A **cookie**in PHP is a small file with a maximum size of 4KB that the web server stores on the client computer. They are typically used to keep track of information such as a username that the site can retrieve to personalize the page when the user visits the website next time. A cookie can only be read from the domain that it has been issued from. Cookies are usually set in an HTTP header but JavaScript can also set a cookie directly on a browser.

**Setting Cookie In PHP**: To set a cookie in PHP, the **setcookie()** function is used. The setcookie() function needs to be called prior to any output generated by the script otherwise the cookie will not be set.

**Syntax:**

setcookie(name, value, expire, path, domain, security);

**Parameters:** The setcookie() function requires six arguments in general which are:

* **Name:**It is used to set the name of the cookie.
* **Value:**It is used to set the value of the cookie.
* **Expire:**It is used to set the expiry timestamp of the cookie after which the cookie can’t be accessed.
* **Path:**It is used to specify the path on the server for which the cookie will be available.
* **Domain:**It is used to specify the domain for which the cookie is available.
* **Security:**It is used to indicate that the cookie should be sent only if a secure HTTPS connection exists.

Below are some operations that can be performed on Cookies in PHP:

* **Creating Cookies**: Creating a cookie named Auction\_Item and assigning the value Luxury Car to it. The cookie will expire after 2 days(2 days \* 24 hours \* 60 mins \* 60 seconds