Cookies: HTTP State Management Mechanism draft-ietf-httpbis-rfc6265bis-10

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Changes: -10 draft

- Standardize Max-Age/Expires upper bound: #1732, #1980
 - Expiry date now SHOULD be capped at 400 days in the future
- Expand on privacy considerations and third-party cookies: #1878
 - Expands spec's opinion on the privacy concerns of cookies
- Specify that no decoding of Set-Cookie line should occur: #1902
 - UA should not attempt to decode percent encoded character
- Require ASCII for domain attributes: #1969
 - The value of the Domain attribute must be a string of ASCII characters
- Editorial Changes:
 - o #1789, #1858, #2069

Recent changes since -10

- Remove note to ignore Domain attribute with trailing dot: #2087, #2092
 - Correction that trailing '.'s should be ignored
- Remove an inadvertent change to cookie-octet: #2090
 - o For 2 years servers were incorrectly advised to include %x80-FF
- Remove note regarding cookie serialization: #2165
 - The note wasn't quite correct and could be better handled by the HTML spec
- Add case insensitivity note to Set-Cookie Syntax: #2167
 - Clarify that attribute names are case insensitive
- Add note not to send invalid cookies due to public suffix list changes: #2215
 - Discourage sending cookies that are part of a public suffix
- Add warning to not send nameless cookies: #2220
 - o Discourage nameless cookies of any sort
- Improved max-age attribute parsing: #2214
 - Notes that values are base 10. Handle missing and invalid values.

Recent changes since -10 Continued

- Offload Service Worker SFC computation to spec: #2217
- Compare cookie name prefixes case-insensitively: #2236
- Prevent nameless cookies with prefixed value: #2251
- Editorial Change: #2244

Current Issue Status

12 open issues

- Currently in Scope
 - Same-Site cookies and redirects: #2104
 - Enforcement of same-site redirect chains results in copious site breakage
 - Set-Cookie parsing algorithm should enforce more of the syntax requirements: #1399
 - nameless cookies, client/server inconsistencies: #2229
- An additional 18 deferred issues