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Rocky Trono, a Data Recovery Advisor with DriveSavers Data Recovery, Inc. in Novato, will be our General Meeting speaker January 22, 2018. Rocky has worked with DriveSavers Data Recovery Inc. for six years wearing multiple hats, including data recovery and legal services advisor.

With a background in technical sales and service he has given training at call centers for many different storage manufacturers. He also has given in-house training with new hires in the DriveSavers call center.

From his experience and industry knowledge, he will share some of the different data storage media available today such as hard drives, solid state drives, flash memory, and the new iOS and Android portable devices such as cell phones and tablets.

He will also discuss how to protect yourself from losing data in a world of ransomware, viruses, physical/logical failures, and the ever-advancing technology.

**GGCS Welcomes
Rocky Trono
DriveSavers Data Recovery**

Community Room,
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next to Jason's Restaurant
7:15 p.m., Mon., Jan. 22, 2017

Three themes from Wayne's Computer Class

At Wayne's Computer Class (a GGCS SIG) in November, many computer tips, tricks, fixes, items, and news were covered in rapid fire (120 slides within two hours). Much discussion was had, but what stood out above all were the following:

1. The web browser Opera, which is flying mostly under the radar, yet is right in the mix with the others. The news media favors Chrome, but in most reviews, Opera is rated second or third. What fancied the class was the free VPN. VPN is important, now that Congress has allowed ISPs to market our browsing history.
2. "Translator" is a \$179 earpiece that not only translates eight languages in under five seconds, it also understands context and regional dialects.
3. Why would anyone want an extension cord that is only 12 inches?



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GGCS members volunteer to assist other members who have questions regarding software and hardware questions. Whether you are setting up an Internet connection, installing an operating system, or tackling a new project in Microsoft Office, someone in the group likely can help. **Call (415) 454-5556; email ggcs@ggcs.org.**

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Wi-Fi at home. You can also add features to the Control Center, and it has a screen video.

Low Power Mode can be turned on and can save your battery, up to 60% to 70% more battery life over a full day, at the expense of losing Hey Siri. To get it, go to Settings/Control Center/Customize Controls. When you plug in your device and charge it, it will turn off Low Power Mode when the battery is fully charged.

An **Apple TV** can project anything on your iPhone or iPad over Wi-Fi. **Airdrop** works on Bluetooth and can send photos, etc., to anyone with an iPhone nearby who wishes to accept, as was demonstrated, to much amusement (Settings/General/Airdrop).

Apple Maps has come a long way in catching up with Google Maps. Now you can tap on an address and it goes directly to Apple Maps. Once a destination is in place, it will only show traffic if 'traffic' is turned 'off' and 'on' in information. It has also added speed limits. An advantage of Apple Maps is the text, which is larger than the Google equivalent.

Photos on an iPad Photo Album can be marked up. Also, a video is created by grouping pictures in a location.

Michael was enthusiastic about the **Health App** into which you load all of your critical medical info, which is then available to first-responders, who will have access to the data without having to unlock the phones; they press the home button twice, the screen then asks for a code, then tap 'emergency' at the bottom left of the screen, which brings up Medical ID, and they tap on that, which brings up your medical info. Be sure to add the (local) person, close to you, who should be contacted first, followed by others.

The newer **iPads** have a split-screen option and a useful keyboard feature that permits you to pull down a number or other symbol at the top of a key, and type it in without switching to a separate keyboard. Photos can be dragged into text and manipulated like those on an iPhone. Lots of emoticons and music can be sent from your phone.

Finally, Michael showed us a tiny flash drive with Lightning and USB 2.0 connectors that he uses to back up his iPhone and transfer data/photos, etc. to his computer.

—By Mike Hancock, GGCS

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Back to Google Earth

The global database available through Google Earth seems to have no end. To start with, here is a [link \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=suo_aUTUpps&feature=youtu.be\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=suo_aUTUpps&feature=youtu.be) to a video that explains how Google Earth 3D images are created. I learned that the 3D images of buildings are generated from pictures taken from airplanes.

The [Google Street View \(https://www.google.com/streetview/\)](https://www.google.com/streetview/) image collection continues to expand with pictures taken from cars, carts, backpack cameras, and even underwater cameras.

Now Google has increased its data collection efforts by allowing regular folks to add to the collection using something called [Snap \(https://www.google.com/streetview/publish/\)](https://www.google.com/streetview/publish/). You can take your own pictures and add them to the Google Earth database. You can even use 3D cameras (now available at consumer level prices) to add dynamic 360-degree views.

An interesting tool that has important implications for historical record keeping and scientific analysis is [Google Timelapse \(https://earthengine.google.com/timelapse/\)](https://earthengine.google.com/timelapse/). Using Google Earth Engine you can scroll through 22 years of aerial photos and see how the landscape of an area has changed. This is useful in everything from urban growth studies to glacial movement analysis to forest coverage studies.

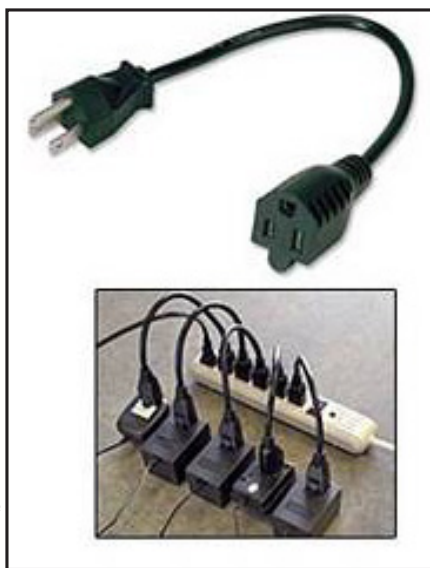
I have looked at the timelapse aerial photos of the woods I grew up in near Kane, Pa., and found it a bit depressing. The area of our 'secret fishing crick' that used to require a several-mile hike through unmarked forest has been destroyed by numerous oil wells and access roads. You might be amused by checking timelapse photos of your places of interest.

—By Len Nasman, Webmaster, Bristol Village Computer Club, Ohio, September/October, BVCC Newsletter, <http://bvres.org/bvcchome.html>, Webmaster@bvres.org

Wayne's Computer Class,

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"Wall warts" is the answer. Those are the thingies (technical term) of electrical components wrapped in plastic block—usually a charger. Typically, plug one in and an extra outlet or two are lost to this black space hog. Plug in a power strip extension into the outlet and there is room for the wall wart to flop around without robbing you of an additional outlet. These cords usually sell in a pack of 6.



Wayne's last computer class (after 17 years) was held January 8, 2018.

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How to add your signature to emails

If you send a lot of email messages, it can be a good idea to create one or more standard message signatures. These can be time-savers and can be personalized, depending on the audience; for instance, one for personal messages and one for work (or volunteering).

Message signature

To create a message signature in Microsoft's email app, Outlook, open a new message. Then, on the Message tab in the Include group, click Signature, then Signatures.

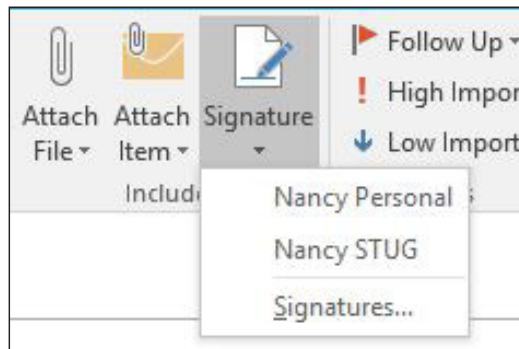


Fig. 1. Message Signature icon in Outlook.

Figure 1 shows this tool listing two signatures I created. I can choose which to include, depending on the purpose and recipient of the email message.

When you click Signatures, a dialog box opens (Fig. 2). To add a new signature, click New in the "Select Signature to edit" box and type a name for it, as shown.

In the "Choose default signature" section, choose the email account from which messages will

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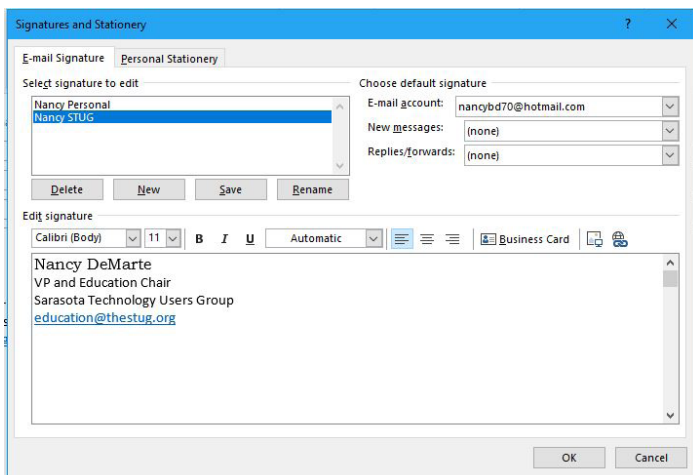


Fig. 2. Signature creation box in Outlook.

be sent. You can have different signatures for different accounts.

Click the ▼ next to New Messages if you want the signature automatically attached to new emails. Do the same for Replies/forwards, if you wish.

In the Edit signature box at the bottom, type your new Signature. Notice that you can edit it by changing the font or font size, color, and other properties.

You can include as much information as you wish, like address, phone, etc. You can also add an image, such as a photo or logo, using the next to last icon in the editing tools row or a hyperlink to a website like Facebook, using the last icon in that row.

When finished, click OK. Your signature will now appear at the end of all messages.

If you prefer not to have it in every message, you can leave New Messages and Replies/forwards as (none). Then you can enter the signature in individual email messages by opening the message and clicking Signature in the Include group. Choose the name of the signature you want to include.

Add signatures in Gmail



Fig. 3. Gmail settings gear icon.

Message signatures are available in many other email applications besides Outlook, including Gmail. To add a signature to Gmail messages, open Gmail and click the Settings gear shaped icon in the top right corner (Fig. 3).

Scroll down the page until you come to Signature. Add your name and other details and click “Save Changes” at the bottom of the Settings page.

More tips about adding a signature to Gmail:

- If you make a mistake when formatting the signature, select the section that you need to change. Then click the icon at the right end of the formatting ribbon to clear all formatting for the selected text.

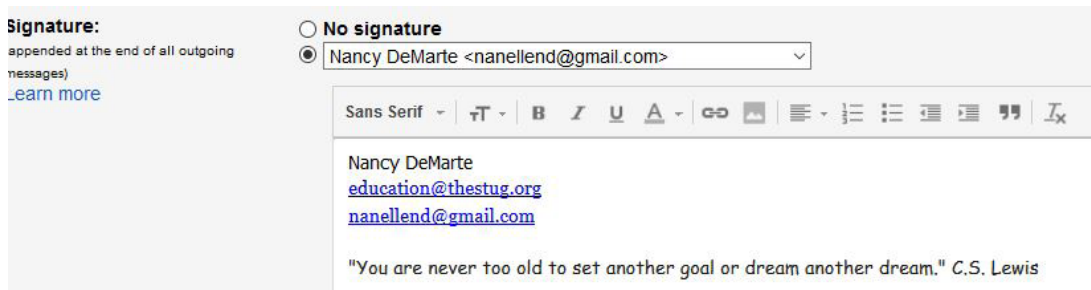


Fig. 4. Gmail Signature setup box.

- When you get the signature information the way you want it, don't forget to scroll to the bottom of the Settings page and click **Save Changes**.
- Be cautious about what kind of information you include with your signature. Hackers may look for addresses and phone numbers.

—By Nancy DeMarte, 2nd Vice President, Sarasota Technology Users Group, Fla., September 2017, STUG Monitor, www.spcug.org, ndemarte@Verizon.net

How do I delete cookies? And just what are cookies, anyway?

Cookies themselves typically aren't as evil as most stories (and some anti-spyware tools) might have you believe. A cookie is nothing more than some information a website can save on your computer that your browser then provides back to that same website the next time you return. Seriously. That's it. That's all. That's a cookie.

It's what some sites use cookies for that has some people concerned and why you might care about things like deleting cookies, and perhaps even looking inside of them.

Cookies

A cookie is nothing more than some information a website can save on your computer that your browser provides back to that same website the next time you return. What that information is is up to the website. And that information is shared *only* with that website.

It works like this:

- You visit some website, say reallybigbookstore.com.
- That starts with your browser requesting a page at reallybigbookstore.com.
- The server at reallybigbookstore.com responds with the page your browser is to show you *and* a some extra data. I'll use "user=12345" as the example, but it could be just about anything. This extra data is a 'cookie.'
- The browser stores "reallybigbookstore.com," "user=12345" on your computer somewhere, and displays the page.

- You spend some time viewing the page.
- You move on to another page on that same site, perhaps by clicking a link to "reallybigbookstore.com/tech_books.html"
- The browser requests the page "tech_books.html" from reallybigbookstore.com *and sends the cookie with that request* (including "user=12345") when it asks for the page.
- The server does whatever the server does with the cookie and delivers the page to the browser to be displayed.

The important thing that makes all this work is that only cookies sent to you *by* reallybigbookstore.com will be sent *to* reallybigbookstore.com. This prevents one site from seeing the data that might be kept by another.

Example: Preventing endless logins

Cookies can be used for many things, but the simplest case is just remembering who you are. For your sake.

What many don't realize is every page you visit on the internet is, in essence, completely standalone. So when you login to a site like, say Amazon or Hotmail, there's no inherent mechanism to pass along to the next page that you visit on that site that you are in fact logged in.

The result would be that each attempt to visit a new page on one of these sites would say in effect,

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“I don’t know you. Please login,” and you’d be faced with a never-ending series of login screens.

As you can see in the previous example, simply storing something that identifies you as a user is one way that sites can keep track and not force you to login for every page. The data actually stored is rarely as obvious as “user=12345” for security purposes, but contains enough information for the server to know who you are, the fact that you’ve logged in, and that you’re authorized to see the next page.

How cookies track

Much has been made about tracking cookies, but there’s nothing at all *technically* different between cookies that “track” you, and cookies that keep you from having to login over and over again.

Here’s the scenario:


- You visit some website, say reallybigbookstore.com.
- That site contains advertisements provided by a large advertising network. I’ll use doubleclick.net for my example.
- The advertisements that show on reallybigbookstore.com pages come *from* the servers at doubleclick.net.
- That means that the doubleclick.net server can leave cookies on your machine just like any other website.

So far, you’ve visited a single site and the advertising network it uses has been allowed to leave a cookie on your machine. Now you keep on browsing:

- You visit some other website, say somerandomservice.com.
- Somerandomservice.com uses the same advertising network that reallybigbookstore.com does: doubleclick.net.
- When an ad is to be displayed on somerandomservice.com, it is fetched from doubleclick.net and the request sends any cookies for doubleclick.net to the doubleclick.

net server. Even though the doubleclick.net cookies were created during your visit to reallybigbookstore.com, the cookies were in fact associated with doubleclick.net.

The advertising network now has the data to know that your computer visited both reallybigbookstore.com *and* somerandomservice.com, and as long as the pages you saw had ads, how often you visit each, and what pages you visited while you were there.


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Multiply that by all the sites you visit, all the different advertising networks that exist and you can imagine that a lot of back-end data analysis can determine really interesting patterns of people visiting assorted sites.

Third-party cookies

As I said above, the doubleclick.net cookies were sent back to the server that they came from, the doubleclick.net server, even though the page you had requested was from somerandomservice.com. That’s how cookies operate—at a domain or server level.

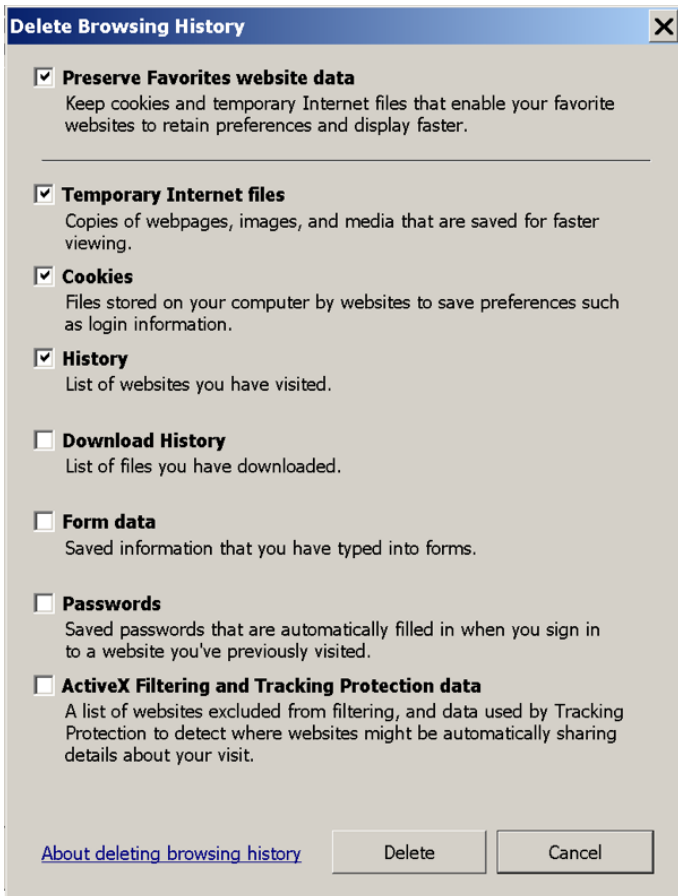
Many browsers make a distinction between cookies for the sites you actually requested (somerandomservice.com), and the sites that are subsequently referenced as part of fulfilling that request (doubleclick.net). The later are called “third-party cookies.”

You are the first party, the site you actually request is the second party, and all the other sites are so-called “third parties.” Most browsers allow you to turn off third-party cookies, meaning that the cookies created by third-party requests such as advertising networks are simply not created at all or are never sent.

Managing cookies: IE

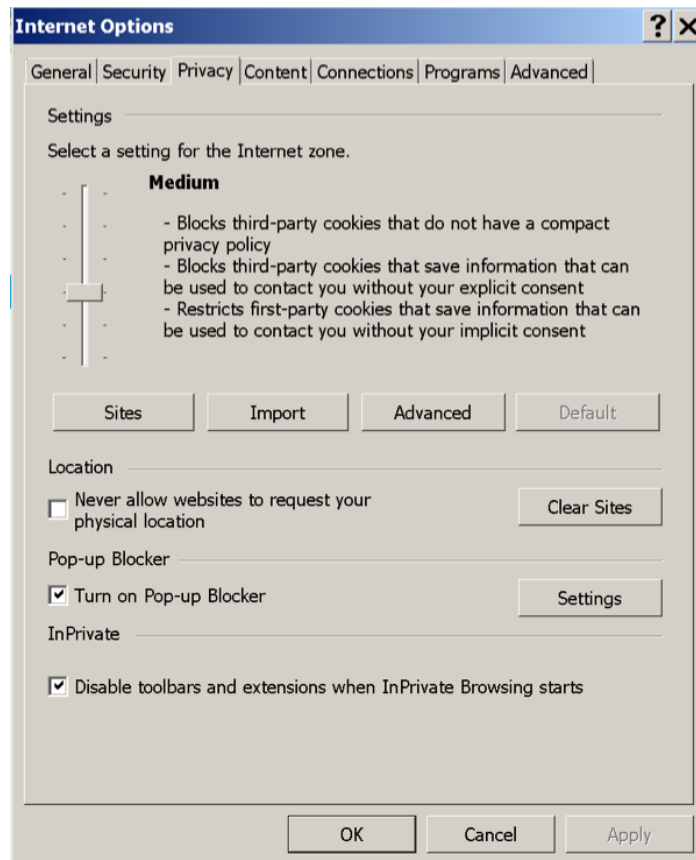
To delete cookies, click the gear icon or the **Tools** menu, select **Internet Options** and in the resulting dialog, click the **General** tab. Now click the **Delete...** button:

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As you can see, Cookies are one of the items you can delete. To view the browser settings for cookies, in **Internet Options**, click the **Privacy** tab:



Unfortunately, IE's security model and its concept of zones are fairly complex (for reasons unknown) and to delve into it in detail would require more than a single, simple write-up. However, in this dialog box, you can examine the privacy settings for Internet Explorer's "Internet zone." As you can see above, third-party cookies are largely disabled in this example.

You can click-and-drag the slider to choose from a pre-define set of privacy settings or you can click on the **Advanced** button to choose a custom set of settings.

Managing cookies: FireFox

To delete cookies in the newly updated FireFox, click the hamburger (three horizontal lines) in the upper right corner. Click Options. Search for



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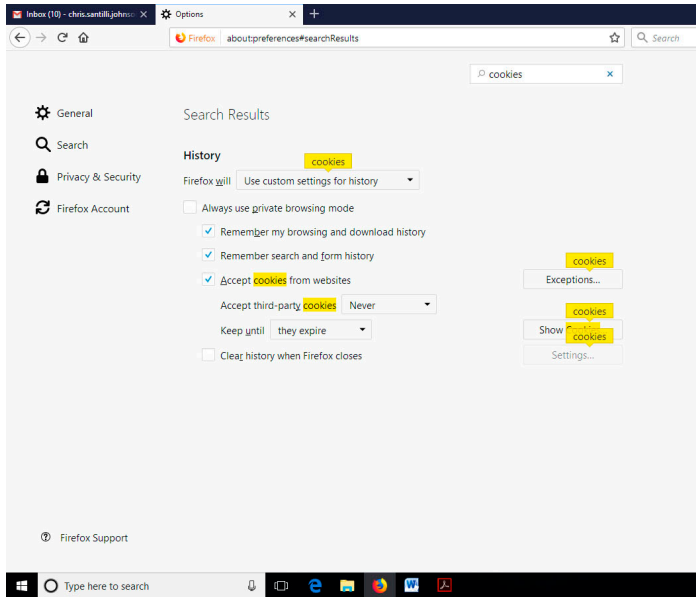
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“cookies.” and you’ll see the following dialog box appear:



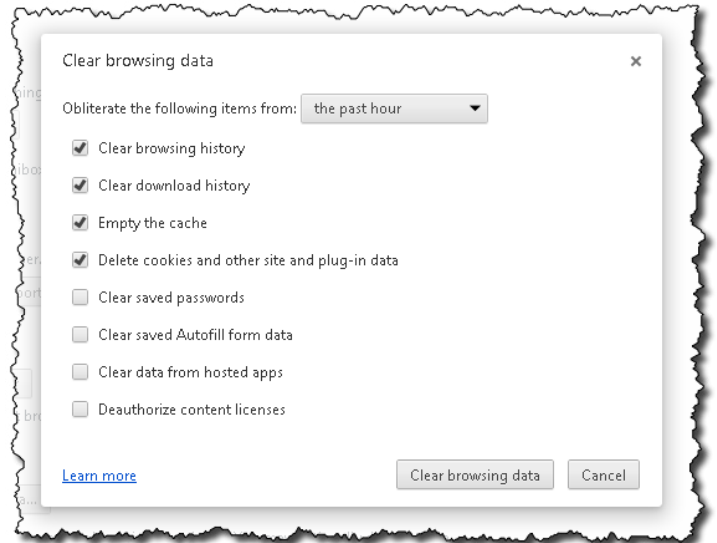
Here you can select not only what to delete, including cookies, but also select a specific timeframe. In the section reading “Accept Third Party Cookies” choose **Never** from the drop-down list.

Much like IE, you can enable or disable third-party cookies, create lists of exceptions, and more.

Managing cookies: Chrome

To delete cookies in Chrome, click the gear or customize icon to the far right of the address bar and click **Settings**. At the bottom of the Settings page, click **Show advanced settings...**

Underneath Privacy, click the **Clear Browsing Data...** button.



As you can see, one of the many items you can choose to delete is the collection of cookies, and like FireFox, you can specify a timeframe.

To manage cookie settings, once again in **Show advanced settings...**, underneath Privacy, click the **Content Settings...** button.

At the very top of the resulting dialog box that appears are the settings to control cookies, including third-party cookies and any exceptions.

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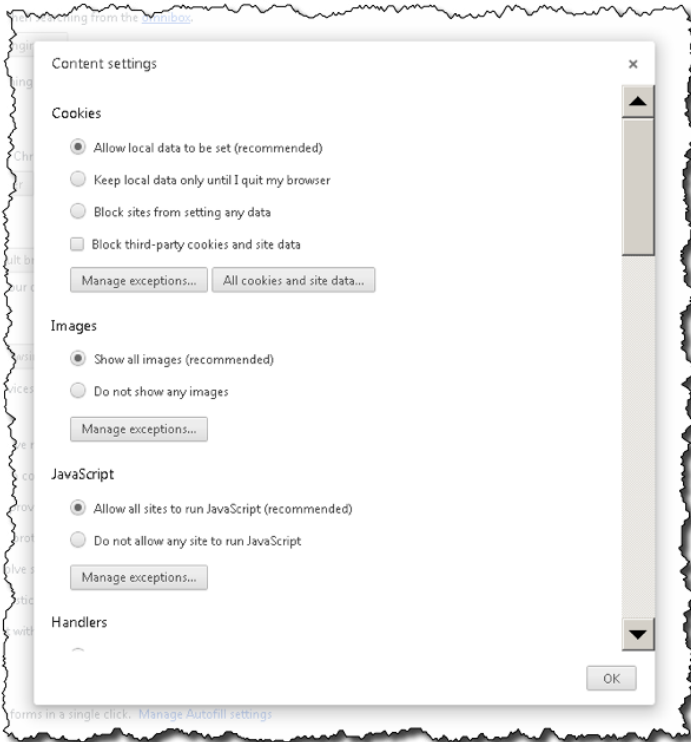
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to respond to these advertisements. This type of tracking can also be used to perhaps prevent people whose online behavior appears to be similar to men from being shown advertisements designed for women.

You get the idea. They don't track at the individual level, but they use the data en masse to do things like provide more highly targeted and interesting ads or perform market research.

That's not to say that cookies can't be misused; I'm sure they can. It's just that it's typically a lot more work than it's worth.

Unfortunately, some anti-spyware tools will flag tracking cookies—often *any* tracking cookie—as a form of malware. I simply and emphatically disagree. Flagging tracking cookies in that manner causes more confusion and concern that it actually adds any value. And it certainly doesn't make you any more safe.

OMG! They're tracking me!

No, they're not. Yes, they are, but ... no, they're not. Here's my position: *they don't care about you specifically*. Sorry, but you and I just aren't that important or interesting to track as individuals. Heck, the sheer volume of data alone makes tracking any one individual an incredibly difficult task.

What's much more interesting is aggregate data: the data that says things like X percent of the visitors to reallybigbookstore.com also visit somerandomservice.com. Or data that shows that people that visit this page frequently are likely

What should your settings be?


In my opinion, the default settings across all browsers are just fine. The examples above will let you see what they are, but I see no real reason to change them. However, I know that some people feel differently and those of you might want to spend a little time diving into your browser's cookie settings.

—By Leo A. Notenboom.

(update to an article from: June 13, 2004.)

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Digital Camera SIG: Barbara Hansen, 415-332-1720, and Mike Hancock, 415-381-4772. This group is for intermediate photographers who wish to learn photographic techniques and advanced features in editing software such as Photoshop, Lightroom, Nik Software, etc. Meets third Wednesday of the month 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Internet and More SIG: Karen Stagg, 415-897-6824. This revitalized SIG helps members with more than just Internet concerns. Meets third Wednesday of the month 7 to 9 p.m.

KeyNote for iPad Interest Group SIG: Ron Matteri, 415-454-0714, agristamp@gmail.com. This group helps participants create professional looking presentations of vacation or family photos, hobbies or collections, or other kinds of visuals on an iPad or tablet, using the participants' own materials. Held

at San Rafael Public Library. Meets fourth Tuesday of the month 2 to 4 p.m.

Quicken and Personal Finance SIG: Babette Bloch, 415-388-3864, Babette@ggcs.org. The Quicken SIG is led by Babette Bloch and Russ Flaum. Meets second Tuesday of the month 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., **except July and August.**

School Support SIG: John Foote, 415-457-9645. This group tests, repairs, and reconfigures donated PCs to donate for school classroom use Saturdays 10 a.m.

Tablet/Smartphone SIG: Babette Bloch, 415-388-3864 and Android Discussions led by Ivan Silva, and iOS discussions led by Technology4Life instructors. Held at Belvedere-Tiburon Library. Meets third Friday of the month 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., **except July and August.**

Windows X SIG: Ernie Ganas, 415-881-7401, ernie.ganas@gmail.com; John King, 415-472-7035, john.king@ggcs.org. This two-hour group (part presentation/part Q&A) helps beginners and experts find their way using Windows. Meets second Thursday of the month 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Microsoft store at The Village in Corte Madera unless otherwise specified and **except July and August.**

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Golden Gate Computer Society

Calendar of Events

For an up-to-the-minute calendar, see <http://www.ggcs.org/calendar>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan. 8 LAST SESSION: 7-9pm Wayne's Computer Class	Jan. 9 11am-1pm Quicken and Personal Finance SIG	Jan 10	Jan. 11 11:30am-1:30pm Windows X SIG @Windows Store	Jan. 12
Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Jan. 17 1:30-3:30 pm Digital Camera SIG 7-9pm Internet & More SIG	Jan. 18	Jan. 19 11am-1pm Tablet/Smartphone SIG @ Tiburon Library
Jan. 22 7:15pm General Meeting	Jan. 23 2-4pm Keynote SIG @ San Rafael Public Library	Jan. 24	Jan. 25	Jan. 26
Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Feb. 1
Feb. 4	Feb. 6	Feb. 7 1-3pm Apple SIG 7:30pm Steering 8:30pm Presentations Committee	Feb. 8	Feb. 9
Feb. 12 NO MORE Wayne's Computer Class	Feb. 13 11am-1pm Quicken and Personal Finance SIG	Feb. 14	Feb. 15 11:30am-1:30pm Windows X SIG @Windows Store	Feb. 16 11am-1pm Tablet/Smartphone SIG @ Tiburon Library
Feb. 19	Feb. 20	Feb. 21 1:30-3:30 pm Digital Camera SIG 7-9pm Internet & More SIG	Feb. 22	Feb. 23

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Info about our General Meetings

The Golden Gate Computer Society meets (General Meeting) on the fourth Monday of every month at the Community Room at 300 Drake’s Landing Road in Greenbrae, which is next to Jason’s Restaurant. No GM is held in December.

Meeting agenda consists of announcements, club business, and an open question/answer session during which attendees can make announcements or ask for help or opinions, followed by the main presentation and the monthly raffle.

Before meetings, raffle tickets are distributed to members, memberships renewed, etc., and the General Meeting begins promptly at 7:15 p.m., ending about 9:15 p.m.

For best seating and to allow time for new members and visitors to register, please plan to arrive early. Non-member fee is \$5 unless you join GGCS at the General Meeting.

Info about our classes and SIGs

GGCS holds Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings and classes. The SIGs are listed on page 13. See the calendar on page 14 for SIG meeting days.

Most SIG meetings and classes are held at the GGCS classroom. The GGCS classroom is in San Rafael at 1510 5th Avenue. See www.ggcs.org for a map of directions. Non-member fee is \$5.

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