

## Re: Firefox Cache Settings

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"Management" <charlienospam@peartreegreen.org> wrote in message  
news:435d0b0c\$0\$41148\$14726298@news.sunsite.dk...

> *Hairy One Kenobi wrote:*

> <SNIP>

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> > *Well, it seems that Firefox lumps its cache in the Application Settings  
> > area. And there isn't an obvious way to change it through the GUI.*

<snip>

> \* *Open Firefox*

> \* *In the location bar, type about:config and hit enter*

> \* *Right-click in the white-space, and choose New->String. Enter*

> *the name browser.cache.disk.parent\_directory and click ok.* </li>

> \* *In the next box, enter the full path to the directory you*

> *want to store your cache in. Something like C:Documents and*

> *SettingsusernameLocal SettingsApplication DataMozillaFirefoxCache*

> \* *Close Firefox.*

> \* *Delete your old cache directories in C:Documents and*

> *SettingsusernameApplication*

> *DataMozillaFirefoxProfilessomething.username I actually had three*

> *directories in here with cache in the name. I deleted all three.*

> \* *Restart Firefox. It will create the directory specified*

> *above, if it doesn't already exist.*

> <UNQUOTE>

> <http://decentdownloads.x-istence.com/Forum/index.php?showtopic=423>

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> *(Second hit for "change firefox cache directory" on Google :)*

Thanks, chaps – glad to see that it *\*can\** be done, if not in quite as  
obviously as I would have liked!

Point noted about putting the word "change" in the next Google rummage <hits  
head against desk. Repeats..>

As noted, I presume that this sets a user-specific file setting.. setting  
this for a bunch or users could obviously be fairly tiresome (unless you

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either get a warm and fuzzy feeling developing potential "killer" scripts, or simply stomp over previous settings – like a few of the less enlightened sysadmins wot I have known ;o)

One other thing I did notice is that filenames aren't reused in the cache, or are version-specific – the "basic" cache actually took 60MB (configured to a maximum of 50MB), and a rummage through the online backup freed 350MB. And, no, that's not a typo.

Cheers again,

H1K

P.S. Anyone have a list of these config settings, or is it going to take a trawl through the header files? Thought that I might write it up (given that noone seems to have bothered putting it in the Help!)