

Privacy & Cookies Policy

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1. Introduction

This website is operated by the **Administrator of unitypath.org** and hosted in the United Kingdom. We run this site as a personal hobby project. We aim to follow high privacy standards, including the principles of the **UK/EU GDPR**, the **Data (Use and Access) Act 2025** and other international privacy frameworks. We only collect the minimum amount of data necessary to provide a functional and secure community.

2. What are Cookies?

Cookies are small text files placed on your device. For this forum, we only use **Strictly Necessary Cookies**. Under UK law, these do not require your prior consent because the website cannot function without them.

3. Essential Cookies We Use

Below are the cookies required for the operation of the WordPress blog (the homepage) and the Simple Machines (SMF) forum (the forum).

WordPress Cookies (Blog)

Cookie Name	Purpose	Duration
wordpress_test_cookie	Checks if your browser has cookies enabled.	Session
wordpress_logged_in_	Stores your login state if you are an authorized user/editor.	15 days
wp-settings-time-	Remembers your personal dashboard settings/preferences.	1 year
comment_author_	(Only if you comment) Remembers your name/email so you don't have to re-type it.	1 year

SMF Cookies (Forum)

Cookie Name	Purpose	Duration
SMFCookie651	Keeps you logged into the forum while browsing.	1 month
PHPSESSID	Maintains your secure connection to the server.	Session

Cookie Name	Purpose	Duration
SMF_Referer	Security cookie to verify you are logging in from our site (CSRF protection).	Session

4. Personal Data We Collect

When you register on this forum, we collect the following:

- **Username & Email Address:** Required for account creation and password recovery.
- **IP Address:** Recorded automatically for security purposes (to prevent spam and abuse).
- **Timezone/Language:** Optional settings to customise your display.

5. Your Rights

Regardless of where you reside, we respect your data rights. As per UK standards, you have the right to:

- **Access:** Request a copy of the data we hold about you.
- **Rectification:** Ask us to correct any inaccurate information.
- **Erasure:** Request that we delete your account and personal data.
- **Complain:** If you have concerns, you can contact the **Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)** at www.ico.org.uk.

6. Contact Us

If you have any questions regarding your data, please contact the Administrator at: privacy@unitypath.org.