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- **Analytical/performance cookies.** They allow us to recognize and count the number of visitors and to see how visitors move around our website when they are using it. This helps us to improve the way our website works, for example, by ensuring that users are finding what they are looking for more easily and that our website is not overburdened with requests.
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Cookie Lifespan

A cookie is either a session cookie or a persistent cookie. Session cookies are erased when you close your browser and do not collect information from your computer. They typically store information in the form of a session identification that does not personally identify you. Persistent cookies, on the other hand, are stored on your computer until they expire (i.e. they are based on a set expiration date) or until you delete them. These cookies are used to collect identifying information about you, such as your web surfing behavior or user preferences.

You can find more information about the individual cookies we use and the purposes for which we use them in the table below:

Cookie Name	Purpose	Lifespan
svSession	Identifies unique visitors and tracks a visitor's sessions on a site	Persistent

hs	Security	Session
XSRF-TOKEN	Security	Persistent
smSession	Identifies logged in site members	Persistent (Two weeks)
TSxxxxxxx (where x is replaced with a random series of numbers and letters)	Security	Persistent
TSxxxxxxx_d (where x is replaced with a random series of numbers and letters)	Security	Persistent
_ga	Used to distinguish users	Persistent (2 years)
_gid	Used to distinguish users	Persistent (24 hours)
[_gat]	Used to throttle request rate. If Google Analytics is deployed via Google Tag Manager, this cookie will be named _dc_gtm_<property-id>.	Persistent (1 minute)
AMP_TOKEN	Contains a token that can be used to retrieve a Client ID from AMP Client ID service. Other possible values indicate opt-out, inflight request or an error retrieving a Client ID from AMP Client ID service.	Persistent (30 seconds to 1 year)
gac<property-id>	Contains campaign related information for the user. If we have linked our Google Analytics and Google Ads accounts, Google Ads website conversion tags will read this cookie unless we opt-out.	Persistent (90 days)
__utma	Used to distinguish users and sessions. The cookie is created when the javascript library executes and no existing __utma cookies exists. The cookie is updated every time data is sent to Google Analytics.	Persistent (2 years from set/update)
__utmt	Used to throttle request rate.	Persistent (10 minutes)
__utmb	Used to determine new sessions/visits. The cookie is created when the javascript library executes and no existing __utmb cookies exists. The cookie is updated every time data is sent to Google Analytics.	Persistent (30 mins from set/update)
__utmc	Not used in ga.js. Set for interoperability with urchin.js. Historically, this cookie operated in conjunction with the __utmb cookie to determine whether the user was in a new session/visit.	Session
__utmz	Stores the traffic source or campaign that explains how the user reached our site. The cookie is created when	Persistent (6 months from set/update)

	the javascript library executes and is updated every time data is sent to Google Analytics.	
__utmv	Used to store visitor-level custom variable data. The cookie is updated every time data is sent to Google Analytics.	Persistent (2 years from set/update)
__utmz	Used to determine a user's inclusion in an experiment.	Persistent (18 months)
__utmxx	Used to determine the expiry of experiments a user has been included in.	Persistent (18 months)
_gaexp	Used to determine a user's inclusion in an experiment and the expiry of experiments a user has been included in.	Persistent (depends on the length of the experiment, but typically 90 days)

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