



Let's Play Cache

THE STOCK MARKET GAME™

What is it?

Your web browser is equipped with a cache. The browser uses its cache to store copies of the web pages you have visited on your computer. The next time you use your web browser to view a page you've visited before, it compares the stored copy of the page to the page you are currently trying to access.

If there have been no changes, the browser and server programs will use the stored copy rather than reloading the page onto your computer. By doing this the browser enables you to view the web page much more quickly.

However, this can cause other complications with your computer and the pages you access with your web browser. Because the cache stores the contents of **ALL** the web pages you have visited, it can quickly become a drain on your computer's and browser's other resources. The cache may also incorrectly interpret a web page as not having been updated when in actuality it has. Clearing your browser's cache regularly may help to remedy any degradation of your computer and browser's performance.

How do I clear my browser's cache?

To clear your browser's cache please follow the steps below:

These steps may vary with older web browsers.

Please remember that you must be using the latest versions of either Netscape or Internet Explorer in order to fully utilize the SMG WORLDWIDE web site.

If you are using the latest version of Netscape

- ❖ Open your Netscape browser.
- ❖ Click "Edit" on Netscape's menu bar. A drop down menu should appear.
- ❖ Please locate the word "Preferences" and click on that.
- ❖ A dialog box should appear. On the left hand side of this dialog box should be an outlined listing entitled "Category." Please locate category marked "Advanced."
- ❖ If there is an "addition symbol" in front of the word "Advanced," please click on the "addition symbol." This should bring down a list of subcategories.

If there is not an "addition symbol" in front of the word "Advanced" you should already be viewing the subcategories (Cache, Proxies, and Smart Update).

- ❖ Click on "Cache." This should bring up a different section of choices on the right hand side of your dialogue box. You should see labels for Memory Cache, Disk Cache, and Disk Cache Folder.

- ❖ Click on the button marked "Clear Memory Cache."

The Memory Cache stores the data from the pages you have visited on your computer's RAM drive. This allows for faster downloading of pages you have visited before. However, if your computer has very little memory installed and/or the Memory Cache becomes full, the performance and accuracy of your computer and browser may be compromised.

Netscape recommends a Memory Cache size of 1024Kb. This can be set by typing the number into the field immediately to the right of the words, "Memory Cache."

- ❖ When you click the button marked, "Clear Memory Cache" a new dialog box appears informing you that "This will remove all files currently in your memory cache. Continue?"
- ❖ Click OK.
- ❖ Next, click on the button marked: "Clear Disk Cache."

The Disk Cache behaves much like the Memory Cache with the exception of storing a visited web page's data in a file folder on your computer. Like the Memory Cache, if your computer has very little memory installed and/or the Disk Cache becomes full, the performance and accuracy of your computer and browser may be compromised.

Netscape recommends a Disk Cache size of 7680Kb. This can be set by typing the number into the field immediately to the right of the words, "Disk Cache."

- ❖ When you click the button marked, "Clear Disk Cache" a new dialog box appears informing you that "This will remove all files currently in your disk cache. Continue?"
- ❖ Click OK.

If you are using the latest version Internet Explorer

- ❖ Open your Internet Explorer browser.
- ❖ Click "Tools" on Internet Explorer's menu bar. A drop down menu should appear.
- ❖ Locate and click on the words "Internet Options." A dialog box should appear with a variety of tabs.
- ❖ Click on the tab marked, "General," and locate the section titled, "Temporary Internet Files."
- ❖ In the "Temporary Internet Files" section, click on the button marked, "Delete Files."
- ❖ Click "OK."

Setting your cache

Another step in assuring that you are viewing the most up-to-date version of a web page is to make sure that your browser's cache is set correctly. To check if your browser's cache is set to view the SMG WORLDWIDE web site properly, please follow the steps below:

Please remember whenever you change your browser's settings it is a good idea to close the browser and open it up again to assure that the changes have taken effect.

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- ❖ Click "Edit" on Netscape's menu bar. A drop down menu should appear.
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- ❖ If there is an "addition symbol" in front of the word "Advanced," please click on the "addition symbol." This should bring down a list of subcategories.

If there is not an "addition symbol" in front of the word "Advanced" you should already be viewing the subcategories (Cache, Proxies, and Smart Update).

- ❖ Click on "Cache." This should bring up a different selection of choices on the right hand side of your dialogue box.
- ❖ In the section that states, "Document in cache is compared to document on network:" make sure that "Every time" has been selected. If not, please select it now.
- ❖ Click "OK."
- ❖ Exit your Netscape browser by clicking "File" on the Netscape Menu bar and then clicking on the word, "Exit." The changes should take effect when you start Netscape up again.

In Internet Explorer

- ❖ Open your Internet Explorer browser.
- ❖ Click "Tools" on Internet Explorer's menu bar. A drop down menu should appear.
- ❖ Locate and click on the words "Internet Options." A dialog box should appear with a variety of tabs.
- ❖ Click on the tab marked, "General," and locate the section titled, "Temporary Internet Files."
- ❖ In the "Temporary Internet Files" section, click on the button marked, "Settings." A dialogue box should appear.
- ❖ In the section that reads: "Check for newer versions of stored pages," please select "Every time you start Internet Explorer."
- ❖ Click "OK." This should take you back to the previous dialogue box.
- ❖ Click "OK" again
- ❖ Exit your Internet Explorer browser by clicking "File" on Internet Explorer's menu bar and then clicking on the word, "Close." The changes should take effect when you start Internet Explorer up again.