Why Cookies?

You probably already know that Web sites can collect information about your Web browsing habits through the use of cookies. Internet Explorer 6 helps protect your privacy by giving you the means to find out what Web sites do with that information and what kind of cookies Internet Explorer 6 can accept without your explicit consent.

What's a Cookie?

Cookies are small text files that Web sites can create on your computer to store information gathered about your visit to the site including, where you went, what you did, and any personal information you gave. Web sites may also allow other Web sites (their advertisers, for example) to put cookies, known as *third-party cookies*, on your computer.

Cookies are a necessary part of using the Web. Web sites use the information in cookies to deliver personalized content (local news and weather, hot sales, and so on), to complete transactions (for online banking or shopping, for example), and to gather demographic data. However, a Web site only has access to personal information that you provide; otherwise, it only records the steps you've taken on the site, so you remain anonymous.

Delete Cookies

If you believe a Web site has placed a cookie on your computer that you don't want, or you want to get rid of an old cookie, you can delete it.

To delete all of your cookies do the following:

- 1. On the Internet Explorer 6 **Tools** menu, click **Internet Options**.
- 2. On the **General** tab, click the **Settings** button, and then click the **View files** button.
- In the window (to your hard disk drive) that opens, find the cookie you want to delete.
 For the Maurey WebSite the cookie would look something like this: Cookie: yourcomputer logonname@www.maurey.biz/
- 4. Click to select the cookie you want to delete.
 - If you want to delete more than one cookie, press **CTRL** as you click each cookie that you want to delete (this lets you select a group of cookies). If you want to delete all the existing cookies, press **CTRL+A** to select them all.
- 5. Press the **Delete** key.
- 6. When you are finished, Close the cookies window then click **OK** twice. You should now close your browser and restart it.

Notice! Some Web sites store your member name, password, or other personal information in a cookie, so if you delete that cookie, you may need to re-enter this information the next time you visit the site. This is usually a minor inconvienence.