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Caution about web browsers

    Some browsers have link prefetching; this can be considered in-appropriate access. To disable link-prefetching, you can follow these steps:
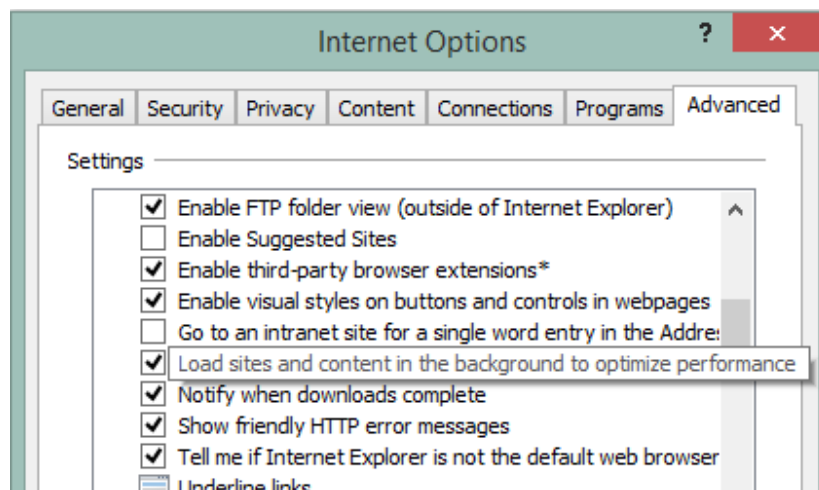
Google Chrome:

1. Click the ⋮ button in the upper-right corner, then select "**Settings**".
2. Scroll down and select the "**Advanced**" option.
3. Scroll down to the "**Privacy and Security**" section, then un-check the **"Use a prediction service to load pages more quickly**" option to disable Prefetch

Firefox:

1. In the address bar, type **about:config** and press Enter.
2. The about:config *"This might void your warranty!"* warning page may appear. Click I accept the risk! to continue to the about:config page.
3. Observe the **Value** column of the network.prefetch-next row.
4. If it is set to true, double-click on it to set it to false.

Internet Explorer

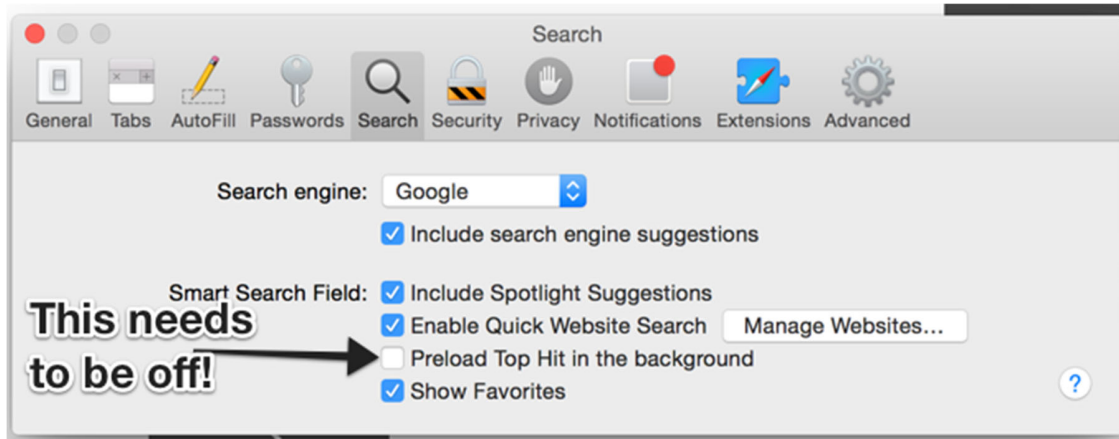You can turn off all preloading and prefetch operations by unchecking an Advanced setting:

Microsoft Edge

1. Click the **...** button in the upper-right corner, then select "**Settings**".
2. Click on the "**Privacy & security**" option
3. Make sure the button below "**Use page prediction**" is set to "**Off**"

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Safari (Apple – MacOS)

1. Click the "**Safari**" menu, select "**Preferences**"
2. Select "**Search**" tab, uncheck "**Preload Top Hit in the background**"

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