



WHY DOES MY COMPUTER SEEM SO SLOW?

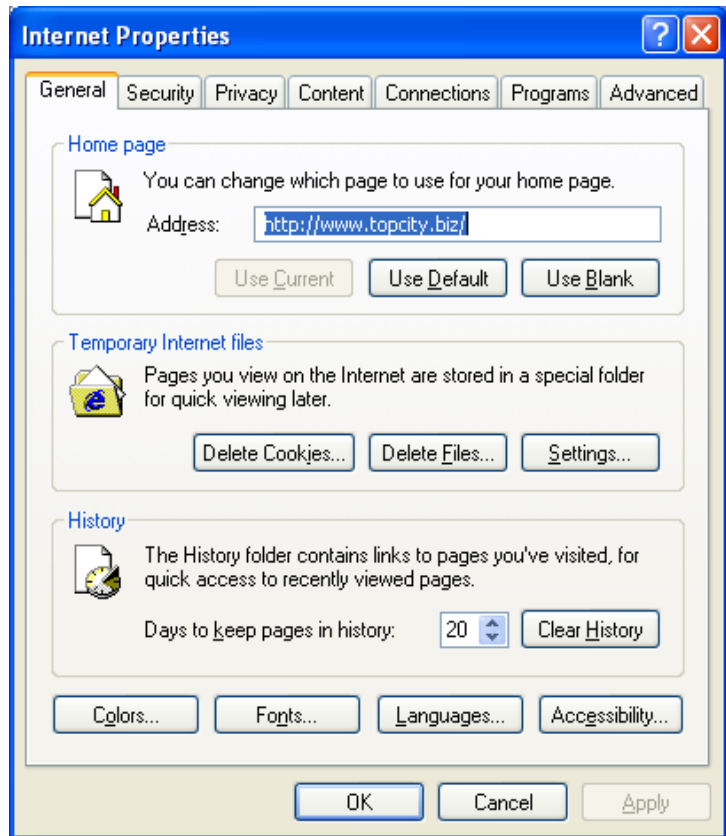
Don Bridle gives suggestions to try and increase the speed of your computer.

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There are many reasons for this. Here are 4 things to try.

1. Cut out some of the programs that start up when the computer starts up. Click on Start, then All Programs, then Startup. This shows a list of the programs you can easily change (consult a specialist if you want to change any others). Right-click on a name and select Delete.

2. Delete some of the files created by using the Internet. Open Internet Explorer, select Tools then Internet Options. A window something like this one appears. You may not wish to use all of the options, but the 3 buttons Delete Cookies, Delete Files and Clear History all free up some space on your Hard Disc.



3. Use the Disc Cleanup tool. This is found in Internet Explorer 6 by

- Select Start, then All Programs
- Select Accessories, then System Tools
- Select Disc Cleanup

Internet Explorer 7 is similar.

4. Use the Disc Defragmenter tool. This is found in the same place as the Disc Cleanup tool in number 3. You can analyse the hard disc first or just select Defragment. Either way, allow some time for this – sometimes it can take over an hour, or more if this is the first time. Don't be put off by reports of percentages along the way. These do not tell you anything about the amount of time taken or still left to run.

These are just suggestions. Other reasons why a computer is experiencing slower than usual operation can be explored by a specialist. Be careful about tampering with the computer's Registry. This can result in your PC not being able to start up next time.

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