The whole discussion here - <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/8177009/basic-http-authentication-duration-of-the-session>

there is one thing I don;t understand - when I provide username and password it stays logged in for a long period of time and when I click on 'delete' or 'update' for specific entries I'm not getting prompted again. I thought something went wrong, but when I opened another browser - it prompted me again, but only once, I didn;t have to authenticate for the rest. Then I thought it was a cookie issue, but nothing changed even though I deleted all the cookies in Chrome. So I got a couple of questions:  
  
1. Is there any way to say for how long I'm going to be authenticated?  
2. Is there any way to be prompted for authentication everytime I click on the resource mentioned here - :check\_logged\_in, :only => [:edit, :update, :destroy] ?

ANSWER:  
HTTP basic authentication doesn´t use cookies. The login information is send with every http request to the specific web server. You are logged in until you close your web browser or delete all active logins.