

Browser news

With all of our favorite browsers having released new versions recently, here are my impressions of the big three—IE9 Chrome 10 Firefox 4

I have tried them all on two Vista platforms and one Win 7 machine. They all work well, and all are improved in the area of security especially.

Whichever one, or more, that you use, your browsing experience will be good. If you have problems with a specific browser then use another one instead.

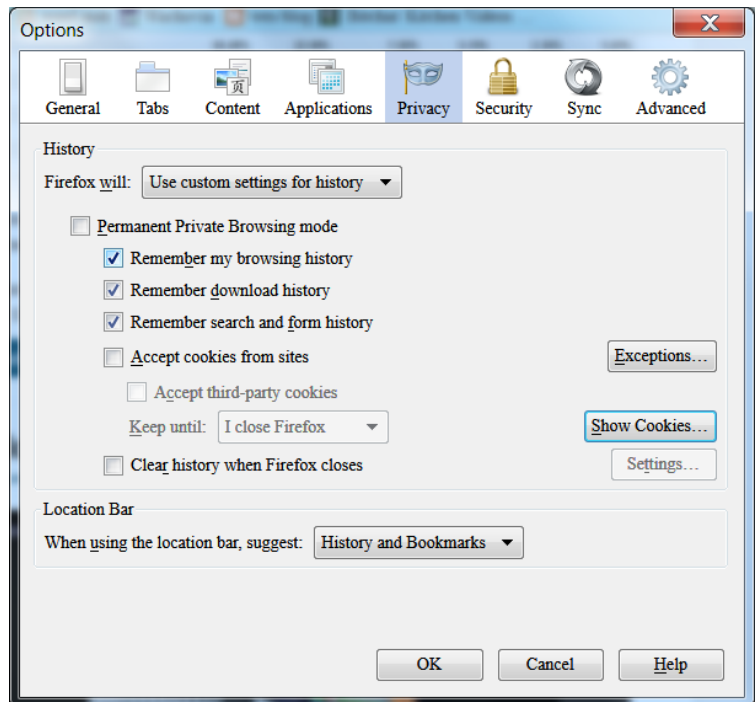
Take time to look at some settings for any that you use. Settings are found in either **Tools**, then **Internet Options**, or **Tools, Options**, except in **Chrome** they are found by clicking the wrench icon at the top right corner, then click **Options**.

Options is where you can customize your browser by making choices for many things. Here is the options box for Firefox—

Just as when installing a program, if you don't know what a setting does look it up by searching. EX: search *for third party cookies* to see that that means. Then decide if you want to exclude them.

Here is a typical result of searching:

*What is a (third-party) cookie?
A cookie is a small script placed on the hard drive of your computer by the server of a website that you visit. The cookie is placed there for the purpose of recognising your specific browser / computer combination, were you to return to the same site.*



All cookies have an owner which tells you who the cookie belongs to. The owner is the domain specified in the cookie.

The word "party" refers to the domain as specified in cookie; the website that is placing the cookie. So, for example, if you visit www.widgets.com and the domain of the cookie placed on your computer is www.widgets.com, then this is a first-party cookie. If, however, you visit www.widgets.com and the cookie placed on your computer says www.stats-for-free.com, then this is a third-party cookie.