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**Term - Cache:**

This term is pronounced like "cash". A cache stores recently-used information in a place where it can be accessed extremely fast. For example, a Web browser like Internet Explorer uses a cache to store the pages, images, and URLs of recently visited Web sites on your hard drive. With this neat strategy, when you visit a page you have recently been to, the pages and images don't have to be downloaded to your computer all over again. Because accessing your computer's hard disk is much faster than accessing the Internet, caching Web sites can speed up Web browsing significantly. You may have to "refresh" your page to see new data that has been added. The biggest drawback of the Temporary Internet Cache is that sometimes files in the cache get corrupted and can cause problems with your browser. So it's a good idea to empty the Temporary Internet Cache (aka...temporary files) every couple of weeks or so no matter how much space it is taking up.

**Term - Cookies:**

In computer terminology, a cookie is data sent to your computer by a Web server that records your actions on a certain Web site. When you visit the site after being sent the cookie, the site will load certain pages according to the information stored in the cookie. For example, some sites can remember information like your user name and password, so you don't have to re-enter it each time you visit the site. Cookies are what allow you to have personalized web sites like "My Excite" or "My Yahoo," where you can customize what is displayed on the page. While cookies have many benefits, some people don't like to have their information recorded by Web sites that they visit. Hansel and Gretel left a trail of cookie crumbs too.

**Hard Drive Space:**

No matter what size your hard drive is, you need to watch how full it gets. Go to "My" Computer and hover over the Local Disc C drive or right click on the icon. Either way you will see the total size of the drive and how much is used already. Always keep 20 – 25% free for easy movement. Just like the "all you can eat" buffet; wear your belt with some slack.

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