

How to Clear Cache on Mac - BEST Guide

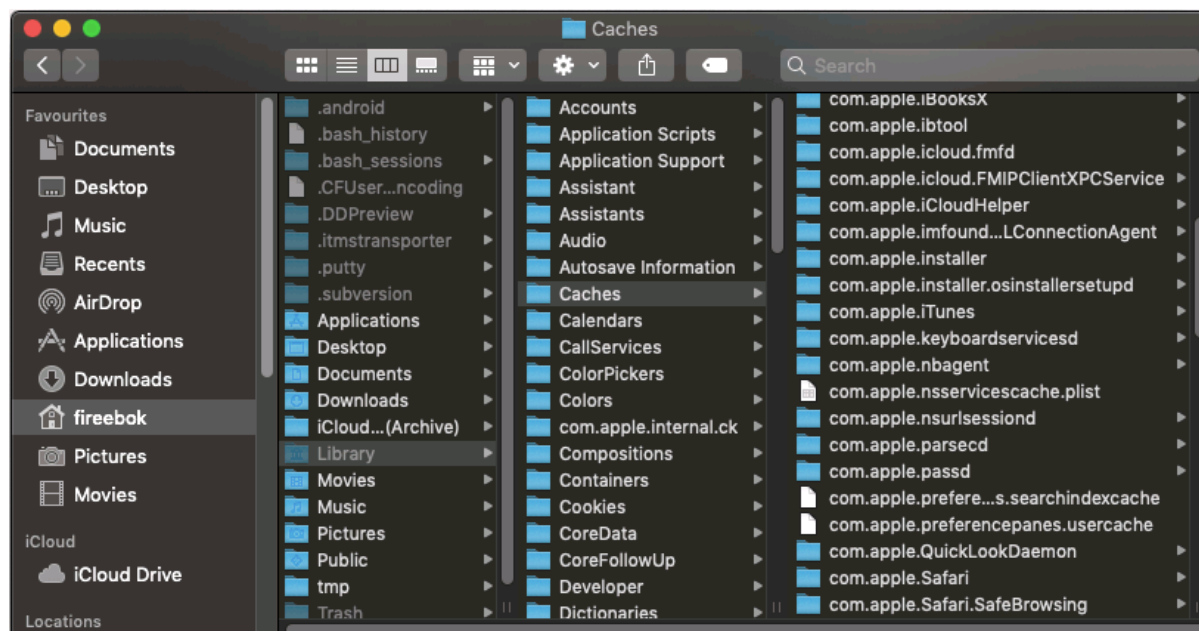
You can clear the cache on Mac manually by going over your system library, user, and browser. However, you can also use a Mac cleaner to better clean your devices from unwanted caches. Check out **how to clear cache on Mac** in this tutorial.

Part 1. What is a Cache File?

Perhaps almost all applications on Mac cache part/s of the data you work with every day to the local disk. Oftentimes, storing cache often leads to certain issues in the system and will start to work slowly.

Worse, it will occupy the space on your hard drive. Luckily, there are ways on *how to clear cache on Mac* and how to deal with them systematically.

Cache files are temporary data saved inside your hard drive and are used to speed up processes such as loading images and data. For instance, your browser downloads the images to every website you visit and save them as a cache so that the next time you open the same website, the browser won't have to download the images again.



Main Caches on Your Mac

There are practically three main types of caches on your Mac. They are:

- User Cache (this includes app cache and DNS cache)
- System Cache
- And Browser Cache

We will guide you on how to clear all these caches on your Mac so you can free up some space and speed up your device.

Part 2. How to Conveniently Clear Cache on Mac

Like what I mentioned the onset of this article, you can clear the cache on Mac using two methods. First, you can do it manually, and second, it is to use a Mac cleaner.

When it comes to convenience, you can clear caches on Mac using PowerMyMac Cleaner. This utility software provides an easy to use method and quick-cleaning interface.

1. Launch **PowerMyMac Cleaner**
2. Go to the Cleaner module
3. Click the System Junk. This will automatically remove system caches, system and user Logs, application cache, and localization.
4. Select Scan and wait
5. Click Clean to remove all system junks

That's it! Clearing cache on Mac is pretty easy with **PowerMyMac Cleaner**, right? You can try it for free to experience convenience.

Part 3. How to Clear System and User Cache on Mac Manually

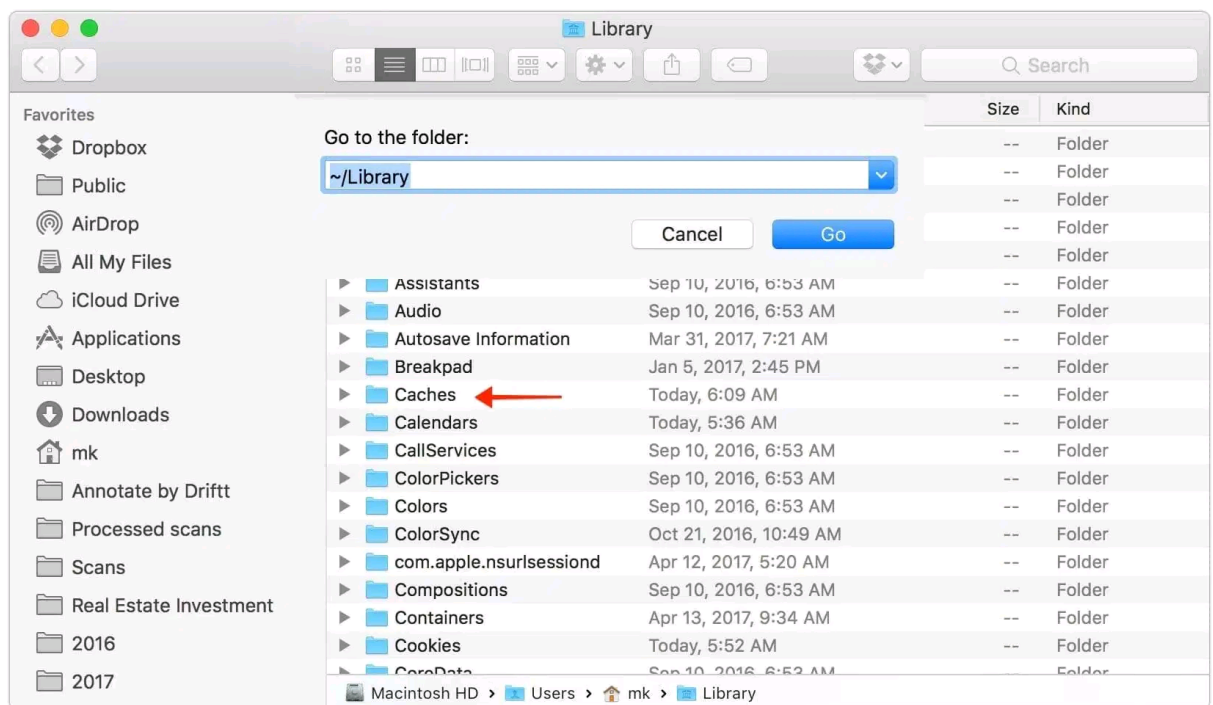
Both the system and user folders have caches residing in its sub-folders. Before we proceed with clearing caches on your Mac, just be mindful of removing these caches.

Removing something you are unfamiliar with might cause serious problems on your device.

If you opt to do the process manually to save some pennies, follow these steps on how to remove the system caches on your Mac:

1. Launch Finder and then click Go and Go to Folder

2. Type `~/Library/Caches` in the text field and hit Enter. For user cache, you can enter your Mac name before the library or you can use the given example.
3. Before you proceed, you can back up the folders if you are unsure or if in case something goes wrong.
4. Now go inside each folder and delete the contents. Take note: Only remove the inner files and folder but not the main folders outside. You can go to the Users folder and delete the inner folders only.



After doing this method you can go back to Finder and type in `/Library/Caches`. This will open up the system cache folders. Do the same procedure and then don't forget to empty the Trash folder right after.

Part 4. Clear Cache on Mac via Terminal (High Sierra)

There is another manual method that you can try to use when clearing out user and system caches on Mac. The fastest and quickest way to clear the cache on Mac manually is via the Terminal. However, if you are not familiar with the Terminal, you may stick with the first method.

1. Launch the Terminal. You can use the Spotlight Search or you can go to Applications, and then select the Utility folder.
2. By default, you can see that your Terminal shows the home drive or the name of your Mac. Type in `/s` beside your device name to show the directory list.
3. Type in `cd library` and again type in `/s` to show the list of contents. Find the Cache folder among the listed contents.

4. Again type in `cd Caches` and type in `ls` to go into the specific folder.
5. When the entire cache contents are displayed you can choose to remove them by typing in `rm -R` (*plus the specific folder name*).
6. You can do this method to all cache folders you wish to delete

Part 5. How to Clear Browser Cache on Mac

Surfing the internet also saves caches on your device. Every internet browser has its specific browser cache that you need to go into and clear them out. Now, if you are using multiple browsers all the time, you might need to clear caches individually or you can use [iMyMac PowerMyMac](#) for easier cleanup.

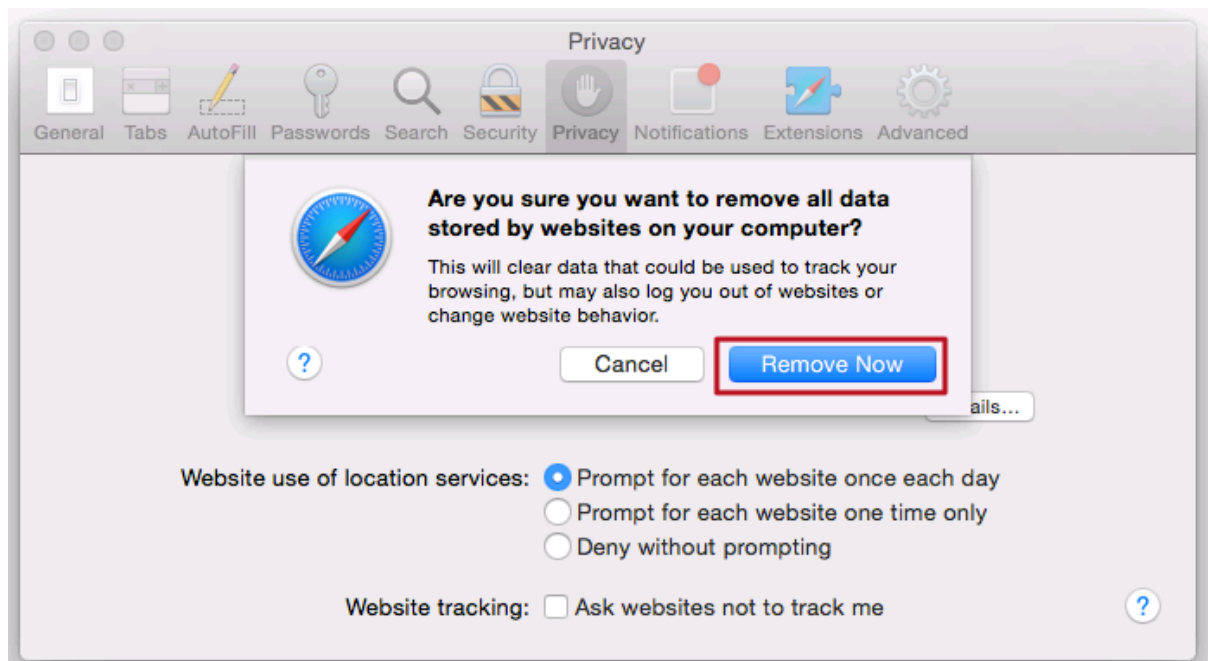
Clear Cache on Safari

1. Launch the Safari browser and click on Preferences
2. Select the Advanced tab
3. Enable the “Show Develop” from the menu bar
4. Click Develop and select Empty caches

Clear Cache on Firefox

1. Open Firefox and click the burger icon
2. Find and Select “Privacy & Security”
3. Go to “Cached web content” section
4. Click “Clear Now”
5. Quit all open browser windows and re-open Firefox

You can also manage cache storage by going to “Override automatic cache management” and check the box. Set a limit of the cache size in MB, the default is 350 MB. This is sufficient for your browser caches and use.



Clear Cache in Chrome

1. Launch the Google Chrome browser and click the 3-dotted icon located in the top-right corner
2. Go to Settings and scroll to the bottom. Select Advanced
3. Click "Clear browsing data"
4. Tick the box for all caches. You can first deselect all and selectively choose Cached images and files.
5. Select "All time" from the Time Range dropdown arrow
6. Click "Clear data"

Chrome has the easiest way of clearing caches. Safari has a bit complicated than most browsers but removing caches is also simple.

Part 6. Summary

Deleting caches files on Mac is easier when you use **iMyMac PowerMyMac**. But, if you opt to go for a manual alternative, you can simply follow the steps given on *how to clear the cache on Mac*.

I hope this tutorial guide has helped you keep your device free from clutters and redeem more space.