Securing Authentication, Sessions and Access Cont.

- Sessions: Managing user activities across application and devices
- Set of data structures tracking user's interaction with application server-side
- Unique unforgeable secret sent automatically after receipt back to server by client for identification
- May employ cryptography for enhanced security
- May be stored in Cookies or browser local storage

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- Access Control: Fine-grained logic to determine R/W permissions per user or object.
- · Determines if a user is authorized to perform an action
- Often implemented as roles
- Avoid assumptions as to how users might interact with the application