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**User Experience:** Cookies allow websites to remember your choices and settings making future visits more convenient and enjoyable.

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**Privacy** **Vulnerabilities:** If intercepted by malicious entities cookies could be misused to gain unauthorized access to user accounts and sensitive information.

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