

Multimedia im Netz, Assignment 2 Solution, Task 1

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- a) Why do we „need“ cookies?
 - We „need“ cookies in situations in which we have to save some information to the users's browser.
- b) Why is it necessary to call session_start() before any output is generated by PHP?
 - Because session_start() sends a session header and headers must be sent before outputting some data.
- c) Cookies are „serialized“. Explain this term.
 - Cookies are data saved by the browser as string. When we want to save e.g. an array to a cookie we have to convert it to an JSON String. When we read the cookie we have to convert it back.
- d) Name one example of a cookie that is deleted when the browser is closed.
 - Session Cookies.