

# Cookies and Sessions in PHP

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## UNDERSTANDING SESSIONS AND COOKIES



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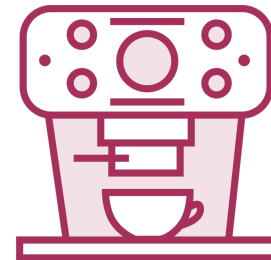
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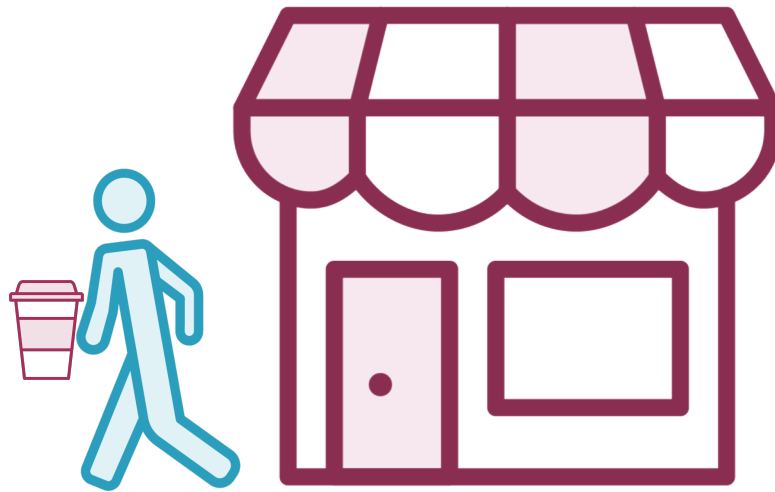
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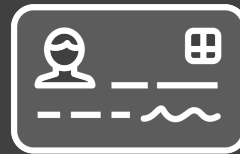
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## Real World vs. Web World



Web Browser



Cookie



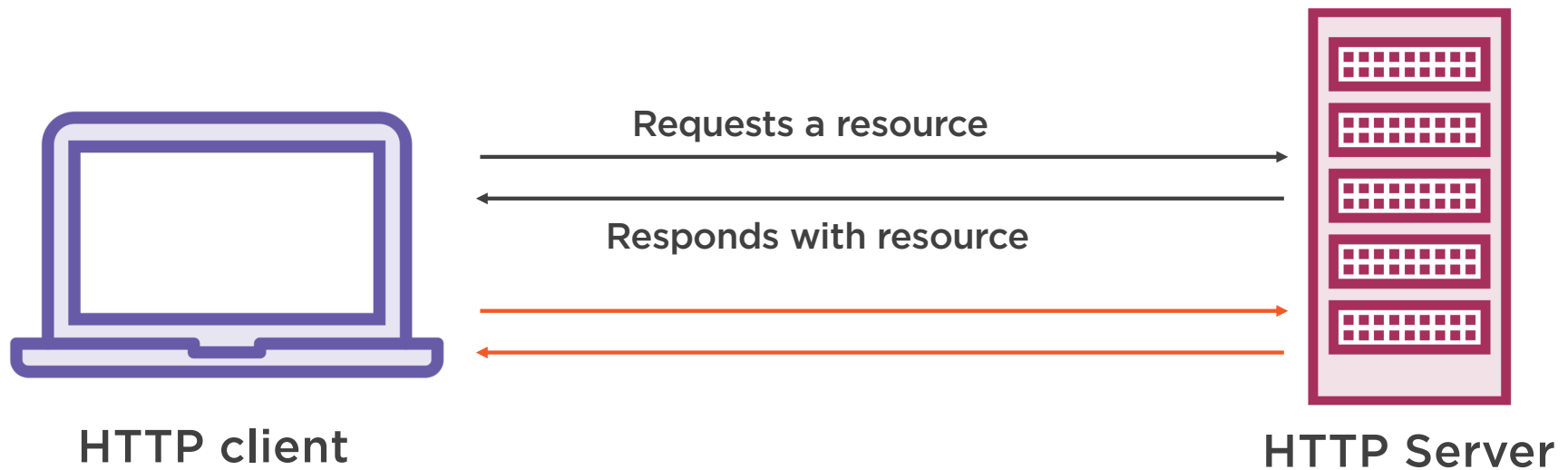
Web Server



Session

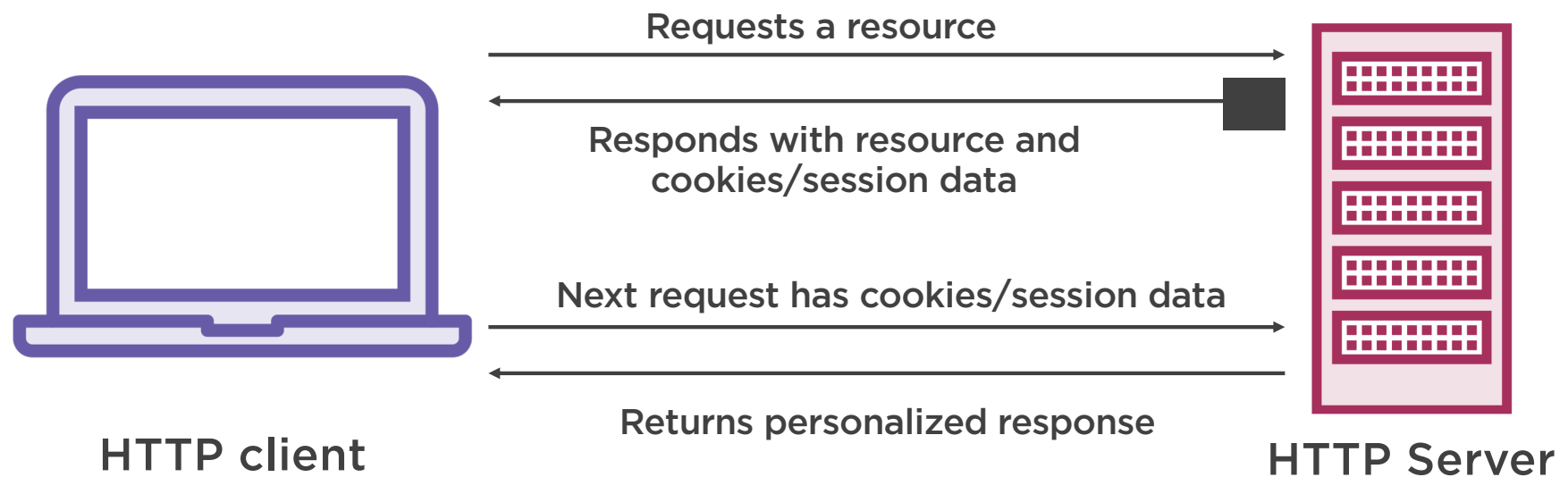


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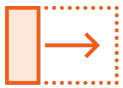




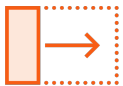
# Workaround for Stateless HTTP Protocol



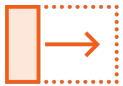
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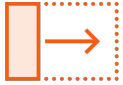
Remember stateful information for stateless HTTP protocol



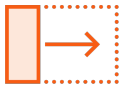
Helpful for personalizing user experiences



Global storages to store data persistently for a site



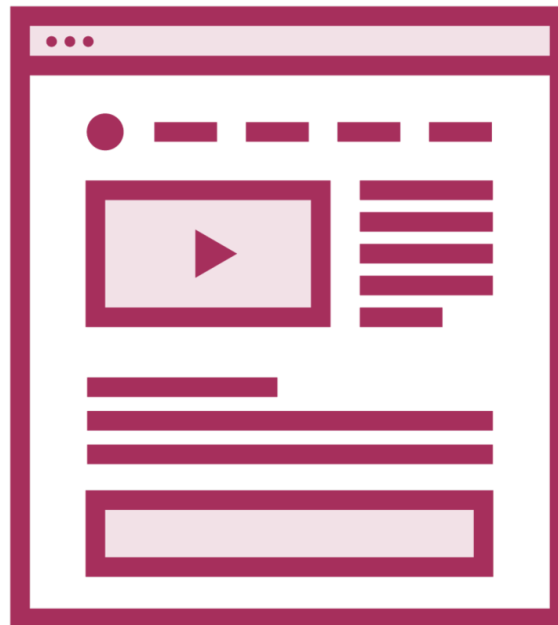
`$_COOKIE` for cookies



`$_SESSION` for sessions



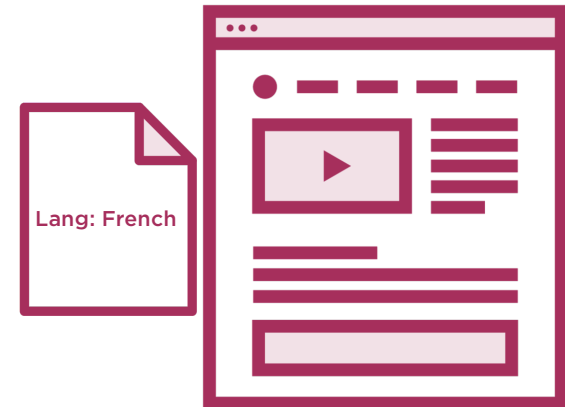
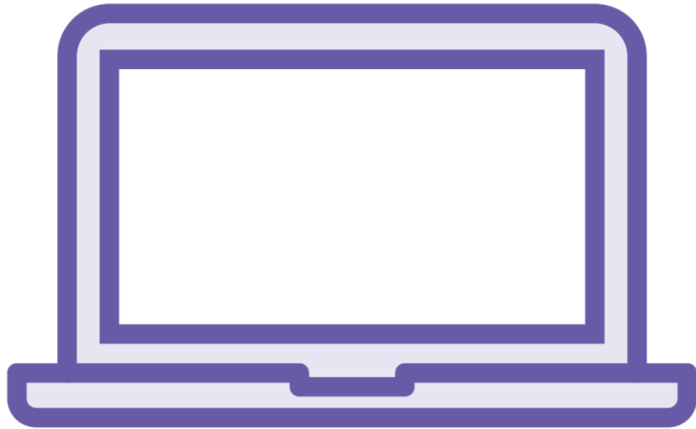
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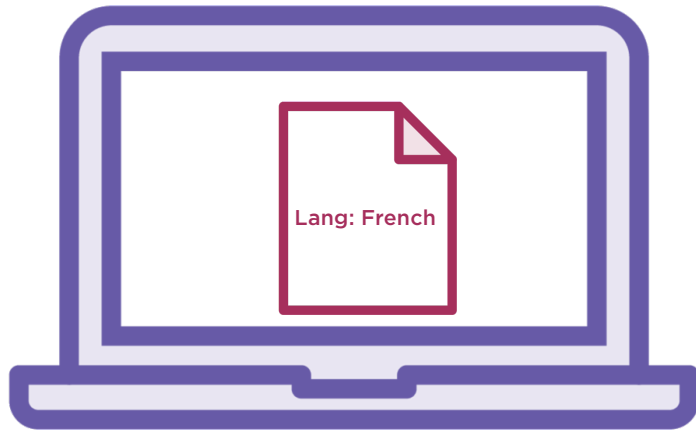
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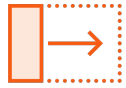
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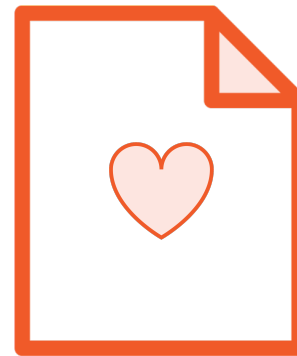
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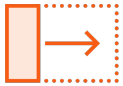


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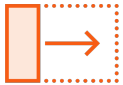




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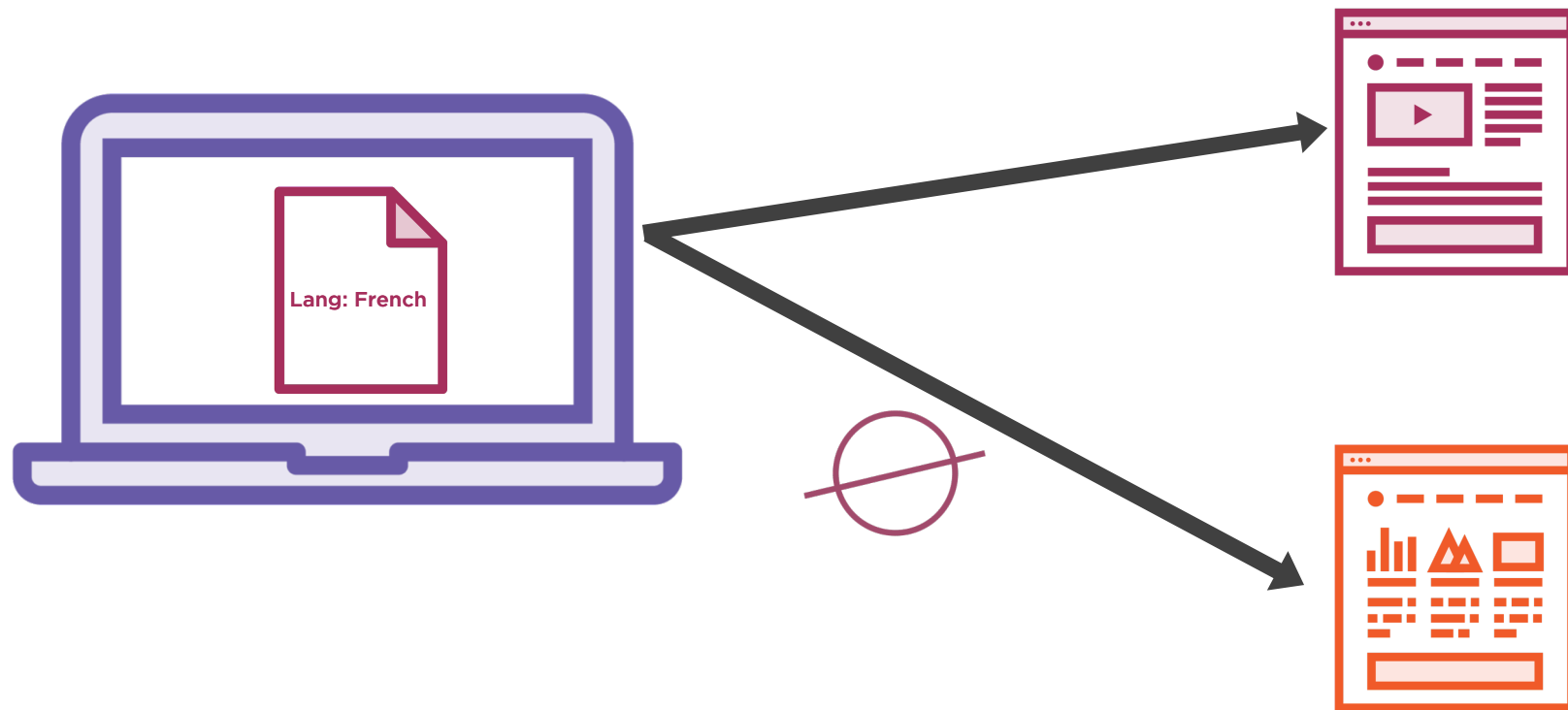
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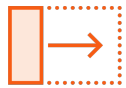
**Size of cookie is limited to 4096 bytes (~4KB) in any browser**



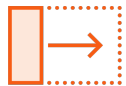
# Who Can Access the Cookie?



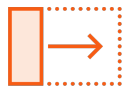
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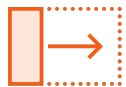
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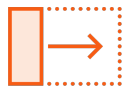
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Only domains which create the cookie can access them



At least 50 cookies per domain



At least 3000 cookies in total



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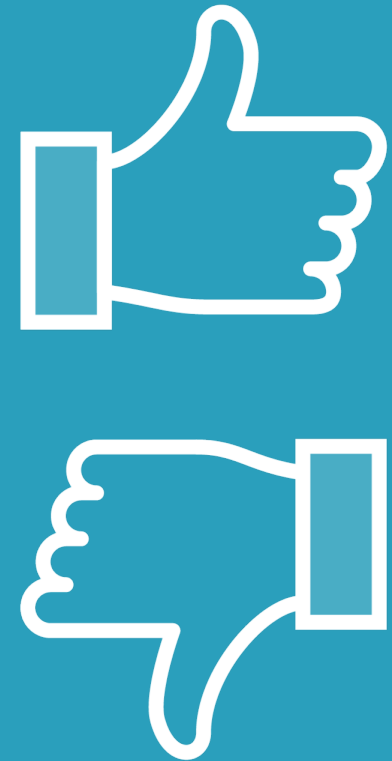
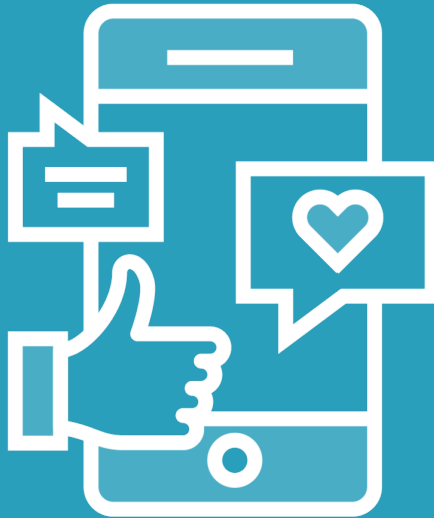


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## Cons of Using Cookies

**Security concern**

**Limited storage**

**Bigger request size**



# Sessions

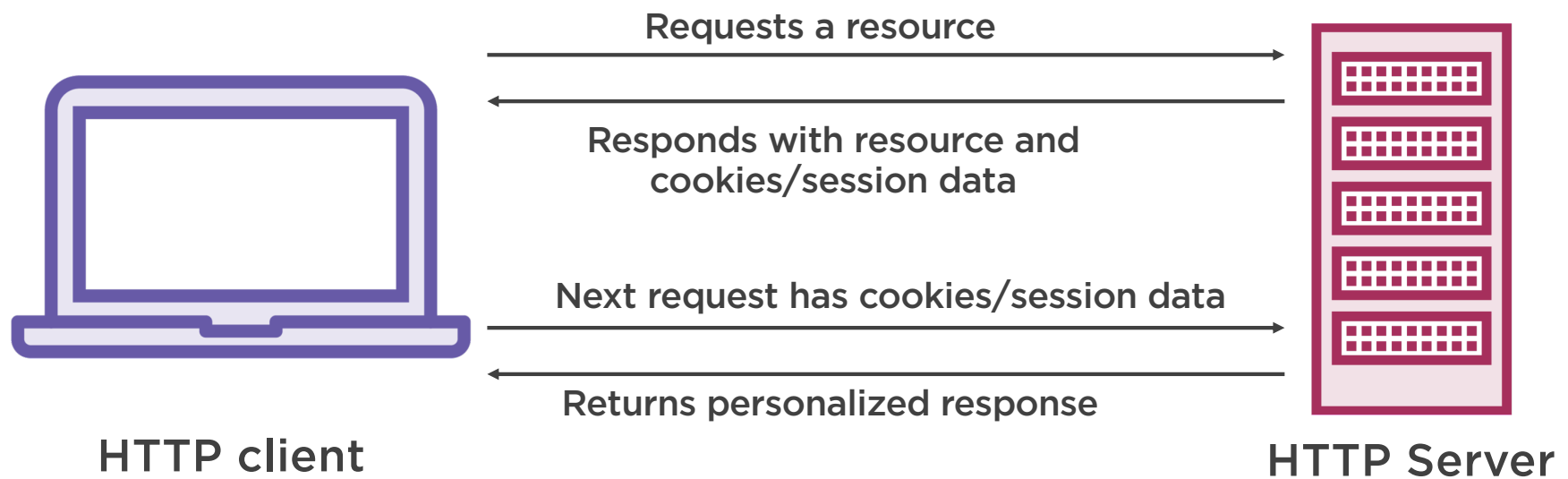


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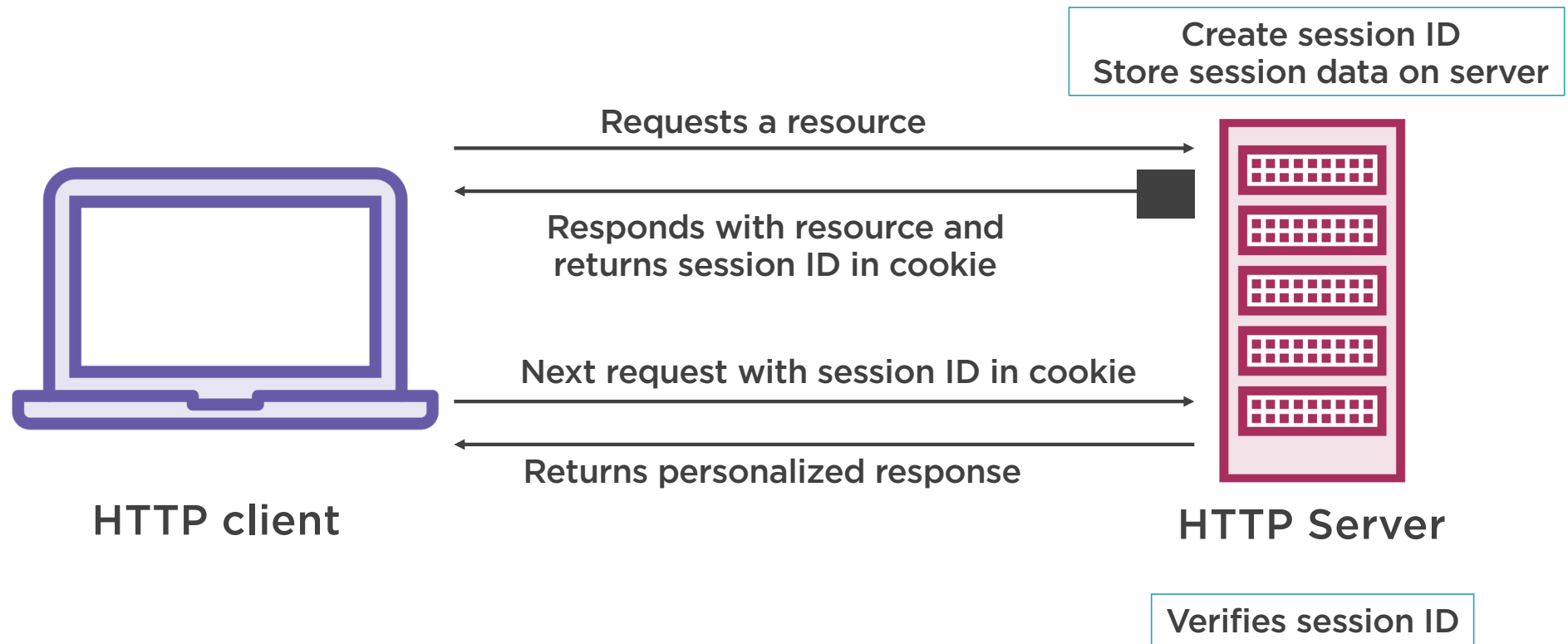
**Session** starts when you open an application, continues until you work on it and ends when you close the application.



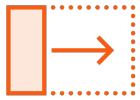
# HTTP Protocol



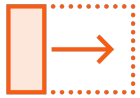
# How Session Works?



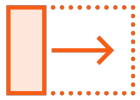
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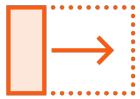
Session is maintained by the server



Session is associated with Session Identifiers, called SID



Session uses cookie to transfer SID



If cookie is disabled, URL is used



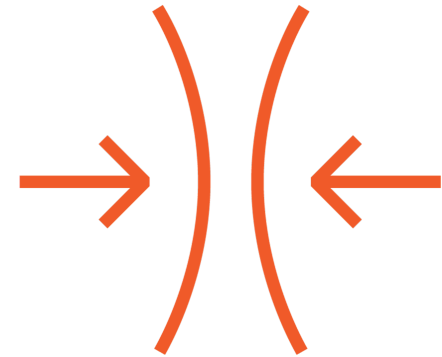
# Benefits of Sessions over Cookies



**Data security**



**More storage**



**Smaller request size**





# Cookies vs. Sessions

## Cookies

Maintained on browser

Limited amount of data of 4KB

Easy to access, less secure

Cookie is sent to server with every request

Uses super global variable `$_COOKIE`

## Sessions

Taken care by server

Unlimited amount of data

Not so easily accessible, more secure

Session ID is sent to server

Uses super global variable `$_SESSION`



Up Next:  
Working with Cookies

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