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Cookies

Cookies are files placed on your computer that allow websites to remember details.

When you visit a website, it can place a file called a cookie on your computer. This allows the website to remember your details and track your visits. Cookies can be a threat to your privacy, but they cannot infect your computer.

Cookies were designed to be helpful. For example, when you visit a website, a cookie can store your preferences or login information so you don't have to re-enter them the next time. Cookies also have benefits for webmasters, as they show which webpages are most used, providing useful input when planning a redesign of the site.

Cookies can be stored on your computer as small text files without your knowledge or consent, and they contain information about your activity on that website. When you revisit the same website, this data is passed back to the web server, again without your consent.

Websites gradually build up a profile of your browsing behavior and interests. This information can be sold or shared with other sites, allowing advertisers to match ads to your interests, display consecutive ads as you visit different sites, and track the number of times you have seen an ad.

You can limit the use of cookies to track your behavior using the security and privacy settings in your Internet browser.

Block or allow all cookies

1. Open Internet Explorer by clicking the Start button , and then clicking Internet Explorer.
2. Click the Tools button, and then click Internet Options.
3. Click the Privacy tab, and then, under Settings, move the slider to the top to block all cookies or to the bottom to allow all cookies, and then click OK.

Blocking cookies might prevent some web pages from displaying correctly.

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