

Internet Explorer Settings for CM/ECF

Note: applying these changes *should* not affect any other web sites.

Background: Browsers use file caching to store temporary versions of files so subsequent visits to a site will load quicker. It's easier for a site to load pages from the hard drive than to download fresh versions.

Problem: IE stores far too much data for CM/ECF to work correctly using the default settings. To get CM/ECF to work correctly, we need to further limit the cache size. Another suggestion is to force the browser to check for new versions of a given file every time you visit a site. Although we have never seen any instance where this causes problems, you assume responsibility if you follow these directions...

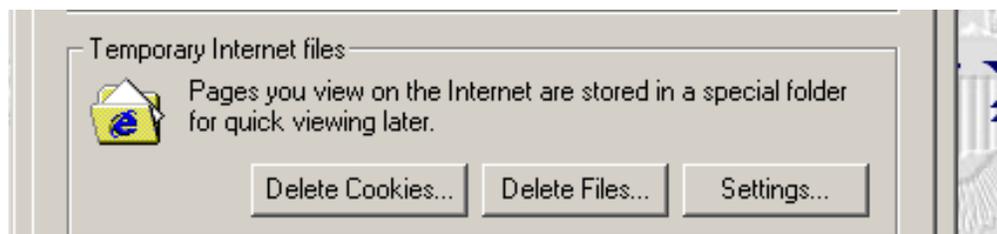
How:

First, clear your cache files

- Open Internet Explorer (we assume you've downloaded and installed all related updates from Microsoft)
- Select Tools and then Internet Options



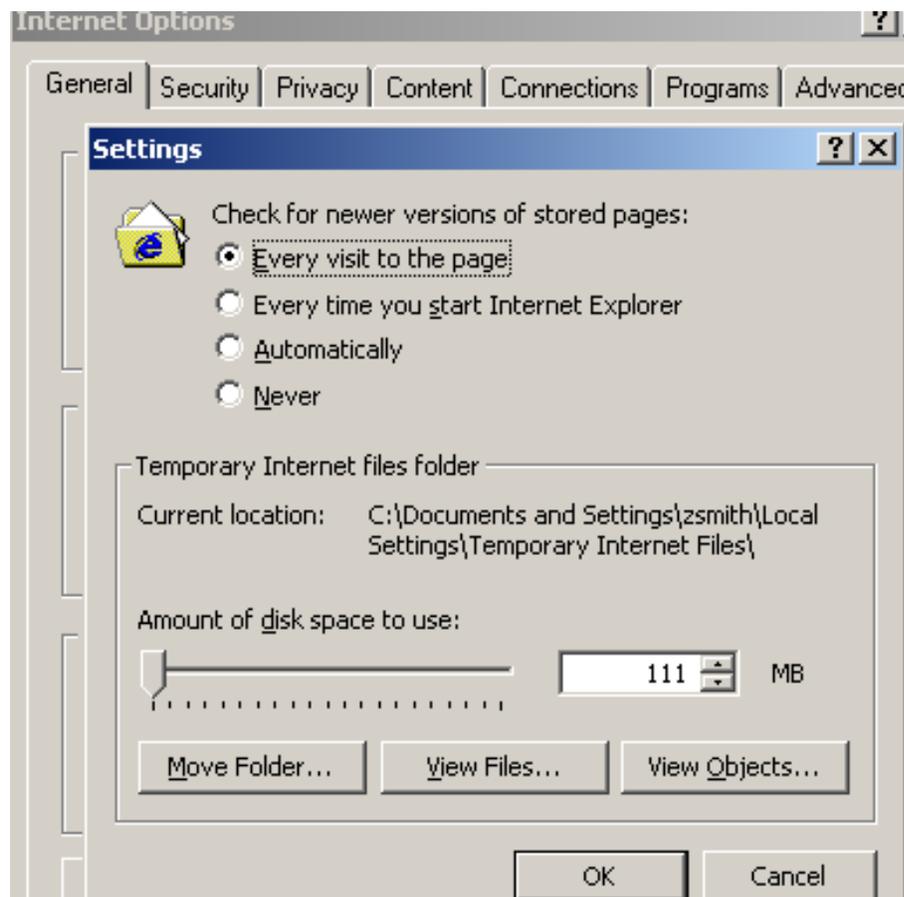
- If you have not done so lately, delete your cache files (and cookies if you like). Click on the respective button in the middle of the window



- You should have no problems deleting your cookies if you choose to do this, but if you have problems deleting your cache files, close your browser and clear them manually. They can be found by doing a search for the phrase "temporary internet files" [quotation marks required!], and then opening the folder(s) and deleting any files and/or folders found inside.

Now, limit the size of your browser's cache...

- Click on the button that says "Settings"
- Change the option to "Check for newer versions of stored pages" to
 - **Every visit to the page**
 - This will make your browser check the source of your web pages for newer versions than those stored in your cache.
- Now, change the "Amount of disk space to use" to a much lower number than it's currently set to
 - We change ours to 111MB since it's easy to type three ones, but you may choose to make it somewhat larger or small than this. Do not make it too large or CM/ECF will NOT work.



- Now just click OK a couple of times and log back into CM/ECF!
- You'll want to "delete files" every couple of weeks to keep things cleaned out!