

Cookies

Knowing about and managing cookies, allows you to control how much companies learn about you.



Internet

A **cookie** is a message that is given to a Web browser by a Web server for the purpose of **identifying users, collecting demographic information**, and possibly preparing **customized Web pages** for users. This message, stored on your computer, is sent back to the server every time your browser requests to view a page from that server.

To adjust your cookie settings:

1. **Double-click** on **Internet Explorer** to open it..
2. Click on the **Tools**. Select **Internet Options**.
3. **Click** the **Privacy** tab.
4. **Adjust** the control **slider** to the appropriate setting. Based on the source of the cookie and the site's privacy policy, the cookie will either be accepted or rejected.

Cookies only record **information that you freely provide** to a web site. However, almost any information you provide, including credit card information, can be stored in a cookie. For this reason, you might want to occasionally delete stored cookies.*

To delete cookies:

1. **Right-click** on the **Internet Explorer** icon.
2. Click on the **Properties**.
3. On the **General tab**, click **delete cookies**.

*If, after deleting cookies, you have any trouble logging onto an online account, contact the site's administrator. Some sites require certain cookies to log on.