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PASSIVE FINGERPRINTING OF HTTP/2 CLIENTS

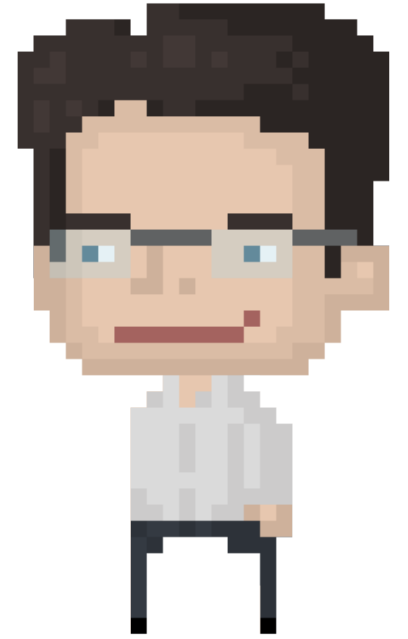
Before we begin....

Agenda

- Usage Statistics on Akamai's Platform
- HTTP/2 Overview
- Passive Client Fingerprinting
- HTTP/2 Fingerprinting and it's Use Cases
- HTTP/2 Threat landscape

```
[ 1:11PM ] [ eshuster@tlv-mpixn:~ ]  
$
```

- ❑ Uptime ~ 37 years
- ❑ Threat Research Team @ Akamai Technologies
- ❑ Enjoying Big-Data
- ❑ Love Single Malt Whiskeys!
- ❑ CPA(il), MBA



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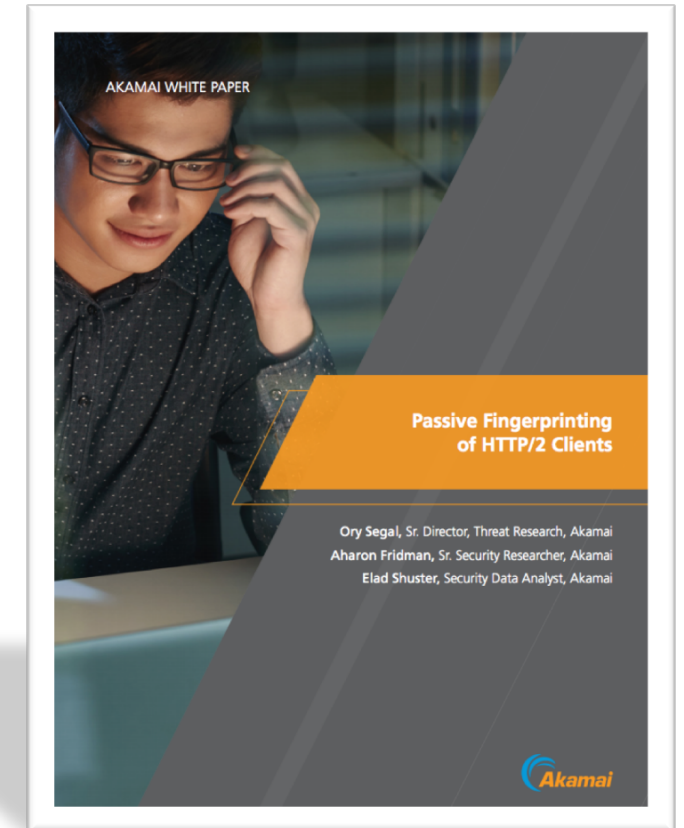
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DATA COLLECTION



AKAMAI

The Intelligent Platform

- 220,000+ Edge Servers
- 3,315+ Locations
- 1200+ Cities
- 129 Countries
- 1,227+ Networks
- 60 Tbps at last peak

The Data

- 3 trillion hits per day
- 1 Billion unique IPs seen quarterly
- 13+ trillion log lines per day
- 260+ TB of compressed daily logs

15 - 30% of all web traffic



WEB APPLICATION ATTACKS



SQL Injection

(71%)

**273,037**

Remote File Inclusion

(15.2%)

**58,458**

Cross-site Scripting

(12.3%)

**47,310**

PHP Injection

(1.2%)

**4,609**

Command Injection

(0.4%)

**1,542**

31.3%

9,229,381

Attack events in the last 24 hours

HTTP/2 Usage Statistics

1 Billion
Daily requests

27.2M
Unique IP Addresses

10%
Of Total Traffic

675.3K
User Agents

15.7K
Hosts

413.4M
Login requests

HTTP/2 OVERVIEW

HTTP 1.x

GET /index.html HTTP/1.1

Host: www.fdsa.co

Connection: keep-alive

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/62.0 Safari/537.36

Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml

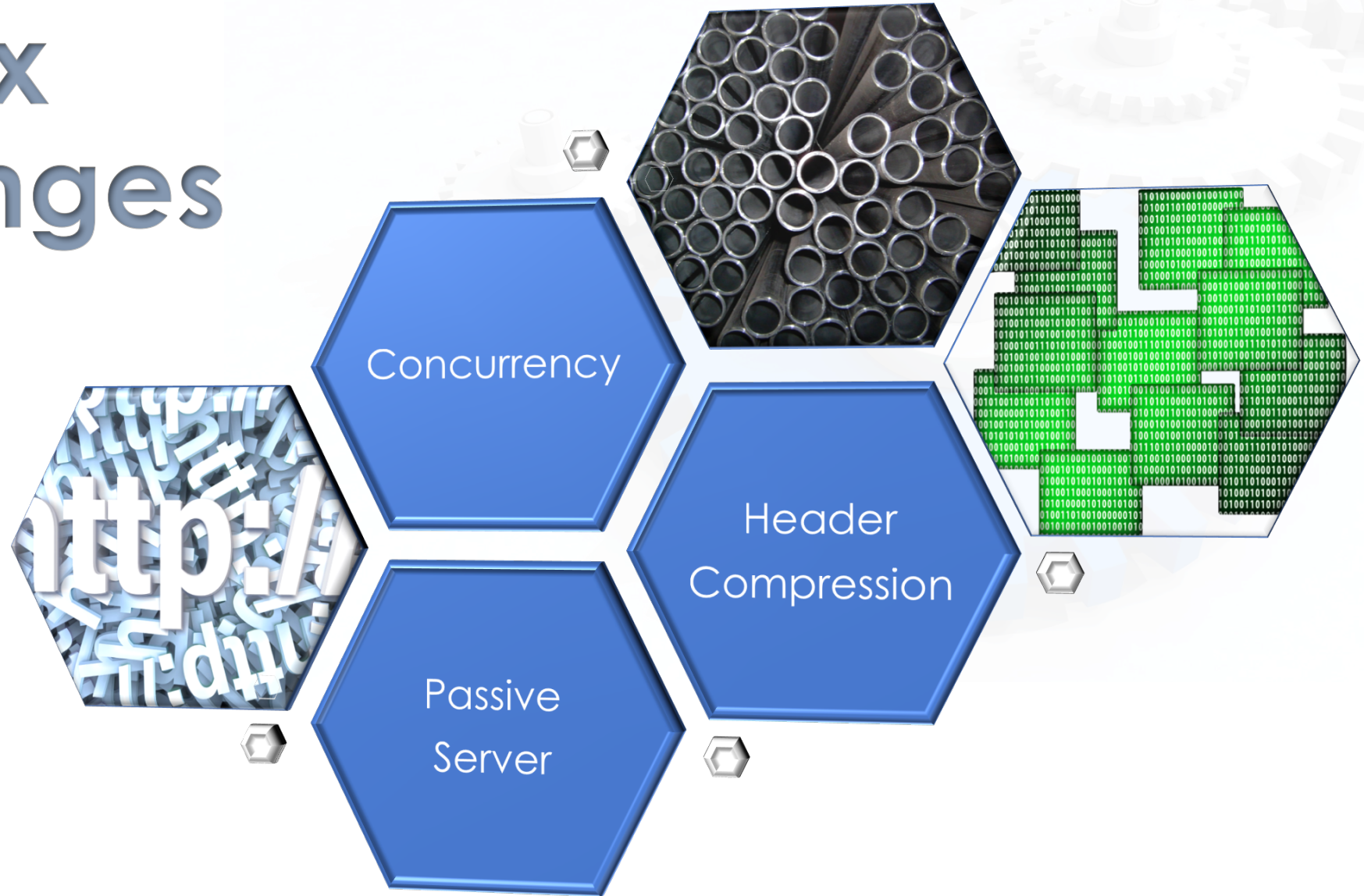
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9,he;q=0.8

HTTP/2 Overview

- Based on the SPDY Protocol (develop by **Google**)
- Published during 2015:
 - RFC 7540 Hypertext Transfer Protocol Version 2 (HTTP/2)
 - RFC 7541 HPACK: Header Compression for HTTP/2
- Binary Protocol
- Addresses (performance) challenges in HTTP/1.x

HTTP/1.x Challenges

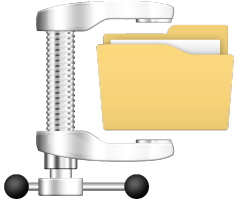


Enter HTTP/2...



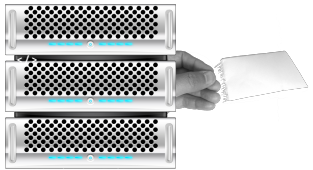
✓ Concurrency

Allows interleaving of request and response messages on the same TCP connection



✓ Compression

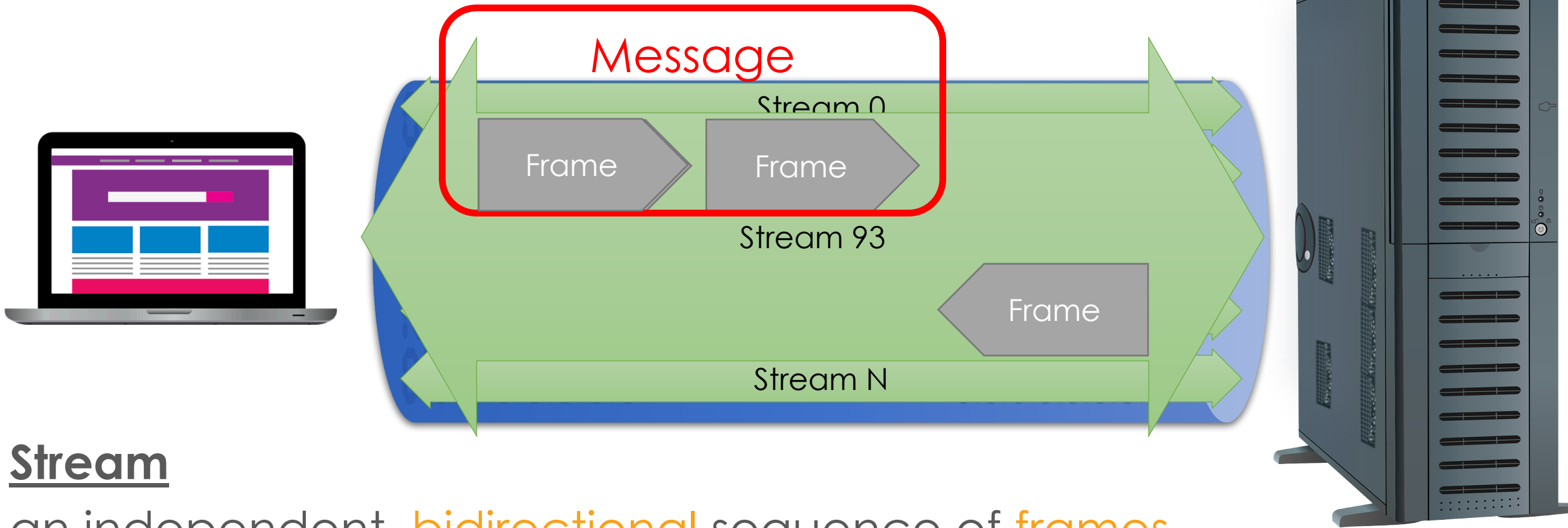
Uses an efficient coding for HTTP header fields, as well as header compression (HPACK)



✓ Server push

Adds a new interaction mode whereby a server can push responses to a client, if it thinks the client will need them

HTTP/2 Connection



Stream

an independent, **bidirectional** sequence of **frames** exchanged between the client and server

HTTP/2 Key Elements

Frame

smallest unit of communication in HTTP/2

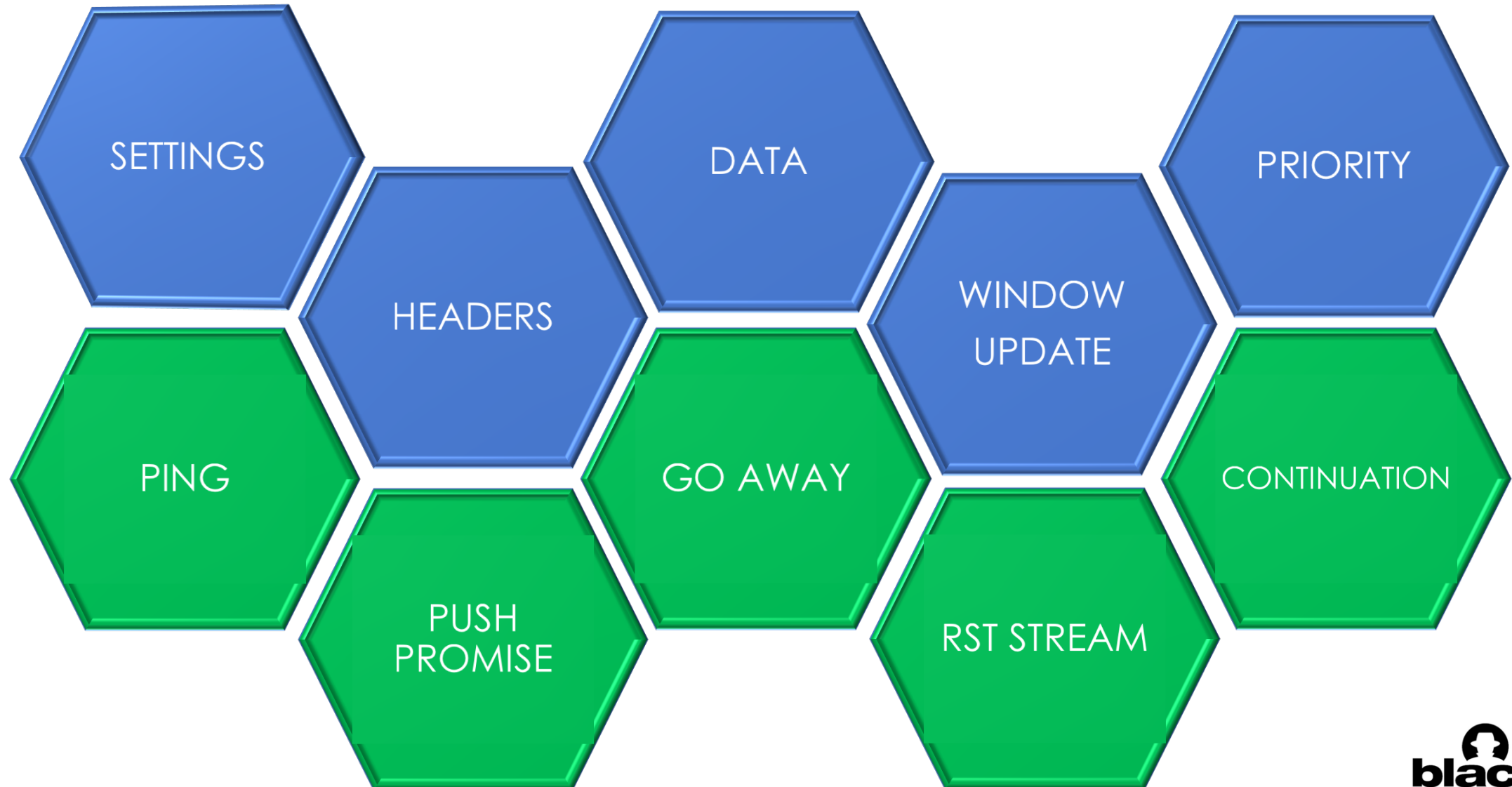
Stream

bidirectional flow of frames within an established connection - Assigned with a **Unique ID** and a **Priority**

Message

sequence of frames that map to a logical **request** or **response**

Frame Types



Frame Structure

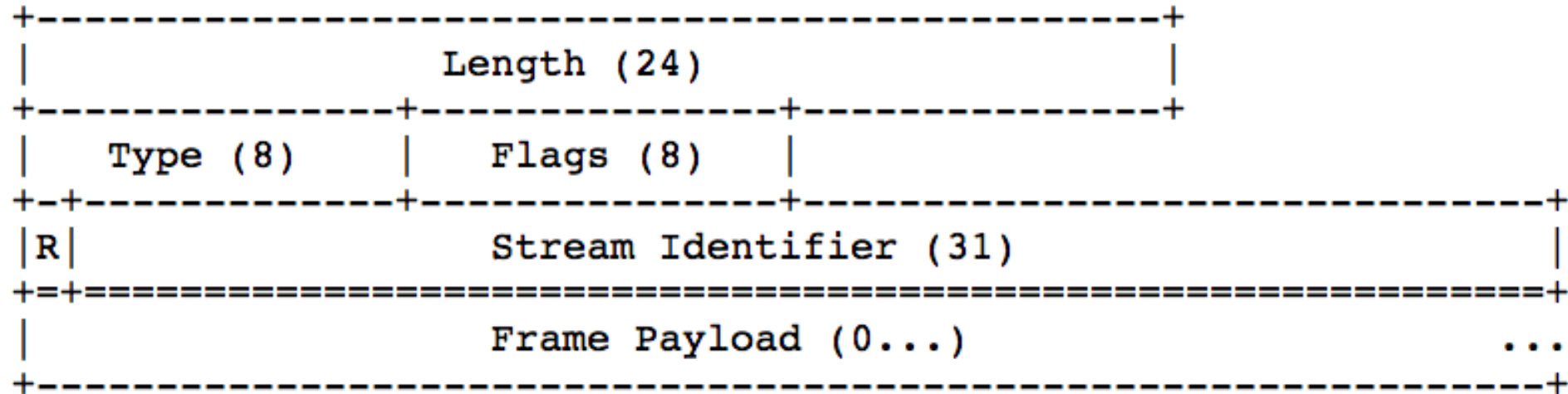
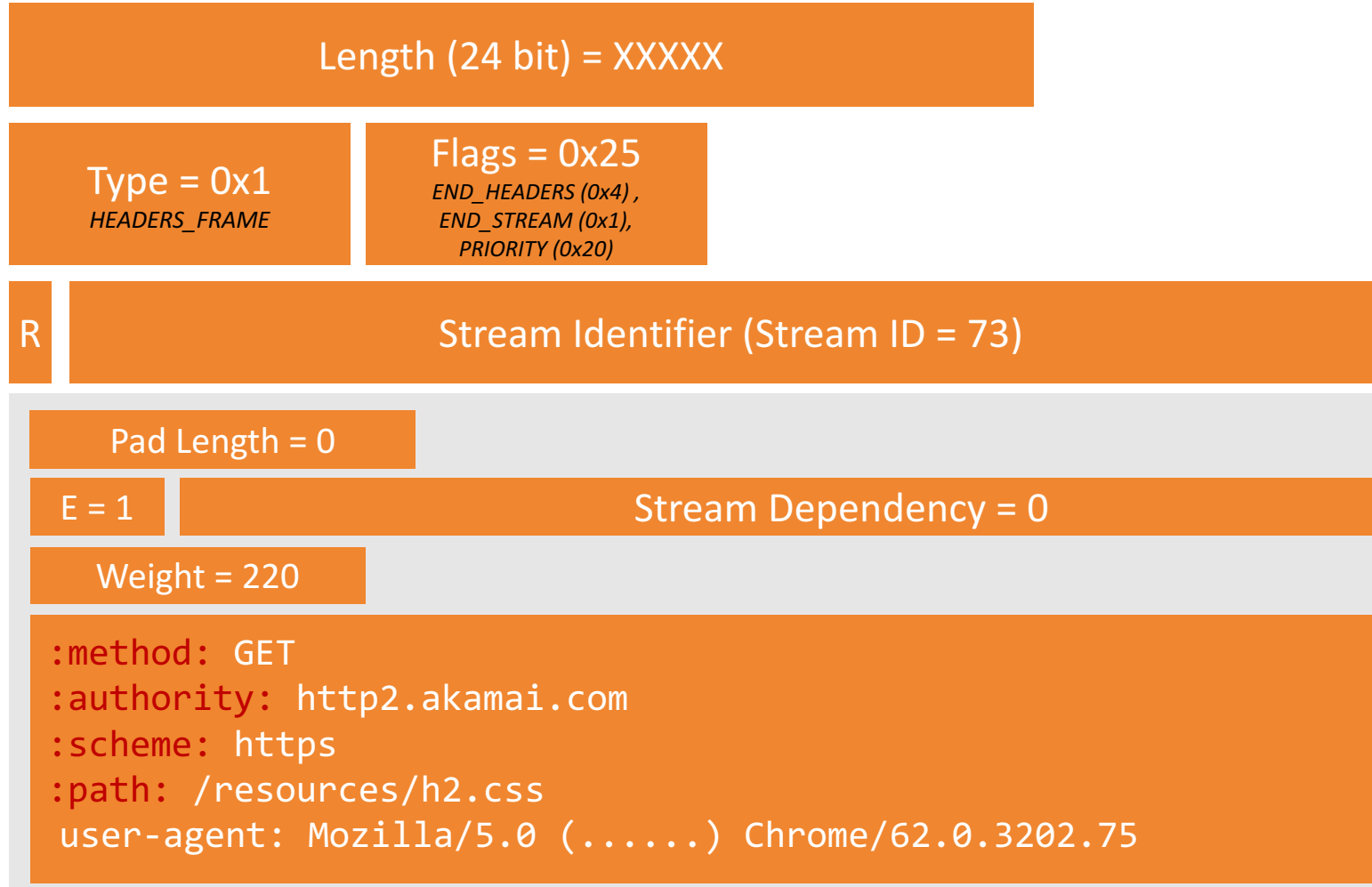
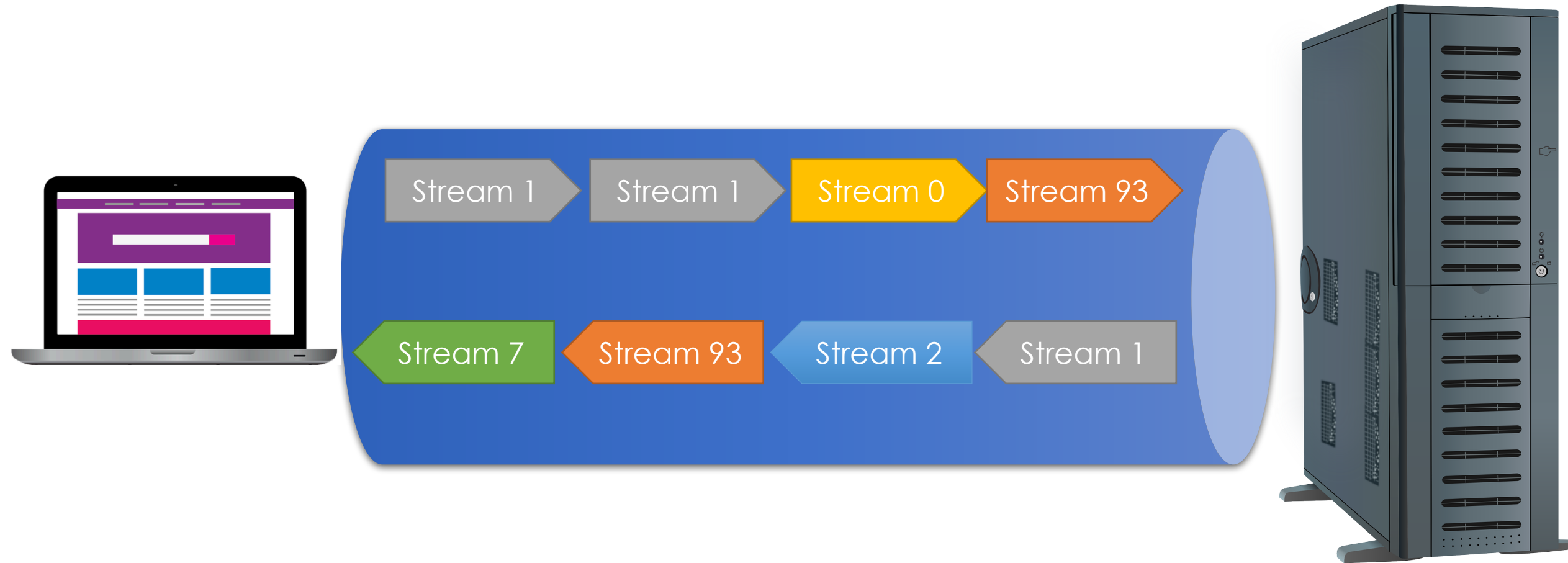


Figure 1: Frame Layout

Frame Structure - Example



Single TCP Connection





HTTP/2 is the future of the Web, and it is here!

Your browser supports HTTP/2!

This is a demo of HTTP/2's impact on your download of many small tiles making up the [Akamai Spinning Globe](#).

HTTP/1.x

Text

Clear Text OR Encrypted

Multiple TCP Connections

Pipelining of requests

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HTTP/2

Binary

Clear Text OR Encrypted

Single TCP connection

Request Multiplexing

HPACK Header Compression

Server Push Enabled

Keep in mind...

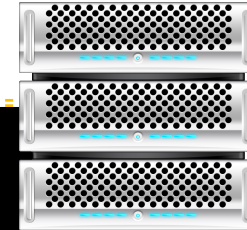
- HTTP/2 is binary (you can't use netcat to draft traffic)
- HTTP/2 implementations use TLS
- Most intercepting proxies (e.g. Burp) don't support H2

```
00000238 17 03 03 07 f5 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 d7 10 1d .....  
00000248 bc 1c e3 c9 3a b1 b0 53 32 f4 31 e6 34 4b 57 e9 .....S 2.1.4KW.  
00000258 68 b2 0a 93 fe 3d 7a b5 94 fe a0 df 5d d4 d5 22 h....=z. ....]."  
00000268 a2 e6 d2 81 66 bc 68 64 85 75 fa 4b aa c3 a1 fc ....f.hd .u.K....  
00000278 02 d9 94 21 df 5d e9 74 09 d2 bd 85 f2 94 65 01 ...!.].t .....e.  
00000288 5b 65 20 8e 46 1a 8c 65 8a 6a eb 01 26 26 f5 a2 [e .F..e .j..&&..  
00000298 6f 5e bb 5f a5 25 96 b4 f1 85 f5 63 bc 95 64 08 o^._.%.. ...c..d.  
000002A8 9b 21 06 60 97 66 14 fd ca 2c 31 4f 90 a1 16 e8 .!.`.f.. .,10....  
000002B8 f7 05 5c 05 2a a7 99 7b 9d 33 5e 2f df 32 c9 17 ..\.*...{ .3^/.2..  
000002C8 fc 40 40 83 94 03 fa f2 e2 77 0e df fc e9 b9 5a .@..... .w.....Z  
000002D8 8f bd c6 6a 9a 93 06 cc 1d 4a 01 bf 50 10 a6 a3 ...j..... .J..P...  
000002E8 34 b3 08 fe 4a c7 91 ae 6b 08 39 ff b5 09 de 52 4...J... k.9....R  
000002F8 e9 03 3e 05 4d 37 04 bd ec 08 13 d1 70 2c 0a 1e ..>.M7.. ....p,..  
00000308 f9 c1 a9 34 23 62 c9 a6 02 ea 83 16 bb 18 6d a7 ...4#b.. ....m..  
00000318 93 d0 f3 66 58 cd 2a 88 b6 bc 30 38 b6 32 21 3b ...fX.*. ..08.2!;  
00000328 bf 40 da 1e 7b 00 30 60 90 a4 81 53 6e 4a 02 22 .@...{.0` ...SnJ."  
00000338 a8 c3 4a f9 a1 03 c5 79 81 e2 63 d2 1b e5 23 7a ..J....y ..c...#z  
00000348 5c bb 69 b6 a3 6b 4a a4 7c 38 7e f2 2f 0a 94 f1 \.i..kJ. |8~/...
```



Server Side

Server side

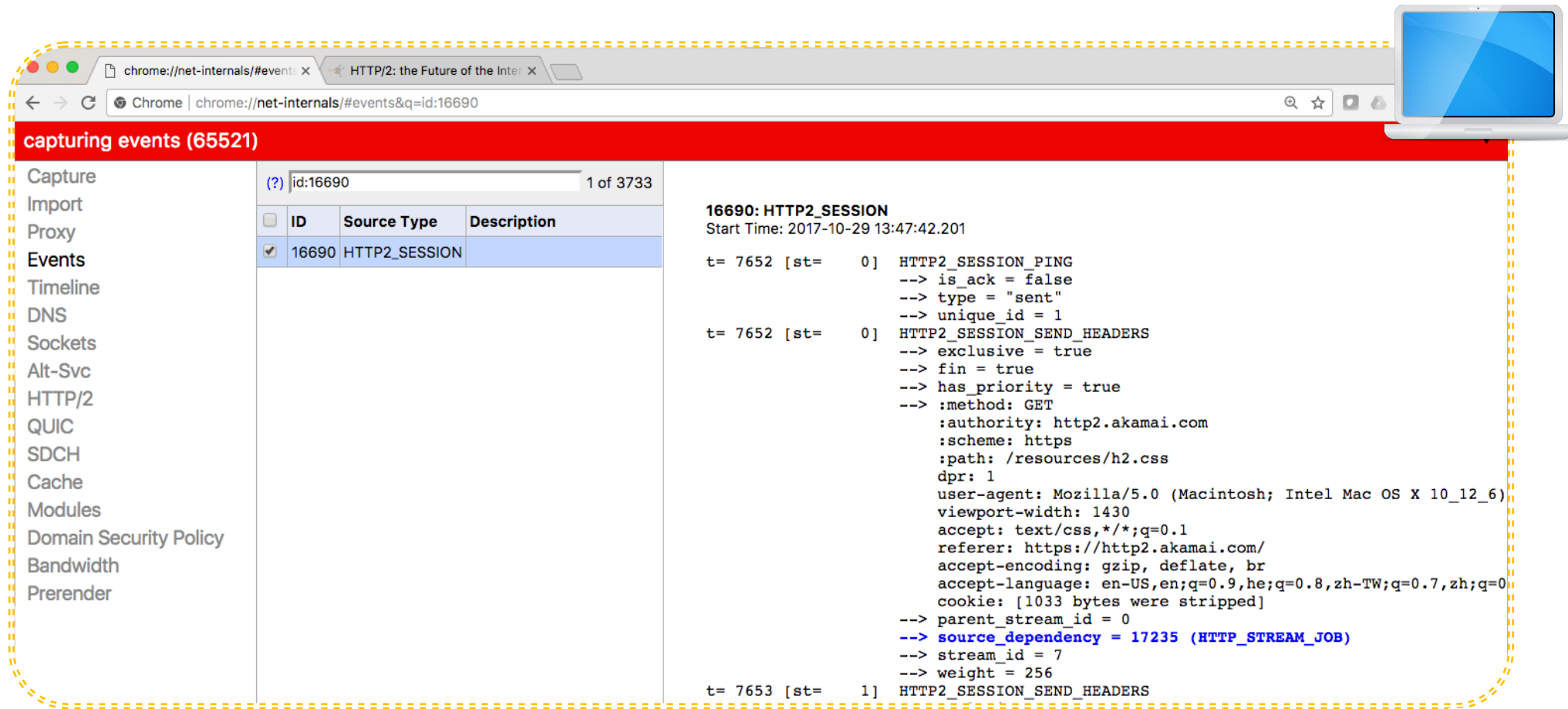


```
v4: listen 0.0.0.0:4433
IPv6: listen :::4433
[ALPN] client offers:
* h2
* http/1.1
[ALPN] client offers:
* h2
* http/1.1
SSL/TLS handshake completed
The negotiated protocol: h2
[id=1] [ 42.888] send SETTINGS frame <length=6, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(niv=1)
[SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS(0x03):100]
SSL/TLS handshake completed
The negotiated protocol: h2
[id=2] [ 43.877] send SETTINGS frame <length=6, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(niv=1)
[SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS(0x03):100]
[id=1] [ 44.130] recv SETTINGS frame <length=18, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(niv=3)
[SETTINGS_HEADER_TABLE_SIZE(0x01):65536]
[SETTINGS_INITIAL_WINDOW_SIZE(0x04):131072]
[SETTINGS_MAX_FRAME_SIZE(0x05):16384]
[id=1] [ 44.131] recv WINDOW_UPDATE frame <length=4, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(window_size_increment=12517377)
[id=1] [ 44.131] recv PRIORITY frame <length=5, flags=0x00, stream_id=3>
```

Web server debug logs

Client Side

Client side



The screenshot shows the Chrome://net-internals/#events page. The left sidebar lists various network-related sections: Capture, Import, Proxy, Events, Timeline, DNS, Sockets, Alt-Svc, HTTP/2, QUIC, SDCH, Cache, Modules, Domain Security Policy, Bandwidth, and Prerender. The 'Events' section is selected, and a table displays a list of events. The first event, ID 16690, is an HTTP2_SESSION. The main pane shows the details for this event, including the start time (2017-10-29 13:47:42.201) and a log of session activities. The log shows two events at time 7652: an HTTP2_SESSION_PING and an HTTP2_SESSION_SEND_HEADERS. The headers event includes details like method (GET), authority (http2.akamai.com), scheme (https), path (/resources/h2.css), and various headers (user-agent, viewport-width, accept, referer, accept-encoding, accept-language, cookie). The session ends at time 7653 with an HTTP2_SESSION_SEND_HEADERS event.

ID	Source Type	Description
16690	HTTP2_SESSION	

16690: HTTP2_SESSION
Start Time: 2017-10-29 13:47:42.201

```
t= 7652 [st= 0] HTTP2_SESSION_PING
--> is_ack = false
--> type = "sent"
--> unique_id = 1

t= 7652 [st= 0] HTTP2_SESSION_SEND_HEADERS
--> exclusive = true
--> fin = true
--> has_priority = true
--> :method: GET
--> :authority: http2.akamai.com
--> :scheme: https
--> :path: /resources/h2.css
--> dpr: 1
--> user-agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_12_6)
--> viewport-width: 1430
--> accept: text/css,*/*;q=0.1
--> referer: https://http2.akamai.com/
--> accept-encoding: gzip, deflate, br
--> accept-language: en-US,en;q=0.9,he;q=0.8,zh-TW;q=0.7,zh;q=0.6
--> cookie: [1033 bytes were stripped]
--> parent_stream_id = 0
--> source_dependency = 17235 (HTTP_STREAM_JOB)
--> stream_id = 7
--> weight = 256

t= 7653 [st= 1] HTTP2_SESSION_SEND_HEADERS
```

Chrome://net-internals

Let's get familiarized with the logs....

```
[ 43.877] send SETTINGS frame <length=6, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(niv=1)
[SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS(0x03):100]
[ 44.130] recv SETTINGS frame <length=18, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(niv=3)
[SETTINGS_HEADER_TABLE_SIZE(0x01):65536]
[SETTINGS_INITIAL_WINDOW_SIZE(0x04):131072]
[SETTINGS_MAX_FRAME_SIZE(0x05):16384]
```

Stream 0

Source	Frame Type	Values
Server	SETTINGS	[SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS(0x03):100]


```
[ 43.877] send SETTINGS frame <length=6, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(niv=1)
[SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS(0x03):100]
[ 44.130] recv SETTINGS frame <length=18, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(niv=3)
[SETTINGS_HEADER_TABLE_SIZE(0x01):65536]
[SETTINGS_INITIAL_WINDOW_SIZE(0x04):131072]
[SETTINGS_MAX_FRAME_SIZE(0x05):16384]
```

Stream 0

Source	Frame Type	Values
Server	SETTINGS	[SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS(0x03):100]
Client	SETTINGS	[SETTINGS_HEADER_TABLE_SIZE(0x01):65536] [SETTINGS_INITIAL_WINDOW_SIZE(0x04):131072] [SETTINGS_MAX_FRAME_SIZE(0x05):16384]

```
[id=1] [ 44.134] recv HEADERS frame <length=211, flags=0x25, stream_id=15>
; END_STREAM | END_HEADERS | PRIORITY
(padlen=0, dep_stream_id=13, weight=42, exclusive=0)
; Open new stream
[id=1] [ 44.135] recv WINDOW_UPDATE frame <length=4, flags=0x00, stream_id=15>
(window_size_increment=12451840)
[id=1] [ 44.136] send HEADERS frame <length=45, flags=0x05, stream_id=15>
```

Stream 15

Source	Frame Type	Values
Client	HEADERS	<Flags, Headers>

```
[id=1] [ 44.134] recv HEADERS frame <length=211, flags=0x25, stream_id=15>
      ; END_STREAM | END_HEADERS | PRIORITY
      (padlen=0, dep_stream_id=13, weight=42, exclusive=0)
      ; Open new stream
[id=1] [ 44.135] recv WINDOW_UPDATE frame <length=4, flags=0x00, stream_id=15>
      (window_size_increment=12451840)
[id=1] [ 44.136] send HEADERS frame <length=45, flags=0x05, stream_id=15>
```

Stream 15

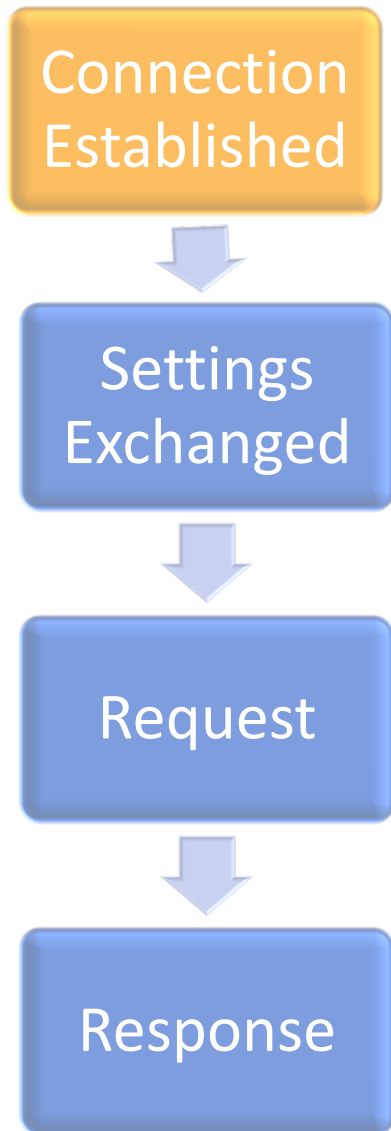
Source	Frame Type	Values
Client	HEADERS	<Flags, Headers>
Client	WINDOW_UPDATE	(window_size_increment=12451840)

```
[id=1] [ 44.134] recv HEADERS frame <length=211, flags=0x25, stream_id=15>
; END_STREAM | END_HEADERS | PRIORITY
(padlen=0, dep_stream_id=13, weight=42, exclusive=0)
; Open new stream
[id=1] [ 44.135] recv WINDOW_UPDATE frame <length=4, flags=0x00, stream_id=15>
(window_size_increment=12451840)
[id=1] [ 44.136] send HEADERS frame <length=45, flags=0x05, stream_id=15>
```

Stream 15

Source	Frame Type	Values
Client	HEADERS	<Flags, Headers>
Client	WINDOW_UPDATE	(window_size_increment=12451840)
Server	HEADERS	<Flags, Headers>

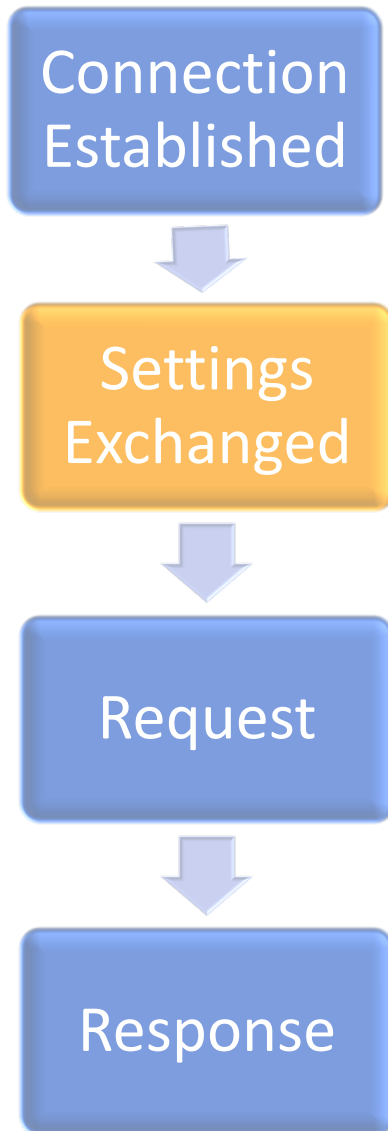
HTTP/2 Conversation



```
[ALPN] client offers:  
* h2  
* http/1.1  
[ALPN] client offers:  
* h2  
* http/1.1  
SSL/TLS handshake completed  
The negotiated protocol: h2
```

- ❑ HTTP/2 is negotiated via the TLS ALPN extension (Application Level Protocol Negotiation)

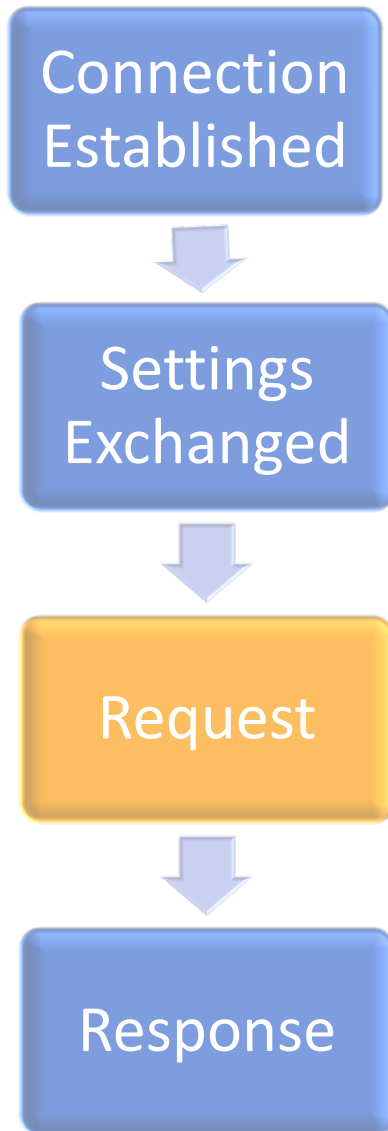
HTTP/2 Conversation



```
[id=26] [35556.047] send SETTINGS frame <length=6, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(niv=1)
[SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS(0x03):100]
SSL/TLS handshake completed
The negotiated protocol: h2
[id=27] [35556.053] send SETTINGS frame <length=6, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(niv=1)
[SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS(0x03):100]
[id=26] [35556.053] recv SETTINGS frame <length=18, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(niv=3)
[SETTINGS_HEADER_TABLE_SIZE(0x01):65536]
[SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS(0x03):1000]
[SETTINGS_INITIAL_WINDOW_SIZE(0x04):6291456]
[id=26] [35556.054] recv WINDOW_UPDATE frame <length=4, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(window_size_increment=15663105)
[id=26] [35556.054] send SETTINGS frame <length=0, flags=0x01, stream_id=0>
; ACK
(niv=0)
```

❑ SETTINGS – Always Stream ID = 0

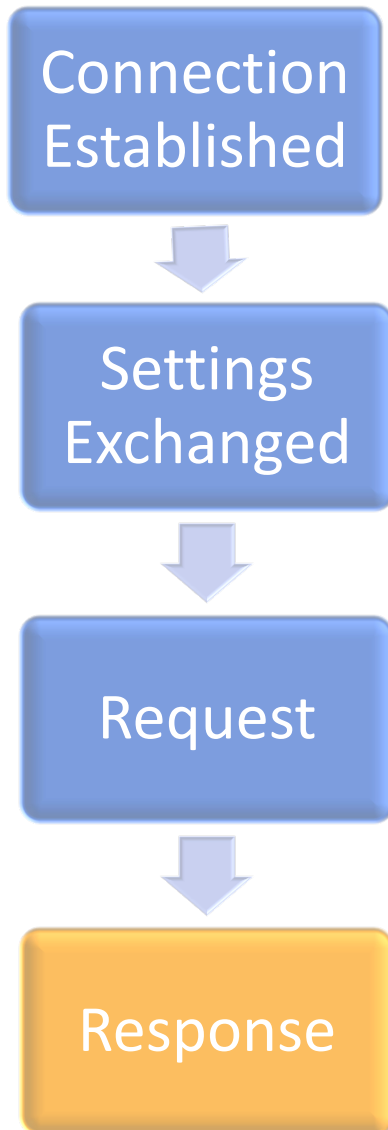
HTTP/2 Conversation



```
[35556.057] recv (stream_id=1) :method: GET
[35556.057] recv (stream_id=1) :authority: www.fi
[35556.058] recv (stream_id=1) :scheme: https
[35556.058] recv (stream_id=1) :path: /robots.txt
[35556.058] recv (stream_id=1) user-agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_11_6)
[35556.058] recv (stream_id=1) accept: */*
[35556.058] recv (stream_id=1) accept-encoding: gzip, deflate, br
[35556.058] recv (stream_id=1) accept-language: en-US,en;q=0.8,he;q=0.6
[35556.059] recv HEADERS frame <length=170, flags=0x25, stream_id=1>
; END_STREAM | END_HEADERS | PRIORITY
(padlen=0, dep_stream_id=0, weight=220, exclusive=1)
; Open new stream
```

- ❑ Client Send a HEADERS frame
- ❑ Stream ID = 1

HTTP/2 Conversation



```
[35556.060] send HEADERS frame <length=65, flags=0x04, stream_id=1>  
; END_HEADERS  
(padlen=0)  
; First response header  
:status: 404  
server: nghttpd nghttp2/1.7.1  
date: Tue, 19 Sep 2017 09:20:59 GMT  
content-type: text/html; charset=UTF-8  
[35556.060] send DATA frame <length=146, flags=0x01, stream_id=1>  
; END_STREAM
```

- ❑ Server Responds with a Message
- ❑ Message = HEADERS and DATA frames
- ❑ Stream ID = 1



Passive Client Fingerprinting



What

Passive collection
of attributes that
might expose
consistent unique
behavior



Where

Transport layer
Session layer
Application layer



Who

Fingerprinting
software clients
NOT end users



Why

Deduce about up-time,
OS (type and version),
Running Software, etc...

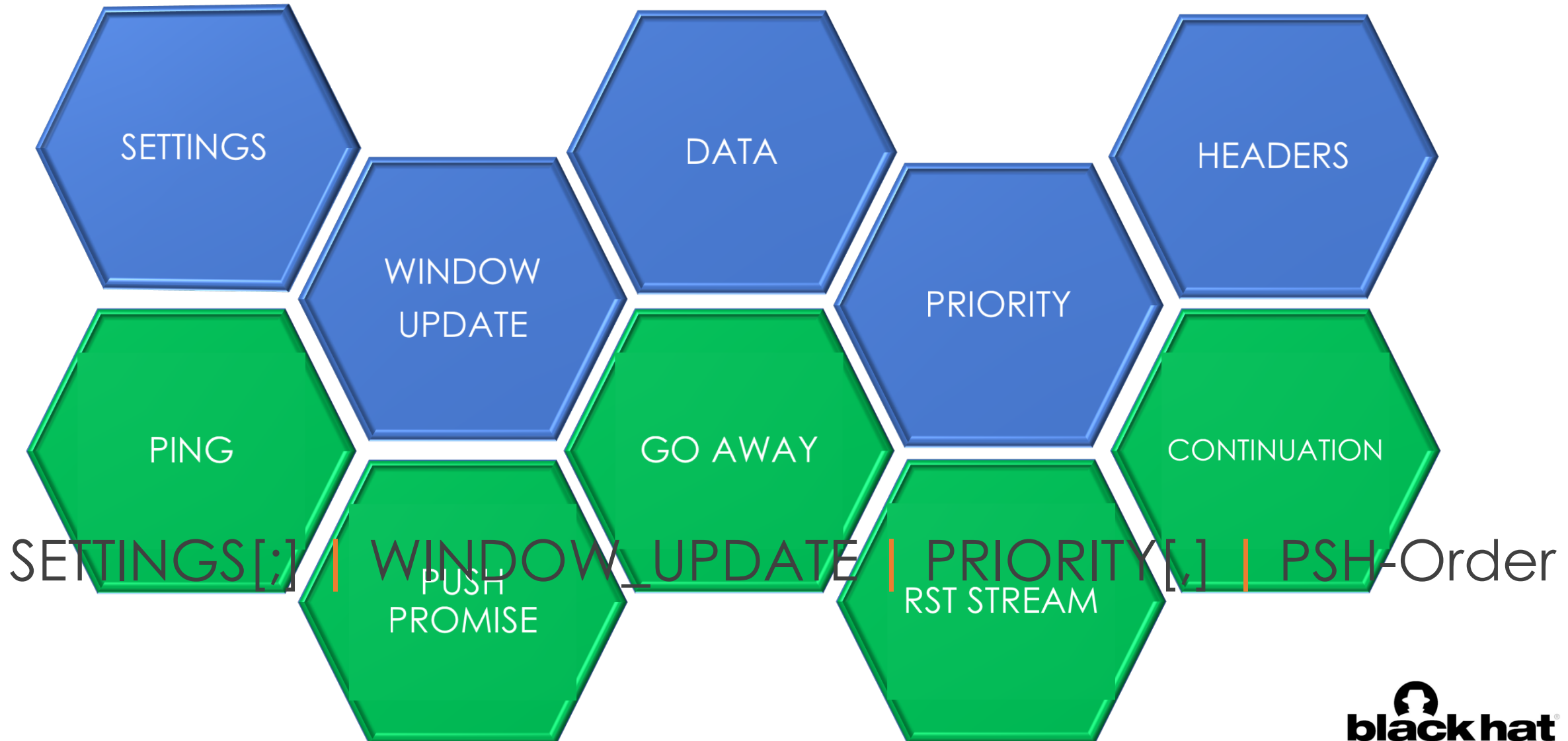
Passive Client Fingerprinting



- ❑ Observe client's behaviors while establishing a connection
- ❑ Attributes sent by the client that might expose **consistent unique** behavior:
 - ✓ Initial connection settings
 - ✓ Initial flow control settings
 - ✓ Prioritization
 - ✓ (Pseudo) Header Order

HTTP/2 Passive Client Fingerprinting

Proposed Fingerprint Elements



Proposed Fingerprint



SETTINGS[;] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,] | PSH-Order

- ❑ SETTINGS frame Conveys configuration parameters
- ❑ SETTINGS **MUST** be sent by **BOTH** endpoints at the start of a connection
- ❑ Parameter **default values** vary between **implementations**
- ❑ Stream identifier for a SETTINGS frame **MUST** be **zero**

SETTINGS PARAMETERS

Parameter Name	Scope
SETTINGS_HEADER_TABLE_SIZE (0x1) (0x1)	Allows the sender to inform the remote endpoint of the maximum size of the header compression table used to decode header blocks, in octets.
SETTINGS_ENABLE_PUSH (0x2) (0x2)	This setting can be used to disable server push (Section 8.2).
SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS (0x3)	Indicates the maximum number of concurrent streams that the sender will allow.
SETTINGS_INITIAL_WINDOW_SIZE (0x4)	Indicates the sender's initial window size (in octets) for stream-level flow control. The initial value is $2^{16}-1$ (65,535) octets.
SETTINGS_MAX_FRAME_SIZE (0x5)	Indicates the size of the largest frame payload that the sender is willing to receive, in octets.
SETTINGS_MAX_HEADER_LIST_SIZE (0x6)	This advisory setting informs a peer of the maximum size of header list that the sender is prepared to accept, in octets.

Firefox/55.0 - Mac OS X 10.11.6

```
[ 44.130] recv SETTINGS frame <length=18, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>  
(niv=3)
```

```
[SETTINGS_HEADER_TABLE_SIZE(0x01):65536]
```

```
[SETTINGS_INITIAL_WINDOW_SIZE(0x04):131072]
```

```
[SETTINGS_MAX_FRAME_SIZE(0x05):16384]
```


Safari 10.1.2 - Mac OS X 10.11.6

```
[23003.408] recv SETTINGS frame <length=12, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
```

```
(niv=2)
```

```
[SETTINGS_ENABLE_PUSH(0x02):0]
```

```
[SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS(0x03):100]
```


EDGE 15.15063 – Windows 10

```
[28297.704] recv SETTINGS frame <length=12, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>  
(niv=2)  
[SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS(0x03):1024]  
[SETTINGS_INITIAL_WINDOW_SIZE(0x04):10485760]
```

Chrome 60 – Android 8.0.0 Pixel XL

```
[30336.100] recv SETTINGS frame <length=18, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>  
(niv=3)  
[SETTINGS_HEADER_TABLE_SIZE(0x01):65536]  
[SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS(0x03):1000]  
[SETTINGS_INITIAL_WINDOW_SIZE(0x04):6291456]
```

User-Agent	MAX CONCURRENT STREAMS	HEADER TABLE SIZE	MAX HEADER LIST SIZE	MAX FRAME SIZE	INITIAL WINDOW SIZE	ENABLE PUSH
Mozilla/5.0 (Android 6.0; Mobile; rv:52.0) Gecko/52.0 Firefox/52.0	[]	['4096']	[]	['16384']	['32768']	[]
Mozilla/5.0 (Android 6.0.1; Tablet; rv:47.0) Gecko/47.0 Firefox/47.0	[]	[]	[]	['16384']	['32768']	[]
Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 10.0; WOW64; Trident/7.0; .NET4.0C; .NET4.0E; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.30729; .NET CLR 3.5.30729; McAfee)	['1024']	[]	[]	[]	['10485760']	[]
Mozilla/5.0 (Linux; Android 7.1; Pixel XL...	['100']	['4096']	['131072']	['16384']	['163840']	['0']



forging a fingerprint....

Proposed Fingerprint



SETTINGS[:] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,] | PSH-Order

EDGE 15.15063 – Windows 10

```
[28297.704] recv SETTINGS frame <length=12, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(niv=2)
[SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS(0x03) 1024]
[SETTINGS_INITIAL_WINDOW_SIZE(0x04):10485760]
```

[3:1024 ;]

Proposed Fingerprint



SETTINGS[;] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,] | PSH-Order

EDGE 15.15063 – Windows 10

```
[28297.704] recv SETTINGS frame <length=12, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(niv=2)
[SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS(0x03):1024]
[SETTINGS_INITIAL_WINDOW_SIZE(0x04):10485760]
```

[3:1024 ; 4:10485760]

Proposed Fingerprint



SETTINGS[:] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,] | PSH-Order

Firefox/55.0 - Mac OS X 10.11.6

```
[ 44.130] recv SETTINGS frame <length=18, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>  
(niv=3)
```

```
[SETTINGS_HEADER_TABLE_SIZE(0x01):65536]  
[SETTINGS_INITIAL_WINDOW_SIZE(0x04):131072]  
[SETTINGS_MAX_FRAME_SIZE(0x05):16384]
```

```
[1:65536 ; 4:131072 ; 5:16384 ]
```

Proposed Fingerprint



SETTINGS[;] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,] | PSH-Order

```
[35556.054] recv WINDOW_UPDATE frame <length=4, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>  
(window_size_increment=15663105)
```

- ❑ Flow control element
- ❑ Window size can be set for entire connection or per stream
 - ❑ Connection – Initial size can be set in SETTINGS
 - ❑ RFC set default window sizes if not specified

Proposed Fingerprint



SETTINGS[;] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,]

Chrome 60 – Android 8.0.0 Pixel XL

```
[35556.053] recv SETTINGS frame <length=18, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(niv-3)
[SETTINGS_HEADER_TABLE_SIZE(0x01):65536]
[SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS(0x03):1000]
[SETTINGS_INITIAL_WINDOW_SIZE(0x04):6291456]
[35556.054] recv WINDOW_UPDATE frame <length=4, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(window_size_increment=15663105)
```

[1:65536 ; 4:131072 ; 5:16384 | 15663105]

Proposed Fingerprint



SETTINGS[;] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,]

Chrome 60 – Android 8.0.0 Pixel XL

```
[35556.053] recv SETTINGS frame <length=18, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(niv=3)
[SETTINGS_HEADER_TABLE_SIZE(0x01):65536]
[SETTINGS_MAX_CONCURRENT_STREAMS(0x03):1000]
[SETTINGS_INITIAL_WINDOW_SIZE(0x04):6291456]
[35556.054] recv WINDOW_UPDATE frame <length=4, flags=0x00, stream_id=0>
(window_size_increment=15663105)
```

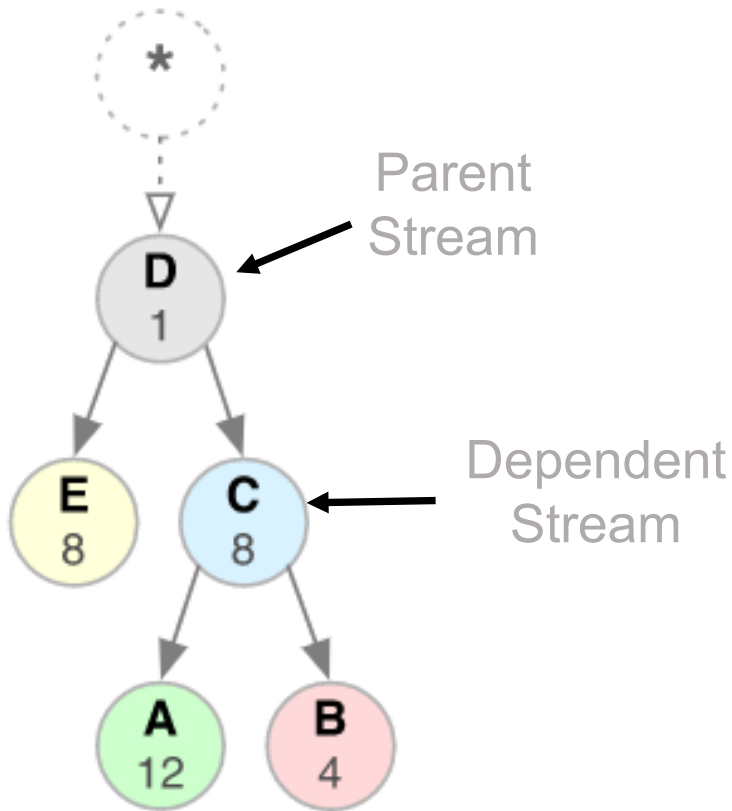
[1:65536 ; 4:131072 ; 5:16384 | 15663105]

* If frame is not sent – use 0 instead

Proposed Fingerprint



SETTINGS[;] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,] | PSH-Order



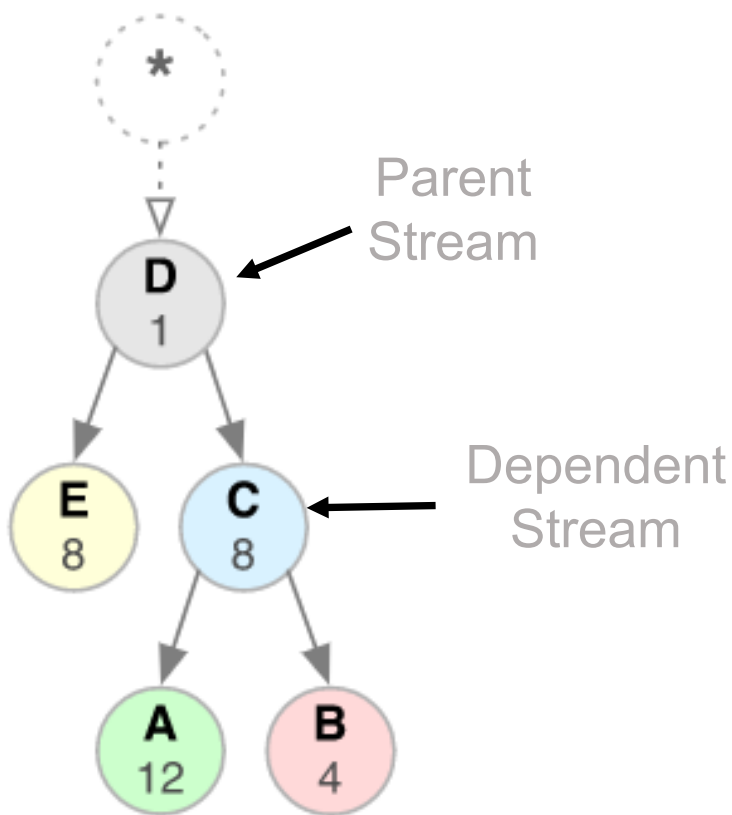
- ❑ Set stream **dependencies** and **priorities**
- ❑ Priority is set by assigning **weights** to streams
- ❑ Weights express preference of resources allocation
- ❑ No guarantees

“only a suggestion”

Proposed Fingerprint



SETTINGS[;] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,] | PSH-Order



- ❑ Used by some at the beginning of each connection
- ❑ Each frame has **three fields**:
 - ❑ Weight
 - ❑ Stream Dependency
 - ❑ Exclusivity Bit

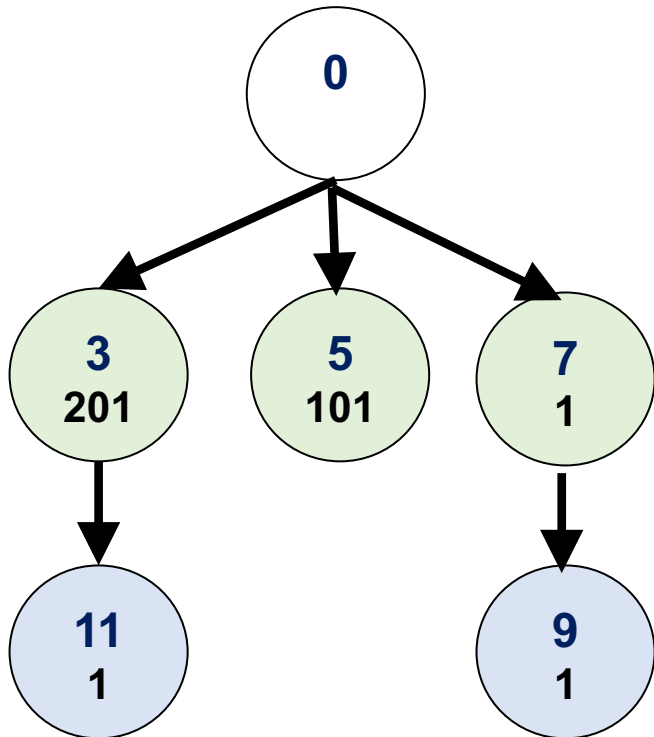
Proposed Fingerprint



SETTINGS[;] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,] | PSH-Order



Firefox/54.0



```
[39000.283] recv PRIORITY frame <length=5, flags=0x00, stream_id=3>
(dep_stream_id=0, weight=201, exclusive=0)
[39000.283] recv PRIORITY frame <length=5, flags=0x00, stream_id=5>
(dep_stream_id=0, weight=101, exclusive=0)
[39000.283] recv PRIORITY frame <length=5, flags=0x00, stream_id=7>
(dep_stream_id=0, weight=1, exclusive=0)
[39000.283] recv PRIORITY frame <length=5, flags=0x00, stream_id=9>
(dep_stream_id=7, weight=1, exclusive=0)
[39000.284] recv PRIORITY frame <length=5, flags=0x00, stream_id=11>
(dep_stream_id=3, weight=1, exclusive=0)
[39000.284] recv PRIORITY frame <length=5, flags=0x00, stream_id=13>
(dep_stream_id=0, weight=241, exclusive=0)
```

❑ Collect dependency, weight, exclusivity

Proposed Fingerprint



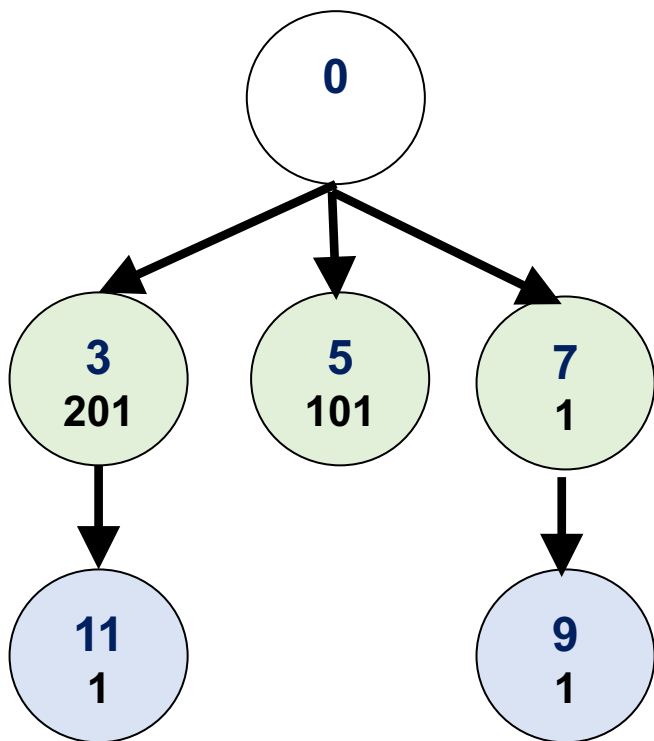
SETTINGS[;] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,] | PSH-Order



Firefox/54.0

□ Http2Session.cpp

```
// The Hello is comprised of
// 1] 24 octets of magic, which are designed to
// flush out silent but broken intermediaries
// 2] a settings frame which sets a small flow control window for pushes
// 3] a window update frame which creates a large session flow control window
// 4] 5 priority frames for streams which will never be opened with headers
//     these streams (3, 5, 7, 9, b) build a dependency tree that all other
//     streams will be direct leaves of.
```



Proposed Fingerprint



SETTINGS[;] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,] | PSH-Order

User-Agent	SETTINGS	WINDOW_UPDATE	PRIORITY
Chrome 58.0 Mac OS X	1:65536 ; 3:1000 ; 4:6291456	15663105	0
okhttp/3.6.0	4:16777216	16711681	0
curl/7.54.0	3:100 ; 4:1073741824	1073676289	0
nghttp2/1.22.0	3:100 ; 4:65535	00	3:0:0:20,5:0:0:101, 7:0:0:1,9:0:7:1,11:0:3:1



ALMOST THERE...

STAY ON TARGET.

memegenerator.net



Nice.
But still...

not enough
entropy

Proposed Fingerprint



SETTINGS[;] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,] | PSH-Order

Pseudo Headers

Request Pseudo Headers

- ❑ :method
- ❑ :scheme
- ❑ :authority
- ❑ :path

Response Pseudo Headers

- ❑ :status

Proposed Fingerprint



SETTINGS[;] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,] | PSH-Order

❑ HTTP/1.1 Request

GET / HTTP/1.1

Host: www.example.com

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0

Accept: text/html

❑ HTTP/2 Request

:method: GET

:path: /

:authority: www.example.com

:scheme: https

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0

Accept: text/html

Proposed Fingerprint



SETTINGS[;] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,] | PSH-Order

Client / Implementation	Pseudo Headers Name Order
Google Chrome (58.0.3029.110 on Mac OS X)	<code>:method, :authority, :scheme, :path</code>
Firefox v53.0 (Mac OS X)	<code>:method, :path, :authority, :scheme</code>
Safari v10.1 (Mac OS X)	<code>:method, :scheme, :path, :authority</code>
Curl v7.54.0 (Mac OS X)	<code>:method, :path, :scheme, :authority</code>
Go-http-client v2.0	<code>:authority, :method, :path, :scheme</code>
Jetty HTTP2 Client v9.3.4.v20151007	<code>:scheme, :method, :authority, :path</code>

Proposed Fingerprint



SETTINGS[;] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,] | PSH-Order

Example from Chrome's source code:

```
void CreateSpdyHeadersFromHttpRequest(const HttpRequestInfo& info,
                                     const HttpRequestHeaders& request_headers,
                                     bool direct,
                                     SpdyHeaderBlock* headers) {
    (*headers)[":method"] = info.method;
    if (info.method == "CONNECT") {
        (*headers)[":authority"] = GetHostAndPort(info.url);
    } else {
        (*headers)[":authority"] = GetHostAndOptionalPort(info.url);
        (*headers)[":scheme"] = info.url.scheme();
        (*headers)[":path"] = info.url.PathForRequest();
    }
}
```

Proposed Fingerprint

SETTINGS[;] | WINDOW_UPDATE | PRIORITY[,] | PSH-Order

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.11; rv:53.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/53.0

HTTP/2 fingerprint:

1:65536;4:131072;5:16384|12517377|3:0:0:201,5:0:0:101,7:0:0:1,9:0:7:1,11:0:3:1|m,p,a,s

SETTINGS

**Window
Update**

PRIORITY

**Pseudo
Header
Order**

USE CASES

Use Cases

- Positive Security
- Detect Browser Impersonators
- Tool Detection
- Anonymous Proxy / VPN Detection

* Fingerprinting should also combine other layers



HTTP/2 THREAT LANDSCAPE

Most **security tools** lack H2 support:

- ✗ Burp Suite
- ✗ Zed Attack Proxy
- ✗ Fiddler
- ✗ SQLmap
- ✗ Acunetix
- ✗ AppScan
- ✗ NetSparker
- ✗ SentryMBA
- ✗ THC-Hydra

Why ?

- Not enough incentive for Attackers
 - Web servers support both HTTP/1.X and HTTP/2
 - HTTP/2 libraries are not common
 - Cost exceeds the Gain
- Server Implementation Weaknesses found in 2016
 - Handling of Compression, Stream management

Key Takeaways

- Basic understanding of how HTTP/2 works
- Key differences between HTTP 1.x and 2.0
- Passive Fingerprinting
- Proposed fingerprint mechanism and Use Cases
- (Lack of) Threat Landscape

Questions



THANK YOU

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