Setting your Browser Cache

When you are using a dynamic website like Sakai@UD, web browsers might show you an outdated version of a page (what is called a "cached" version of the page). By default, browsers keep previous versions of a page to accelerate page loading, but this behavior might prevent you from displaying the newest information.

Browsers listed on this page:

- Internet Explorer (PC)
- Firefox (PC)
- Firefox (Mac)

Note: Internet Explorer and Firefox are the only two browsers that have been tested with Sakai. See Which browser should I use? for more details.

Internet Explorer (PC)

Note: This process works with Internet Explorer 7,8 and 9.

1. In the Tools menu, click Internet options.

2. In the General tab, click the Browsing history's Settings button.
3. Select **Every time I visit the webpage**, and then click **OK** at the bottom of the page.

In the "General" tab, click "Browsing history", "Settings"
4. The next step is to clear your cache. Click **Delete...** in the **Browsing history** section.
5. Check **Temporary Internet Files** and **History**, then click **Delete**.
6. Click OK again and close all your browser windows and restart Internet Explorer to apply all the changes.

Firefox (PC)

Note: This process works with Firefox 3, 4, 5, and 6.

1. In the Tools menu, click Options....
2. In the Advanced section, Network tab, set the Offline Storage cache space to 0 (zero), then click OK.

3. Open a browser window and type about:config (without typing http:// before), then press the return key. Scroll down to the browser.cache.check_doc_frequency setting and make sure that the value is set to 1. Double-click on the number to change the value if necessary. More information >
4. Use the **CTRL-SHIFT-DELETE** keyboard shortcut to display the **Clear Recent History** dialog box. Select **Everything** from the **Time range to clear** menu, select at least **Browsing & Download History** and **Cache** from the list, then click **Clear Now**.

Type "about:config" in the address bar and press the return key. If prompted about the warranty, click "I'll be careful, I promise!".

Locate and set the "browser.cache.check_doc_frequency" to a value of "1" by double-clicking on the number.
5. Click **OK** again and close all your browser windows and restart Firefox to apply all the changes.

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**Firefox (Mac)**

Note: This process works with Firefox 3, 4, 5, and 6.

1. In the **Firefox** menu, click **Preferences**.

2. In the **Advanced** section, **Network** tab, set the **Offline Storage** cache space to 0 (zero), then click **Clear Now**.
3. Open a browser window and type `about:config` (without typing `http://` before), then press the return key. Scroll down to the `browser.cache.check_doc_frequency` setting and make sure that the value is set to 1. Double-click on the number to change the value if necessary. More information >

4. Use the `COMMAND-SHIFT-DELETE` keyboard shortcut to display the Clear Recent History dialog box. Select Everything from the Time range to clear menu, select at least Browsing & Download History and Cache from the list, then click Clear Now.
5. Click **OK** again and close all your browser windows and restart Firefox to apply all the changes.

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