

Cookie Pal:

I like Cookie Pal. Although I was familiar with cookies and their use and storage on my systems, I liked the way Cookie Pal presented them to me and my ability to directly filter their use through Cookie Pal.

The ability to control the storage of cookies locally already existed via Inter Options and Advanced Security, but Cookie Pal provided an additional insight into their use.

This exercise forced me to be better aware of the use and storage of cookies on my local system. Many more sites than I had previously suspected were using, and had used, cookies.

I am having a difficult time with the issue of 'invasion of privacy'. In the strictest sense, I would have to agree with those who say that they are. But they do only reflect the activities that I engage in, in a public forum, the Internet. I don't see my activities on the Internet any more private than a conversation between two people in a public restaurant. If you don't want people to know of your activities, then don't exhibit them in public. After all, I do have the option of preventing them from being stored on my local system and I don't have to use the Internet.

In the future I think that I will periodical purge my system of cookies, just as a preventive measure and investigate further the option of preventing their storage all together.

I am strongly in favor of protecting the sanctity of personal privacy. Even seeking legislation to secure that privilege. I believe that I would guarantee to customers of any E-commerce that I engage in that their privacy would be a priority.

I believe that just about anything that someone would want to do with cookies, can be done. That includes the interrogation of cookies stored on my local system. I wouldn't like it done to me and would hope that the thrust for financial rewards would not sway me from my core values of respecting the privacy of others.

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After experiencing the demo, I certainly do feel that a privacy issue exists. But is it really a privacy issue, or is it really just a control issue? The ability to control the dissemination of personal information. Either way, I don't like it (by the way, my wife would say that it is a control thing.)

I would indeed like to see legislation to limit, if not totally prevent the linking of both online and offline data.

It is none of their damn business!