# What are cookies:

Cookies are small files that can be written by a PHP script or other languages, such as JavaScript, on the visitor’s computer. Cookies are plain text files which may not exceed 4KB. They are stored on the hard drive of the user and managed by browsers. A cookie should generally be used only for statistical purposes of display or customization to the multi paging forms.

## Cookie lifecycle:

* The first time a browser connects with a particular server, there are no cookies.
* The server creates a unique identifier, and returns a Set-Cookie: header in the response that contains the identifier.
* In the future when the browser connects with the same server, it includes a Cookie: header containing the identifier, which the server can use to connect related requests.