

## Cookies

Cookies have a bad reputation, because some websites use them for placing unwanted advertising. However, cookies are not a security concern: they cannot be programmed, cannot carry viruses, and cannot install malware on the host computer.

Cookies, also known as HTTP cookies, web cookies, or browser cookies, keep information about the web pages you visit and your preferred settings, and store this information in a special folder on your computer so it can be used again. Cookies are a convenient way for websites to adapt to the needs of a particular user.

**On the NucNet website, cookies must be activated for logging in, accessing restricted pages, and enabling the "keep me logged in" facility.**

The common default setting is for web browsers to accept cookies that have a "compact privacy policy". However, some organisations follow stricter rules in handling cookies. If you are having problems logging in and think it might be related to your cookie settings, contact the administrator of your local area network (LAN).

*In the short term, you can change the cookie settings in most browsers as follows:*

- (1) Open Tools in the toolbar;*
- (2) Go to Internet Options or Preferences and then to Privacy Settings;*
- (3) Set Cookie Handling to Enable or Automatic.*