

Slow, Freezing Gmail

A June 2011 discussion on SoloSez, the email listserv for general practice, solo and small firm lawyers

I'm using IE9 (I think its 9) on a win7 machine, seems like plenty of RAM and processor. Lately my email, especially Gmail has been moving really slow (a noticeable delay between hitting keys and letters appearing on screen, etc.) Especially annoying is that when there is a post on solosez with lots of responses, gmail just freezes when I try to read down through the posts. Any idea what is going on ? I've run Ad-aware, Spybot and MalwareBytes already.

Have you tried clearing your Internet cache on the browser? Press CTRL+SHIFT+Delete in IE.

Disclaimer: Had the urge to go to law school, so I lay down until the urge passed.

Ben M. Schorr, Arizona

I've heard through the ether of the internet that IE9 chokes on Google apps. Quite possibly intentionally. Chrome or Firefox is the way to go with GApps.

Rick Silver, New Jersey

Certainly he can try a different browser, but I've never had any particular problem with IE9 and Gmail.

Disclaimer: I have all 3 of the major browsers installed and use all of them almost every day. Currently I use Chrome as my default. No matter what browser I'm using I'm still not a lawyer. Maybe if I used Safari I would be.

Ben M. Schorr

I'm running IE8 on a relatively new Win7 Dell and I've encountered the same problem as Michael. Gmail is exasperatingly slow occasionally while everything else is running normally. In fact, I'd inquired of Listmates awhile back if anyone else was experiencing the problem.

John Leonard, Connecticut

I was having a lot of problems with Internet Explorer, like yours but also it kept freezing and I had to use task manager to shut down the Internet and get back on. IE seems to have problems with multiple sites open and I very frequently am signed in to several sites at the same time.

I switched to Chrome about two weeks ago and I can't believe I waited this long to do it. It is fast, it never freezes, it never has a problem with multiple sites open. I have also heard that it is safer as well.

Donna R. Ireland (nonlawyer), New Jersey

I've switched to Chrome on my laptop but I'm not sold yet. It seems to hang up once in awhile though I've recently added RAM.

John Leonard

I've got Chrome, Firefox and IE9 installed on two computers. Chrome has been my default for a long while now because it is fastest. Period.

I can't even remember the last Chrome crashed, if it ever did.

Cheers,

Eugene Lee, California

I use Chrome too, and had switched (for speed) from Firefox. But, FYI, I hear the new FF version is MUCH faster than the old one if one is so inclined.

Tim Ackermann