



# Configure Internet Explorer to Limit Spyware

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You can limit your susceptibility to spyware and other malevolent programs by lowering your web cache and restricting which cookies get placed on your computer.

## Limiting Cache Size

Limiting the amount of cached internet files on your computer can help save time during anti-virus and spyware scans. It also helps clear out old files and lowers the possibility of spyware and other potentially dangerous software from sitting on your computer.

1. While in Internet Explorer, go to Tools > Internet Options ...

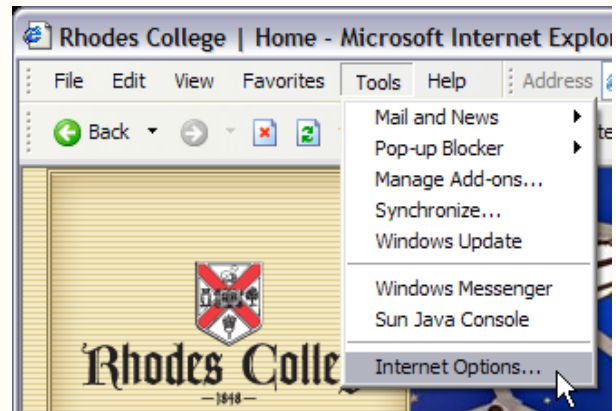
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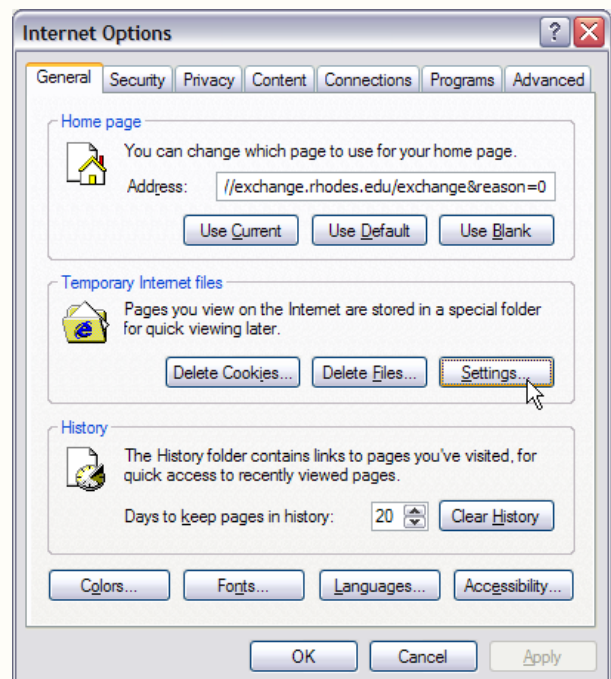
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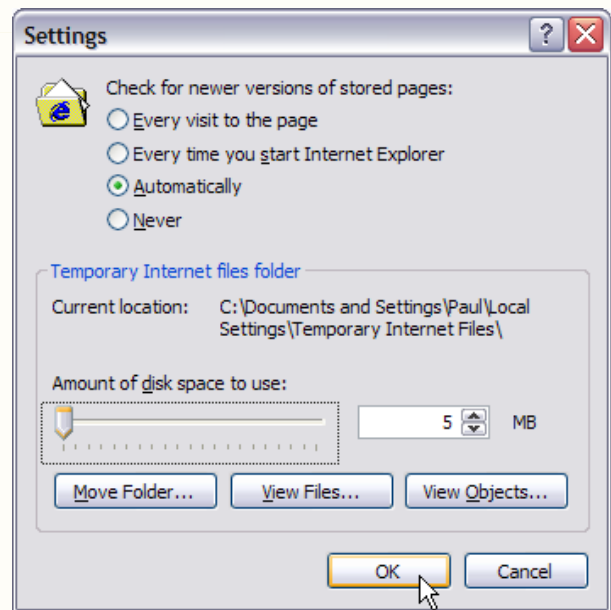
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2. This will open the Internet Properties window and the General tab is shown by default. Click on the "Settings..." button to change the amount of space used on your Hard Drive for those pesky Temporary Internet Files — also known as cache.



3. Change the Amount of disk space to use anywhere in between 5-20 MB.
4. Click OK when finished to return to the General Settings window.

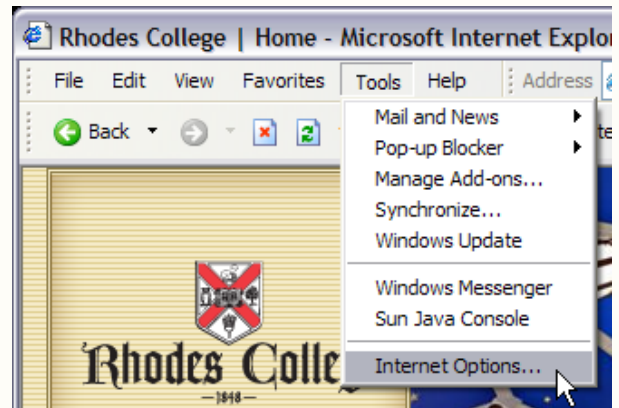


### Restricting Cookies

By not allowing certain **cookies** to be stored on computer, you can help prevent pop-ups, spyware, and, sometimes more importantly, spam in your email. By changing the default settings, you can prevent third-party cookies from being accepted by your computer.

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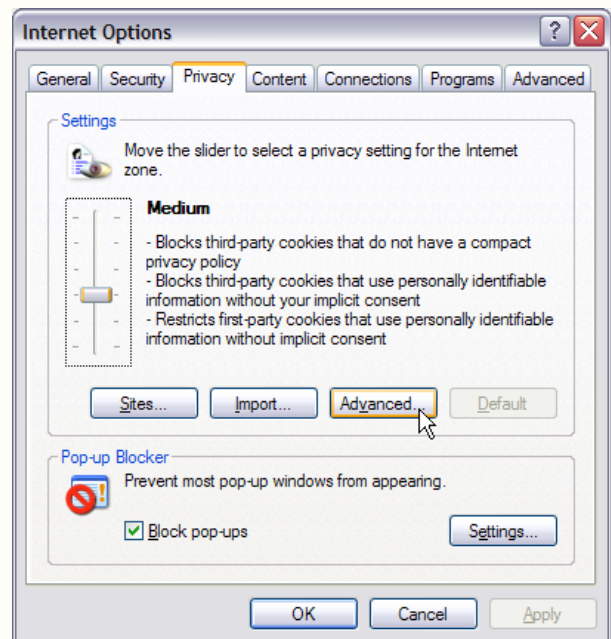
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2. This will open the Internet Options window. Click on the Privacy tab.

These are the default settings and allow most third-party cookies. This setting allows a cookie with your username and user-defined options to be stored on your computer. For sites that you navigate to often, this isn't a problem. However, pop-up ads on certain sites will also add a cookie to your machine. Most are harmless, but the few that aren't could potentially wreak havoc on a user's computer.

To change these settings, click on the "Advanced..." button.



3. Check the box next to "Override automatic cookie handling" and then select the option to Block third-party cookies. You will also want to check the box next to "Always allow **session cookies**." Click OK and then click OK in the Internet Properties window to save these settings.

