

# Why clear the browser cache and cookies?

Each time you access a file through your web browser, the browser caches (i.e., stores) it. You should periodically clear the cache to allow your browser to function more efficiently.

Scantron users: The browser cache should always be cleared and cookies deleted between Scantron tests.

### Clearing the browser cache and cookies on your PC

#### Internet Explorer 8 or 9

Please note that errors may appear for users of Internet Explorer 9 with Scantron.

- 1. From the Safety menu in the upper right, click Tools, then Delete Browsing History....
- 2. Select Temporary Internet files, Cookies, and History.
- 3. Click **Delete**.
- 4. Close all open browser windows.
- 5. **Open** a new browser window.

#### Mozilla-Firefox 3.6 for Windows

- 1. From the Tools menu, select Clear Recent History....
- 2. From the **Time range to clear**: drop-down menu, select the desired range; to clear your entire cache, select **Everything**.
- 3. Click the down arrow next to "Details" to choose what history elements to clear (e.g., check **Cookies** to clear cookies). Click **Clear Now**.
- 4. Close all open Mozilla-Firefox browser windows.
- 5. **Open** a new Mozilla-Firefox browser window.

## Clearing the browser cache and cookies on your Mac

#### Safari

- 1. From the Safari menu, select Empty Cache...
- 2. From the menu, select the items you want to reset, and then click Reset

#### Firefox for Mac

- 1. From the Tools menu, select Clear Recent History...
- 2. From the **Time range to clear**: drop-down menu, select the desired range; to clear your entire cache, select **Everything**.
- 3. Click the down arrow next to "Details" to choose which elements to clear. Select Cache and Cookies. Click **Clear Now**.