

# Bits and Bytes

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Arkansas' Premier Computer Club

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### DECEMBER CLASS SCHEDULE

#### Understanding Windows 7

Dec 9, Session 1 of 2, 10 am to noon

Dec 11, Session 2 of 2, 10 am to noon

#### Setting Up Windows 8.1

Dec 9, Session 1 of 1, 1 pm to 4 pm

#### Using Windows 8.1, Part 2, "Programs"

Dec 11, Session 1 of 1, 1 pm to 4 pm

#### Computer Backup

Dec 16, Session 1 of 1, 9 am to noon

#### PC Maintenance, Part 2, "Protect and Recover"

Dec 18, Session 1 of 1, 10 am to noon

#### File Management

Dec 18, Session 1 of 1, 1 pm to 4 pm

Pre-registration is required for all classes and are free to all Computer Club members. Call Marie Herr (273-2558) for more information and to pre-register. 5 members are required for each class.

### Open houses for Computer

#### Repair & Help

*Dec 17 - (10 am—1 pm) (Wednesday)*

*Jan 3 - (10 am —1 pm) (Saturday)*

*Jan 7 - (1 pm — 4 pm) (Wednesday)*

### INTERESTING COMPUTER FACTS

**COMPUTERS:** It is one of the most useful machines ever created by humans. The invention of the computer was just the beginning of the ever-increasing thirst for knowledge. I guess, even the inventor of the computer mustn't have realized the potential that this machine would have. Today, almost all of our work is done by some or the other computing machine. Computers are enhancing technological growth at a rapid rate. Nevertheless, how much ever we know about this super machine, is less. Mentioned below are a few of the little known computer facts.

Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft was a college drop out.

On one of the world's most popular shopping websites, eBay, there are transactions of approx. \$680 per second.

There are approx. 6,000 new computer viruses released every month.

Of all the pictures available over the Internet, 80 percent of these pictures are of naked women.

The 'Email' is older than the World Wide Web.

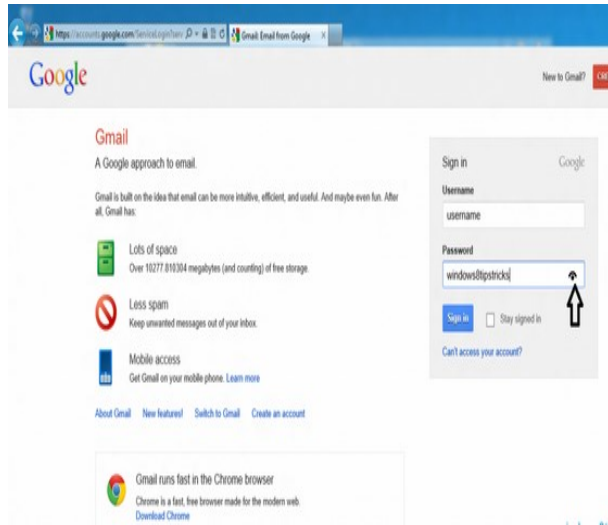
Sweden is a country with the highest percentage of Internet users (75%).

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## ENABLE OR DISABLE PASSWORD REVEAL OPTION IN WINDOWS 8

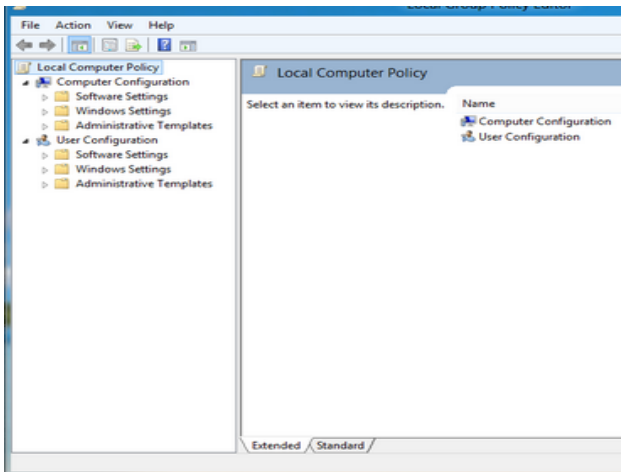
Windows 8 has a feature called password reveal option which has advantages as well as disadvantages.

The advantage is we can check whether we have entered the correct password or not just by clicking on the eye icon on the left of the password field. The disadvantage is others can easily see the password by clicking on the eye symbol which is a password reveal option. The password reveal option is shown in every password entry field as shown below.

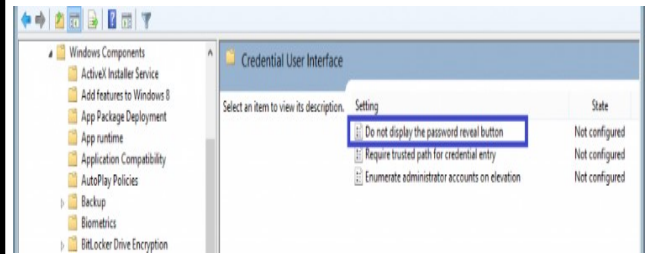


**We can Enable / Disable this feature in Windows 8**

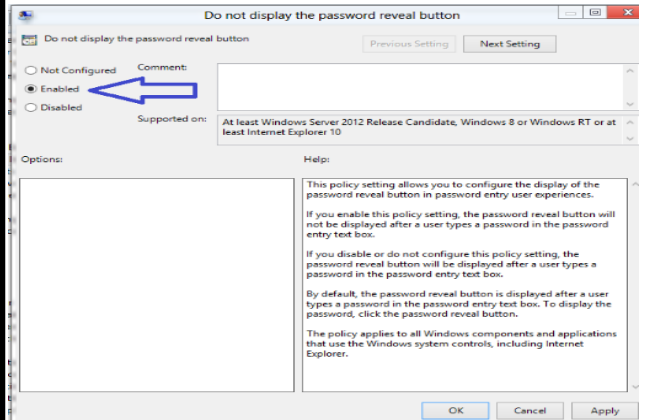
1. Open Run Prompt (Win + R)
2. Type **gpedit.msc** Click "OK"
3. **Local Group Policy Editor** will be opened.



## #4 In Computer Configuration Expand Administrative Templates-> Windows Components->Credential User Interface.



**5. Open Do Not Display the password reveal button and click on Enable Option.**



Now We have Disabled the password reveal option. We can't see the eye icon on left side of the password field.

<http://windows8tipstricks.com/enable-disable-password-reveal-option-windows-8/>

## LINDA SCHMELING "WINNER"

### A New Windows 8.1 Laptop Computer

November 10th General Meeting Raffle

## COOKIE

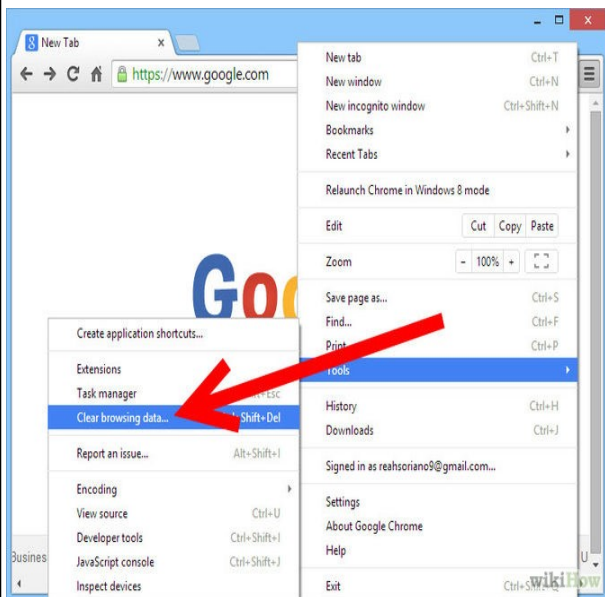
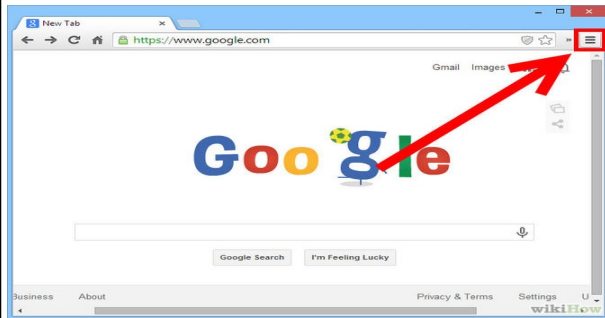
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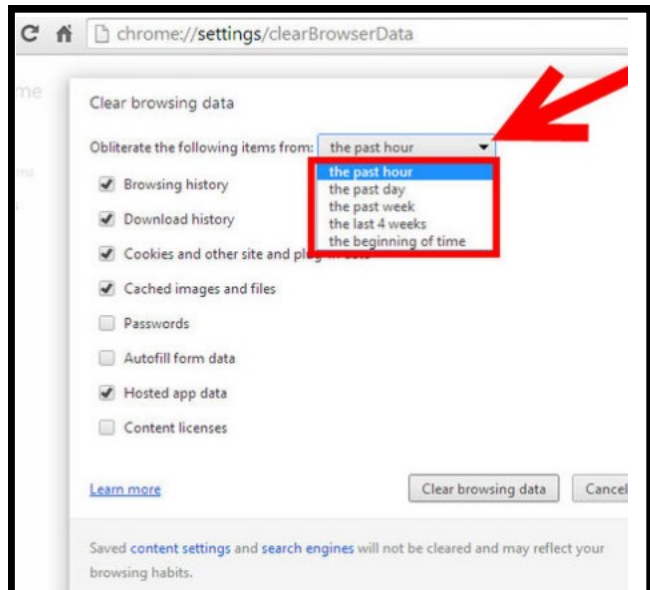
## HOW TO CLEAR YOUR BROWSER'S COOKIES

Cookies contain information that websites have gathered about you and stored on your computer as small text files. Most of these files are completely harmless, but others store private details like where you went, what you did, and any personal information you gave. Websites may also allow other sites (their advertisers, for example) to store third-party cookies on your computer. To ensure that companies are not keeping tabs on what you do online, use one of the following methods to clear your browser's cookies or history.

**CHROME ON DESKTOP:** Open your browser and click the hamburger menu in the upper right corner. (Older versions of Chrome have a gear or wrench icon instead.)

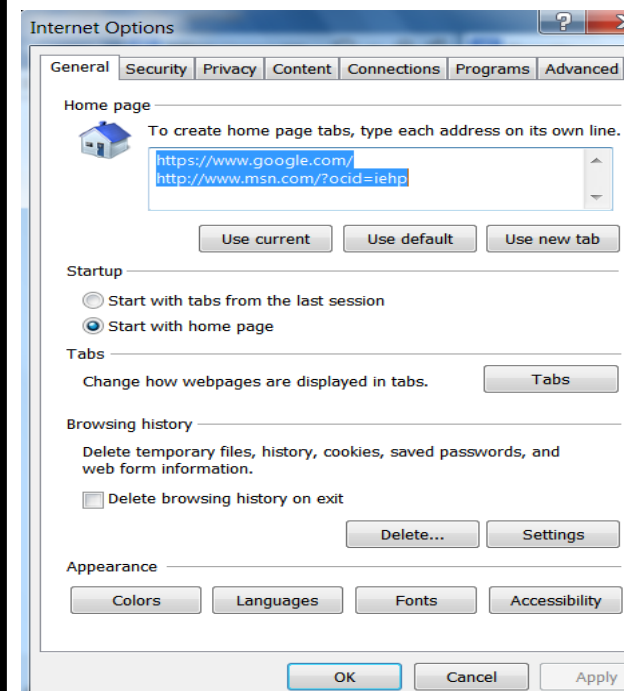


Click "Tools"> "Clear Browsing Data" from the dropdown list



Select the **timeframe** you want to delete. If you want to erase all your cookies, select **the beginning of time**. Then check **Cookies and other site and plug-in data**. Check or uncheck other options as desired. Then click "**Clear Browsing Data**". Cookies, history, and other selected data are now cleared.

## INTERNET EXPLORER 9, 10, AND 11

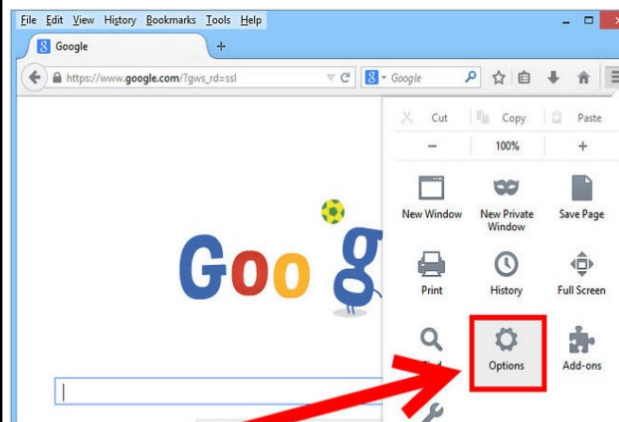


Under the General Tab, find the **Browsing History** section. From here, you can decide whether to delete some or all cookies. **To delete all cookies**, click *Delete*, select *Delete cookies*, and hit Yes. (continue on next page)

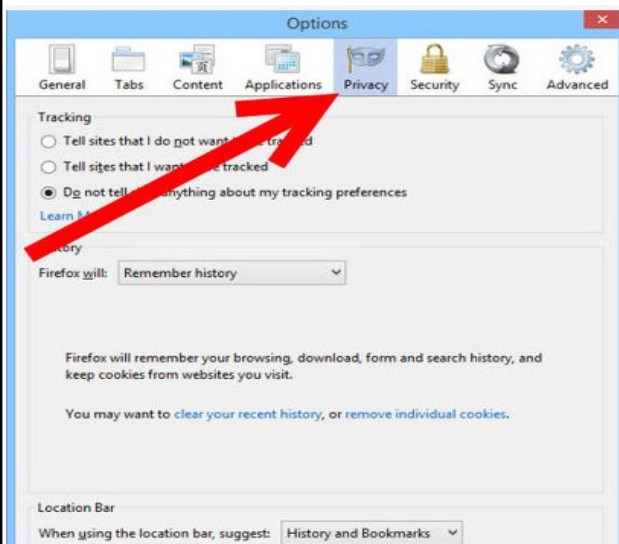
**To selectively delete cookies, go to *Settings* . *View Files*. Select the cookies you wish to delete (hold down ^Ctrl while clicking to make multiple selections) and press *Delete*.**

## **FIREFOX**

Open the Firefox homepage and choose *Settings* from the menu. Then click on “*Options*”



**Select the *Privacy* tab.** Below the settings options, it says *You may want to clear your recent history or remove individual cookies*.



**Select *Remove individual cookies*.** To delete all cookies, click *Remove All Cookies*. *The cookies will immediately be cleared.* To delete specific cookies select the cookies you wish to delete. Hold down ^Ctr while clicking to make multiple selections and press *Remove Cookies*. You can even expand each site to delete specific cookies from each site.

<http://www.wikihow.com/Clear-Your-Browser's-Cookies>

(Computer fun facts continued)

There are about five porn pages for every 'normal' webpage.

Doug Engelbart, invented the first computer mouse in the year 1964, which was made of wood!

One of the world's leading computer and computer peripheral manufacturer, Hewlett Packard, was first started in a garage at Palo Alto, CA, in the year 1939.

Amongst the most interesting computer facts is, the first Apple computer which was built by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, was made by using parts they got for free from their employers. They were made to scrounge spare parts from work.

It is believed that the first computer virus released in the world was a boot sector virus, which was created in the year 1986 by the Farooq Alvi brothers. It was designed by them to protect their research work.

Amazon is a printed book seller company, that now sells more eBooks than printed books.

Almost all computer users must know how destructive a virus can be. But then, it would be interesting to know that a virus cannot corrupt your PC on its own. It corrupts your system only when you activate it, by either downloading infected files from the Internet, or by sharing these infected files.

About 70% virus writers are actually employed by an organization under a contract.

HP, Google, Microsoft, and Apple have one thing in common. All of them were started in garages.

If you find a way to hack Facebook, the company will pay you \$500. Hackers, go for it. Read more at Buzzle: <http://www.buzzle.com/articles/interesting-computer-facts.html>

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