

# Lab 3 Questions

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**Question 1:** How do you inspect all environment variables in Python?

**To inspect all environment variables in python you can use "os.environ" to see all of python's environment variables.**

**Question 2:** What environment variable contains the query parameter data?

**The environment variable "QUERY\_STRING" contains the query parameter data.**

**Question 3:** What environment variable contains information about the user's browser?

**The environment variable "HTTP\_USER\_AGENT" provides the information about the user's browser.**

**Question 4:** How does the POSTed data come to the CGI script?

**The "FieldStorage" class stores the data filled out in the username & password fields and then retrieves those values using the method ".getvalue()" in order to display the username and password posted on the CGI script.**

**Question 5:** What is the HTTP header syntax to set a cookie from the server?

**The HTTP header syntax for setting a cookie is "Set-Cookie: <cookie-name>=<cookie-value>"**

**Question 6:** What is the HTTP header syntax the browser uses to send the cookie back?

**The HTTP header syntax for sending the cookie back is:  
"Cookie: <cookie-name> = <cookie-value>"**

**Question 7:** In your own words, what are cookies used for?

**We use cookies to easily store and retrieve information in the form of key-value pairs. Cookies are used mainly to store and track information in variables about users that visit their webpages.**

For instance, when I was younger and played flash player games, I noticed some of the games I had closed my browser on and came back had my game levels saved. Didn't realize it at the time but those must have been cookies keeping my progress.

**Question 8:** What is the link to your code on GitHub?

<https://github.com/shearpaladin/cgi-lab>