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| **Feature** | **Local Storage** | **Session Storage** | **Cookies** |
| **Expires** | Never (unless cleared) | On tab/browser close | Can set manually |
| **Storage Limit** | 5–10MB | 5–10MB | 4KB |
| **Accessible from** | JavaScript only | JavaScript only | JavaScript + Server |
| **Sent to server?** | ❌ No | ❌ No | ✅ Yes (with requests) |
| **Use case** | Long-term data | Temporary/tab data | Auth/session, server-use |

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| **Step** | **Task** | **Example Tool** |
| 1 | Install necessary packages | cookie-parser, jwt |
| 2 | Create & send cookie after login | res.cookie() |
| 3 | Browser stores cookie automatically | DevTools |
| 4 | Cookie auto-attached with request | No action needed |
| 5 | Verify cookie on each request | Middleware/JWT check |
| 6 | Handle frontend CORS if needed | Axios withCredentials |
| 7 | Clear cookie on logout | res.clearCookie() |