

# The Community Website Cookies Datasheet

Cookies are small data files stored in web browsers to track usage and enable useful services and features on our Communities. This document provides information on the standard cookies set by our Communities and how to manage or adjust them should users choose to do so.

## How to control cookies

Some cookies are necessary for the proper operation of the Community and disabling or removing them may have an adverse impact on the proper functioning and user experience. However, users may choose to view, block, or remove cookies set by our site through their web browser settings (or any website cookies for that matter). Consult the help feature for your specific browser to find how. Here are some useful links for your convenience.

- [Microsoft Internet Explorer Privacy Settings and Information](#)
- [Google Chrome Privacy Settings and Information](#)
- [Mozilla Firefox Privacy Settings and Information](#)
- [Apple Safari Privacy Settings and Information](#)

Also, you may choose to consult an external and independent third party websites such as [AboutCookies.org](#) or [www.youronlinechoices.eu/](#) if you are in the European Union which provides comprehensive information on a variety of browsers and how to control or change their respective privacy settings.

## Cookies used by our site

Our community website uses the following standard cookies. Disabling or removing these cookies may have an adverse impact on the proper functioning and user experience on the site.

Cookie Name	Description and Purpose	Expiration Time/Type	If removed, disabled, or not accepted
!lithiumSSO:{client_id}	Used for passing authentication information to Lithium.	session	SSO will not be functional for the user.
LiSESSIONID	Session management	session	User cannot log in, and is treated as an anonymous user.
lithiumLogin:{community id}	Keeps users logged in when they make a request after their session has expired. It is triggered when a user checks Save login name and password. The cookie is encrypted and includes a unique user secure ID in the database.	30 days (persistent)	The "auto login" and "remember me" features will not work.
LithiumUserInfo	Session management	session	The user will not be able to view secure pages and will be redirected to the login page.

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LithiumVisitor	Replaces VISITOR_BEACON. Lithium currently uses both for backward compatibility. This cookie computes billing visits, registered billing visits, visits, registered visits, and unique visitors metrics. The cookie is encrypted and stores when it was first issued, when it was last seen by Lithium, an unique visitor ID (which is unique per visitor's browser).	10 years	Visits and unique visitors metrics will not be accurate. There will be a new billable visit on each new request. Customers on billing visits model will be affected.
P{poll_id}U{user_id}R{reset_count}	Tracks when a user has voted in a poll and tracks the answer value. The cookie is used to prevent a user from voting multiple times in a single poll. The cookie is only placed if <b>Use cookies to prevent multiple votes</b> is enabled in Community Admin.	1,000000+ days (persistent)	If the user is logged in, votes, and then clears the cookie, they are not allowed to revote.
VISITOR_BEACON	Computes billing visits, registered billing visits, visits, registered visits, and unique visitors metrics. The cookie is encrypted and stores, when it was first issued, when it was last seen by Lithium, the user ID, and its own unique ID.	10 years	Visits and unique visitors metrics will not be accurate. There will be a new billable visit on each new request. Customers on billing visits model will be affected.
VISITORID	Distinguishes between human and bot traffic.	3 years (session)	Defeats the bot detection mechanism. (May see increased spam on the community.)
LithiumUserSecure	Used for securing session management.	Session	Viewing secure pages will cause the user to be logged out immediately, as the cookie is required at the time to secure the user session.
panel-session	Saves the panel session of the survey panelist.	2 days	The survey authentication then is done via the SES parameter in the URL or via HTTP POST data.