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PHP Cookies (Cont.)

How to Delete a Cookie?

When deleting a cookie you should assure that the expiration date is in the past. The program on the right deletes a cookie by setting the expiration date to one hour ago.

```
<html><body>
<?php
    setcookie( "customer", "", time( )-3600 );
?>
</body></html>
```


How to Retrieve a Cookie Value?

The PHP `$_COOKIE` variable is used to retrieve a cookie value.

- The left example displays the value of the cookie named customer and all values of `$_COOKIE` by using the function `print_r(expression)`.
- The right example uses the `isset(variable)` function to find out if a cookie has been set.

†If browsers do not support cookies or cookies are disabled, other methods have to be used to pass information from one page to another including:

- GET method by appending information to the URL,
- Hidden input by setting `type="hidden"` of an input element, and
- Sessions to be discussed in the next slides.

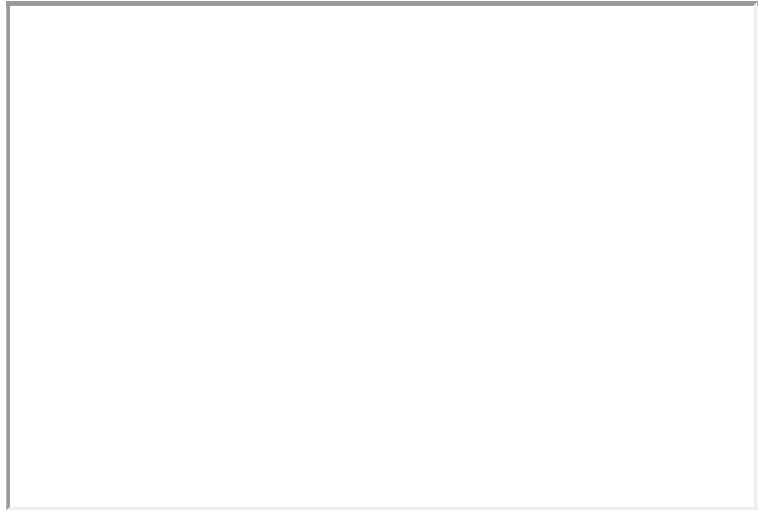
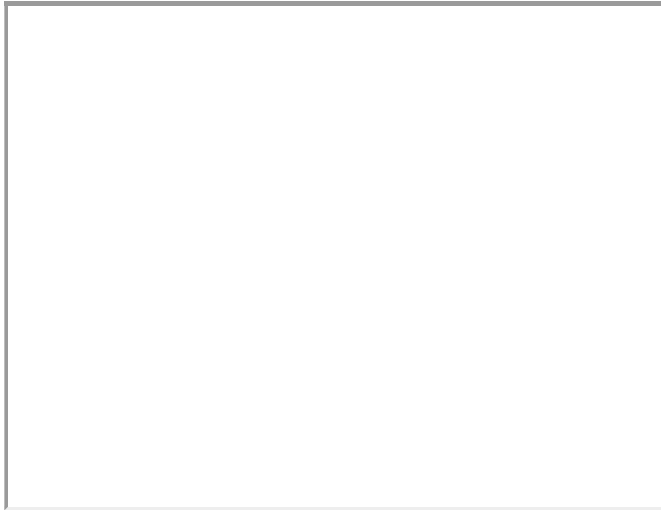
```
<html><body>
<?php
    // Print a cookie.
    echo $_COOKIE["customer"];
    // A way to view all cookies
    print_r( $_COOKIE );
```

```
<html><body>
<?php
    $name = "customer";
    if ( isset( $_COOKIE[$name] ) )
        echo "Welcome " . $_COOKIE[$name];
    else
```

```
?>  
</body></html>
```

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```
    echo "Welcome guest!";  
?>  
</body></html>
```

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