

LESSON 51

COVER YOUR TRACKS- CLEANING OUT BROWSER HISTORY FILES

Both Netscape Communicator and Microsoft Internet Explorer keep track of the Web pages you visit. The information is kept in History. While the History feature of your browser lets you go back to pages you have already visited, it also preserves that information for anyone to see. Here's how to control the number of days the Web pages you visit are kept in History and how to clear or empty the History file.

In Netscape Communicator click on Edit and then on Preferences. You will see a History screen that lets you set the number of days to keep files in the History list. You can also click on the Clear History button here to clear out the History list.

If you still use Netscape 3.0 click on Options and then on General Preferences. You can set the number of days before a link expires. The default is generally 9 days. Click on the Expire Now button to clear the History file.

In Internet Explorer click on View and then on Internet Options. On the General tab you can set the number of days History will preserve Web pages. You can clear the History file by clicking on the Clear History button.

You can change font sizes in both of these Internet browsers. In Netscape Communicator press the CTL key and while holding it down press the [key to decrease the font size or the] key to increase it. In Internet Explorer click on View and then on Fonts. Here you are able to select one of five font settings ranging from largest to smallest. You can also change the font style from that location.

Internet Explorer lets you make the Web page Full screen by clicking on the full screen button. The Web page now takes up your entire screen and you no longer have any tool bars. Click again on that button to return your Web page size to normal.

See, that wasn't so hard, was it.

