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Thread: [Wiping my computer...](#)

LFCooledWhip - July 11, 2016, 2:36 pm

I have had my custom built rig for about a year soon and a lot of people have said they recommend wiping your computer every 6 months or every year just to full wipe any malware or whatever.

I plan on trying that but I first wanted to know if there is a way to copy a google chrome file or something that holds some autofill data or saved password hashes I have.

I already copied over some programs I want to download again as well as some music and pics.
Thanks

oParoxysm - July 11, 2016, 2:37 pm

All that data is automatically saved to your Google account if you're logged in via the browser. Make sure to login to your Google account in the browser, then go into your settings in the browser and sync your data.

webdev77 - July 11, 2016, 2:39 pm

Sign in to Chrome and then sync all your data. That way, you can just log in to Chrome on any computer and have all your Chrome data saved.

muroseu - July 13, 2016, 2:29 am

The location where Chrome stores user data?

Default Locations:

Windows XP

C:\Documents and Settings\%USERNAME%\Local Settings\Application Data\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default

Windows 10 / 8 / 7 / Vista

C:\Users\%USERNAME%\AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default

Mac OS X

~/Library/Application Support/Google/Chrome/Default

Linux

~/.config/google-chrome/Default

Chrome OS

/home/chronos/

Cache Directory

The cache directory follows the XDG specs:

\$XDG_CACHE_HOME/google-chrome, which defaults to ~/.cache/google-chrome

If you pass --user-data-dir=/path/to/foo, the cache will be under /path/to/foo.

MorrisC - July 13, 2016, 2:30 am

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muroseu - July 13, 2016, 2:38 am

(Jul 13, 2016 02:30 AM)MorrisC Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why would you wipe your computer every 6 months if you have common sense and are able to use the internet without getting a virus?

In case your computer will not start.

In case the system doesn't start due to registry errors or has a black screen, instead of trying to repair, it is sometimes easier to format.

Your hard drive is full.

When the hard drive is filled with a lot of files, after several months or even few years of working on the same computer, a user might find that the hard disk has become cluttered and there is no space to add any more files. This mostly happens to individuals who are not aware that computer maintenance exists.

Too many errors.

If there are a lot of errors and virus problems in the system, this problem is taken to be the main reason as to why any computer user thinks about formatting.

To upgrade your system..

Your computer is running slow..

etc...

Let the op do what he wants to do :)

LFCooledWhip - July 13, 2016, 9:21 am

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muroseu - July 13, 2016, 10:56 am

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I believe google sync is through a cloud service.

In the User Data folder you will find a folder called Default, your cache files are in there.

Google sync syncs your:

- Apps
- Autofills
- Bookmarks
- Extensions
- History
- Passwords
- Settings
- Themes
- Open Tabs

So if you would like to save "everything" Enable Google Sync and save your Default folder to your usb or into a cloud service like dropbox.