

Delete Temporary Files to Speed Up Computer

Why are Temp Files Created? Programs create temporary files primarily for backup purposes. Many programs, such as those included with Microsoft Office, will save a temporary version of a file every few minutes while the original file is open. Then if you have not saved the file and the program unexpectedly crashes or the computer shuts down, there will be a temporary file that was recently saved. Temp files are typically deleted automatically when the program is closed normally, but if the program quits unexpectedly, the temp files are not deleted. Some temp files are left behind even when a program is closed correctly. This may be due to programming errors that cause temporary files to not be correctly disposed of when an application is terminated. These files can accumulate on your hard drive without you even noticing.

Finally, Web browsers, such as Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome, create "Temporary Internet Files" to store user data, including cookies, images from visited Web pages, and the user's browsing history.

These methods used in combination will locate and remove most temporary files.

Method 1:

1. Go to Settings (Windows + I)
2. Click on System
3. Click on Storage
4. Click on the This PC icon
5. Click on the Temporary Files icon
6. Click on the Temporary Files box
7. Click remove files

Method 2:

1. Type "Disk Cleanup" in the search box on the Taskbar.
2. Click on disk cleanup that appears at the top of the column.
3. Select the disk drive that you want to clean (usually Drive C).
4. Disk Cleanup utility will appear as a dialogue box.
5. Place checkmarks to clean up both temporary files and temporary internet files.
6. You can right-click on any of the other options in order to open its description at the bottom of the dialogue box.

7. Now click on Cleanup System Files and follow the same procedure.

Method 3:

1. Press Windows key + R (for run).
2. Type %temp% in the run box.
3. This action will take you to This PC> Drive C> Users> "owner"> AppData> Temp folder.
4. Delete all files in the Temp folder.

Method 4:

1. Type Windows + R
2. Type Prefetch in the Search box.
3. This action will take you to computer>Drive C>Windows>Prefetch.
4. Delete all the files in the Prefetch folder.