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Web Browsing: Enabling and Disabling Cookies

A cookie is a string of information that a web server sends to your computer to store information, such as a verification that you've successfully logged in to a web site. While cookies are important for logging in to many pages, they can also be used to keep site statistics and track web activity.

If You Want to Control Which Cookies You Accept

You can order your browser to accept all cookies or to alert you every time a cookie is offered. Then you can decide whether to accept one or not. See instruction below depending on browser of choice:

Windows

If you're using **Internet Explorer 6.x or 7.x:**

- 1. Choose **Tools**, then **Internet Options**.
- 2. Click the **Privacy** tab,
- 3. Default setting is medium. Move the slider to determine which setting you prefer.
- 4. You can also click on **Advanced** for specialized cookie treatment.
- 5. Additionally you can click the **Sites** button to see/edit the ones you have already accepted from a list

If you're using **Firefox 2.x or 3.x:**

- 1. Choose **Tools**, then **Options**.
- 2. Click the **Privacy** tab,
- 3. Check or uncheck **Accept cookies from sites**.
- 4. You can also click on the dropdown menu for **Keep until** or click on the **Exceptions** button for specialized cookie treatment.
- 5. Additionally you can click the **Show Cookies** button to see/edit the ones you have already accepted from a list.

Macintosh

If you're using **Safari 2.x-3.x:**

- 1. Go to the Safari menu and select **Preferences**.
- 2. Go to the **Security** icon.
- 3. Under **Accept Cookies**, set it to accept (Always), reject (Never), or selectively accept cookies (Only from sites you navigate to).
- 4. Additionally you can click the **Show Cookies** button to see/edit the ones you have already accepted from a list.

If you're using **Firefox 3.x:**

- 1. Go to the Firefox menu and select **Preferences**.
- 2. Click the **Privacy** icon.
- 3. Check or uncheck **Accept cookies from sites**.

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- 4. You can also check or uncheck **Accept third-party cookies**.
- 5. You can also click on the dropdown menu for **Keep until** or click on the **Exceptions** button for specialized cookie treatment.
- 6. Additionally you can click the **Show Cookies** button to see/edit the ones you have already accepted from a list.

If you're using **Firefox 2.x**:

- 1. Go to the Firefox menu and select **Preferences**.
- 2. Click the **Privacy** icon.
- 3. Check or uncheck **Accept cookies from sites**.
- 4. You can also click on the dropdown menu for **Keep until** or click on the **Exceptions** button for specialized cookie treatment.
- 5. Additionally you can click the **Show Cookies** button to see/edit the ones you have already accepted from a list.

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