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## cookie-parser

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Parse `Cookie` header and populate `req.cookies` with an object keyed by the cookie names. Optionally you may enable signed cookie support by passing a `secret` string, which assigns `req.secret` so it may be used by other middleware.

## Installation

```
$ npm install cookie-parser
```

## API

```
var cookieParser = require('cookie-parser')
```

**cookieParser(secret, options)**

Create a new cookie parser middleware function using the given `secret` and `options`.

- `secret` a string or array used for signing cookies. This is optional and if not specified, will not parse signed cookies. If a string is provided, this is used as the secret. If an array is provided, an attempt will be made to unsign the cookie with each secret in order.
- `options` an object that is passed to `cookie.parse` as the second option. See [cookie](#) for more information.
  - `decode` a function to decode the value of the cookie

The middleware will parse the `Cookie` header on the request and expose the cookie data as the property `req.cookies` and, if a `secret` was provided, as the property

`req.signedCookies` . These properties are name value pairs of the cookie name to cookie value.

When `secret` is provided, this module will unsign and validate any signed cookie values and move those name value pairs from `req.cookies` into `req.signedCookies` . A signed cookie is a cookie that has a value prefixed with `s:`  . Signed cookies that fail signature validation will have the value `false` instead of the tampered value.

In addition, this module supports special "JSON cookies". These are cookie where the value is prefixed with `j:`  . When these values are encountered, the value will be exposed as the result of `JSON.parse` . If parsing fails, the original value will remain.

**cookieParser.JSONCookie(str)**

Parse a cookie value as a JSON cookie. This will return the parsed JSON value if it was a JSON cookie, otherwise, it will return the passed value.

**cookieParser.JSONCookies(cookies)**

Given an object, this will iterate over the keys and call `JSONCookie` on each value, replacing the original value with the parsed value. This returns the same object that was passed in.

**cookieParser.signedCookie(str, secret)**

Parse a cookie value as a signed cookie. This will return the parsed unsigned value if it was a signed cookie and the signature was valid. If the value was not signed, the original value is returned. If the value was signed but the signature could not be validated, `false` is returned.

The `secret` argument can be an array or string. If a string is provided, this is used as the secret. If an array is provided, an attempt will be made to unsign the cookie with each secret in order.

**cookieParser.signedCookies(cookies, secret)**

Given an object, this will iterate over the keys and check if any value is a signed cookie. If it is a signed cookie and the signature is valid, the key will be deleted from the object and added to the new object that is returned.

The `secret` argument can be an array or string. If a string is provided, this is used as the secret. If an array is provided, an attempt will be made to unsign the cookie with each secret in order.

## Example

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```
var express = require('express')
var cookieParser = require('cookie-parser')

var app = express()
app.use(cookieParser())
```

```
app.get('/', function (req, res) {
  // Cookies that have not been signed
  console.log('Cookies: ', req.cookies)

  // Cookies that have been signed
  console.log('Signed Cookies: ', req.signedCookies)
})

app.listen(8080)

// curl command that sends an HTTP request with two cookies
// curl http://127.0.0.1:8080 --cookie "Cho=Kim;Greet=Hello"
```

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```

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