


Cookies are bad.

We should replace them.

Perhaps with [draft-west-http-state-tokens](#)?







A two-step plan!

1. Stop doing bad things.
2. Start doing good things: [draft-west-http-state-tokens](#).



[illegible]



Cookies' default settings are bad for security.

HttpOnly	~6.8%
Secure	~5.5%
HttpOnly; Secure	~3.1%
SameSite=*; Secure	~0.06%
SameSite=*	~0.05%
HttpOnly; Secure; SameSite=*	~0.03%
SameSite=*; HttpOnly	~0.006%
__Secure-	~0.005%
__Host-	~0.01%



Cookies are inefficient.

Percentile	Cookie Header Length (~bytes)
5%	36
25%	145
50%	481
75%	879
95% (<i>The header you just saw</i>)	2805
99%	5483
99.5%	6521
99.9%	9269



Cookies' default settings are bad for privacy.

Plaintext delivery enables pervasive monitoring.

Third-party delivery enables not-quite-so-pervasive monitoring.


```
__Host-token: key=value;  
Secure;  
HttpOnly;  
SameSite=Lax;  
Path=/  
Domain=whatever
```



Perhaps we could do something different:

Sec-HTTP-State: token=*erWLK...RirDLk*



Default behavior.

Sec-HTTP-State: token=*erWL...DLk*

- Browser-controlled value.
- No JavaScript access.
- Origin-bound.
- One token per origin.
- No plaintext delivery.
- Same-site delivery.
- 1 hour lifetime.



Configuration options?

Sec-HTTP-State-Options:

delivery=same-origin,

max-age=2630000,

...



Delivery Scope

```
delivery={  
    same-origin,  
    same-site,  
    cross-site  
}
```




Lifetime

max-age=3600

// On expiration:

```
let resetChannel = new BroadcastChannel('http-state-reset')).;  
resetChannel.onmessage = e => { /* Do exciting cleanup here. */ };
```



Some control over the value?

value-prefix=*VFuf*



Proof of Provenance?

key=**uzpV...1KaC3UxbI**

Sec-HTTP-State: token=**token**, sig=**HMAC-SHA265(key, token+metadata)**



Feedback?

1. Skim the draft:
[draft-west-http-state-tokens](#)
(also with [pretend pages!](#))
2. File issues on GitHub:
[mikewest/http-state-tokens](#)
3. Yell at me on Twitter:
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