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① What are cookies?

small piece of data stored in user's device, ~~in~~

Cookies are small text files stored in the user's browser. When you visit a website, the server can save data on your computer. Cookies help websites remember user and track their activities to provide a personalized experience.

Types of cookies:

② Session cookies, Session cookies are temporary cookies which are present as long as the user browser is open. Session cookies are deleted once the browser is closed or inactive user session. It's used for maintaining the session of user on browser.

③ Persistent cookies

Persistent cookies, stored in user device for specific period (<6 months) use for long term tracking & remembers user preference

④ First-party cookies :- These are set by the website you currently visit, first party cookies are generally used to provide a good user experience, collecting the analytic data, remember language etc.

⑤ Third-party cookies

are set by domain that you are not visiting, third-party cookies are mostly used for cross site tracking & advertising purposes. These

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Cookies collect data and serve ads according to it.

Cookies used for ?

- User Session
- Tracking
- Personalization.

JWT TOKEN :-

a recent way to send information b/w a client and a server. It is mainly used in web applications and APIs to verify user & prevent unauthorized access. JWT is JSON data secured with a cryptographic signature.

→ Signing can be done with these methods

① HMAC (HASH BASED MESSAGE AUTHENTICATION)

② RSA or ECDSA (ASYMMETRIC CRYPTOGRAPHIC ALGORITHMS)

JWT consists of Three Parts :-

① HEADER

② PAYLOAD

③ SIGNATURE

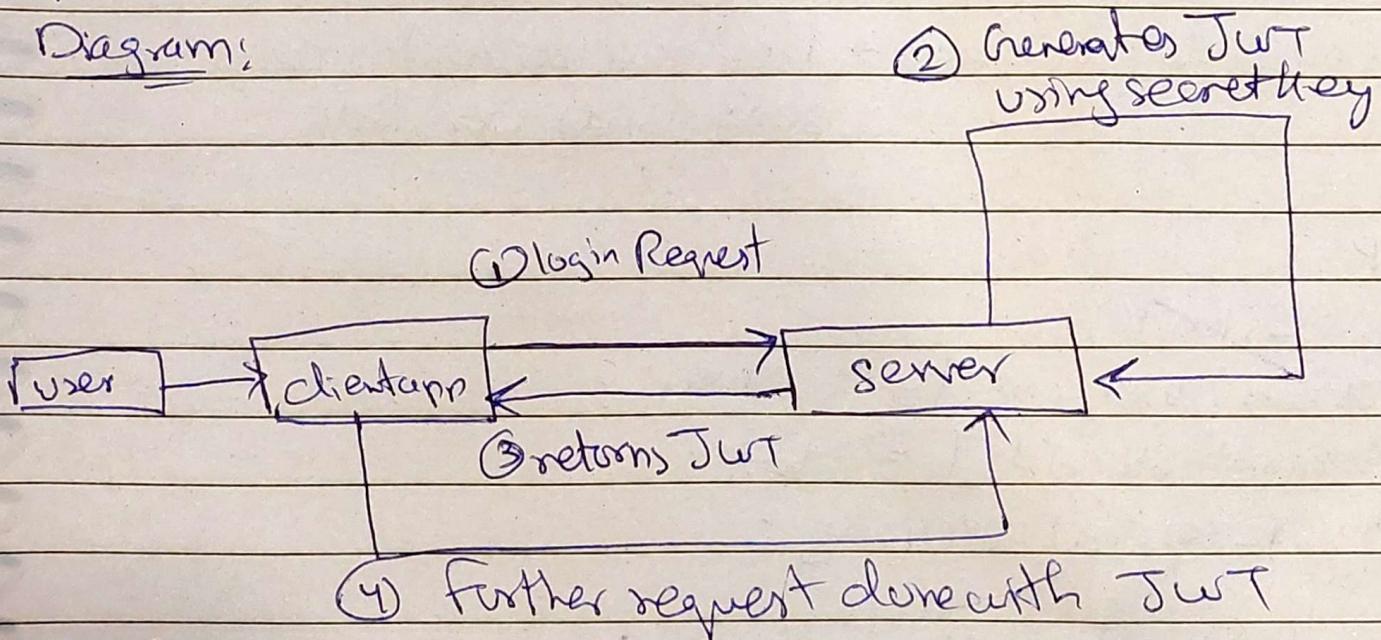
Header: Contains metadata about token, also use for signing.

Payload: Data being transmitted

Signature: Ensures the token's integrity and authenticity

after these three steps JWT Token generated by joining these three.

Diagram:



Sessions :-

Keeping user information safe on server while they browse different pages of website. The user's browser only gets a small ID number.

How it works :-

- ① User visit website → Server creates unique session ID
- ② Session ID saved in cookie → Browser stores only the ID
- ③ Data stored on server → All user info stays on server
- ④ User moves to another page → Browser sends session ID, server finds user data.

Code:

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<?php
session_start();
$_SESSION['username'] = "Ahmed";
$_SESSION['user-id'] = 123;
echo $_SESSION['username'];

if(isset($_SESSION['user-id'])) {
    echo "You are logged in"; }
session_destroy();
```

Programmatic Sessions vs Cookies

Data is stored on server

More secure as session data is not stored on client side.

Session usually expire when browser closes or no active user identified for a specific time

Data is stored on the client side (in the browser)

Less secure as data is stored on the client side and can be changed or stolen

Cookies can have expiration date set to stay persistent across the browser sessions.