

How to Locate Temporary Internet Files

This wikiHow teaches you how to view a list of your browser's temporary internet files (stored cache data), which are pieces of data that help quickly load frequently visited sites. You cannot view temporary internet files on a mobile item...

Method 1 of 6:

Finding Cache Files on Mac

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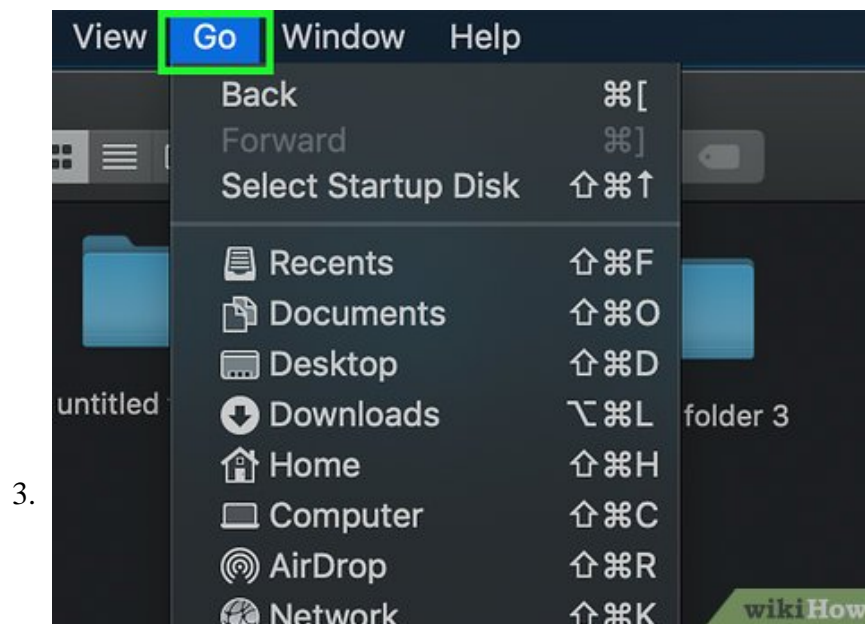


Open your Mac's Finder. Click the blue smiling face icon on the bottom-left to open your Finder.

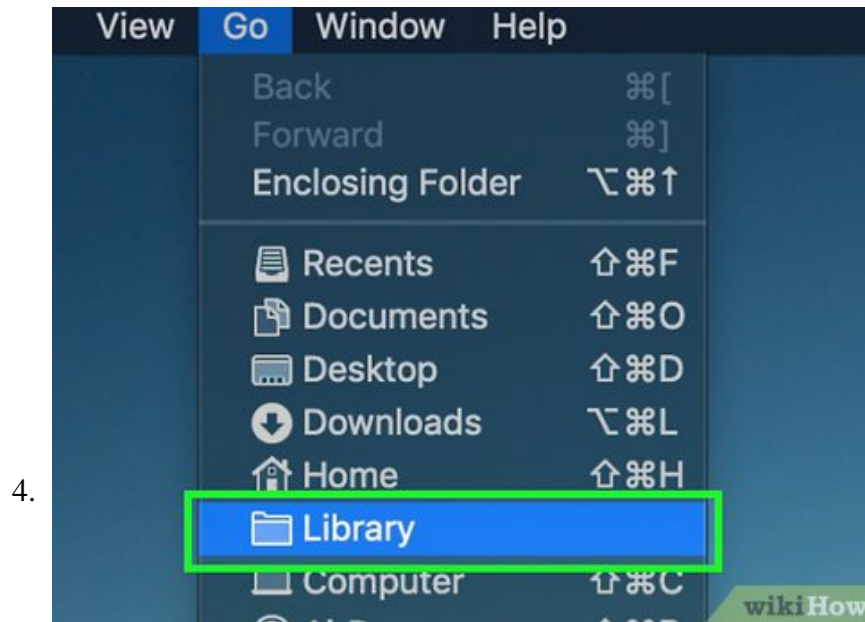
1. Make sure the menu bar on the top-left says "Finder."



Hold down the **Alt** or **Option** key on your keyboard. This will allow you to reveal the **Library** folder on the **Go** menu.

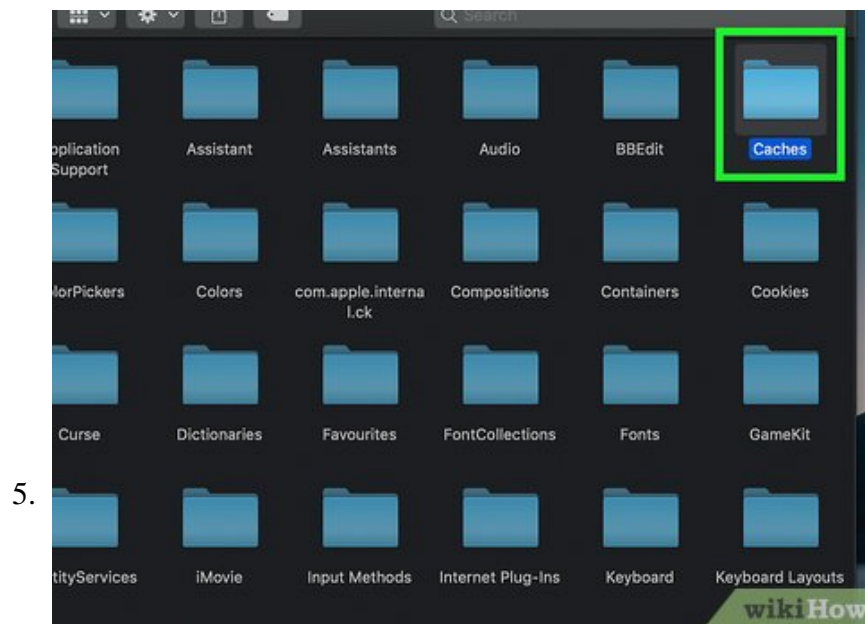


Click the **Go** tab on the menu bar. While holding down the **alt (option)** key, click the **Go** at the top of your screen. It will open a drop-down menu.



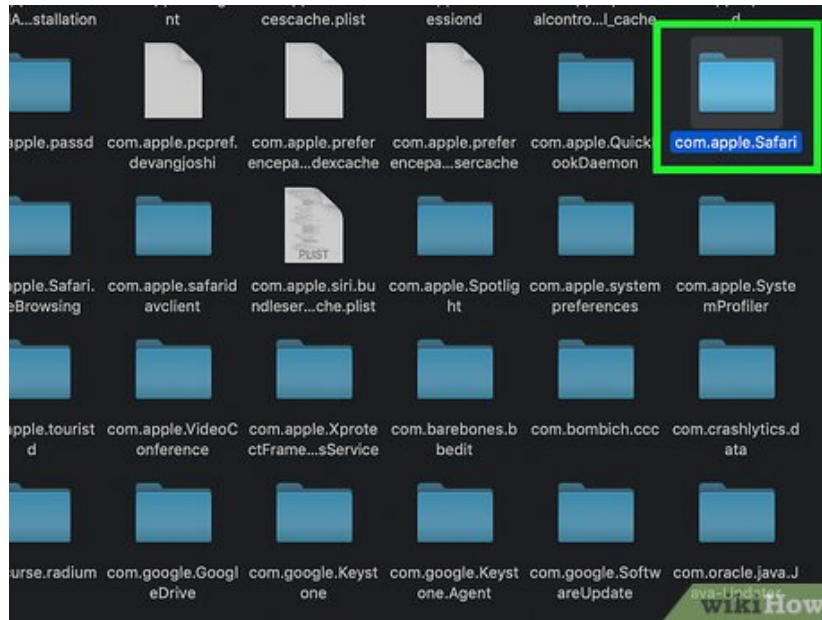
Click **Library** on the menu. This will open your user library folder.

1. The Library option only shows up when you press down the **alt (option)** key.



Double-click the **Caches** folder. You can find all the internet cache stored on your computer here.

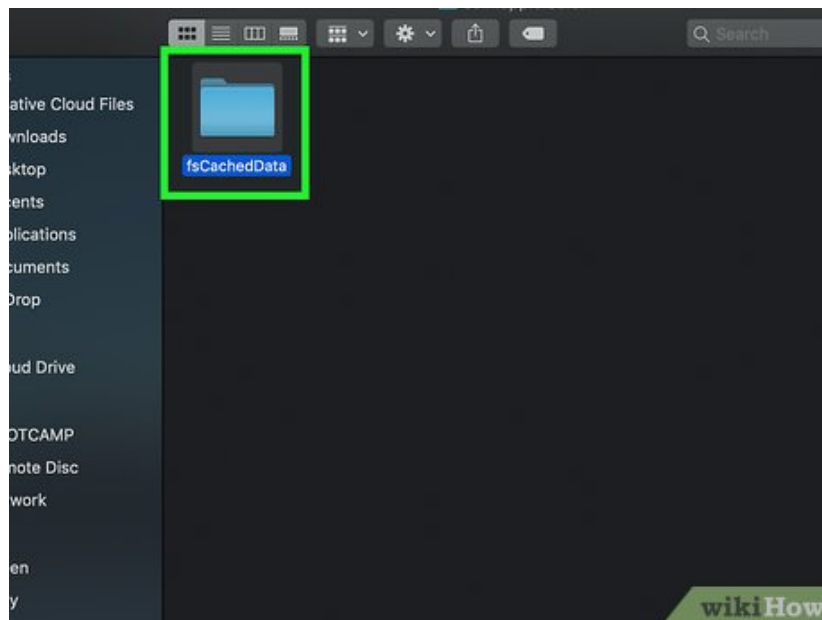
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Find and double-click the "com.apple.safari" folder. You can find different types of Safari browsing cache in this folder.

1. If you're using another web browser, look for your browser's software company here. For example, look for "Google" if you're using Chrome, and "Mozilla" for Firefox.

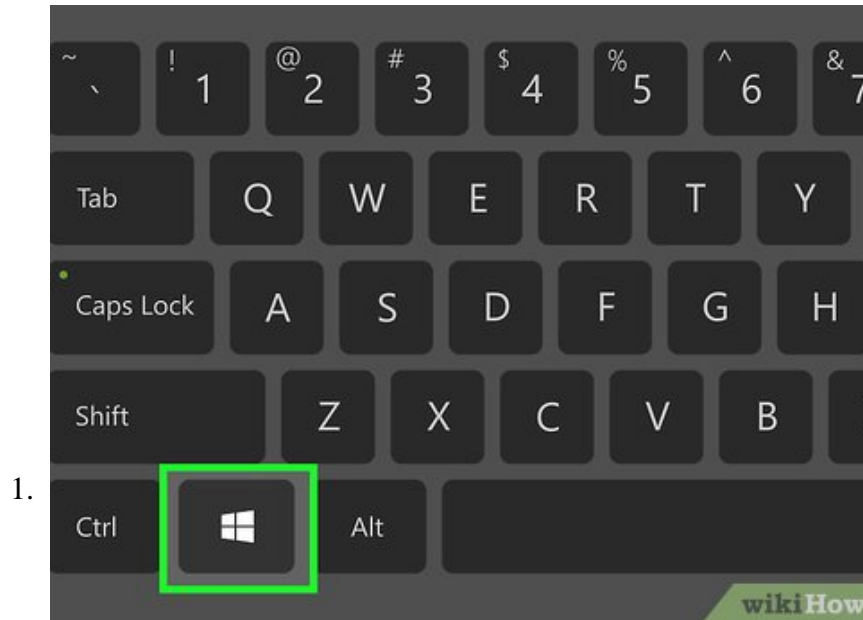
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Double-click the "fsCachedData" folder. You can find your Safari browsing cache data files here.

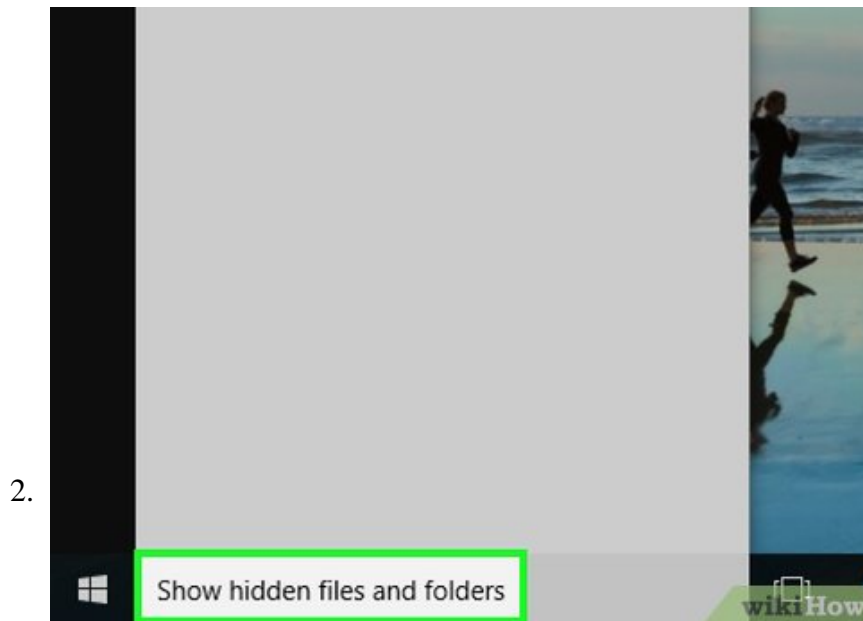
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Finding Cache Files on Windows



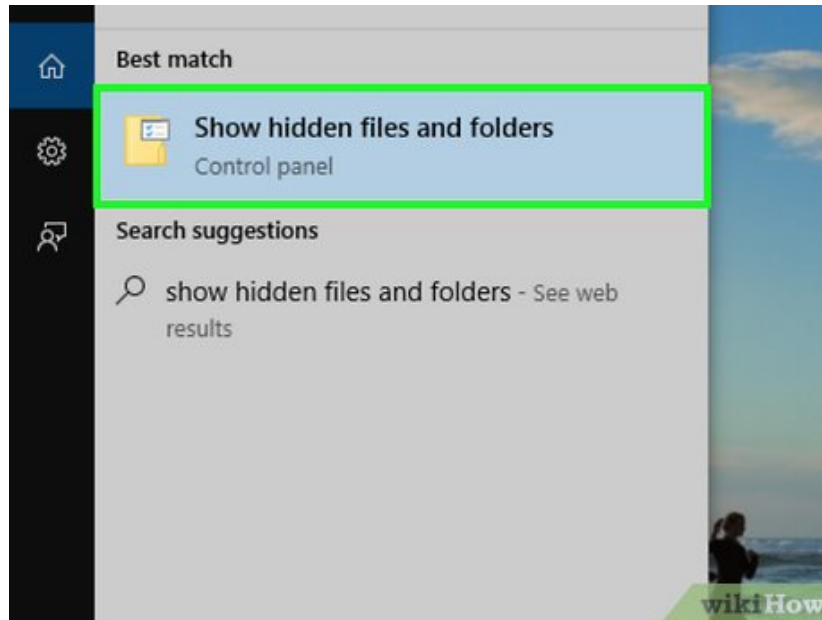
Open your Start menu. Click the Start menu icon on the lower-left corner, or press the `Win` key on your keyboard.

1. Alternatively, you can open the search or Cortana from your menu bar.



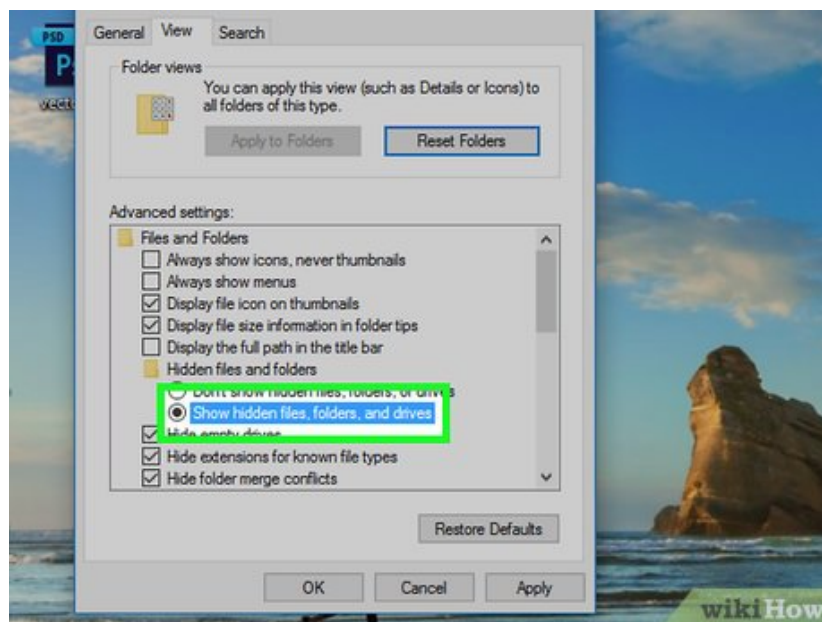
Type `Show hidden files and folders` into the menu search. Your file and folder settings will show up at the top of the search results.

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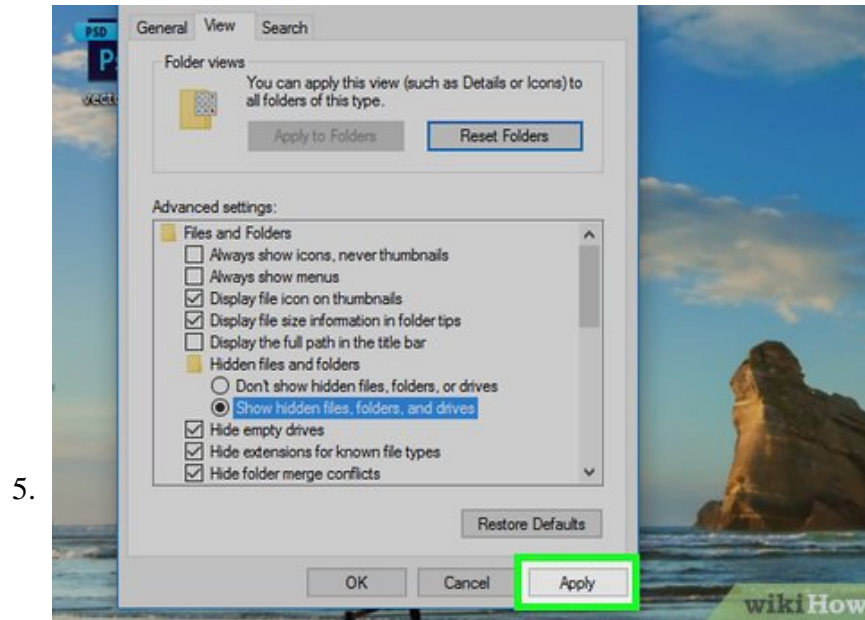


Click the **Show hidden files and folders** option in the search results. This will open your Folder Options window.

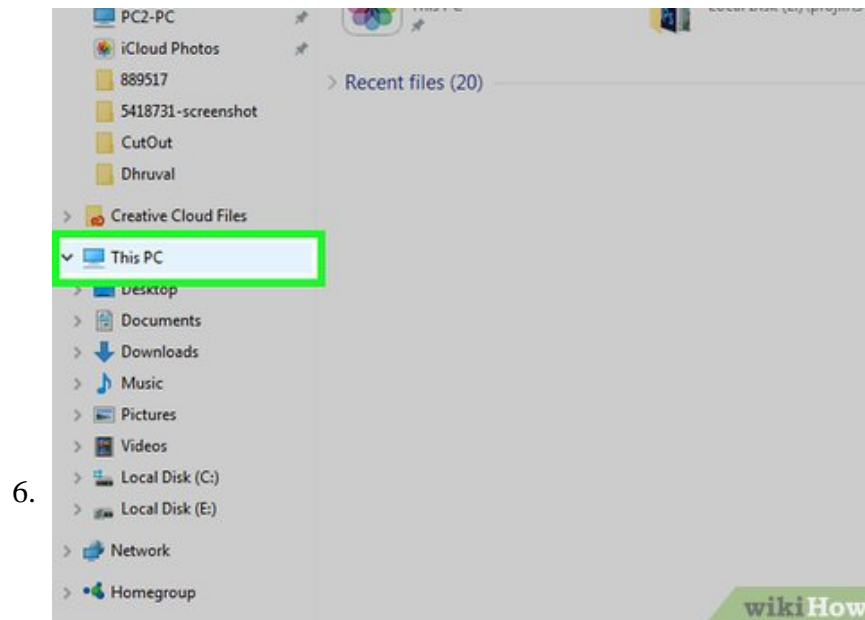
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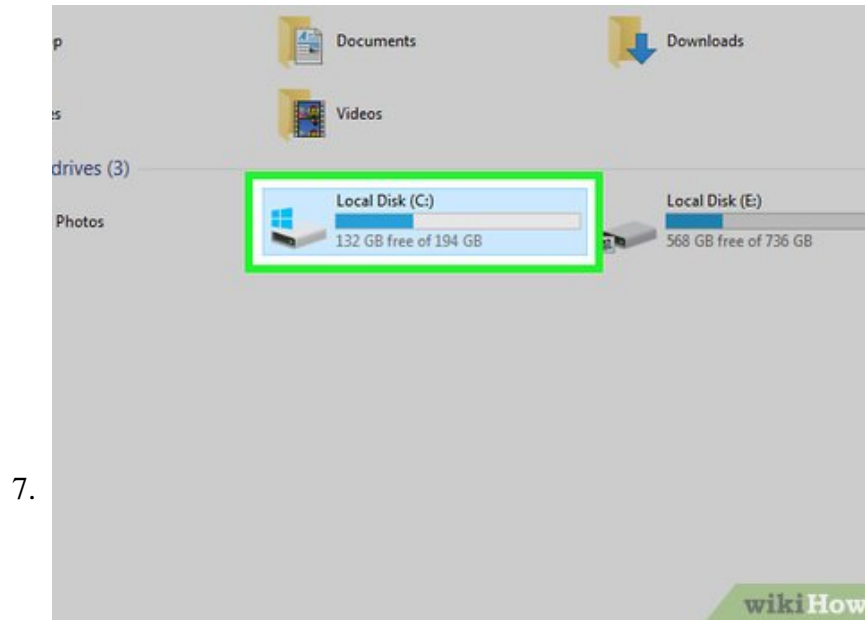
Select "Show hidden files, folders, and drives" in the Advanced Settings box. When this option is selected, you can view and browse all hidden and system folders on your computer.



Click the **Apply** button. You can now view and open hidden folders.

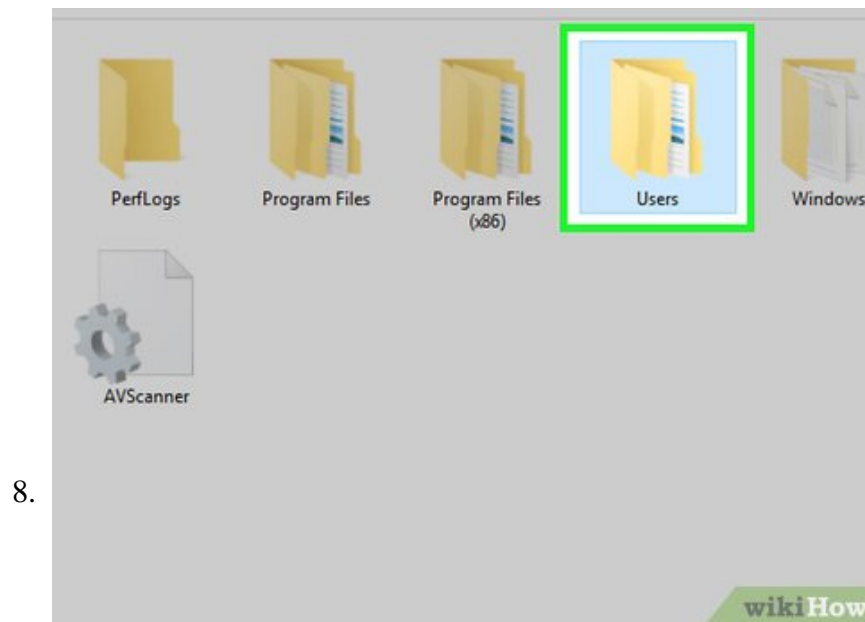


Open the **This PC** or **My Computer** app. This app looks like a desktop computer icon. You can find it on your Start menu or on your desktop.

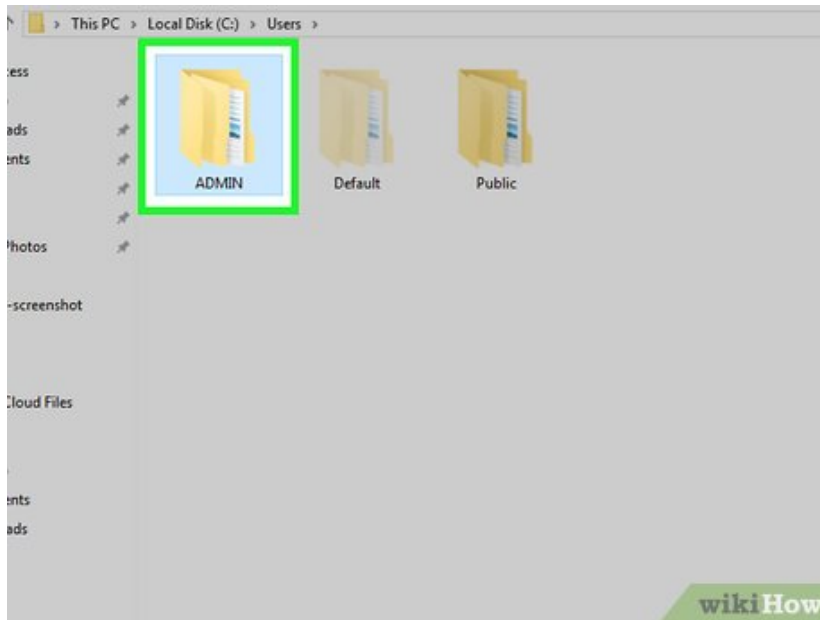


Double-click your main drive. This is the hard drive where your Windows system is set up.

1. This drive is usually named **Local Disk** and/or the **C:** drive.

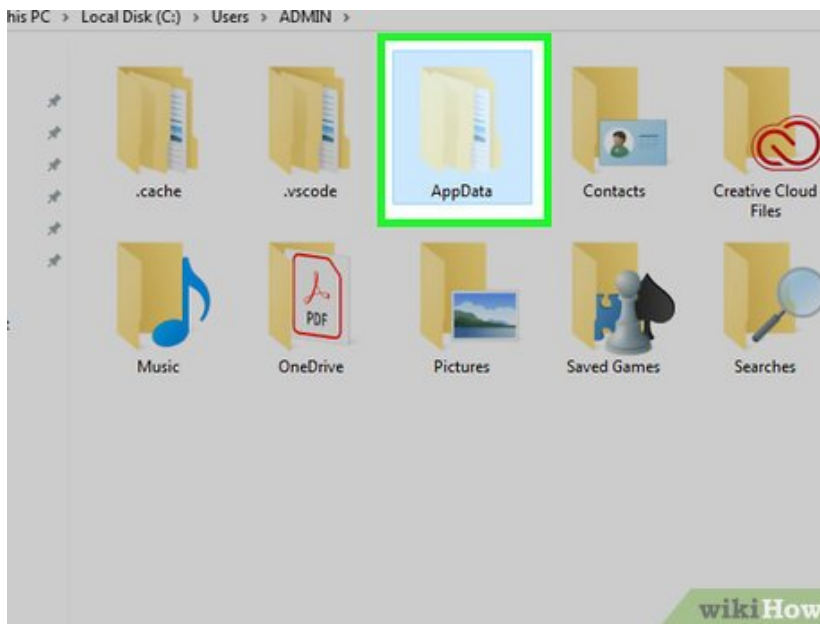


Double-click the "Users" folder. You can find a list of all the users saved on your computer here.



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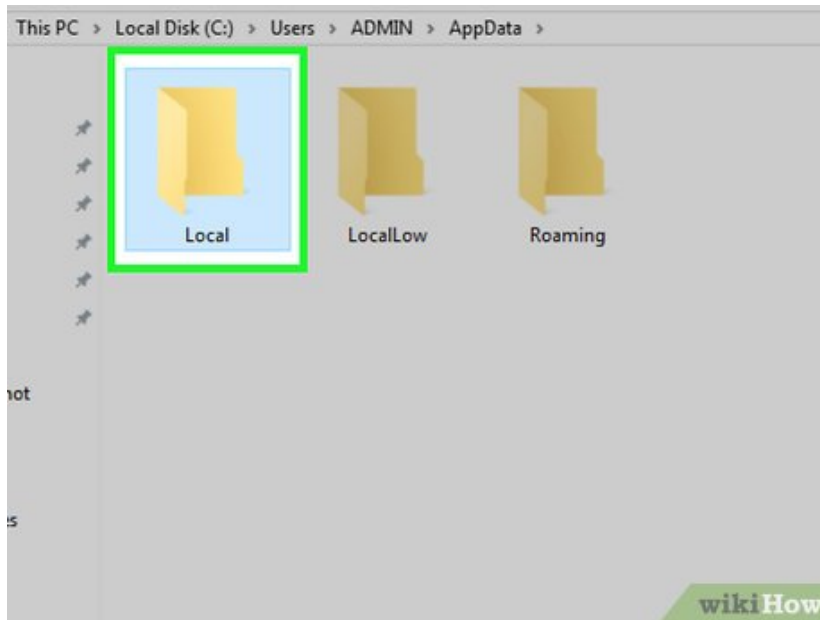
Double-click your user folder. Your user folder is named by your user name. You can find your user files here.



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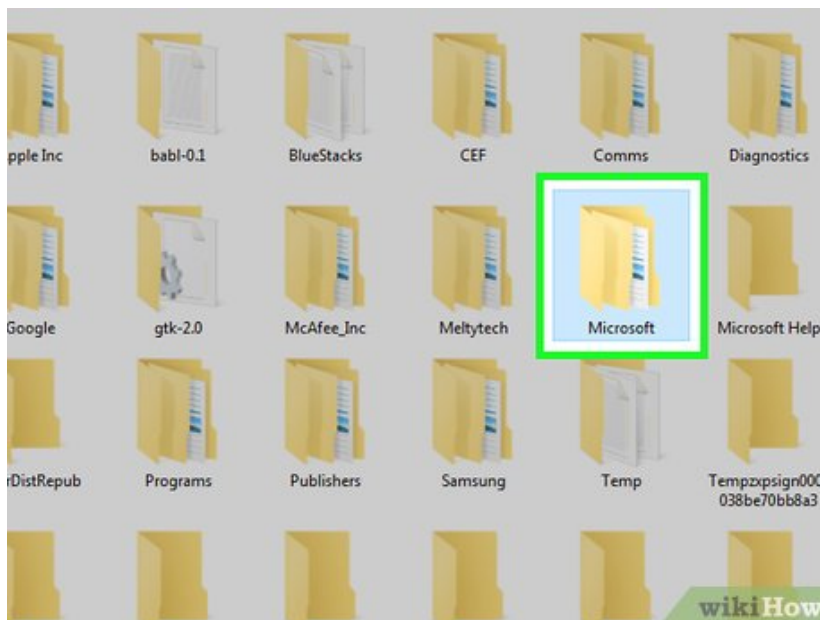
Double-click the "App Data" folder. This is a hidden folder so it looks like a transparent folder icon in your user folder.

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Double-click the "Local" folder.

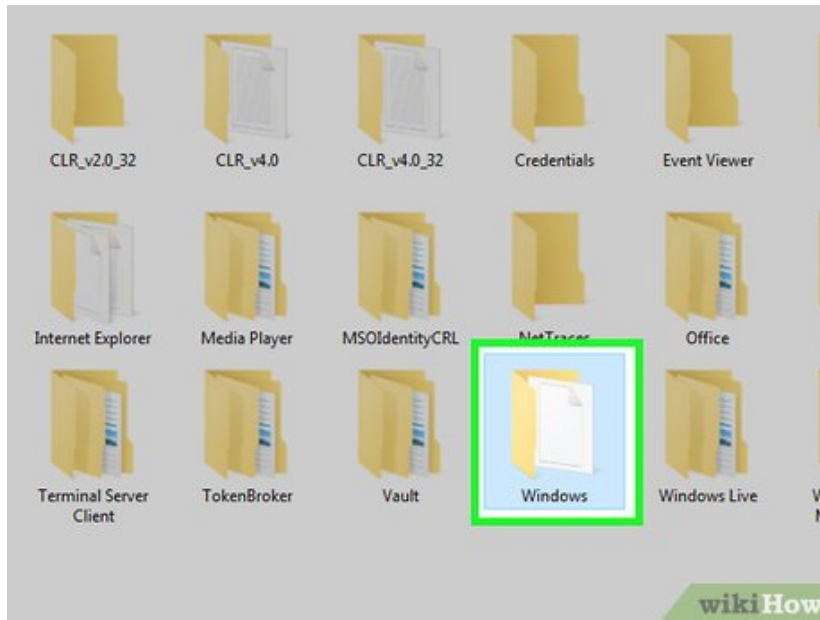
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Find and double-click the "Microsoft" folder in Local. You can find your Internet Explorer or Microsoft Edge cache in this folder.

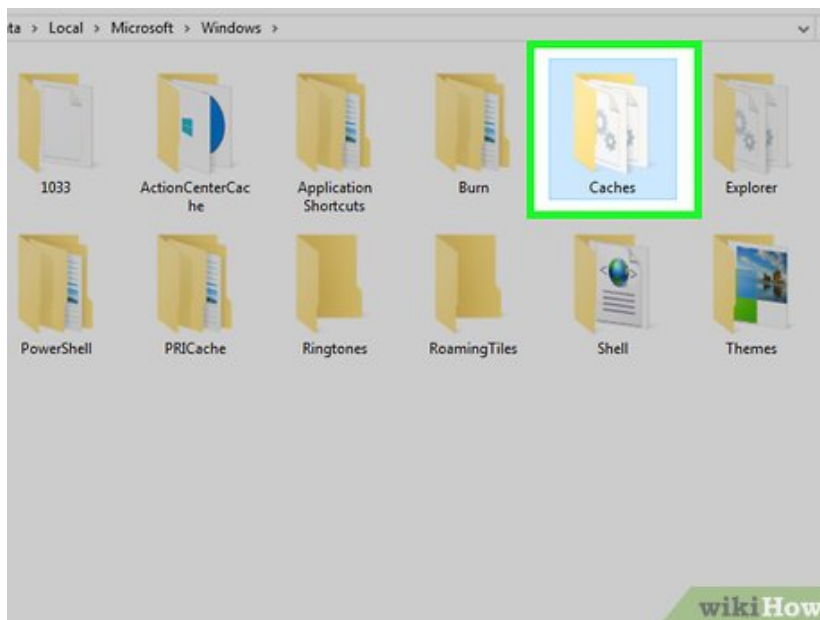
1. If you're using a different web browser, look for your browser's software company here. For example, look for "Google" if you're using Chrome, and "Mozilla" for Firefox.

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Find and double-click the "Windows" folder in Microsoft.

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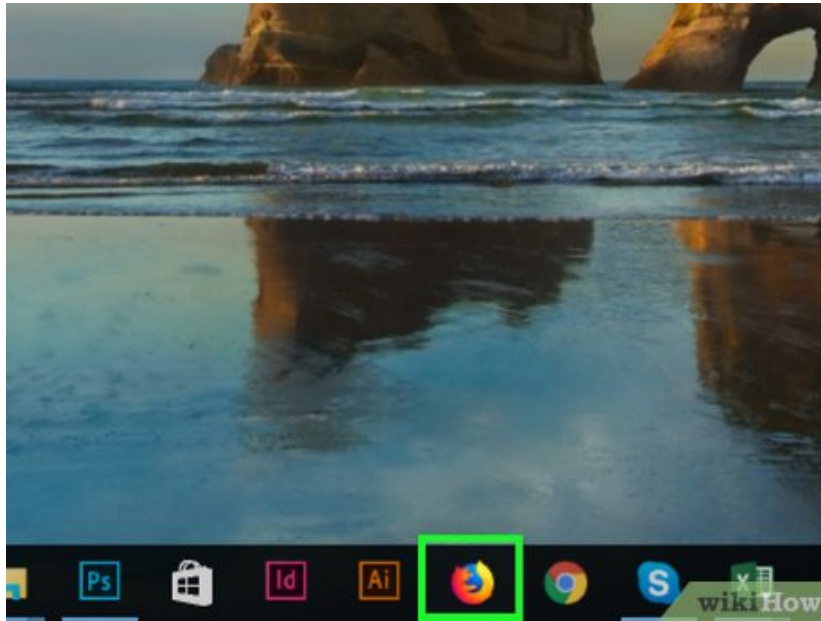


Find and double-click the "Caches" folder. You can view all your Internet Explorer or Edge browsing cache in this folder.

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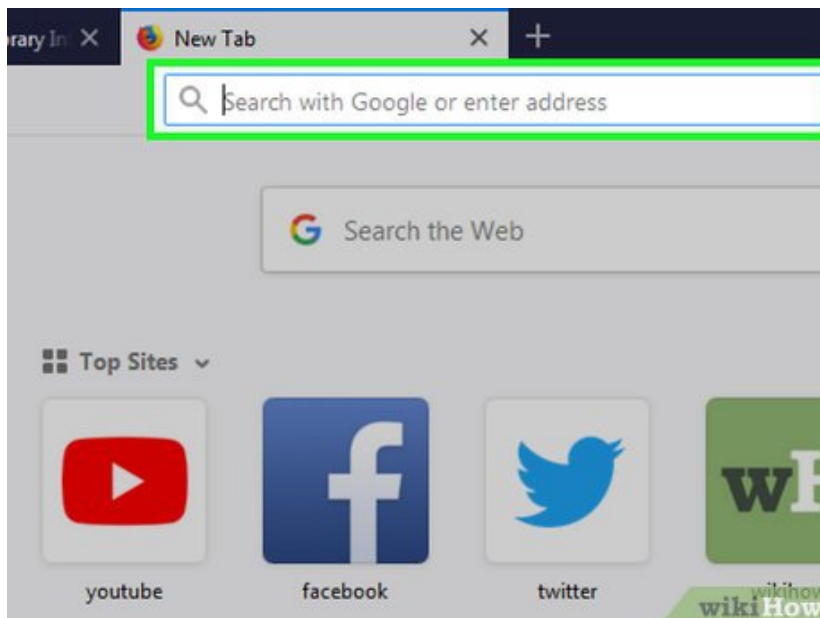
Firefox

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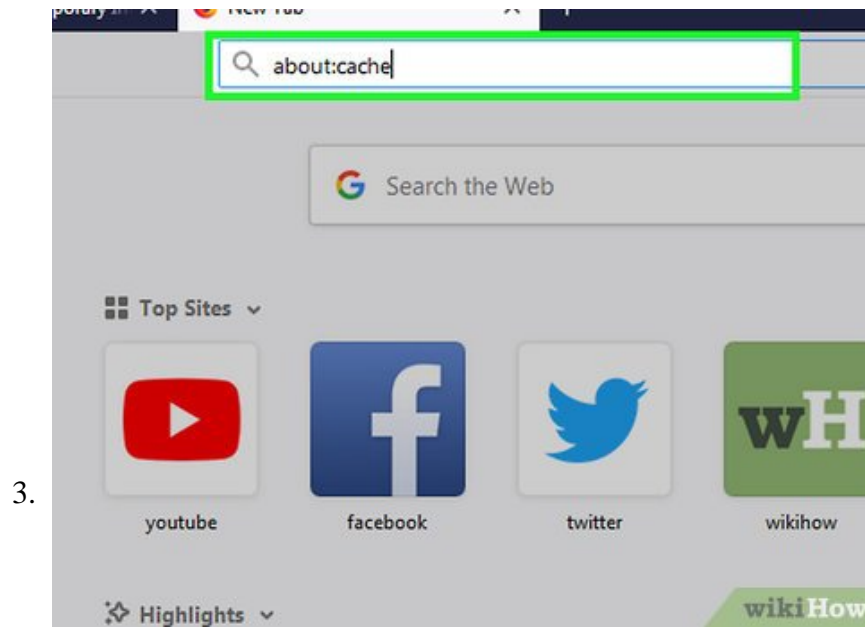


Open Firefox. Firefox's icon resembles a red-and-orange fox wrapped around a blue globe.

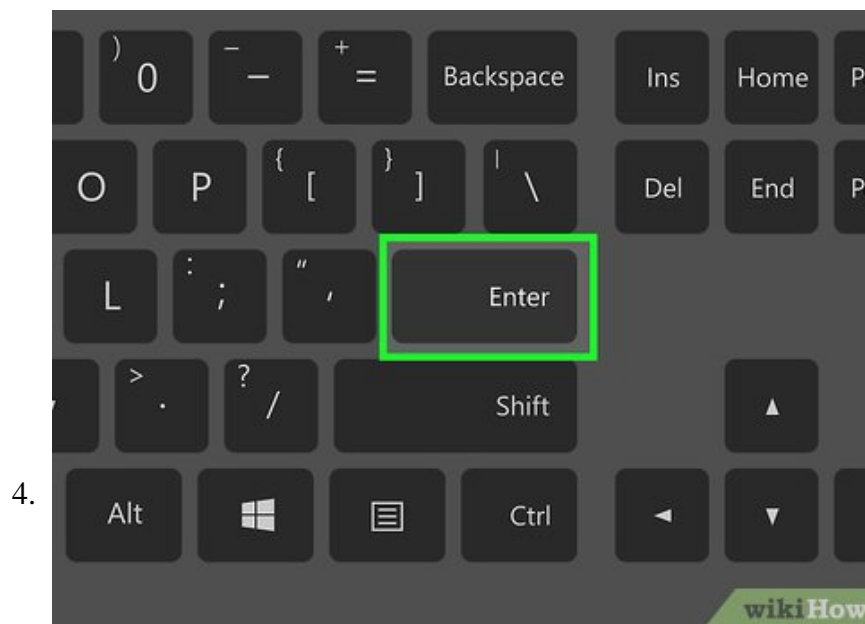
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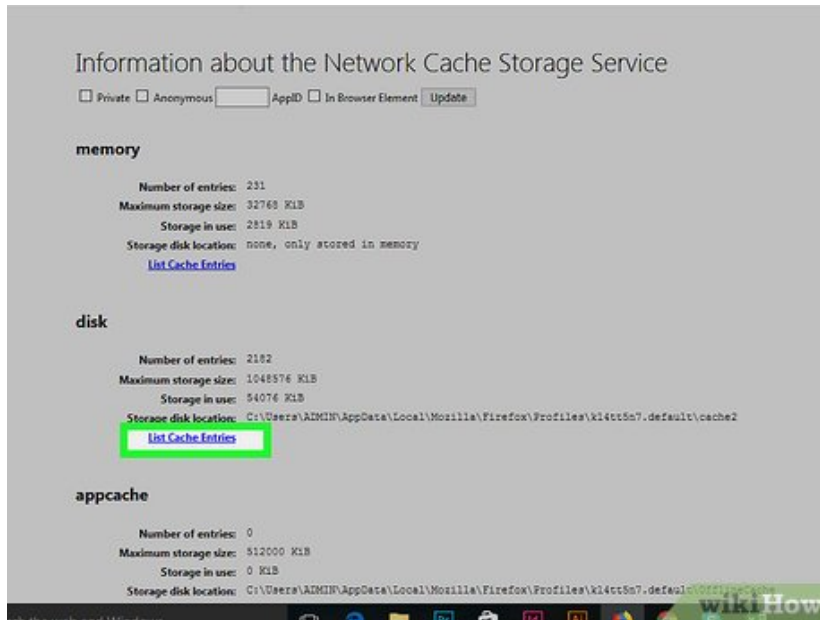
Click the address bar. The address bar is at the top of the Firefox window.



Type **about:cache** into the address bar. This command opens and displays the temporary internet files.



Press the **Enter** key. Doing this will open the "Network Cache Storage Settings" page.

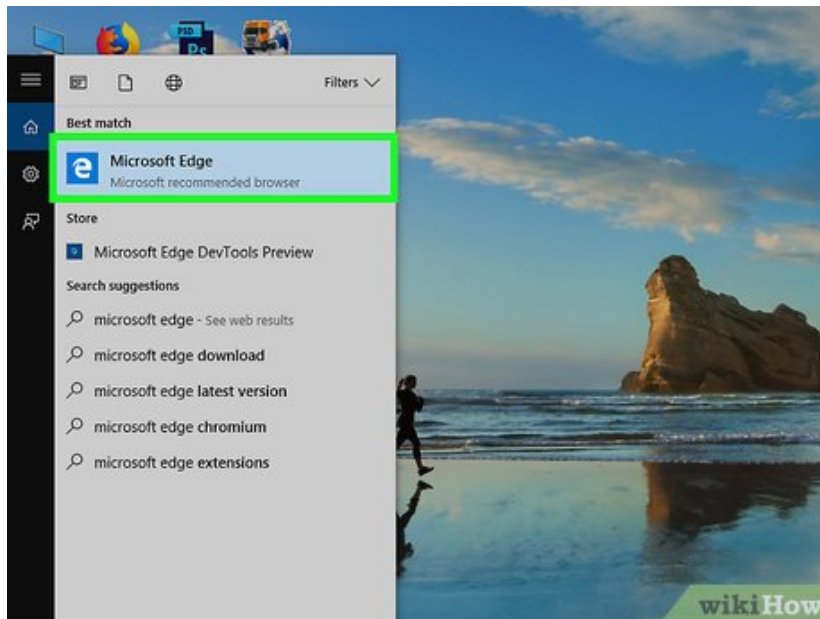


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Click the "**List Cache Entries**" link. It's below the "disk" heading near the middle of the page. Doing so will open a separate tab with all of your Firefox's temporary internet files listed.

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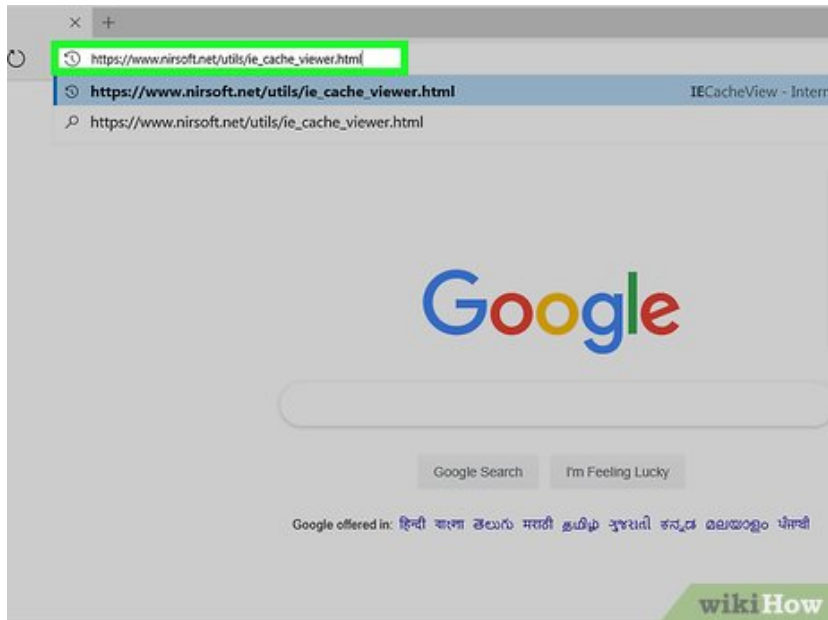
Microsoft Edge



1.

Understand how Microsoft Edge stores temporary files. Microsoft Edge stores temporary files in several different folders, all of which are usually inaccessible without knowing the exact file path of the specific file that you want to view. Fortunately, you can download a free app called "IECacheView" to pull up these files.

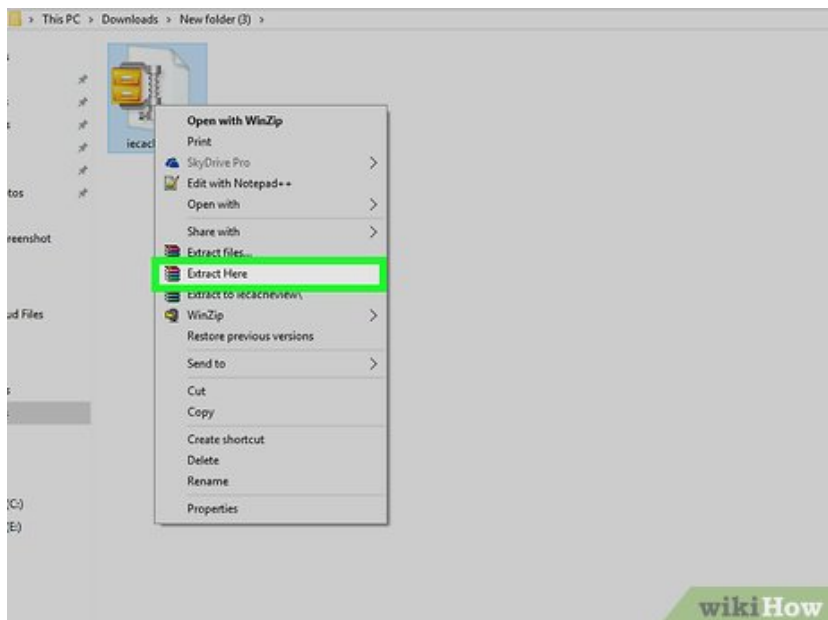
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Download IECacheView. Go to https://www.nirsoft.net/utills/ie_cache_viewer.html in your computer's Internet browser, scroll down to the "Feedback" heading near the bottom of the page, and click the **Download IECacheView** link below this heading. The IECacheView ZIP folder will download onto your computer.

1. Depending on your browser's settings, you may have to specify a download location or confirm the download before the download will commence.

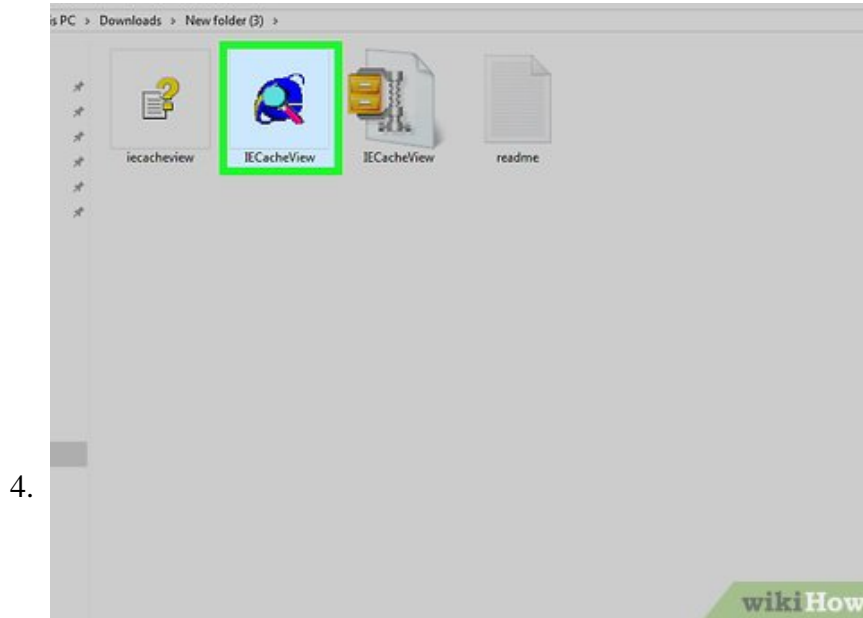
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Extract the IECacheView folder. Go to the location to which you downloaded IECacheView's ZIP folder, then do the following:

1. Double-click the "IECacheView" folder.
2. Click the **Extract** tab at the top of the folder.
3. Click **Extract all** at the top of the folder.
4. Click **Extract** at the bottom of the pop-up window.

5. Wait for the extracted folder to open.



Open IECacheView. In the extracted folder, double-click the blue-and-pink "IECacheView" icon. After a moment, the IECacheView window will open.

5.

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	4	6,584	36L4E2W	C:\Users\ADMIN\AppData\Local\Packages\microsoft.windows.cortana...	No
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	1	3,552	3A3LEOZZ	C:\Users\ADMIN\AppData\Local\Packages\microsoft.microsoftedge_8...	No
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	6	40,912	QXDWW10	C:\Users\ADMIN\AppData\Local\Packages\microsoft.windows.cortana...	No
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	1	27	3A3LEOZZ	C:\Users\ADMIN\AppData\Local\Packages\microsoft.microsoftedge_8...	Yes
	2	883	UNBRXPBG	C:\Users\ADMIN\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\NetCache\IE\UN...	No
	2	60,566	6AQKQNE	C:\Users\ADMIN\AppData\Local\Packages\microsoft.windows.cortana...	No
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Scroll right and click the **Full Path heading.** It's on the far-right side of the window in the upper-right corner.

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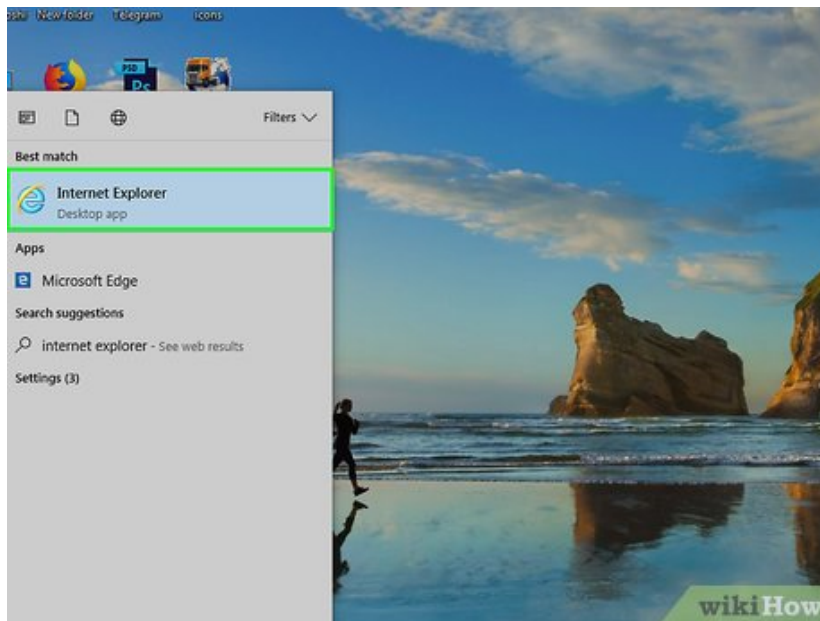
6.

Review your stored Microsoft Edge temporary files. Any file with "microsoft.microsoftedge_8wekyb3d8bbwe" in the middle of its **Full Path** address is a Microsoft Edge temporary file.

1. You can go to a specific temporary file's location by right-clicking the temporary file and then clicking **Open Cache Sub-Folder** in the resulting drop-down menu.

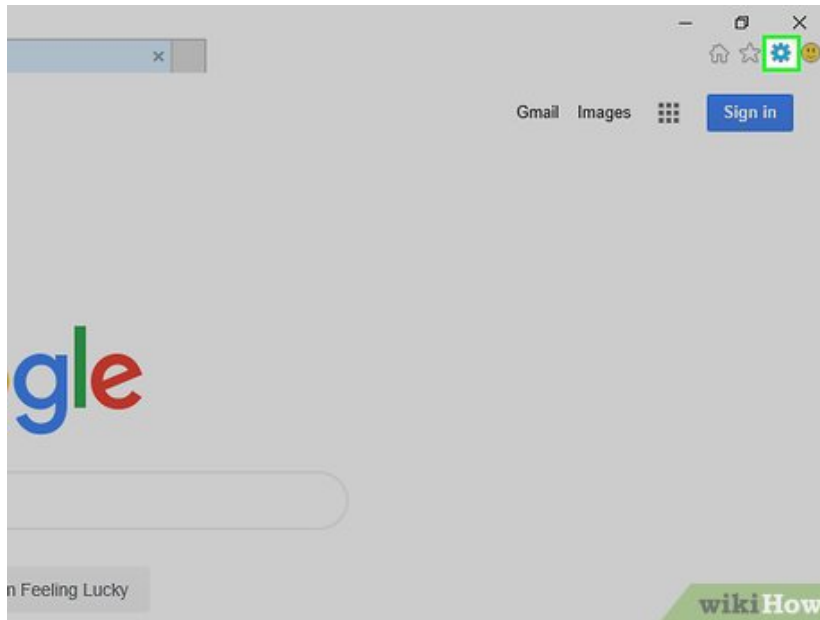
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Internet Explorer



1.

Open Internet Explorer. Double-click the Internet Explorer app icon, which resembles a blue "e" with a yellow circle around it.

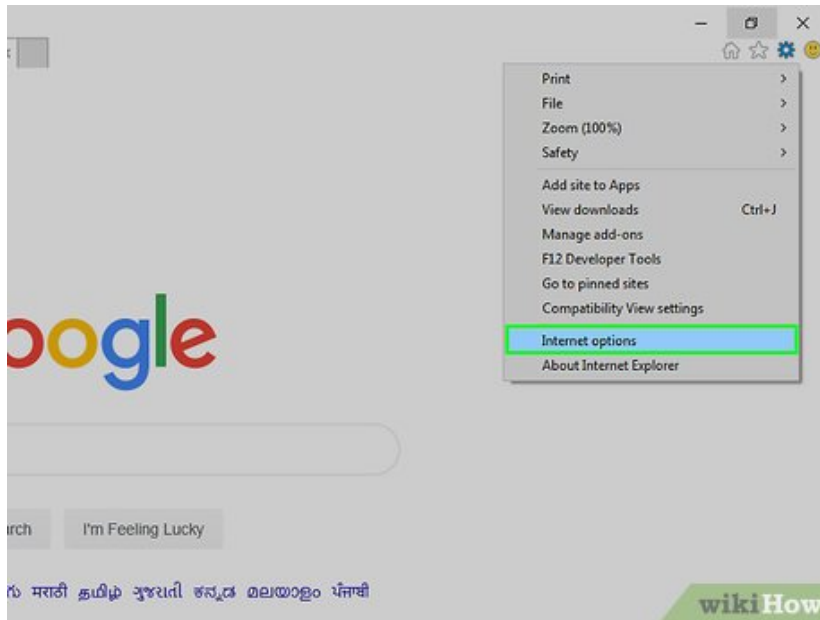


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Open Settings

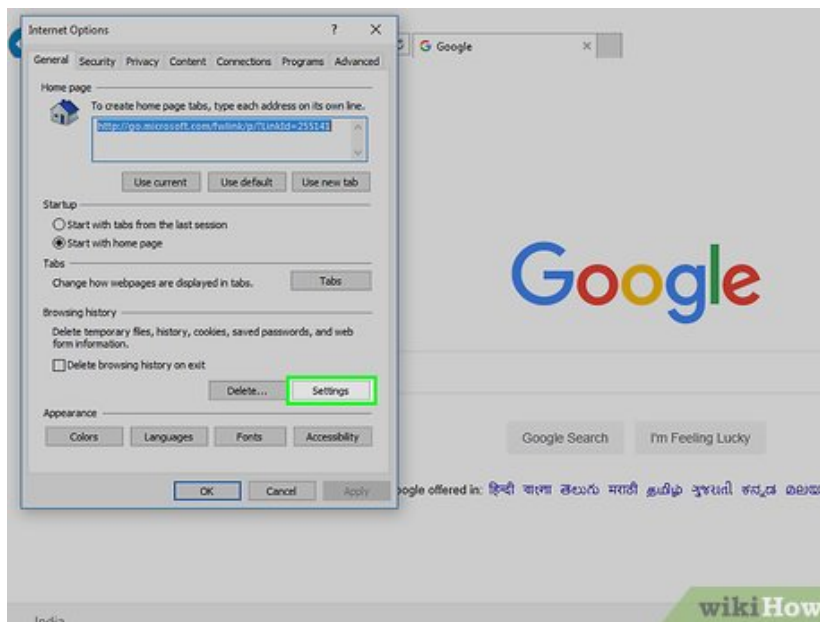


. Click the gear-shaped option in the top-right corner of the Internet Explorer window. Doing so prompts a drop-down menu.



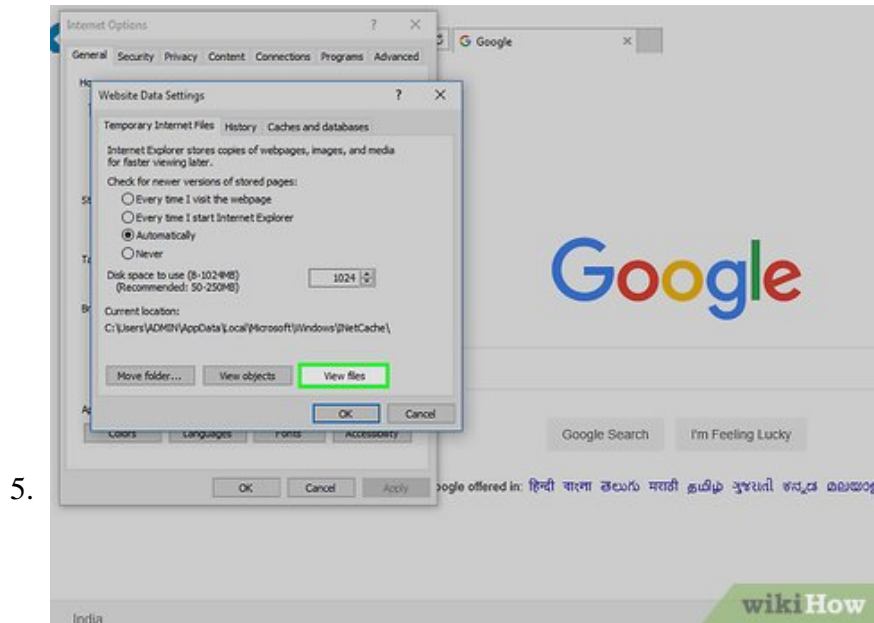
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Click **Internet options**. You'll find it toward the bottom of the drop-down menu.

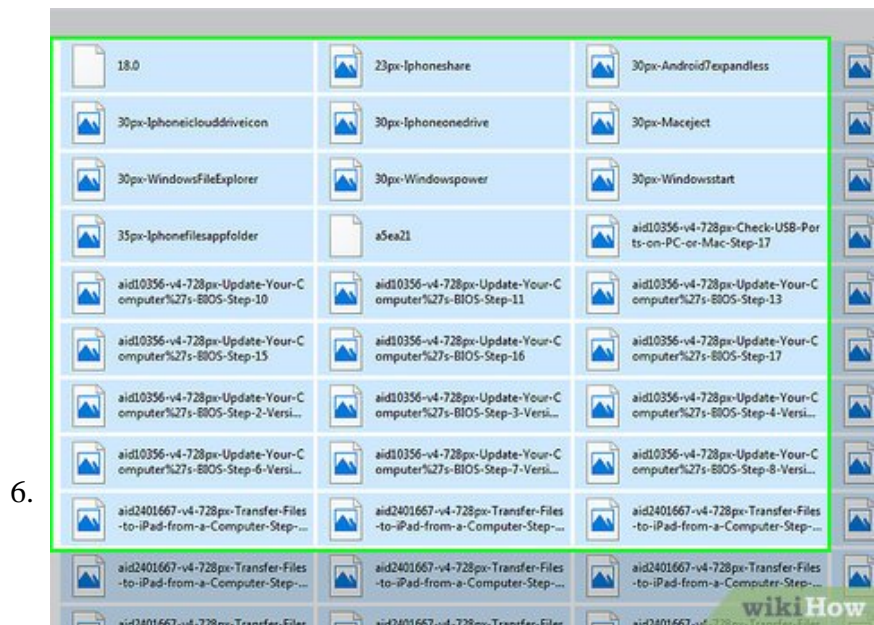


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Click **Settings**. It's toward the bottom of the "Internet Options" window in the "Browsing history" section.



Click **View files**. This option is near the bottom of the window.

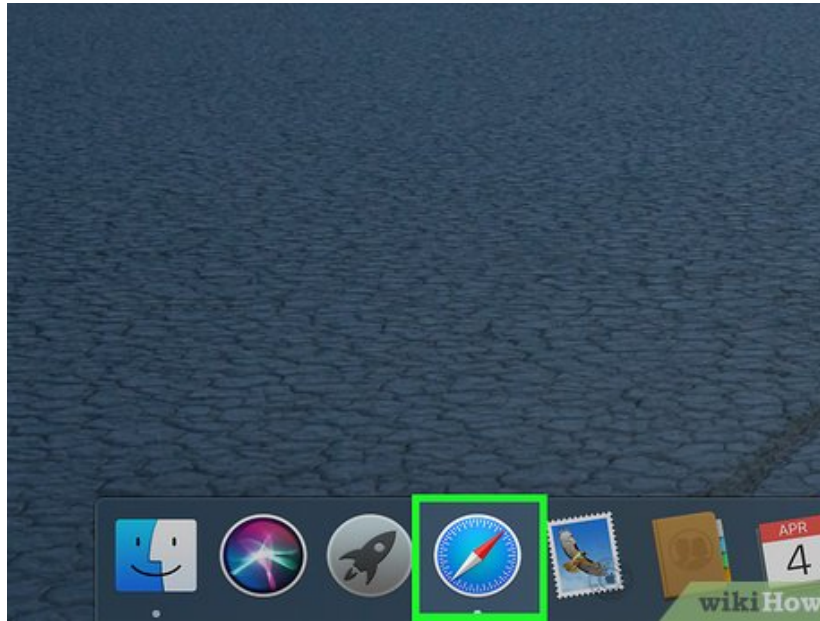


Review your temporary files. Any files in this folder are cached from sites you've visited in Internet Explorer.

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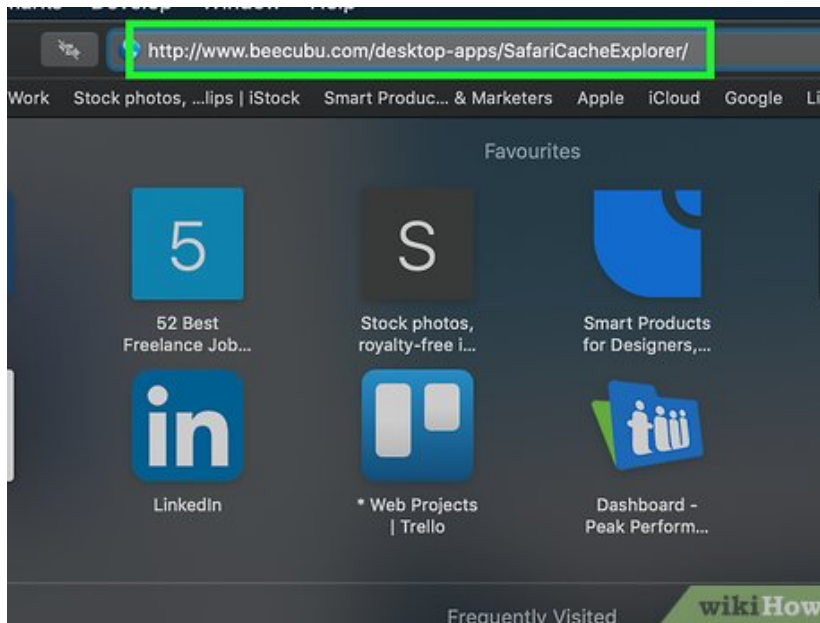
On Safari

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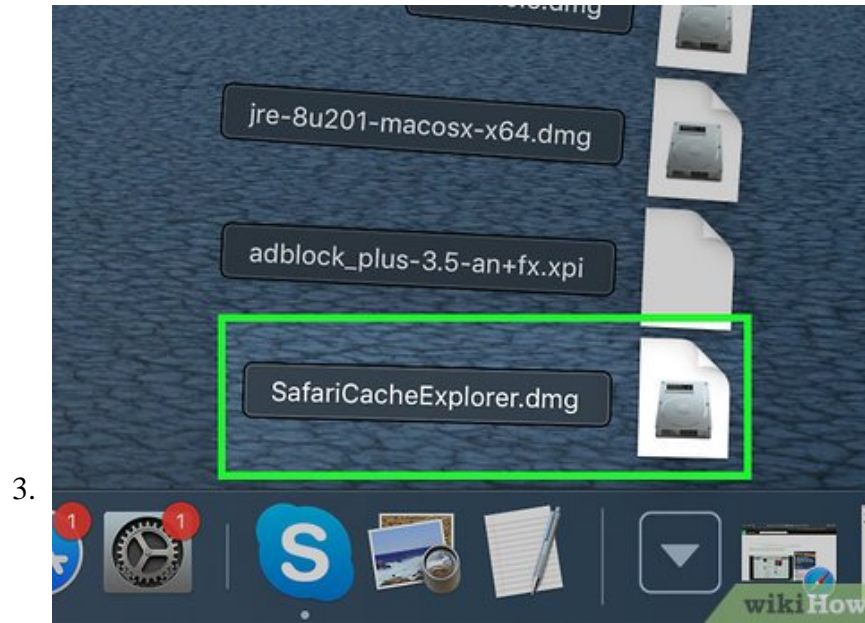


Understand how Safari stores its temporary Internet files. Similarly to Microsoft Edge, Safari stores temporary files in a variety of different folders. In order to view all of the temporary Internet files in one location, you can use a free app called "SafariCacheExplorer".

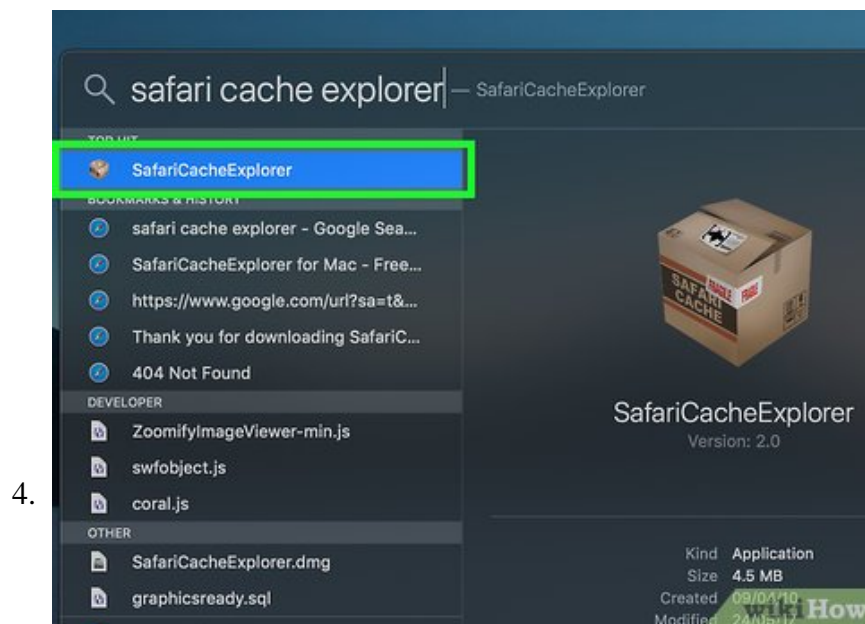
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Download SafariCacheExplorer. Go to <http://www.beecubu.com/desktop-apps/SafariCacheExplorer/> in your computer's Internet browser, then click **Download** in the upper-right side of the page.



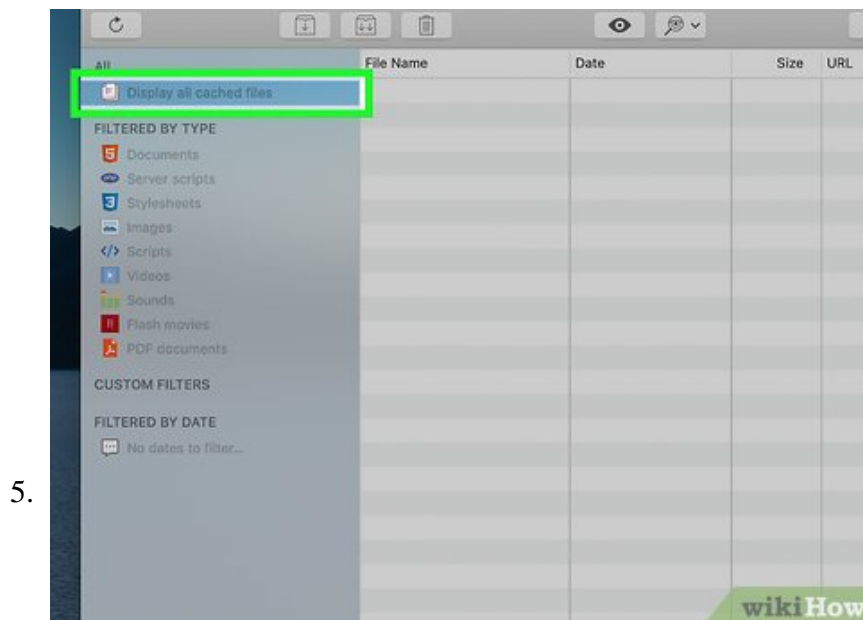
Install SafariCacheExplorer. Double-click the SafariCacheExplorer DMG file, verify the software if needed, and then click and drag the SafariCacheExplorer icon onto the Applications folder icon.



Open SafariCacheExplorer. Open the Launchpad and then click the SafariCacheExplorer icon there, or open **Spotlight**



, type in `safaricacheexplorer` , and double-click **SafariCacheExplorer** in the list of results.



Click `Display all cached files` . This tab is in the upper-left side of the window. Doing so will ensure that SafariCacheExplorer is displaying all temporary Internet files for your Safari browser.

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