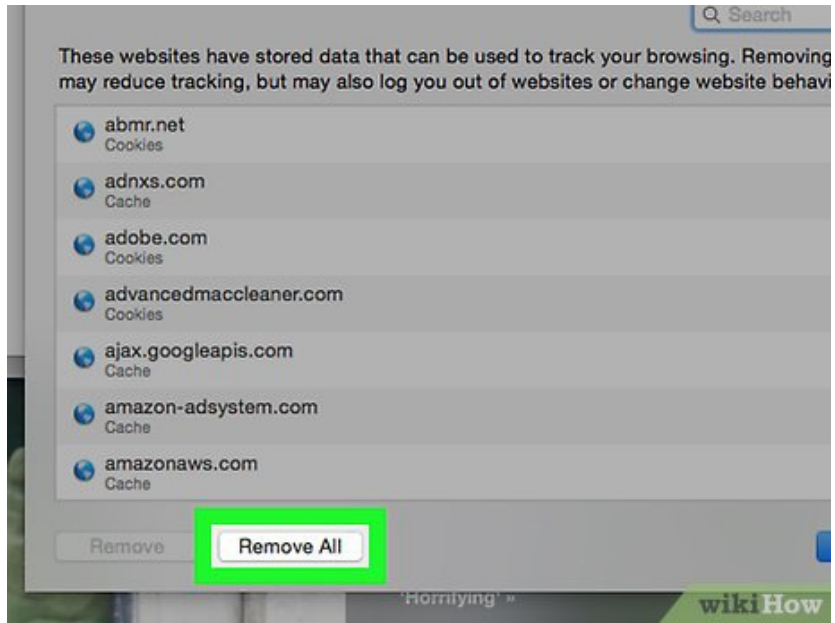


Click the **Privacy** tab. You'll find this on the far-right side of the Preferences window.



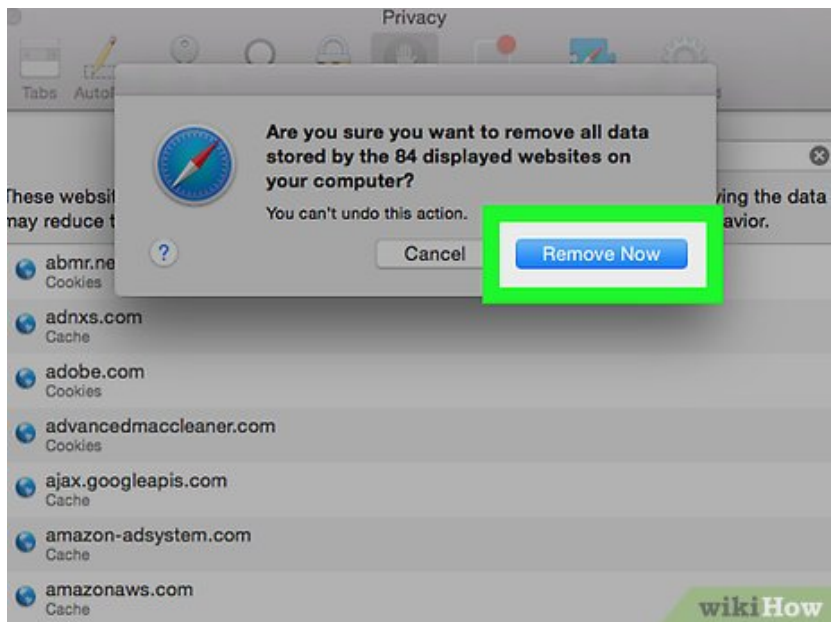
Click **Manage Website Data...**. It's in the middle of the page. On older versions of Mac OS X, this will say **Remove All Website Data...** instead.

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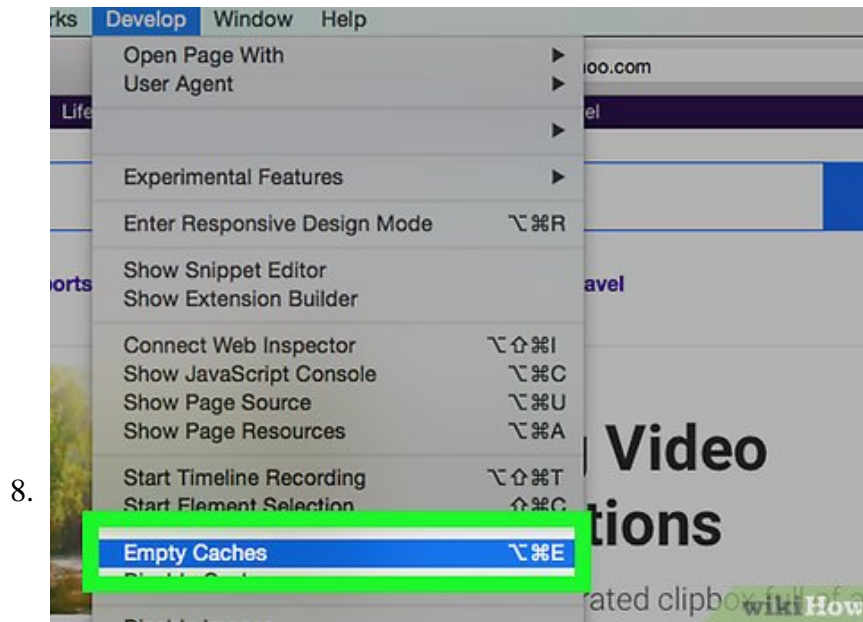


Click **Remove All**. This button is in the lower-left side of the window.

7.



Click **Remove Now** when prompted. Doing so will clear your Safari browser's cookies.



8.

Clear Safari's cache to get rid of persistent cookies. If you still see cookies popping up after deleting your Mac's stored cookies, you can clear Safari's cache, which will remove all of Safari's input information except for settings and bookmarks. To do so:

1. Click the **Safari** menu item.
2. Click **Preferences...**
3. Click the **Advanced** tab.
4. Check the **Show Develop Menu in Menu Bar** box.
5. Click the **Develop** menu item.
6. Click **Empty Caches**

EXPERT TIP

Picture 9 of How to Delete Cookies on a Mac

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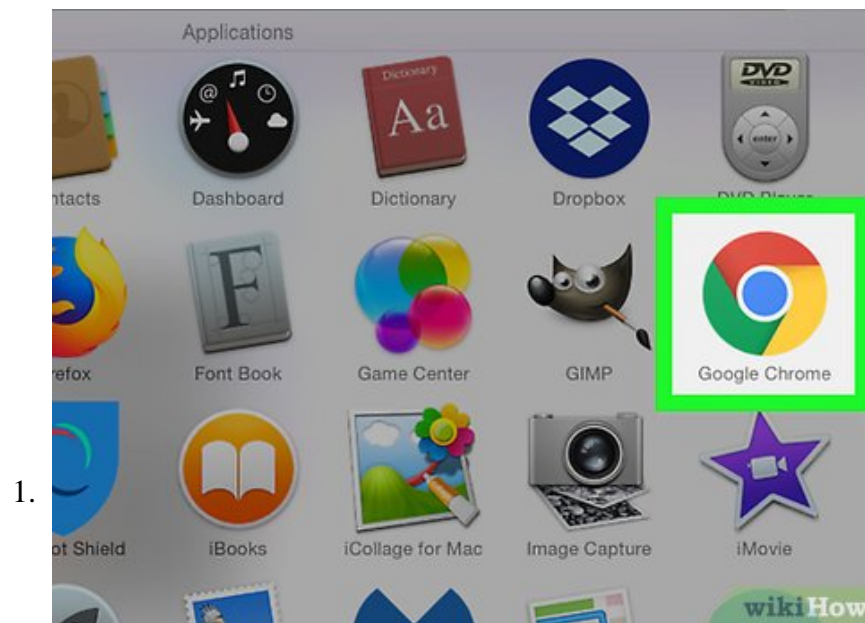
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This is a safe way to clear cookies from your Mac. While it's safe to empty your cookies from the Safari app, it is not recommended to go directly into the macOS system library to clear out cookies, unless you have experience in doing so. Accidentally deleting the wrong file in your system library can result in functionality issues with the application and/or operating system.

Method 2 of 3:

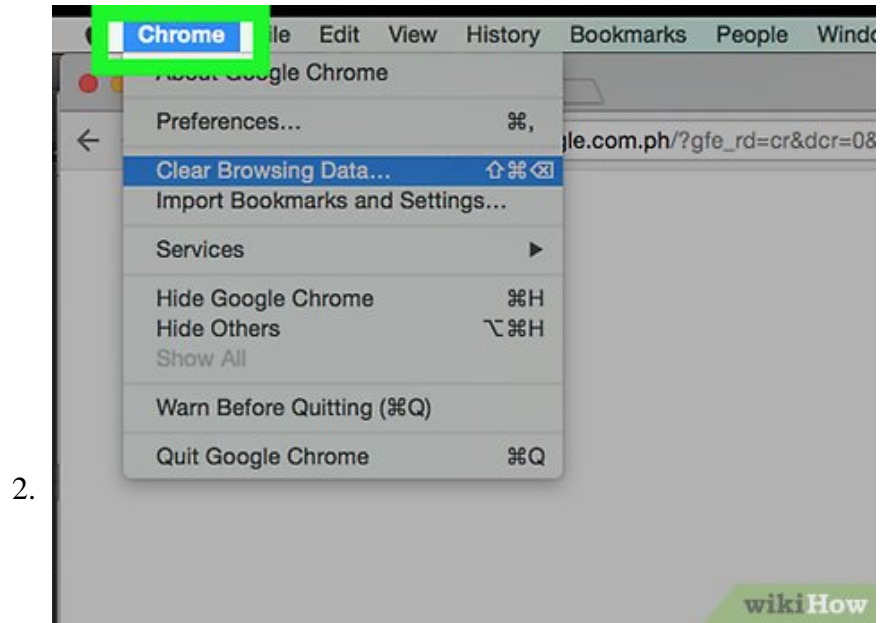
Google Chrome



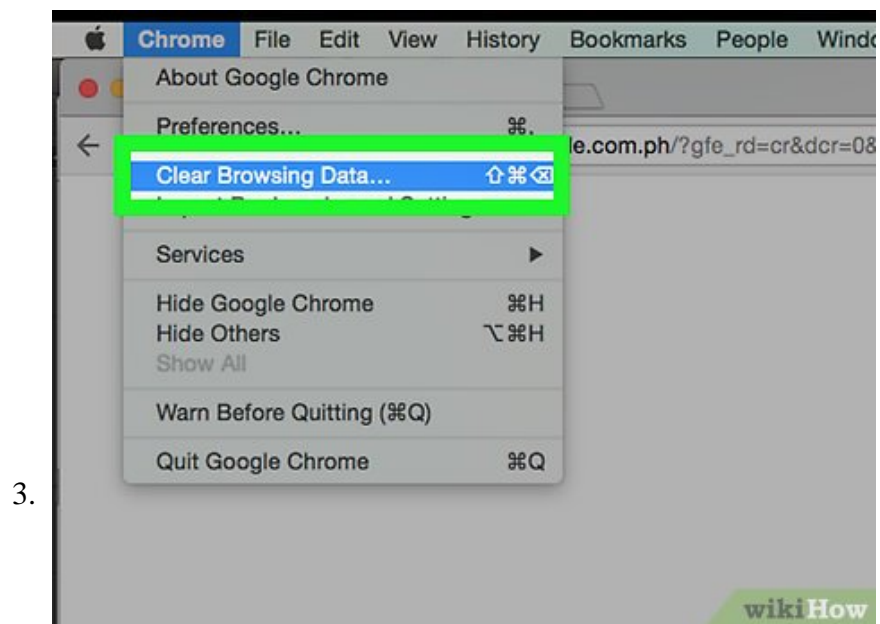
Open



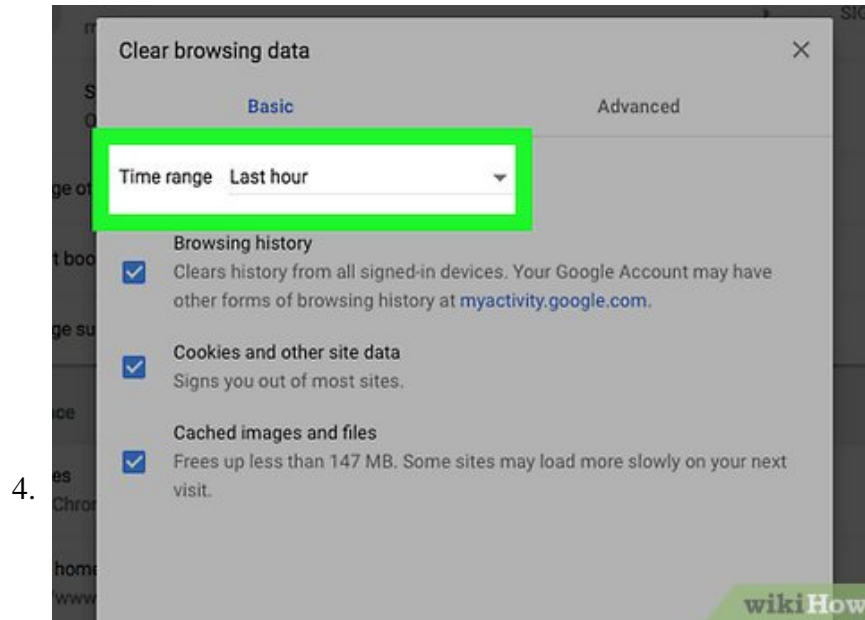
Google Chrome. It's the red, yellow, green, and blue sphere icon.



Click **Chrome**. This menu item is in the top-left corner of your Mac's screen. A drop-down menu will appear.

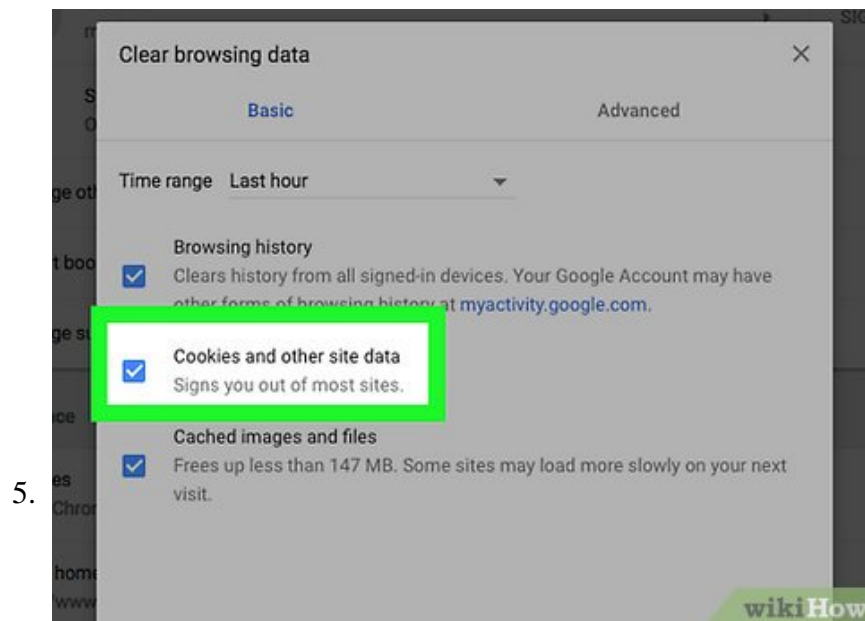


Click **Clear Browsing Data...**. It's near the top of the **Chrome** drop-down menu. Doing so will open the Browsing Data window.

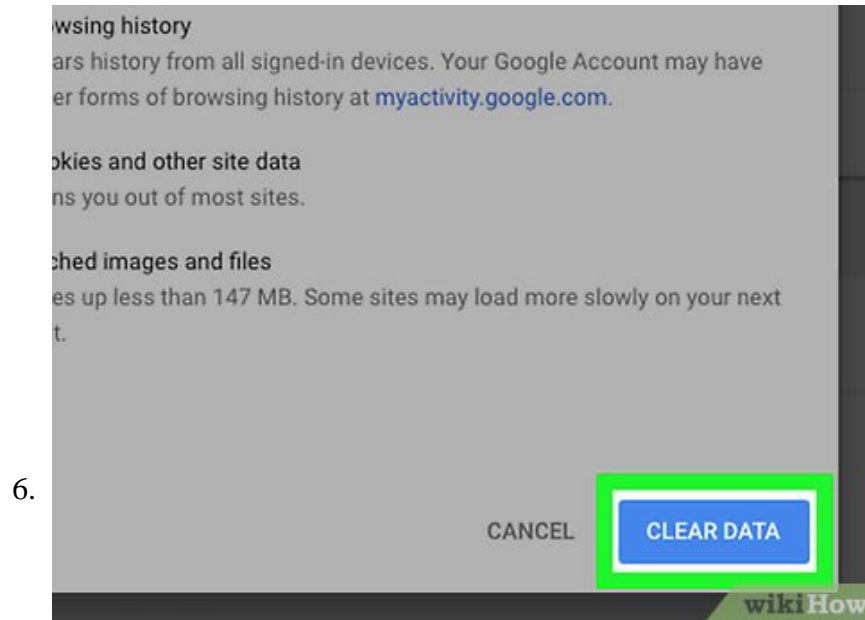


Select a time frame. Click the drop-down box to the right of the "Clear the following items from" heading near the top of the window, then click one of the following options:

1. **the past hour**
2. **the past day**
3. **the past week**
4. **the past 4 weeks**
5. **the beginning of time**



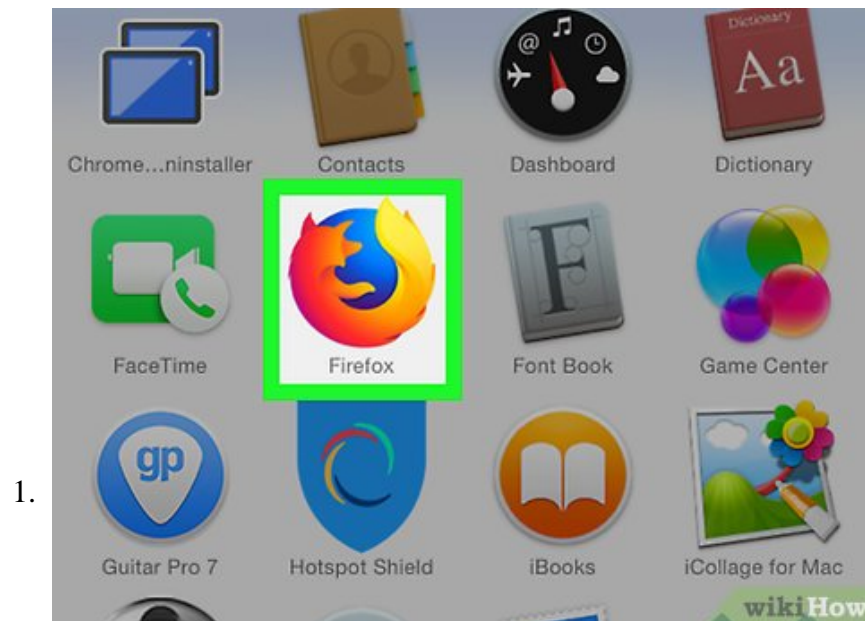
Check the "Cookies and other site data" box. You can check other boxes in this window as well if you want to remove other types of web data, but you must check the "Cookies and other site data" box to remove Chrome cookies from your Mac.



Click **CLEAR BROWSING DATA**. It's a blue button in the bottom-right corner of the Browsing Data window. Clicking this will completely clear your Mac's Chrome cookies.

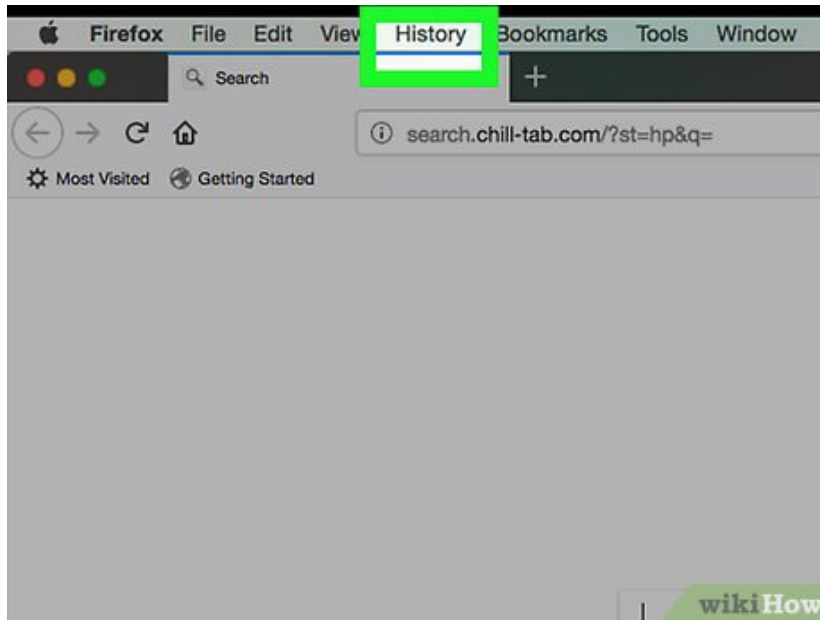
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Firefox



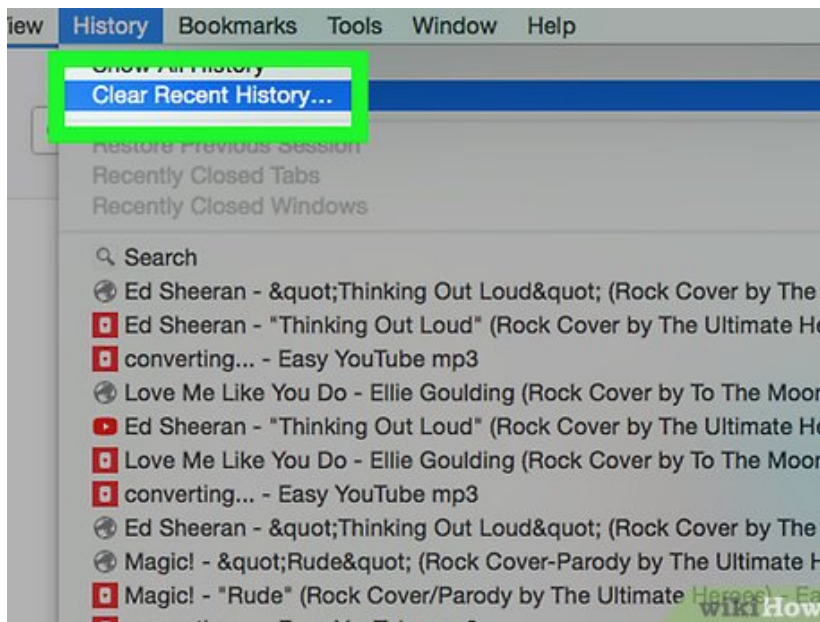
Open Firefox. This icon resembles an orange fox wrapped around a blue globe.

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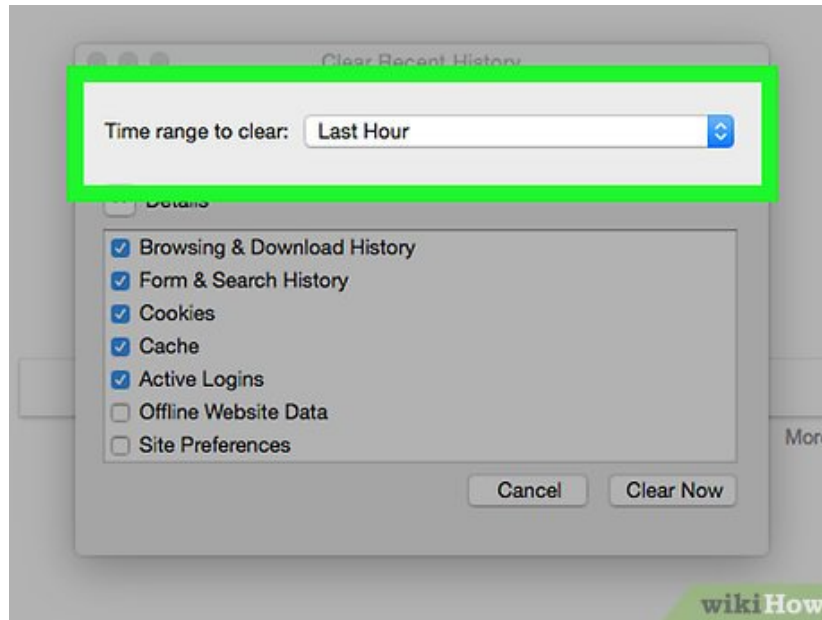
Click **History**. It's a menu item in the upper-left side of your Mac's screen. A drop-down menu will appear.

3.



Click **Clear Recent History...**. This option is in the **History** drop-down menu. A window will open.

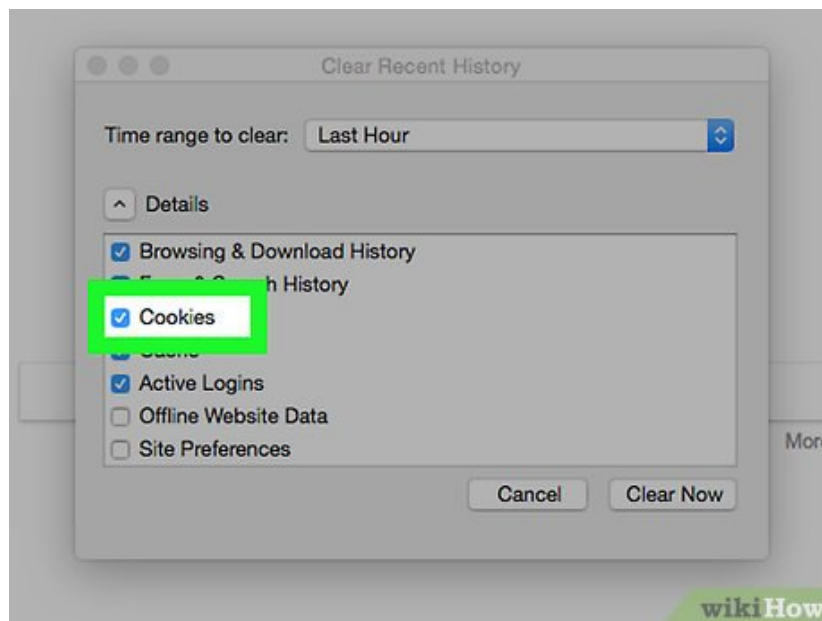
4.



Select a time frame. Click the "Time range to clear:" drop-down box, then click one of the following options:

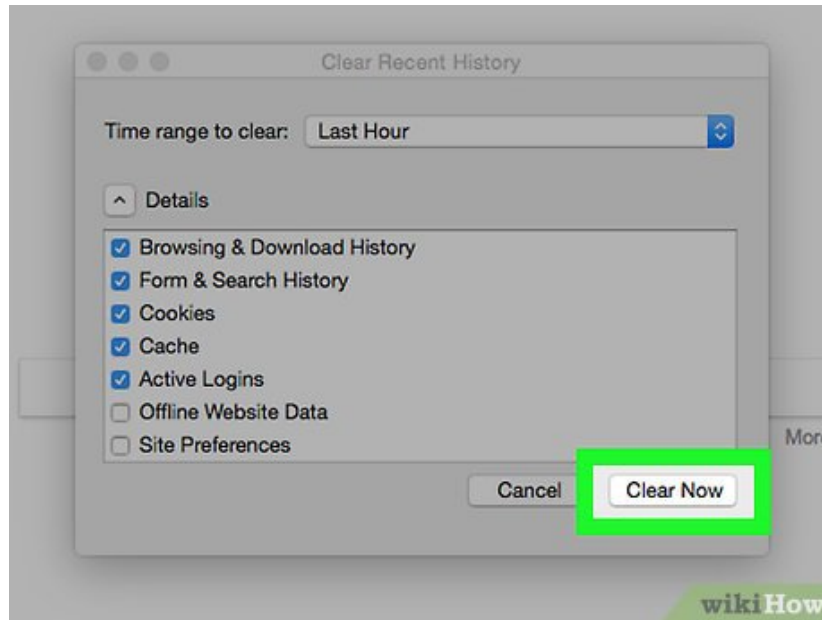
1. **Last Hour**
2. **Last Two Hours**
3. **Last Four Hours**
4. **Today**
5. **Everything**

5.



Check the "Cookies" box. You can check other boxes on this menu as well, but the "Cookies" box has to be checked in order for Firefox's cookies to be cleared.

6.



Click **Clear Now**. It's at the bottom of the window.

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