

PHP Global Variables (\$_COOKIE)

A cookie is often used to identify a user.

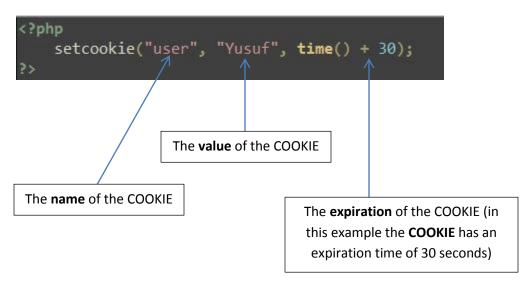
A cookie is a small file that the server embeds on the user's computer.

Each time the same computer requests a page with a browser, it will send the cookie too.

With PHP, you can both create and retrieve cookie values.

Create Cookies with PHP

A cookie is created with the **setcookie()** function.



NB: The setcookie() function must appear BEFORE the https://example.com/html

Modify a Cookie Value

To modify a cookie, just set (again) the cookie using the setcookie() function.

```
<?php
    setcookie("user", "Yusuf", time() + 3);
    setcookie("user", "Yusuf", time() - 5);
?>
```

The second **COOKIE** modifies the first **COOKIE**. If you notice both the two **COOKIES** have the same **name** (the first parameter or argument "**user**")

This deletes the COOKIE (user)

Delete a Cookie

To delete a cookie; use the setcookie() function with an expiration date in the past.

```
<?php
    setcookie("user", "Yusuf", time() + 3);
    setcookie("user", "Yusuf", time() - 5);

>>

The COOKIE (user) has been modified and the expiration time is in the past.
```