

**setcookie** - *set max cookie*  
*set rel cookie*

(PHP 4, PHP 5)

setcookie — Send a cookie

## Description ¶

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bool setcookie ( string $name [, string $value [, int $expire = 0 [, string $path [, string $domain [, bool $secure = false [, bool $httponly = false ]]]]] ] )
```

**setcookie()** defines a cookie to be sent along with the rest of the HTTP headers. Like other headers, cookies must be sent *before* any output from your script (this is a protocol restriction). This requires that you place calls to this function prior to any output, including `<html>` and `<head>` tags as well as any whitespace.

Once the cookies have been set, they can be accessed on the next page load with the `$COOKIE` or `$HTTP_COOKIE_VARS` arrays. Note, [superglobals](#) such as `$COOKIE` became available in PHP 4.1.0. Cookie values also exist in `$REQUEST`.

## Parameters ¶

All the arguments except the name argument are optional. You may also replace an argument with an empty string (""), in order to skip that argument. Because the `expire` argument is integer, it cannot be skipped with an empty string, use a zero (0) instead.

<http://php.net/manual/en/function.setcookie.php>

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**expire** - *rel begin / timestamp*

The time the cookie expires. This is a Unix timestamp so is in number of seconds since the epoch. In other words, you'll most likely set this with the `time()` function plus the number of seconds before you want it to expire. Or you might use `mktime()`. `time()+60*60*24*30` will set the cookie to expire in 30 days. If set to 0, or omitted, the cookie will expire at the end of the session (when the browser closes).

### Note:

You may notice the `expire` parameter takes on a Unix timestamp, as opposed to the date format `Wdy, DD-Mon-YYYY HH:MM:SS GMT`, this is because PHP does this conversion internally.

**path** - *img path*

The path on the server in which the cookie will be available on. If set to `/`, the cookie will be available within the entire domain. If set to `/foo/`, the cookie will only be available within the `/foo/` directory and all sub-directories such as `/foo/bar/` of domain. The default value is the current directory that the cookie is being set in.