🍪 What are Cookies?

Cookies are small pieces of data stored on the **client-side (browser)** by the web server. They are used to remember information between requests.

✅ Key Characteristics:

- Stored in the **user's browser**.
- Sent along with every request to the same origin (domain).
- Can hold **session IDs**, **auth tokens**, or **user preferences**.

📝 Use Cases:

- Login sessions
- Remembering user preferences (dark/light theme)
- Shopping cart persistence

⚠️ Security:

- Set `HttpOnly` to prevent access from JavaScript.
- Use `Secure` to allow only over HTTPS.
- Use `SameSite` to prevent CSRF.

📥 What is a Response?

A **response** is the data sent **from the server to the client** after processing a request.

🔑 Example:

```
js
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res.send("Hello, User");
res.json({ success: true });
res.redirect("/home");
res.cookie("uid", token);
```

📌 In Express.js:

- `res.send()`: Send text or HTML
- `res.json()`: Send JSON data
- `res.status()`: Set HTTP status code
- `res.cookie()`: Set a cookie in browser

🔐 Token-Based Login (Stateless Authentication)

Token-based login uses a digitally signed token (usually JWT) that the client stores and sends with every request.

✅ Flow:

1. User logs in with credentials.
2. Server validates and sends a **JWT (JSON Web Token)**.
3. Client stores the token (usually in localStorage or memory).
4. For each request, token is sent in the **Authorization Header**.
5. Server verifies token, no session is stored on the server.

🔒 Security Tips:

- Always use HTTPS.
- Don't store JWT in localStorage (XSS risk); use HttpOnly cookies if possible.

📌 Example:

```
http
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Authorization: Bearer <your_token_here>
```

✅ Pros:

- Scalable (no session data on server)
- Works well with APIs and microservices

⚠️ Cons:

- Token revocation is harder
- Vulnerable if stored in localStorage (XSS)

□ Cookie-Based Login (Stateful Authentication)

Cookie-based login uses a **session ID stored in a cookie**. Server keeps a session record (usually in memory or database).

✅ Flow:

1. User logs in.
2. Server generates a **session ID** and stores it.
3. Session ID is sent to the client via cookie.
4. Client sends cookie with every request.
5. Server checks session data from its store.

📌 Example:

```
js
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res.cookie("session_id", "abc123", { httpOnly: true });
```

□ Pros:

- Easy session management (server controls it)
- Can easily invalidate sessions

⚠ Cons:

- Not stateless (needs session store)
- Less scalable unless using distributed sessions

⚖ Token vs Cookie Authentication

Feature	Token-Based Login	Cookie-Based Login
Storage	LocalStorage/Memory	Browser Cookie
Server-side session	❌ No	✅ Yes
Stateless	✅ Yes	❌ No
CSRF Protection	✅ Not needed (header-based)	❌ Needs SameSite cookie
XSS Risk	✅ (if not HttpOnly)	✅ (if not HttpOnly)
Scalability	✅ Good	❌ Needs sticky sessions
API Friendly	✅ Yes	⚠ Needs extra config

📱 What is Responsiveness?

Responsiveness refers to how a web page **adjusts and looks good** on different screen sizes: mobile, tablet, desktop.

🎯 Goals:

- UI adapts to all device sizes
- Consistent layout and usability
- No horizontal scroll

✅ Key Features:

- Uses **media queries** in CSS
- Leverages **flexbox/grid layouts**
- Often uses frameworks like **Tailwind CSS**, **Bootstrap**, or **CSS Modules**

📌 Example (Tailwind CSS):

```
html
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<div class="text-sm sm:text-lg md:text-xl lg:text-2xl">
  Responsive Text
</div>
```

✅ Summary Key Notes

Cookies:

- Small data saved in browser, sent with every request.
- Used for sessions, preferences, tokens.

Response:

- Server reply to client request (HTML, JSON, status, etc).

Token-Based Login:

- Sends JWT in headers.
- Stateless, scalable, ideal for APIs.

Cookie-Based Login:

- Stores session ID in cookies.
- Easier invalidation, server-side session storage.

Responsiveness:

- Design technique for UI to adjust to all screen sizes.
- Uses media queries, flexbox, grid, etc.

□ Real-world Example:

```
js
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// Cookie login - Node.js (Express)
res.cookie("uid", token, {
  httpOnly: true,
  secure: true,
  sameSite: "lax",
});
js
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// Token-based login - Send token in frontend
fetch("/api/protected", {
  headers: {
    Authorization: `Bearer ${token}`,
  },
});
```