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# SSL, GONE IN 30 SECONDS

A **BREACH** beyond **CRIME**

# AGENDA

## | Proceed with caution:

- ✓ Review of **CRIME**
- ✓ Introducing **BREACH**
- ✓ In the **weeds**
- ✓ **Demo** time!
- ✓ **Mitigations**

# PREVIOUSLY...

## CRIME

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## Target

Secrets in HTTP  
headers

## Requirements

TLS compression  
MITM  
A browser

# SO ABOUT **CRIME**...

## | The Compression Oracle:

- ✓ SSL doesn't hide **length**
- ✓ SSL/SPDY **compress headers**
- ✓ **CRIME** issues requests with every possible character, and measures the ciphertext **length**
- ✓ Looks for the **plaintext which compresses the most** – guesses the secret byte by byte
- ✓ Requires small **bootstrapping** sequence  
*knownKeyPrefix=secretCookieValue*

# COMPRESSION OVERVIEW

## ✓ DEFLATE / GZIP

- LZ77: **reducing redundancy**

Googling the googles -> Googling the g(-13,4)s

- Huffman coding: *replace common bytes with shorter codes*

Char ↕	Freq ↕	Code ↕
space	7	111
a	4	010
e	4	000
f	3	1101
h	2	1010
i	2	1000
m	2	0111
n	2	0010
u	5	0010
w	5	0111



# DO NOT PANIC:



# TUBES SECURE

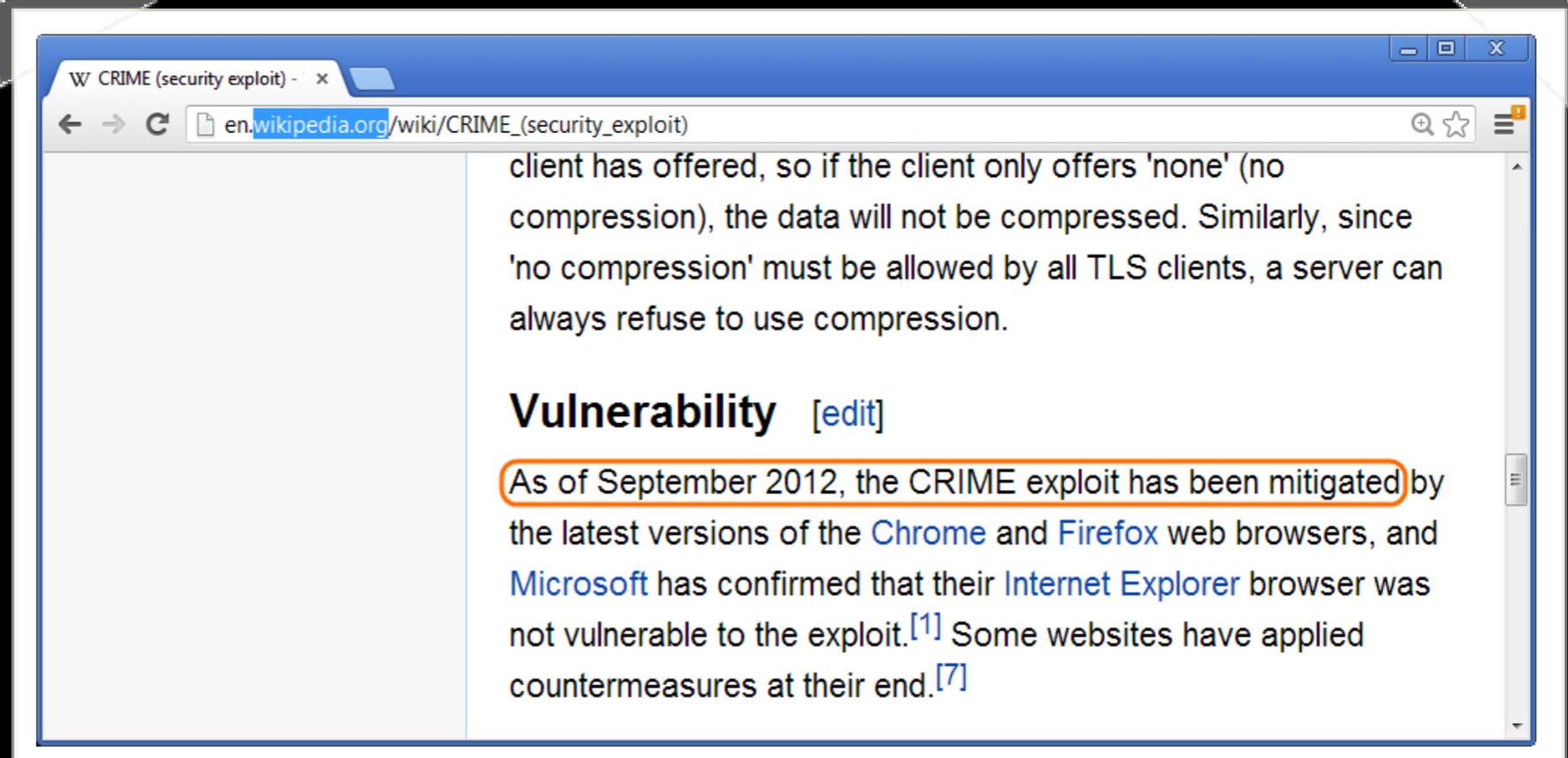
# Or are they?

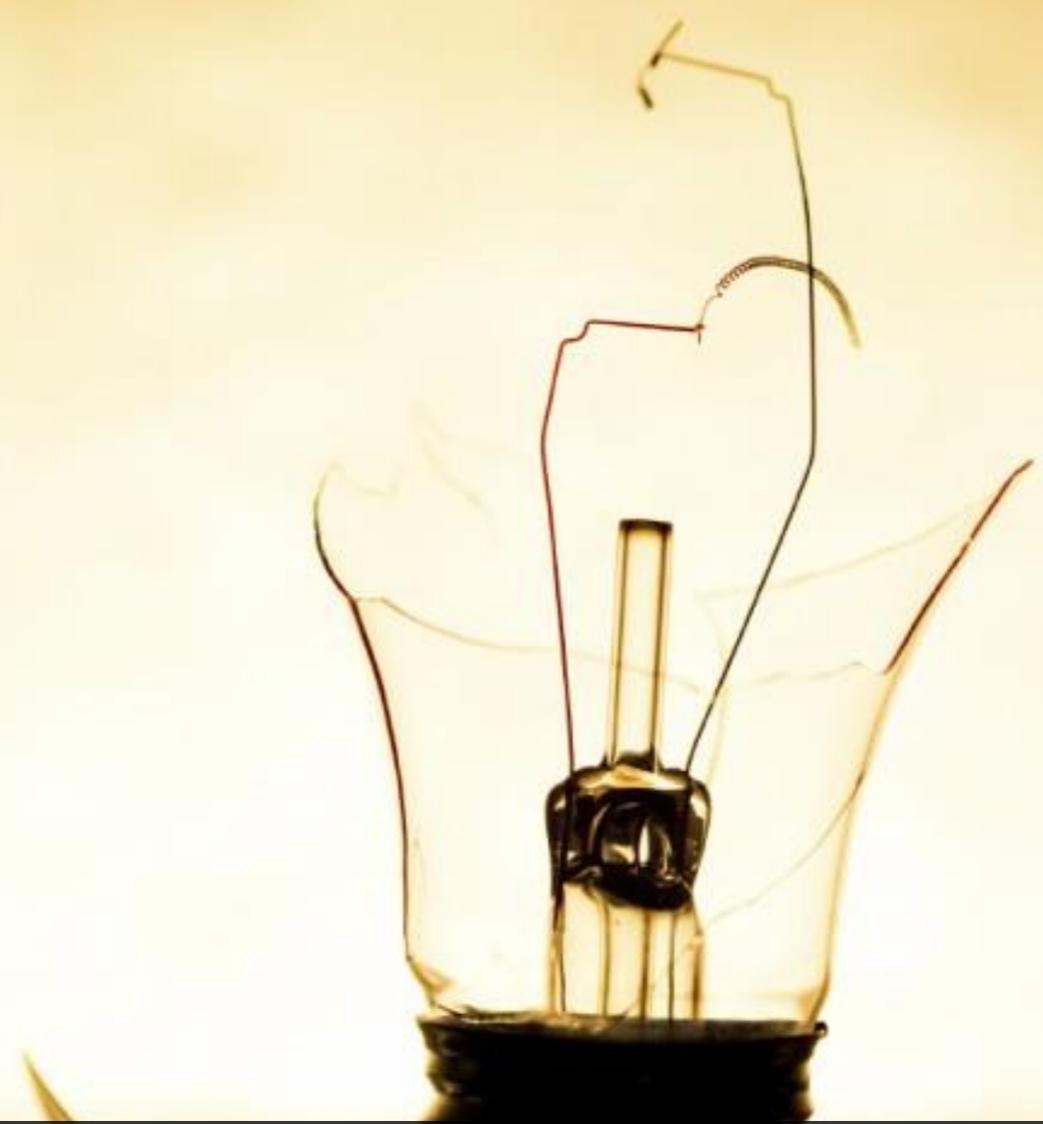
**[let's bring it back to life]**

**Liquid Nitrogen Cat being  
prepared for resuscitation**



# FIRST THINGS FIRST: FIX WIKIPEDIA

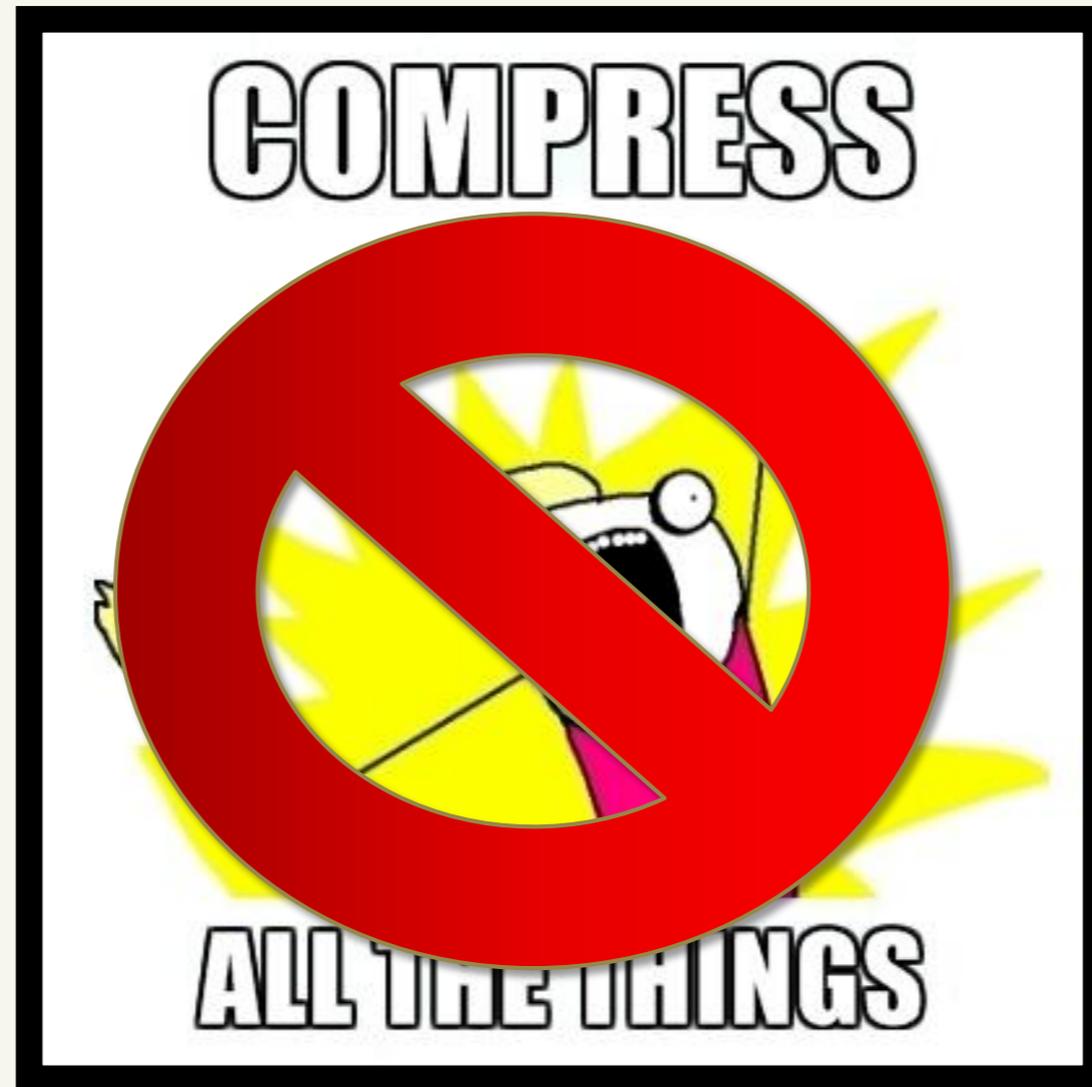




# INTRODUCING **BREACH**

Browser **R**econnaissance & **E**xfiltration via  
Adaptive **C**ompression of **H**ypertext

# A CRIME AGAINST THE RESPONSE BODY



# (sample traffic)

```
GET http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/default.aspx HTTP/1.1
Accept: text/html, application/xhtml+xml, */*
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.8,es-ES;q=0.5,es;q=0.3
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 10.0; windows NT 6.2; WOW64; Trident/6.0)
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Host: www.microsoft.com
DNT: 1
Connection: Keep-Alive
Cookie: MCO=1375073809391; msdn=L=en-US; WT_FPC=id=29f8c879426e0c24a2f1373520155467:1
NAP=V=1.9&E=dfc&C=HnQWISgGo4VEqSEhvROQZQL7DJOHQk51149kHP0EUXHMBwACxiNiPA&w=1; msresear
<
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Cache-Control: no-cache
Pragma: no-cache
Content-Length: 16398
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
Content-Encoding: gzip
X-Powered-By: ASP.NET
X-Powered-By: ARR/2.5
X-Powered-By: ASP.NET
Date: Mon, 29 Jul 2013 04:56:24 GMT
I%&/m{J}Jt` $@iG#)*eVelf@흙 { { ;N' ?Wfd rJg!?
```

# BREACH / the ingredients

## | GZIP

- Very **prevalent**, any **browser**

## | Fairly stable pages

- **Less than 30 seconds** for simple pages

## | MITM / traffic visibility

- No SSL tampering / downgrade

## | A secret in the response body

- CSRF, PII, ViewState... anything!

## | Attacker-supplied guess

- In **response body**

## | Three-character prefix

- To **bootstrap compression**

## | Any version of SSL / TLS

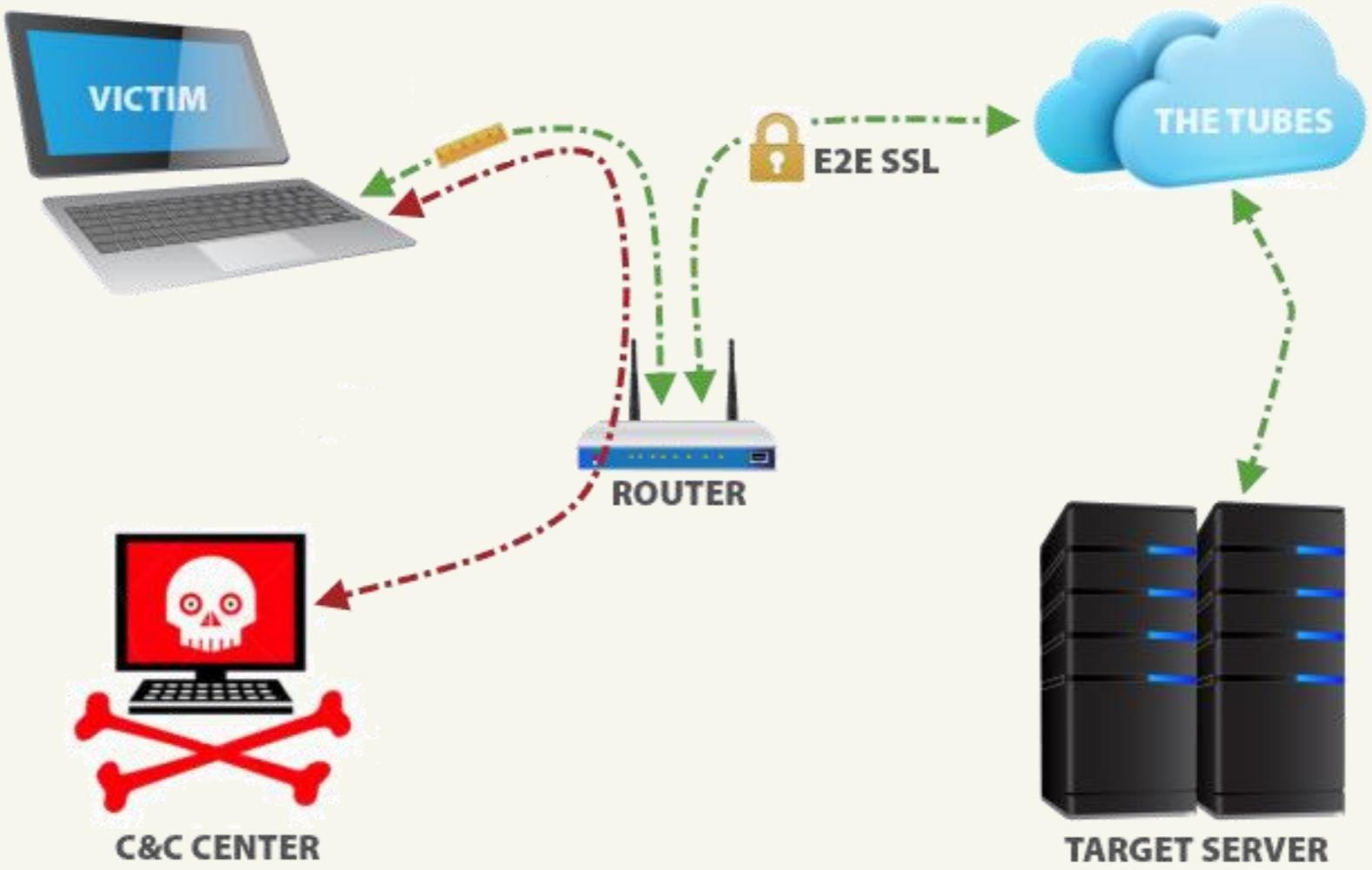
# [PREFIX / sample bootstrap]



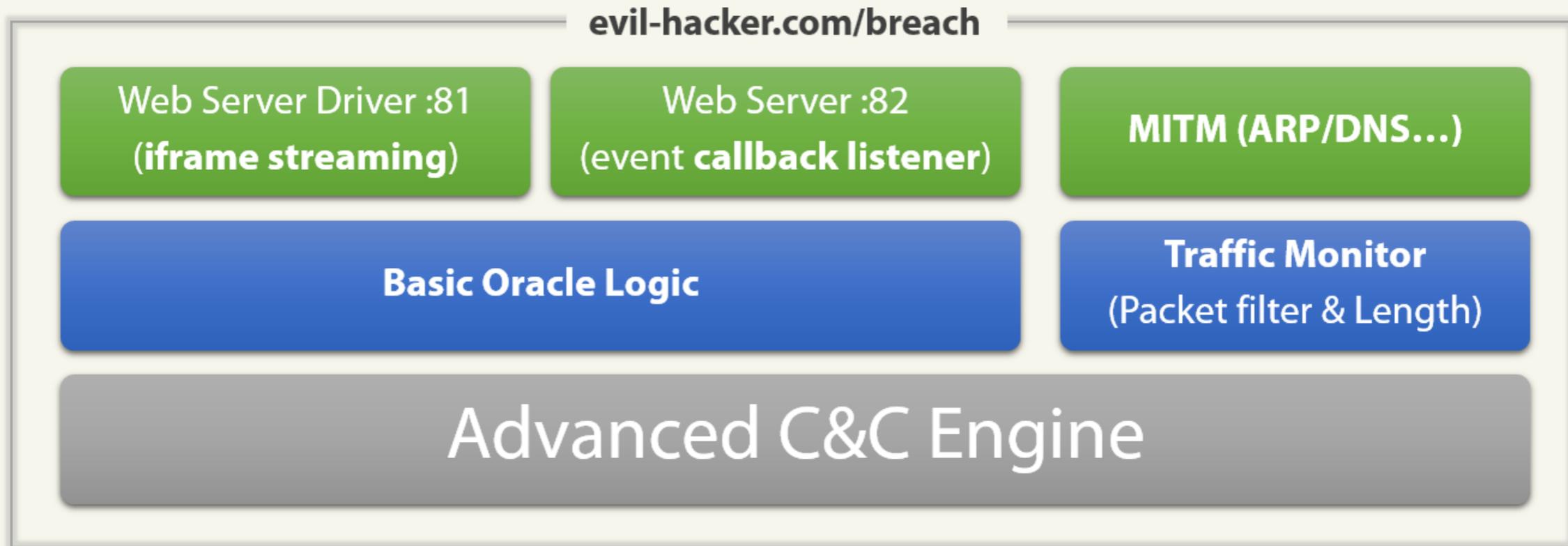
The screenshot shows a browser window with the address bar containing `view-source:https://malbc.../?ae=Item&t=IPM.Note&a=New&id=canary=?`. The main content area displays HTML code. A yellow box highlights the `canary=4970ff90f52848419d107b33ce14d4d8` value in the `href` attribute of a `<a>` tag. A blue arrow points from this value to a yellow box labeled "secret (CSRF token)". Another blue arrow points from a yellow box labeled "guess" to the `id=canary=?` part of the `href` attribute. The code also includes a `<div id=divDtls style="display:none">` block containing a `<b>Request</b>` section with a `Url:` field containing a full URL with `id=canary=?` at the end.

```
class="w100"></td>
<td
nowrap id="tdErrLgf"><a href="logoff.owa?
canary=4970ff90f52848419d107b33ce14d4d8">Log
Off</a>
    <div id=divDtls style="display:none"><br>
    <b>Request</b><br>Url: <span
    id=requestUrl>https://.../forms/bas
ic/BasicEditMessage.aspx?
ae=Item&amp;t=IPM.Note&amp;a=New&amp;id=canary=?
</span><br>User host address: <span
```

# BREACH / architecture



# BREACH / command & control



# C&C/ logic

## ✓ Traffic Monitor

- Transparent relay **SSL proxy**

**MITM:** ARP spoofing,  
DNS, DHCP, WPAD...

## ✓ HTML/JS Controller

- I. Dynamically generated for specific target server
- II. Injects & listens to **iframe streamer** from **c&c:81** that dictates the new HTTP requests to be performed (**img.src=...**)
- III. Issues the **outbound HTTP requests** to the target site via the victim's browser, session-riding a valid SSL channel
- IV. Upon synchronous completion of every request (**onerror**), performs a unique callback to **c&c:82** for the Traffic Monitor to **measure encrypted response size**

# C&C/ logic

## ✓ Main C&C Driver

- Coordinates **character guessing**
- Adaptively **issues requests** to target site
- Listens to **JS callbacks** upon **request completion**
- **Measures** -inbound- packets **length**
- Has built-in intelligence for **compression oracle runtime recovery**

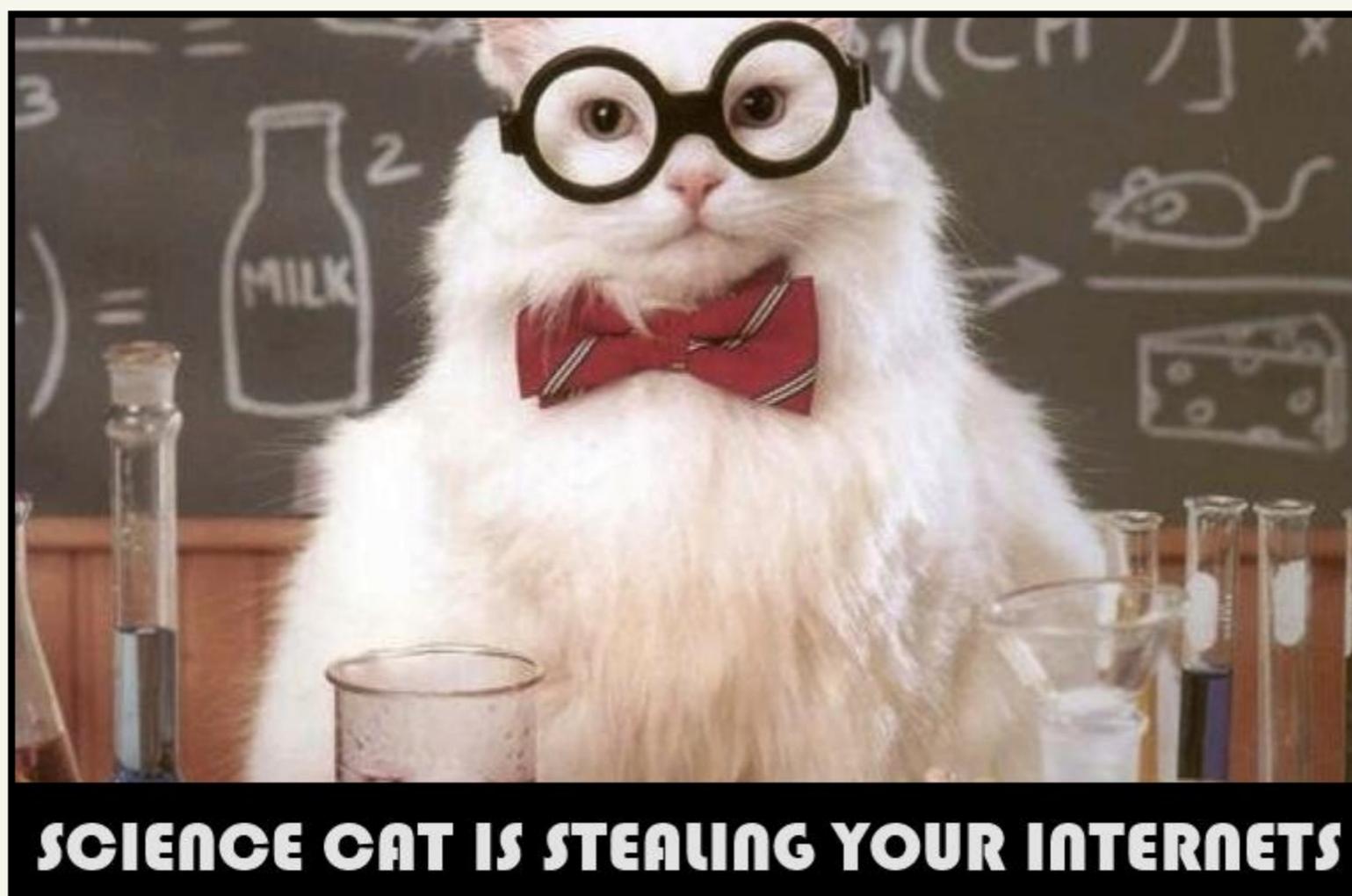


# THE ORACLE

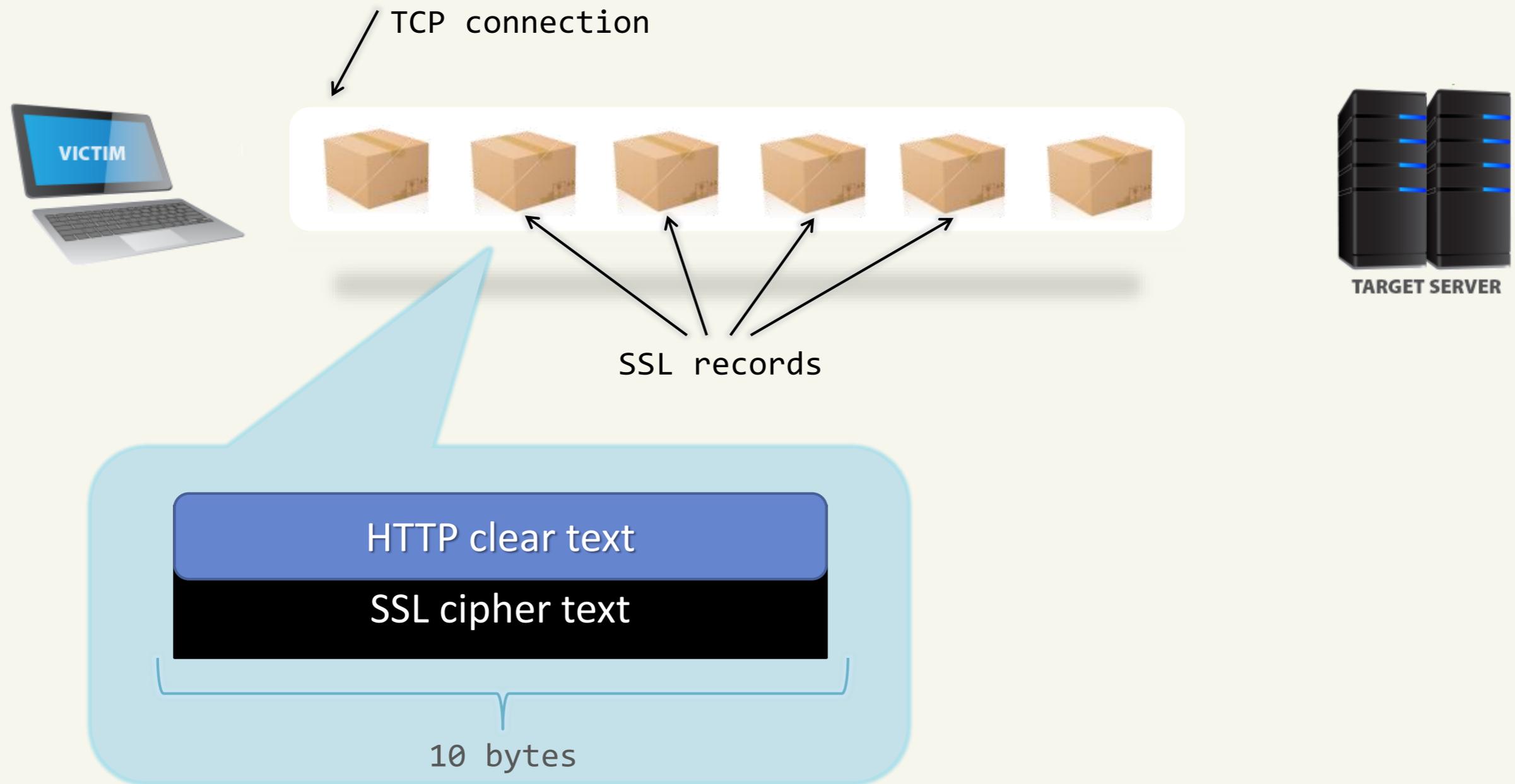
| **MEASURE**  
**SIZE DELTA**

| **GUESSING**  
**BYTE-BY-BYTE**

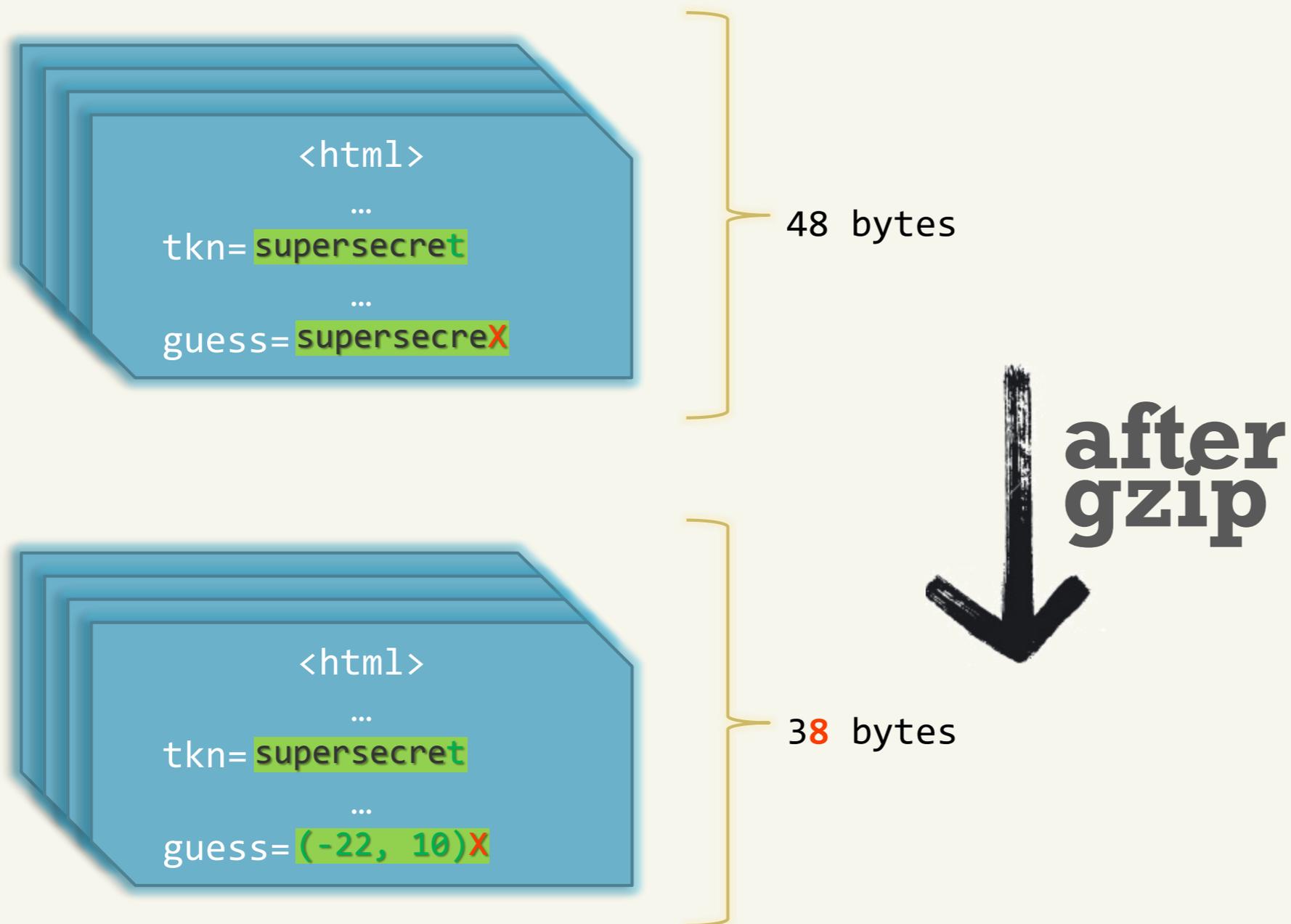
| **ERROR**  
**RECOVERY**



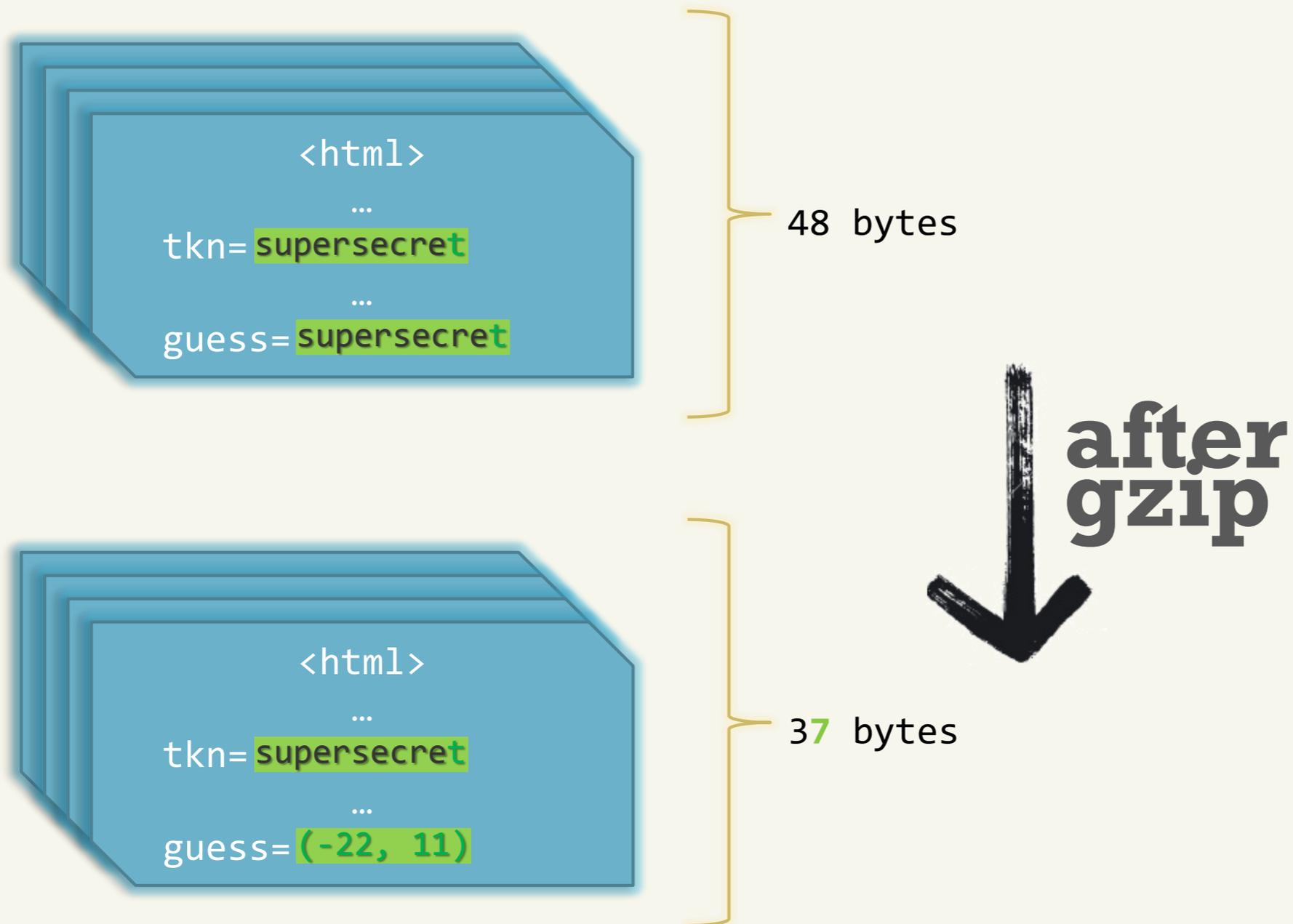
# SSL REVEALS LENGTH



# COMPRESSION ORACLE (I)



# COMPRESSION ORACLE (II)



**Safety begins with you.**



Metro



# THE ORACLE

## Huffman Coding Nightmares

### ✓ Correct Guess

[https://target-server.com/page.php?blah=blah2...  
&secret=4bf\*\*b\*\*](https://target-server.com/page.php?blah=blah2...&secret=4bf<b>b</b) (response: 1358 bytes)

### ✓ Incorrect Guess

[https://target-server.com/page.php?blah=blah2...  
&secret=4bf\*\*a\*\*](https://target-server.com/page.php?blah=blah2...&secret=4bf<b>a</b) (response: 1358 bytes)



# THE ORACLE

## Two Tries Reality

- ✓ Less than ideal conditions:
  - In theory, **two-tries** allows for short-circuiting once winner is found
  - In practice, still need to **evaluate all candidates**
  - **Huffman encoding** causes collisions

# ROADBLOCKS

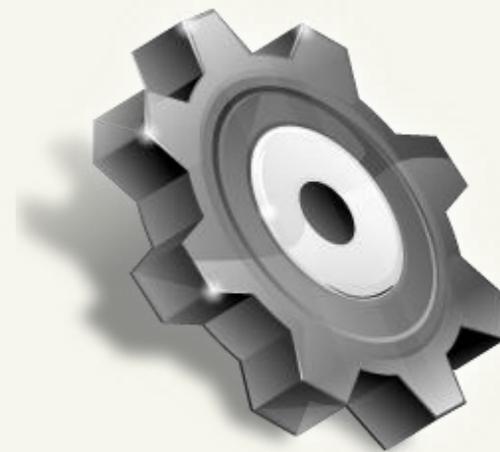
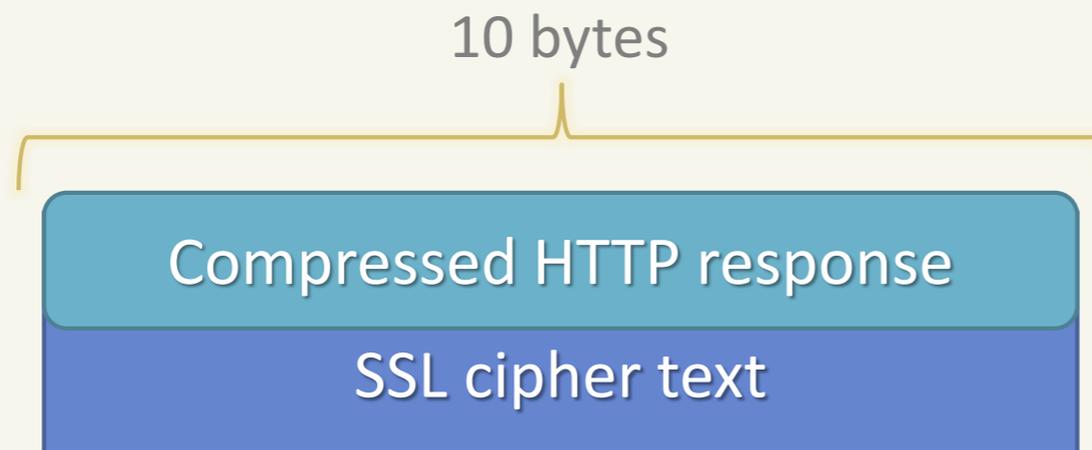
- ✓ **Conflict & Recovery mechanisms**  
(no winners / too many winners)
  - **Look-ahead** (2+ characters) – reliable, but expensive
    - Best value / averages
  - **Rollback** (last-known conflict)
  - Check **compression ratio** of guess string
- ✓ **Page URL / HTML entity encoding**
  - Can interfere with **bootstrapping**

```
<input type="hidden" value="b95825dd78a7ccc95f1f6f5a62b247f753fc2a5d"  
name="authenticity_token" class="authenticity_token">  
data-query="Can I Haz _token value=&quot;?">
```

# MORE ROADBLOCKS

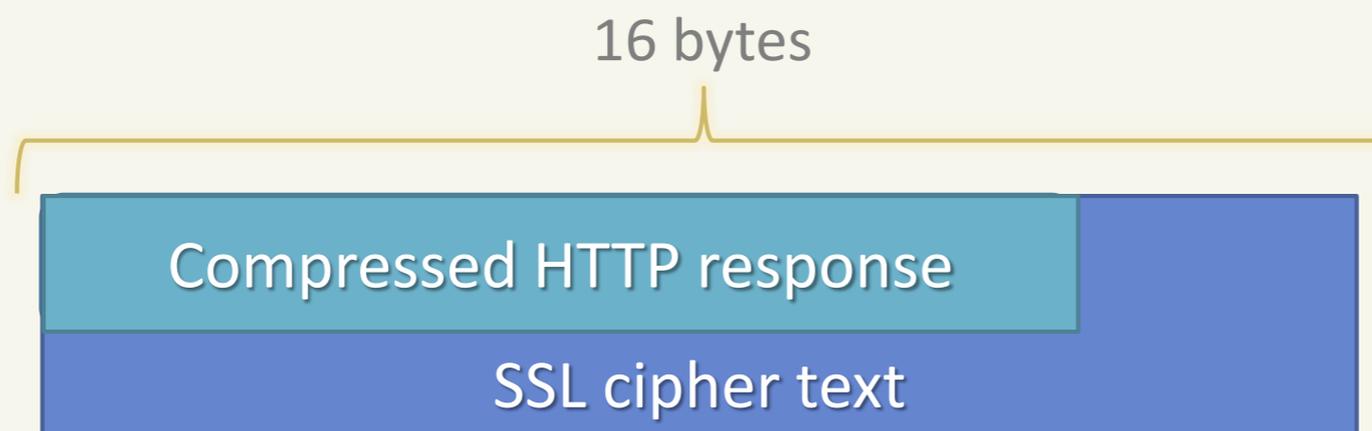
✓ Stream cipher vs. block cipher

| Stream cipher **reveals** exact plain text length



# MORE ROADBLOCKS

- ✓ Stream cipher vs. block cipher
- | Block cipher **hides** exact plain text length



- Align response to a tipping point
- Guess Window (keeping response aligned)



# EVEN MORE ROADBLOCKS

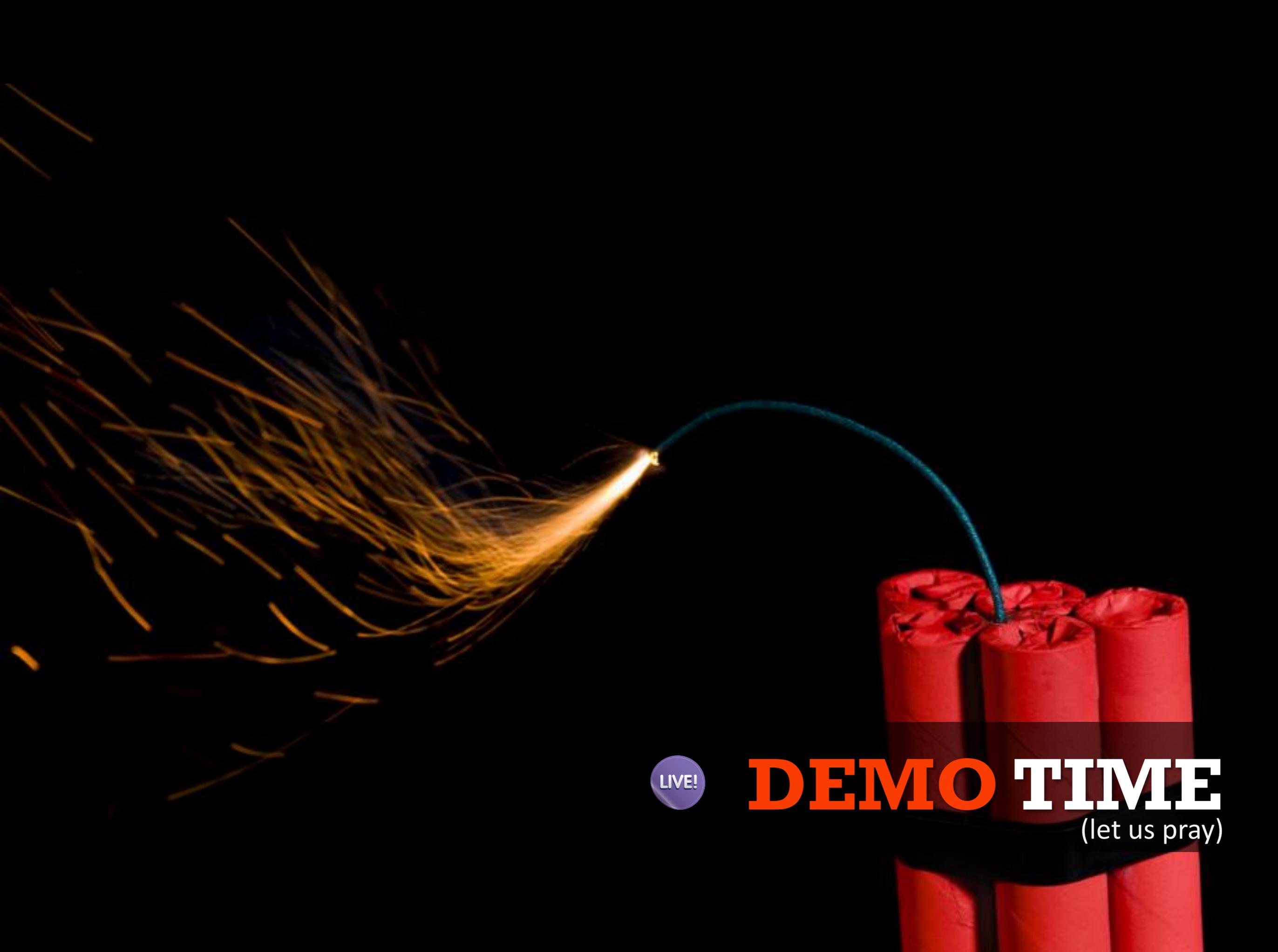
- ✓ Keep-Alive (a premature death)
  - **Image** requests vs. **scripts** vs. **CORS** requests
- ✓ Browser synchronicity limits (1x)
  - Hard to correlate **HTTP** requests to **TCP** segments
- ✓ Filtering out noise
  - Active application?
  - Background polling?

# YET MORE ROADBLOCKS

- ✓ **'Unstable' pages** (*w/ random DOM blocks*)
  - Averaging & outlier removal
- ✓ The war against **Huffman coding**
  - Weight (symbol) normalization
- ✓ Circumventing cache
  - Random timestamp
- ✓ Other Oracles
  - *Patent-pending!*

“ **OVERWHELMED?**





LIVE!

**DEMO TIME**

(let us pray)



**THE TOOL**

# MITIGATIONS

## | **RANDOMIZING THE LENGTH**

- variable padding
- fighting against math
- /FAIL

## | **SEPARATING SECRETS**

- deliver secrets in input-less servlets
- chunked secret separation (lib patch)

## | **DYNAMIC SECRETS**

- dynamic CSRF tokens per request

## | **CSRF-PROTECT EVERYTHING**

- unrealistic

## | **MASKING THE SECRET**

- random XOR – easy, dirty, practical path
- downstream enough

## | **THROTTLING & MONITORING**

## | **DISABLING GZIP FOR DYNAMIC PAGES**

# FUTURE WORK

- ✓ Better understanding of **DEFLATE / GZIP**
- ✓ Beyond **HTTPS**
  - Very **generic** side-channel
  - Other **protocols, contexts?**
- ✓ Stay tuned for **the next BREACH**



# WANT MORE?

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