

Week 10: Lecture B

Network Denial of Service

Thursday, October 31, 2024

Announcements

- **Project 3: WebSec** released
 - **Deadline:** Thursday, November 7th by 11:59PM (**next week**)

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Before you start, review the [course syllabus](#) for the Lateness, Collaboration, and Ethical Use policies.

You may optionally work alone, or in teams of **at most two** and submit **one project per team**. If you have difficulties forming a team, post on **Piazza's Search for Teammates** forum. Note that the final exam will cover project material, so you and your partner should collaborate on each part.

The code and other answers your group submits must be entirely your own work, and you are bound by the University's Student Code. You may consult with other students about the conceptualization of the project and the meaning of the questions, but you may not look at any part of someone else's solution or collaborate with anyone outside your group. You may consult published references, provided that you appropriately cite them (e.g., in your code comments). **Don't risk your grade and degree by cheating!**

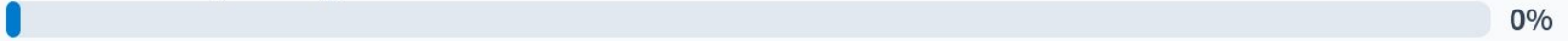
Complete your work in the **CS 4440 VM**—we will use this same environment for grading. You may not use any **external dependencies**. Use only default Python 3 libraries and/or modules we provide you.

Project 3 progress

Working on Part 1



Finished Part 1, working on Part 2



Finished Part 2, working on Part 3



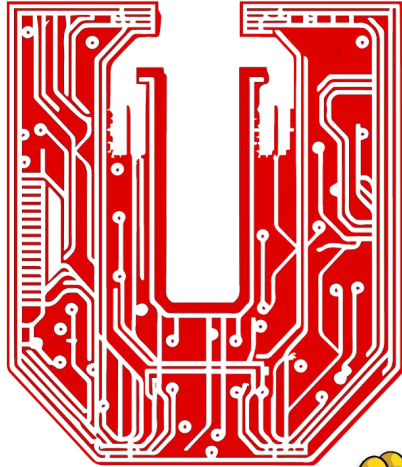
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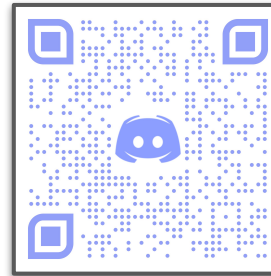
Haven't started yet :(



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Last time on CS 4440...

Application Layer Attacks
HTTP Content Injection
SMTP Header Spoofing
DNS Hijacking

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 - **Command Injection**
 - SQL injection, CSRF, XSS
 - **Denial of Service**
 - Crash a remote application
 - Prevent others from using it
 - **Message Tampering / Sniffing**
 - Injecting data into messages
 - Capturing unencrypted data
 - **Other protocol-specific attacks**



http:// **FTP**

 **SMTP**

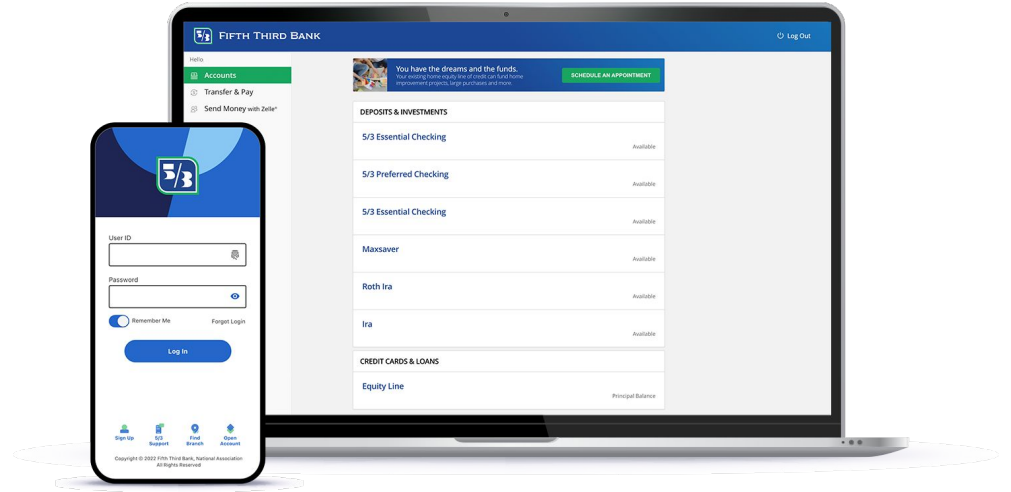


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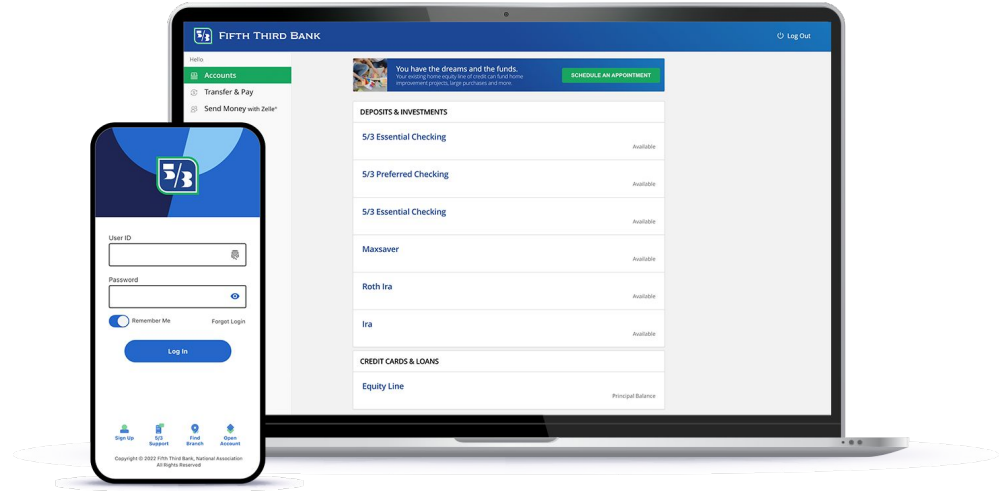
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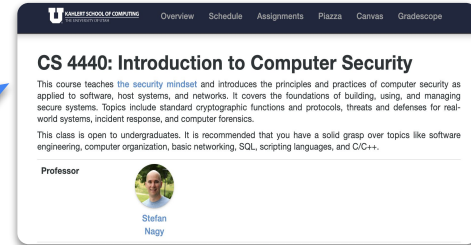
- **What is HTTP?**
 - Protocol for transmitting **hypermedia documents** (e.g., web pages)
- **HTTP's Characteristics:**
 - Widely used
 - **Simple**
 - **Unencrypted**



HTTP Tampering

- **Attack: ???**

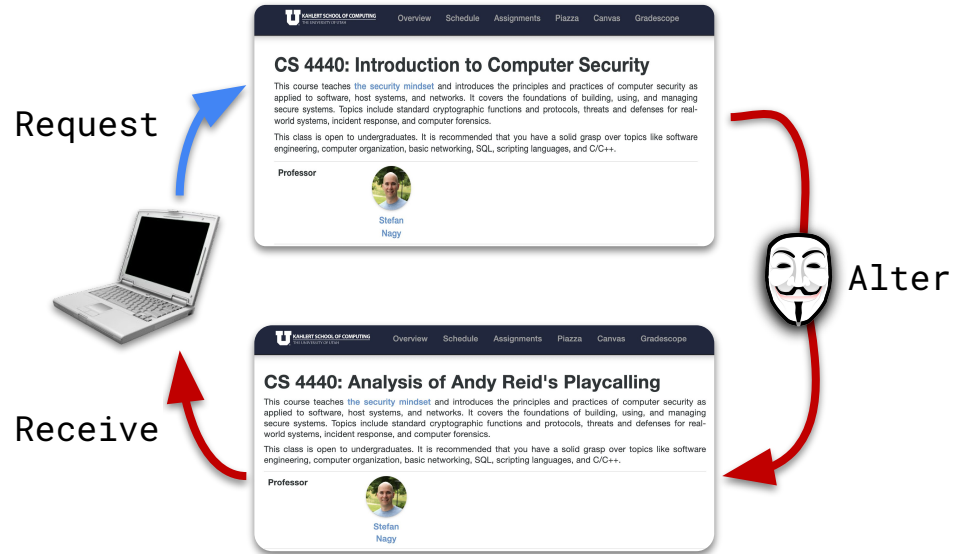
Request



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HTTP Tampering

- **Attack:** exploit **HTTP's** insecurity
 - **Nothing is encrypted!**
- **Attacker intercepts** requested webpage and **modifies it**
 - User receives modified webpage
- **Attacker capabilities?**
 - Inject malicious **content**
 - Inject malicious **code**



Thwarting HTTP Injection

- **Defenses: ???**

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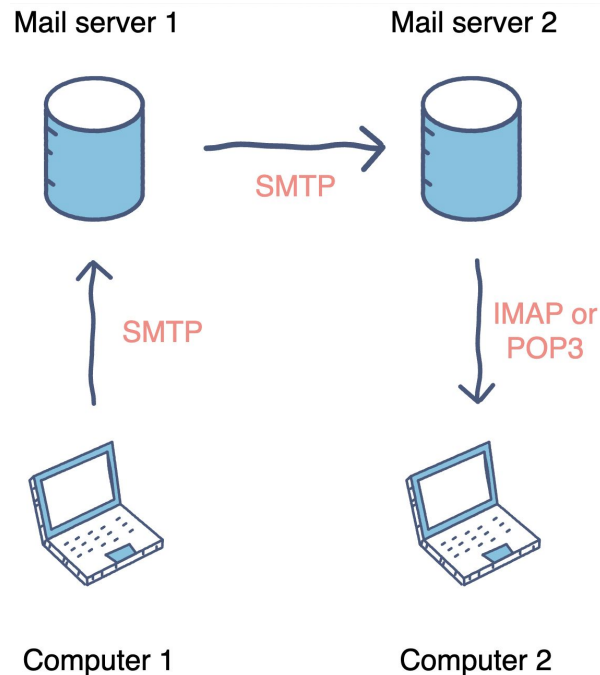
- **Defenses:** encrypt everything all the time!

Answer: *completely ditch HTTP!*

- As web and app developers, enforce strict **HTTPS** compliance
 - Necessary to prevent **HTTPS→HTTP downgrade attacks**

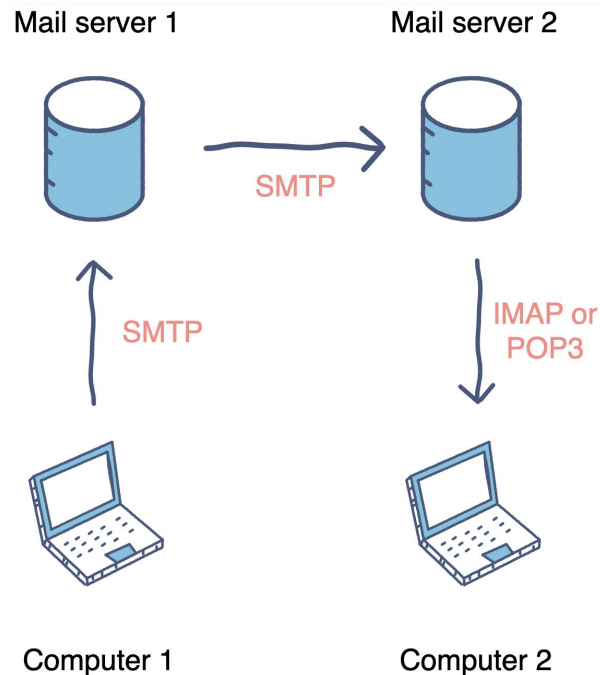
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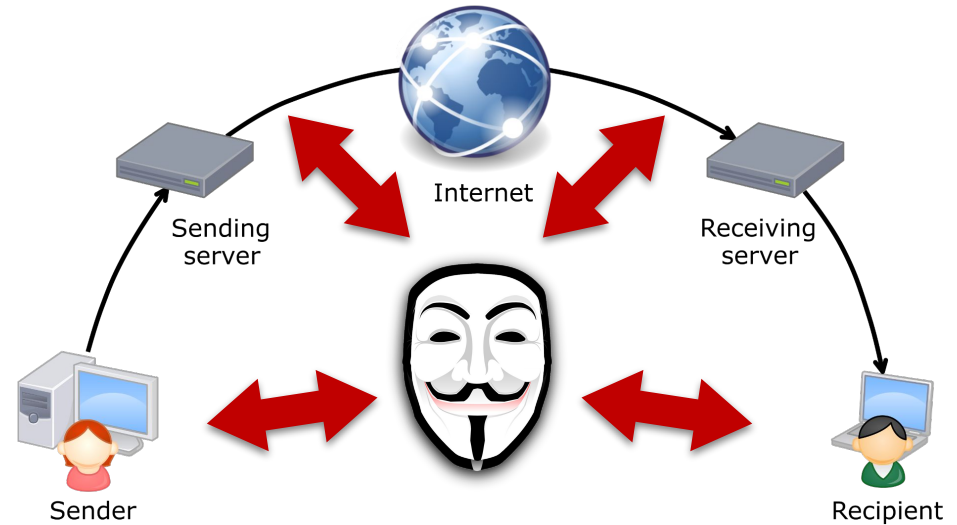
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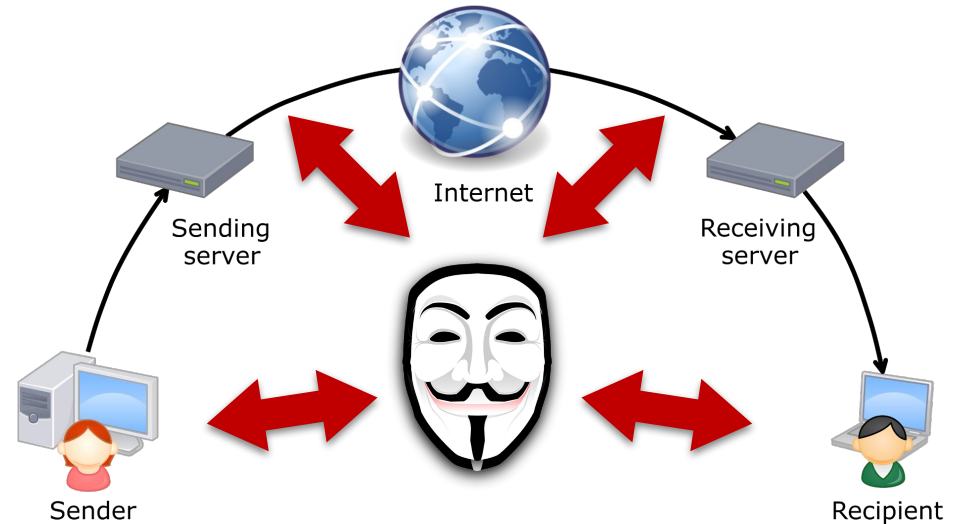
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The SMTP Protocol

- No **message integrity**
 - Tamper with messages
 - Block messages
- No **confidentiality**
 - Find sender/recipient
 - Read message contents
- No **authentication**
 - Spoof sender identity



SMTP Header Spoofing

■ Attack: ???

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- **Attack:** spoof SMTP header to **mislead recipient** about sender of the email

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Fake Sender ←

Victim ←

Malicious Link

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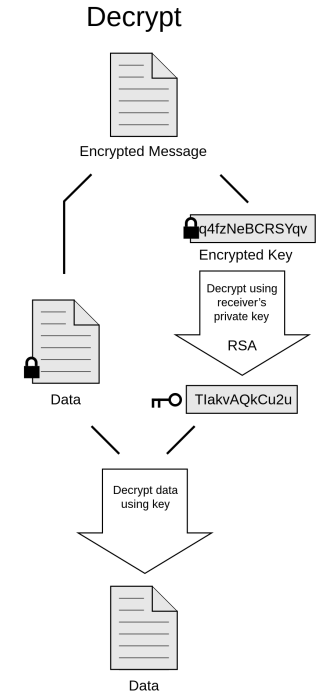
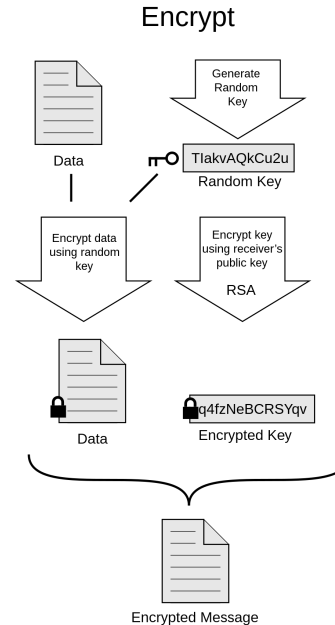
Thwarting Email Spoofing

■ Checking email bodies

- Included links
- Attached files
- Text analysis (e.g., known spam campaigns)

■ Checking email headers

- Egress server domain registration
 - Check that sender is who it says it is
- Pretty Good Privacy (PGP)
 - Sender and Receiver authentication
 - Confidentiality
 - Integrity



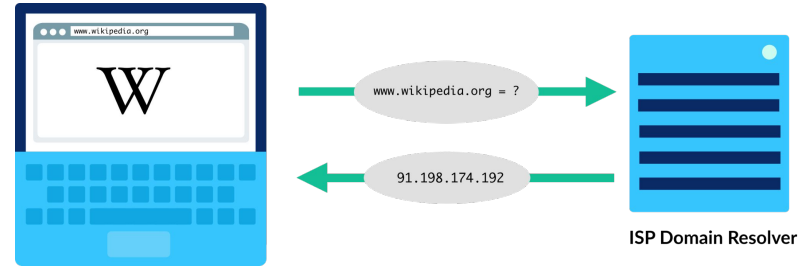
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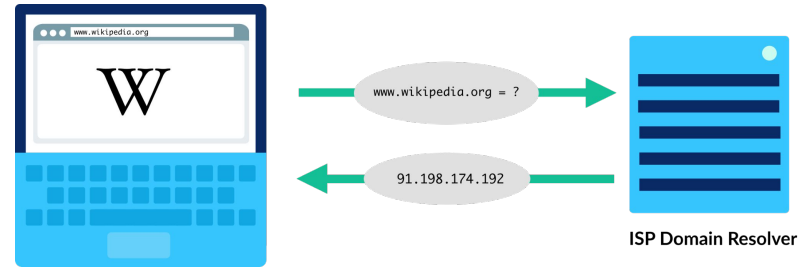
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 - E.g., `www.wikipedia.org`

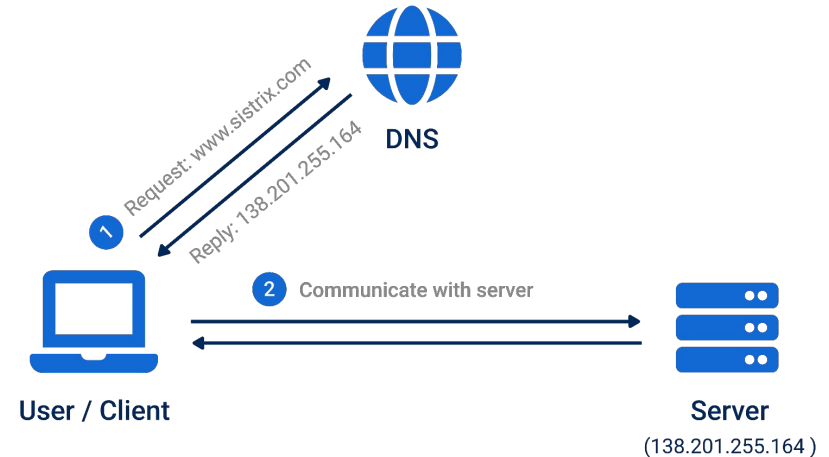


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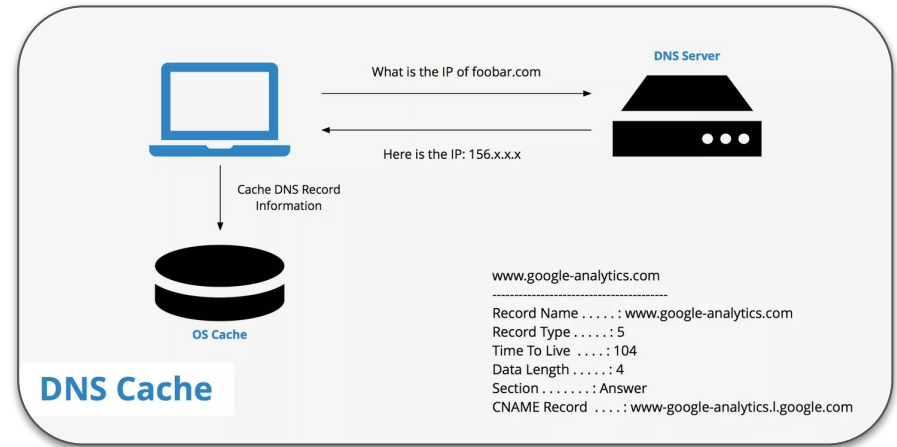


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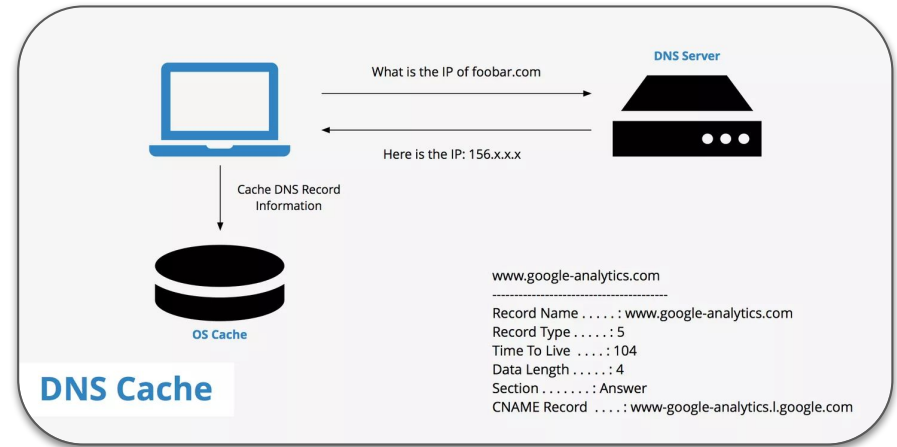
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- Optimization 1: **temporal locality**
 - `www.espn.com/page1`
 - `www.espn.com/page2`
- Optimization 2: **popular domains**
 - `google.com`
 - `Facebook.com`



The Domain Name System

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stefan@cs4440:~$ time nslookup facebook.com
Server:          127.0.0.53
Address:         127.0.0.53#53

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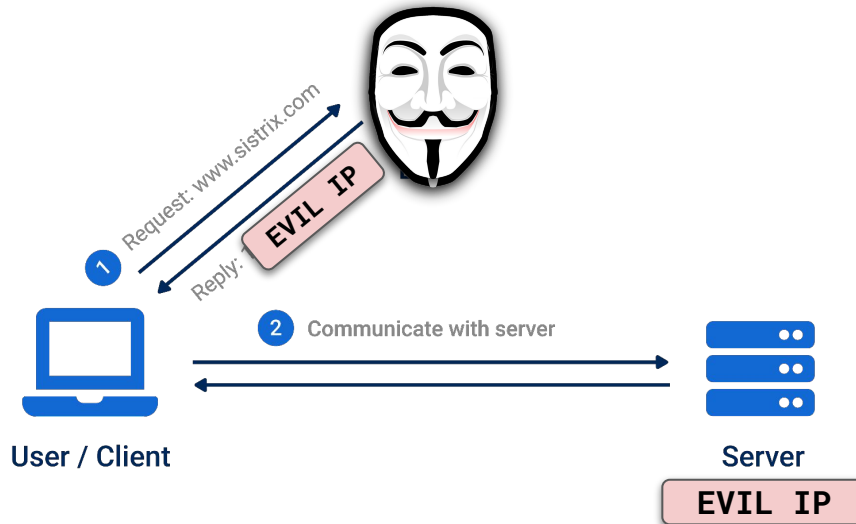
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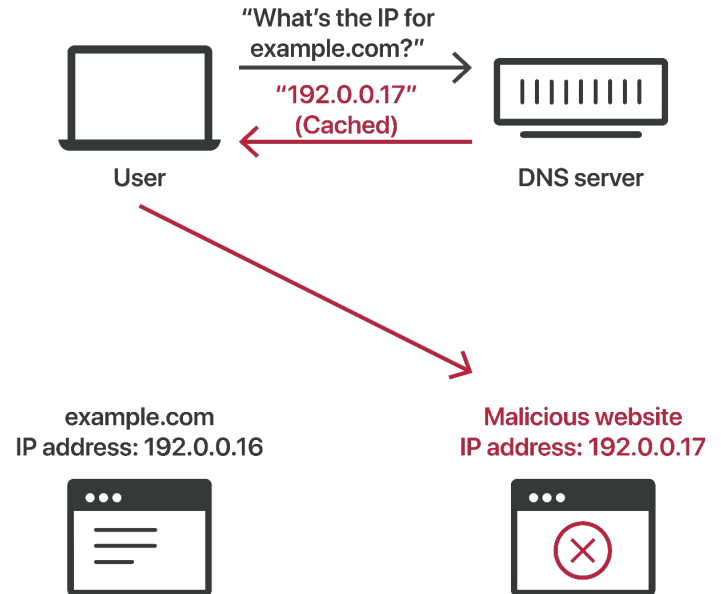
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- What can an attacker do if they **control a DNS server**?
 - **Control how users of that DNS server view the internet!**
 - Assuming they use domain names



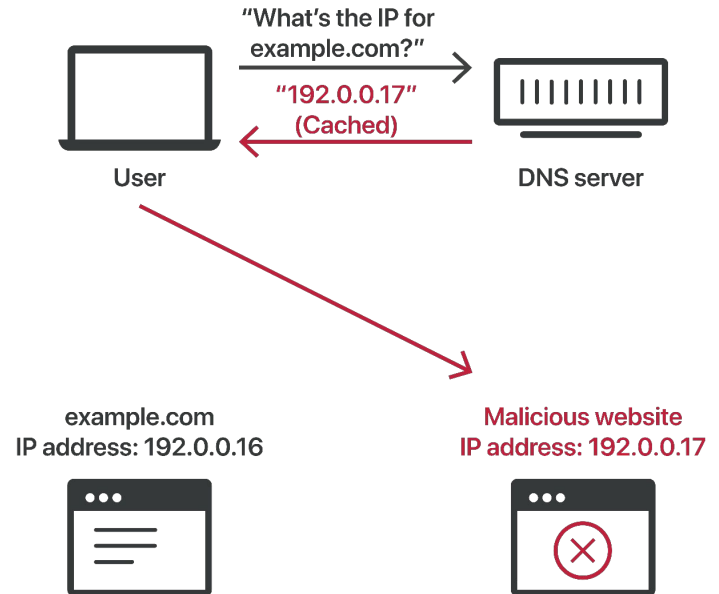
DNS Cache Poisoning

- **Attack: ???**



DNS Cache Poisoning

- **Attack:** pre-empt DNS lookup by **injecting malicious cache** contents
 - Exploits DNS lookup optimization!
- Victim performs cache lookup, instead gets malicious domain IP
 - Attacker can **redirect** the victim's browser to the malicious website

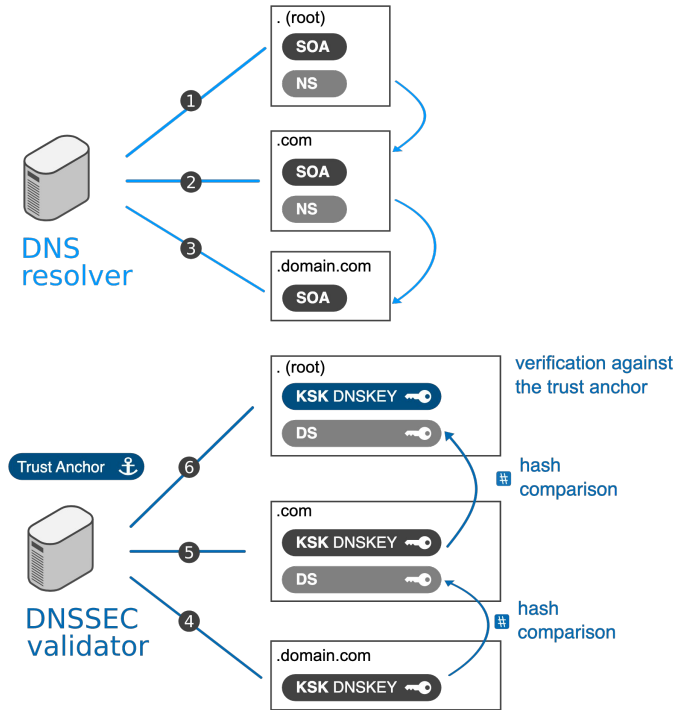


Thwarting DNS Hijacking

- **Defenses: ???**

Thwarting DNS Hijacking

- **DNS-level authentication**
 - DNSSEC
 - Public-key crypto to “sign” DNS records
- **Endpoint authentication**
 - Certify that what I am seeing really is bank.com
 - Transport Layer Security (TLS)



Questions?



This time on CS 4440...

Network Availability
Denial of Service (DoS) Attacks
Transport, Link, Network, and Physical DoS

Basic Security Properties

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Denial of Service Attacks

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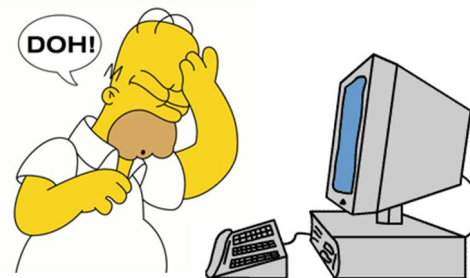
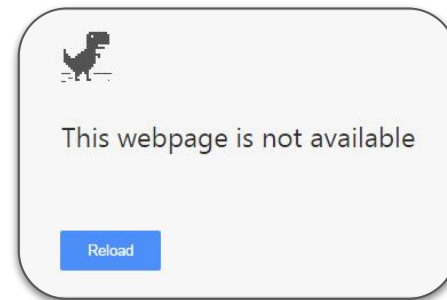
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- **How?**
 - Trigger the host to **crash**
 - Application-based DoS
 - Memory corruption
 - Consume host's **resources**
 - TCP SYN floods
 - ICMP ECHO (ping) floods
 - Consume host's **bandwidth**
 - UDP floods
 - ICMP floods

Amazon loses **\$66,000**
per minute of downtime

Higher security makes
DoS attacks **more likely**

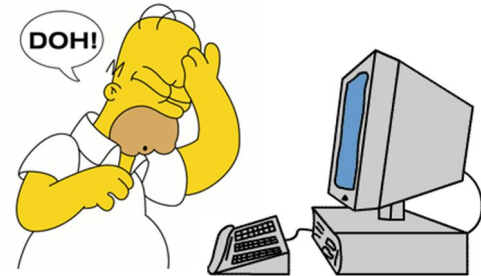
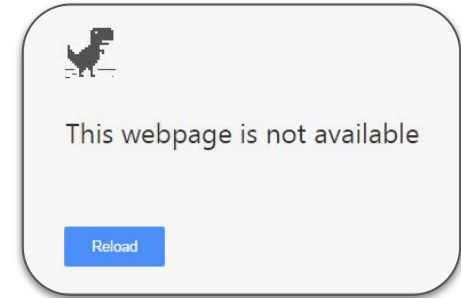
Common DoS Attacks

- Locally-induced crash
 - Exploit host's OS or server software bug
- Local resource consumption
 - fork() bomb, fill disk, deep directory nesting
- Deny service to individual hosts
 - Force crash or outage of critical services
- Remotely-induced crash
 - “Magic” packets—ping of death, teardrop
- Remote resource consumption
 - Syslog, SYN, fragment flood, UDP storm



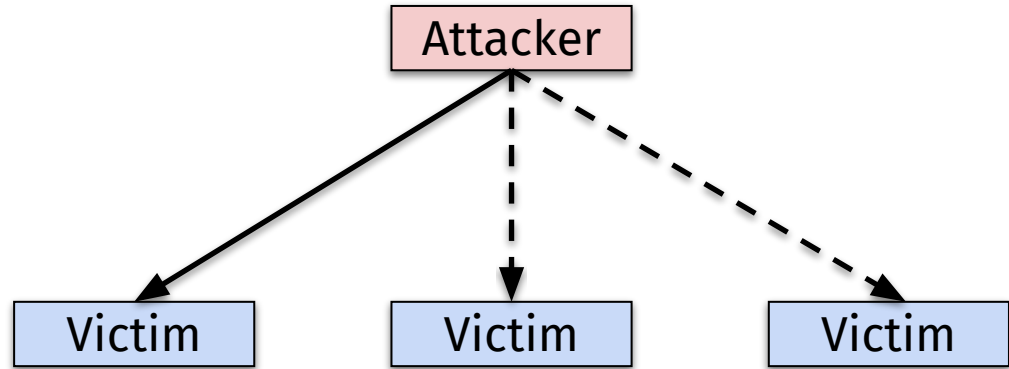
Common DoS Attacks (cont.)

- Deny service to an entire network
 - Target vulnerable links, critical network infrastructure
- Remotely-induced network outage
 - Attacks against routers, DNS servers
 - Redirected routes—forged routing information
- Remote network congestion
 - Remote control of compromised hosts (“zombies”)
 - Allows for coordinated flooding
 - Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)



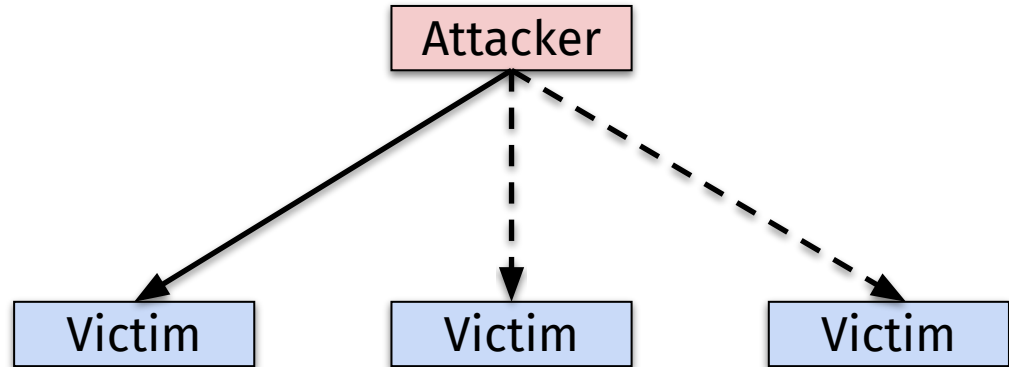
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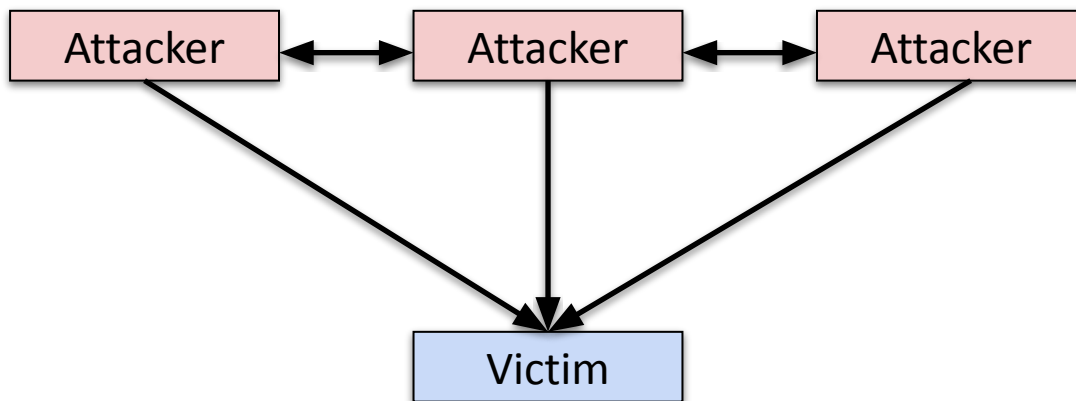
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 - Block source IP address
 - Firewall
 - ISP-level blocking
 - Ignore requests

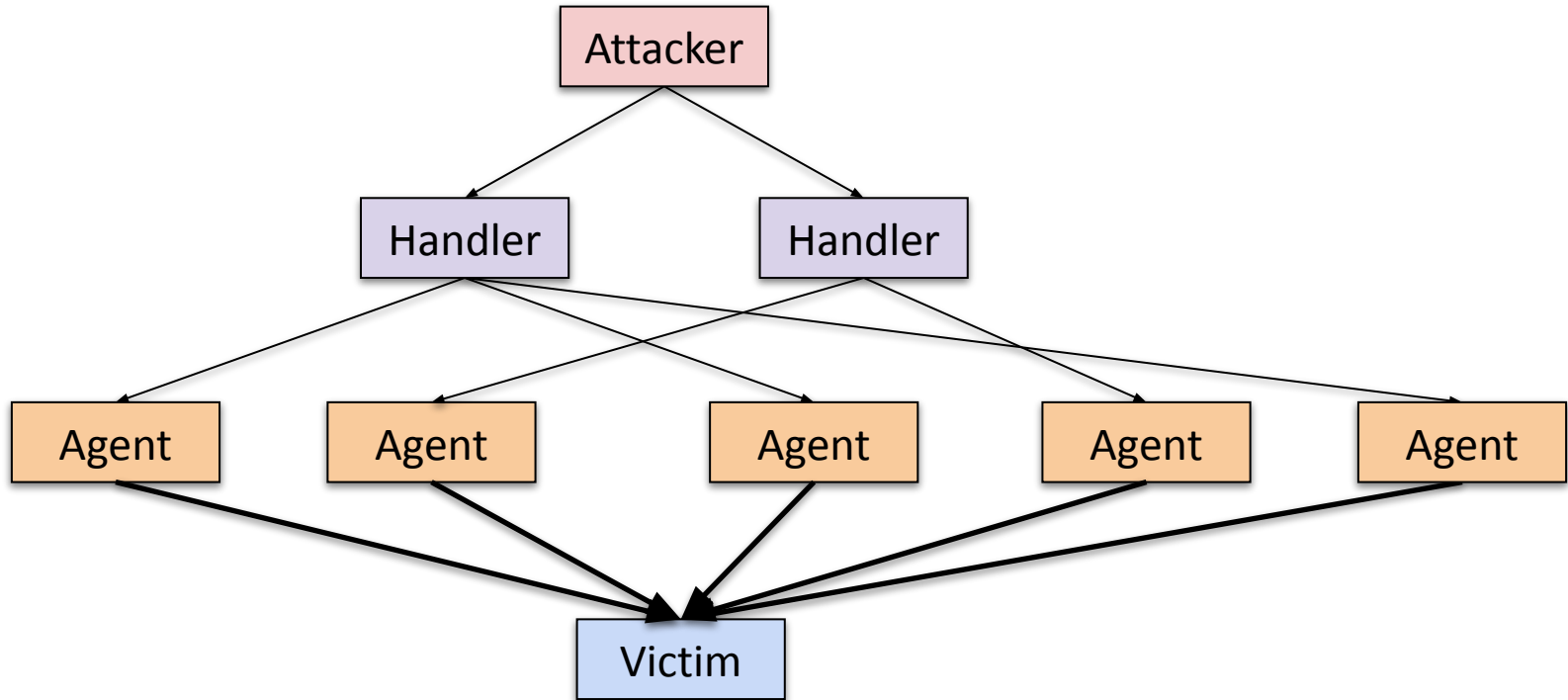


Coordinated DoS Attacks

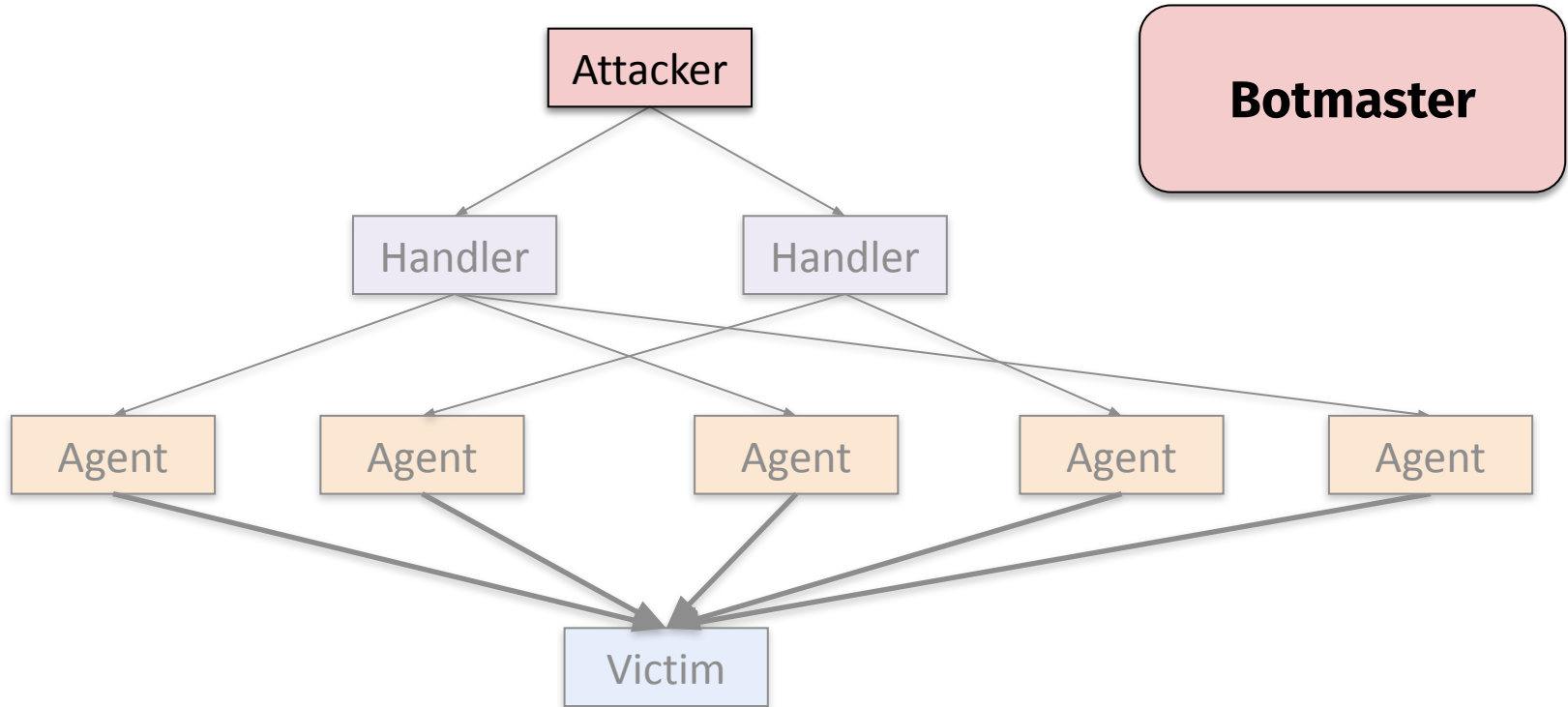
- Multiple willing attackers coordinate an attack on victim(s)
 - Same source-spoofing techniques as before
 - Harder to deal with



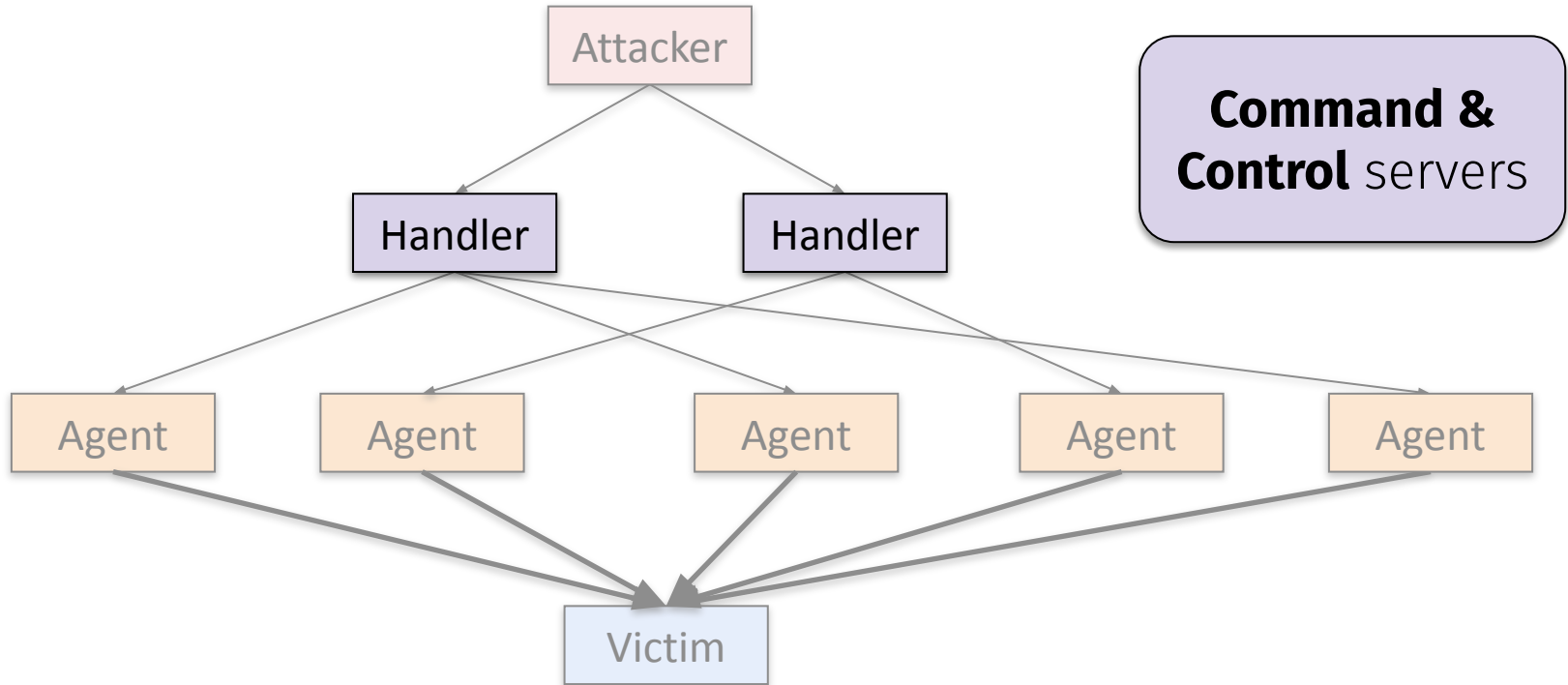
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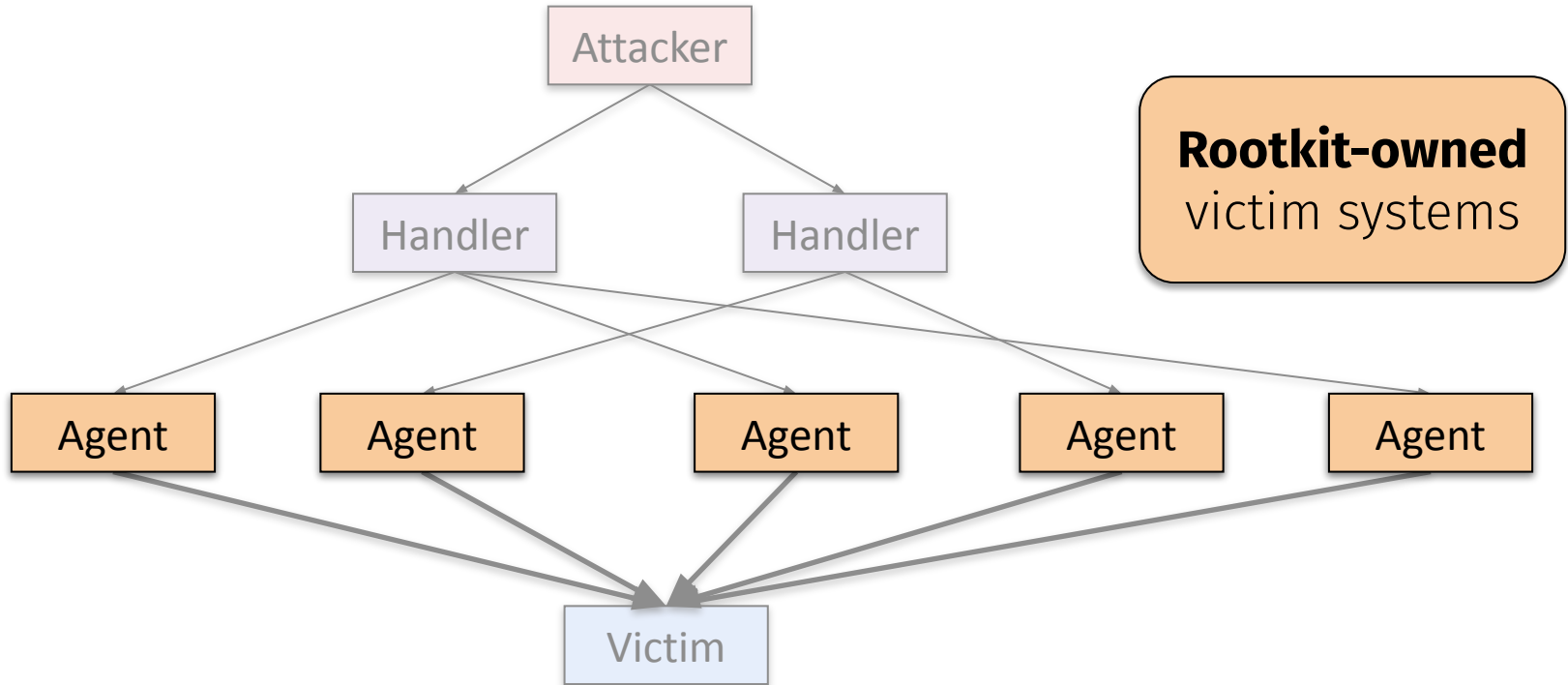
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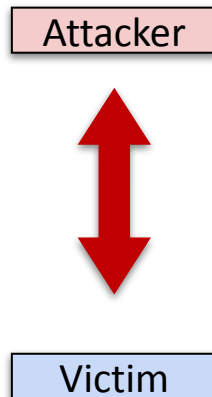


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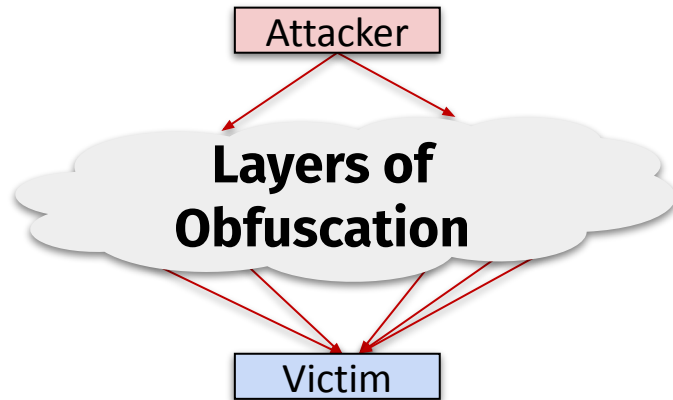
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Victim never sees
the true **attacker**

Real DDoS Botnets

The Mirai botnet explained: How teen scammers and CCTV cameras almost brought down the internet

Mirai took advantage of insecure IoT devices in a simple but clever way. It scanned big blocks of the internet for open Telnet ports, then attempted to log in default passwords. In this way, it was able to amass a botnet army.

Storm: the largest botnet in the world?

Timely spam blasts help spread highly aggressive malware

A tiny botnet launched the largest DDoS attack on record

A small but powerful army of just 5,000 devices generated a record-breaking web attack.

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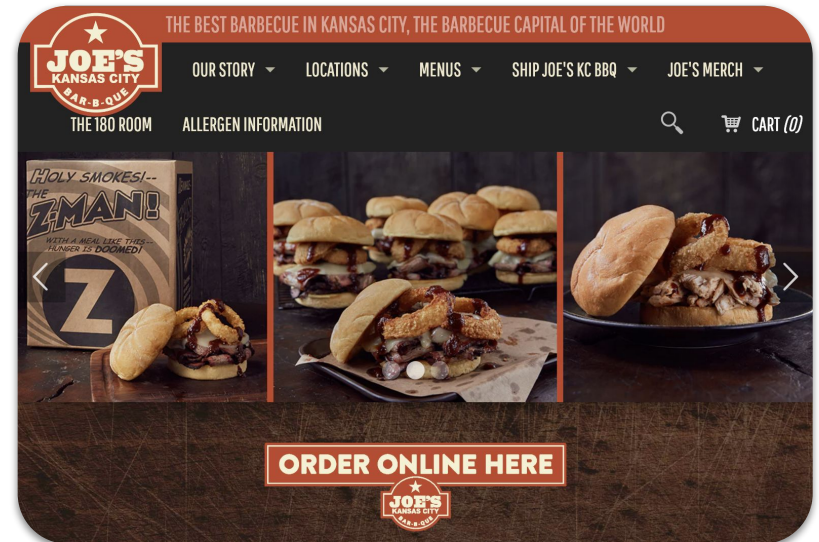


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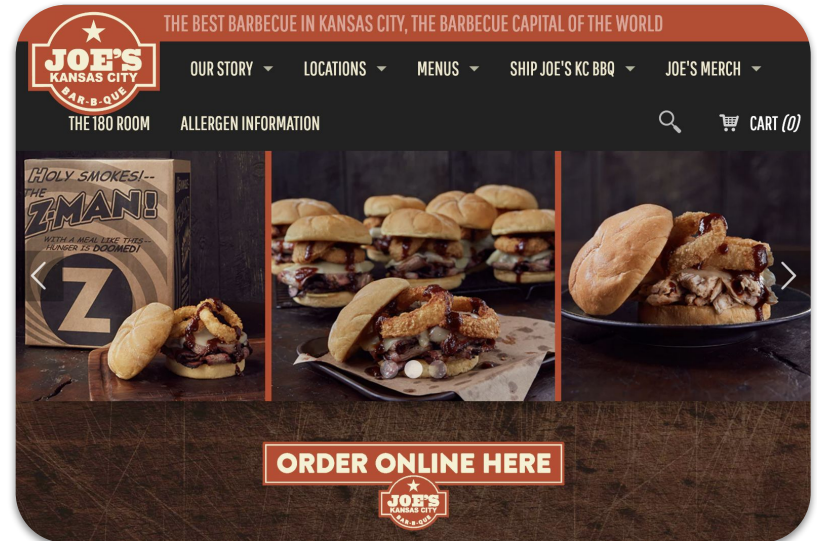
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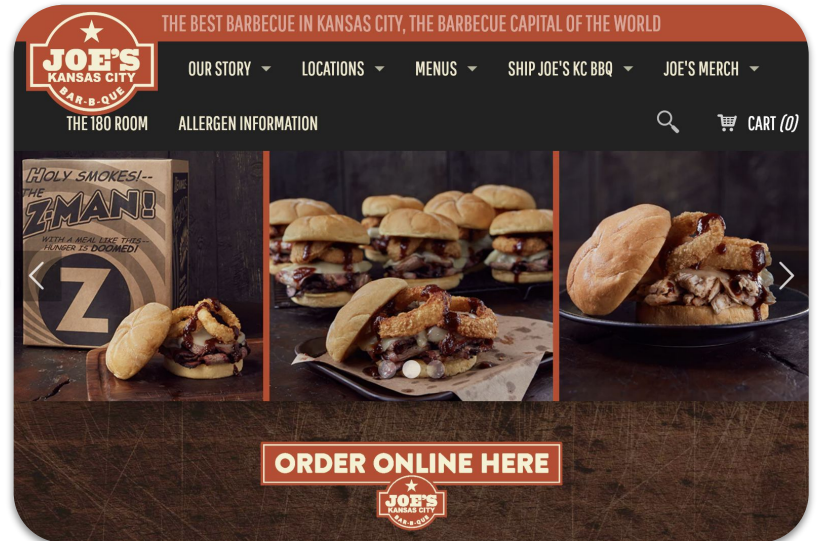
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“I must try!”

“I’m from Cali and am clueless about BBQ!”



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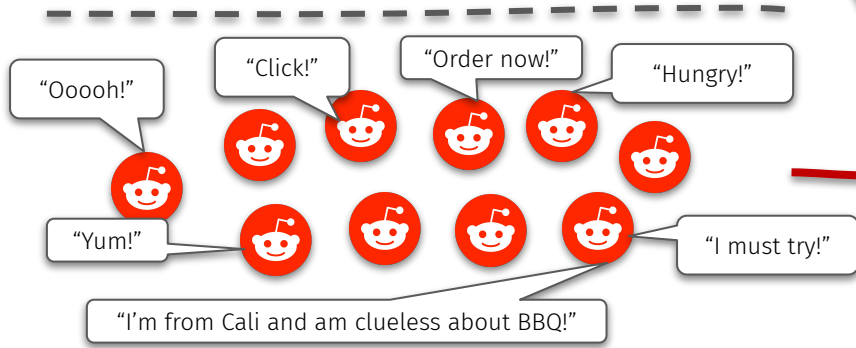
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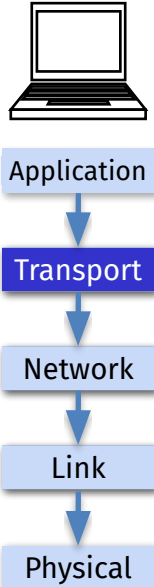
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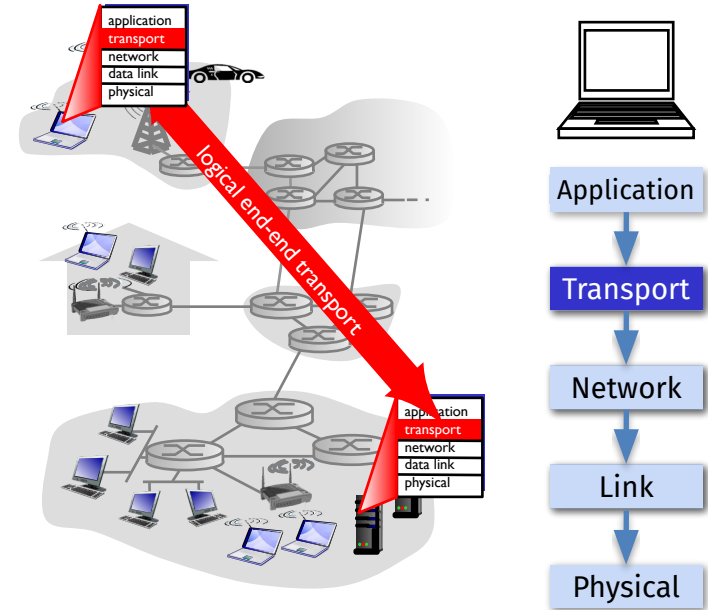
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 - ???
- **Key protocols?**
 - **Protocol 1: ???**
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Recap: The Transport Layer

- **What does it facilitate?**
 - Communication between apps on different hosts
- **Key protocols?**
 - **Protocol 1: TCP** (Transmission Control Protocol)
 - **Characteristics: slow/complex** but **reliable**
 - **Protocol 2: UDP** (User Datagram Protocol)
 - **Characteristics: fast/simple** but **unreliable**



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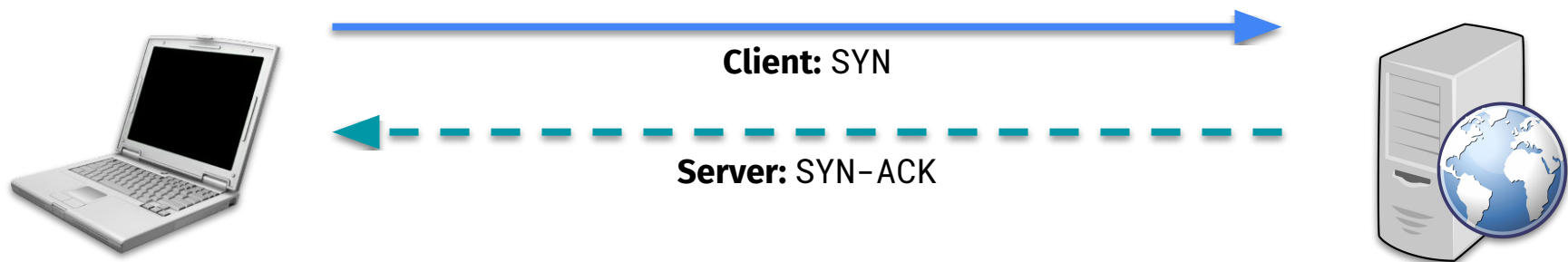


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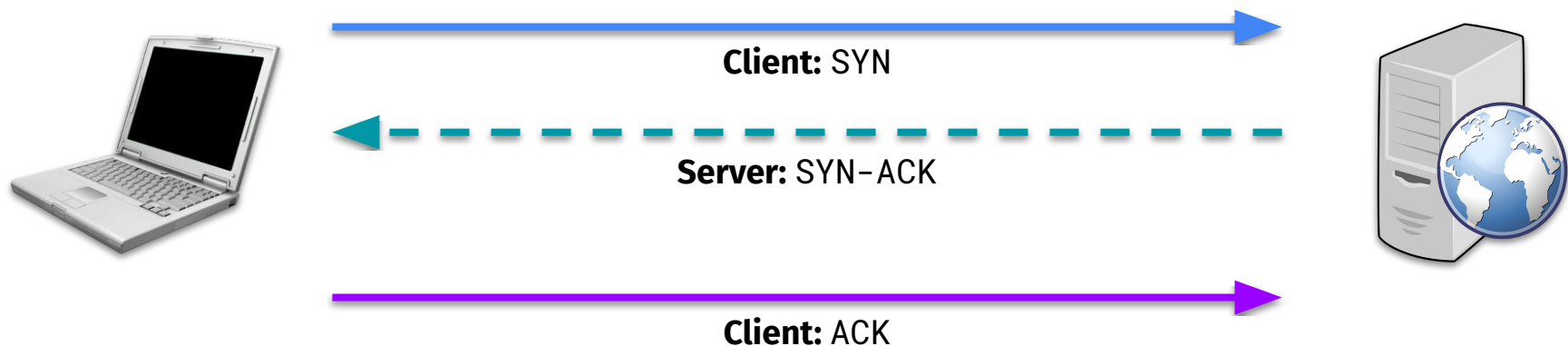
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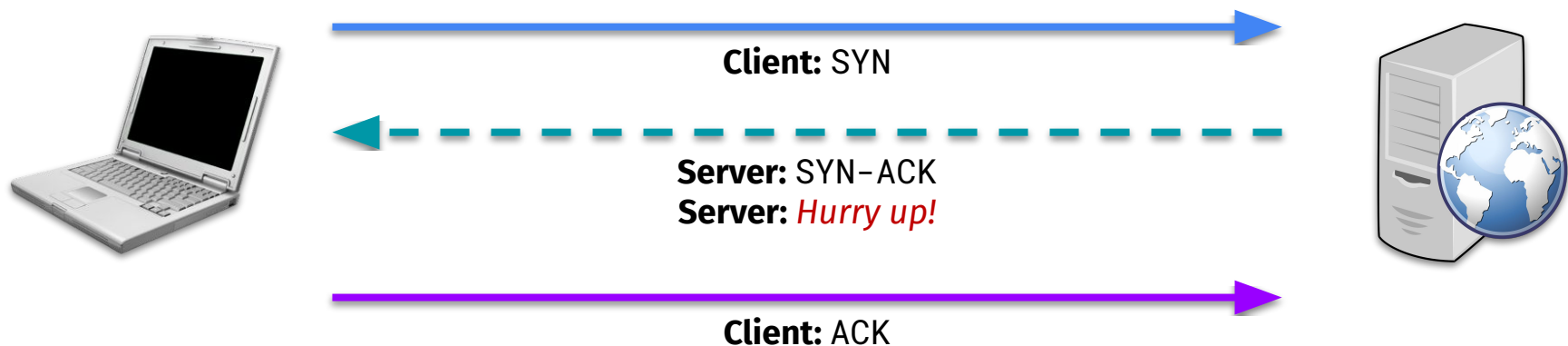
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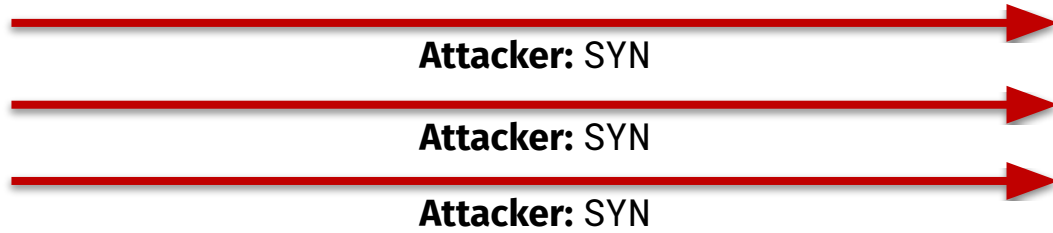
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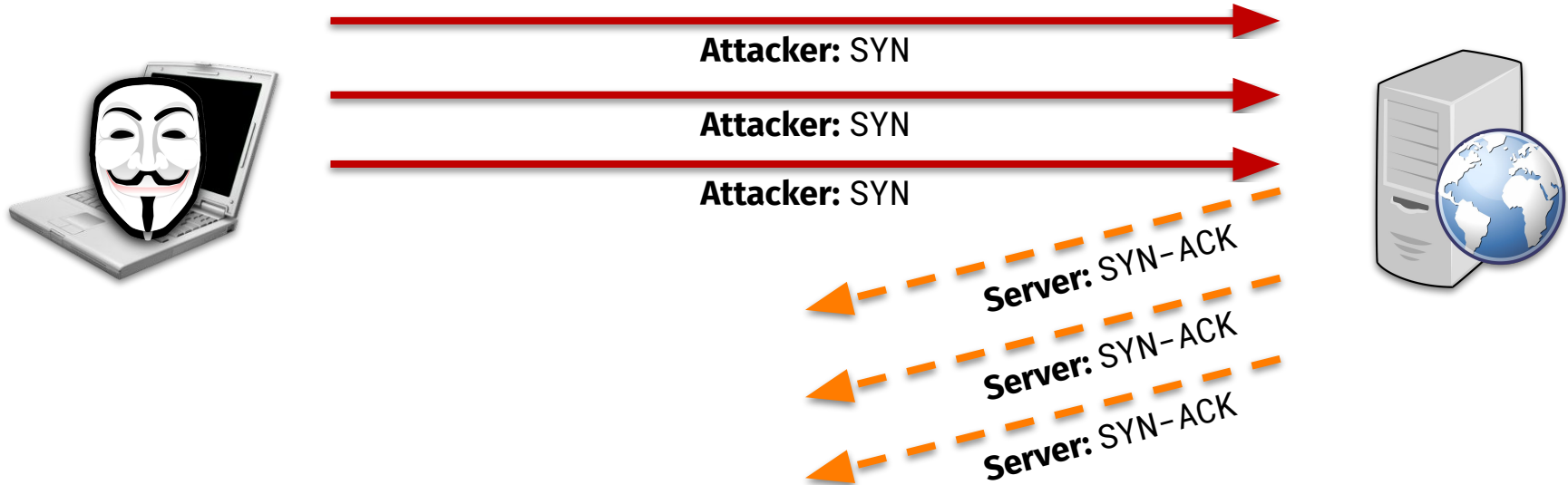
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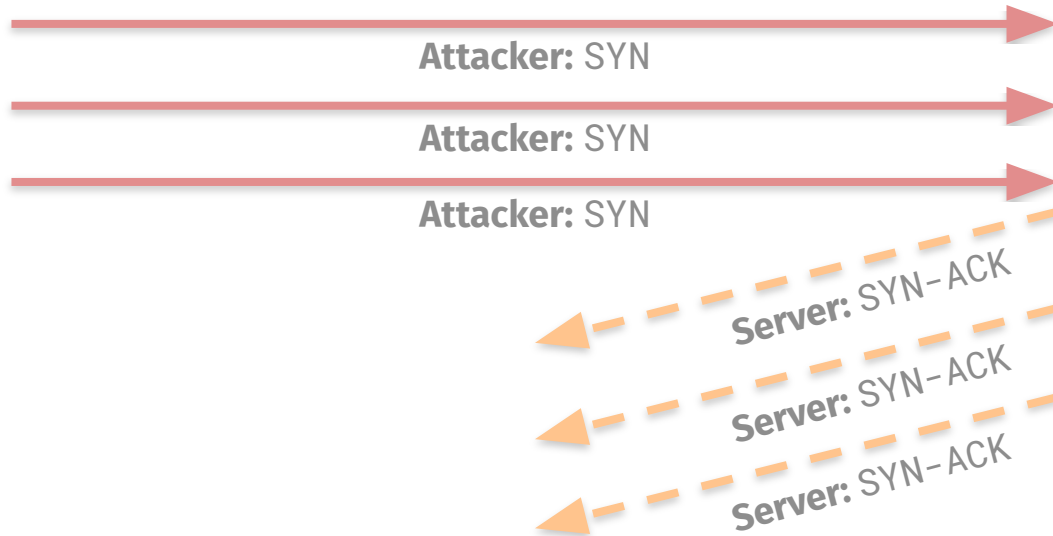
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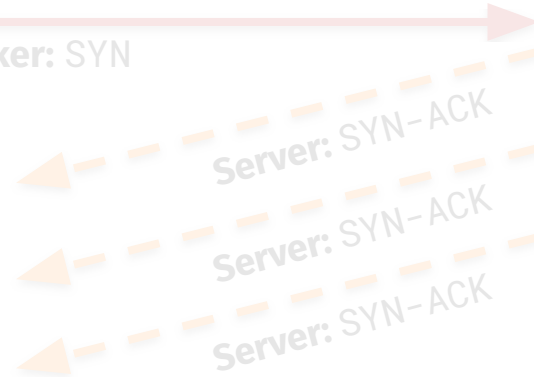
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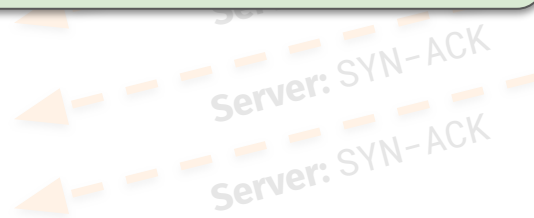
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Incorporate **state**—use **SYN cookies!**



Questions?



Network Layer DoS

Recap: The Network Layer

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- Function1: ???
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- **Addressing?**

- ???



Application



Transport



Network



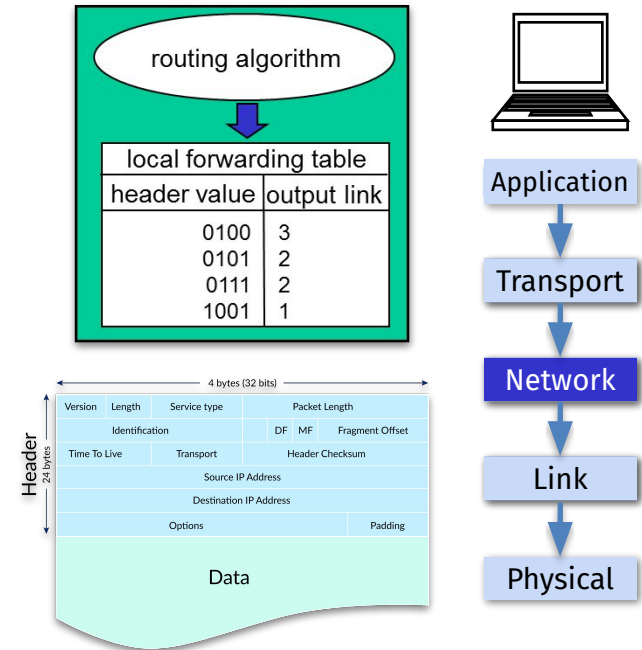
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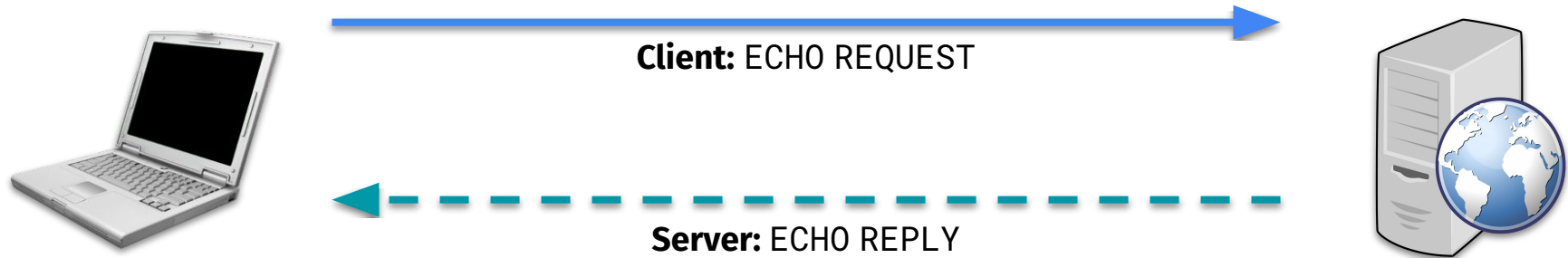
Recap: The Network Layer

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 - Sending of data from host on one network to another
- **Key functions?**
 - **Function1: Routing:** (find the shortest path for a packet)
 - **Function1: Forwarding** (send packet on to the next hop)
- **Addressing?**
 - **IP addressing** (logical addressing)



ICMP: Internet Control Message Protocol

- **ICMP:** pings to determine whether a system is **connected to the Internet**
 - Analogous to “**Hello, are you still there?**”



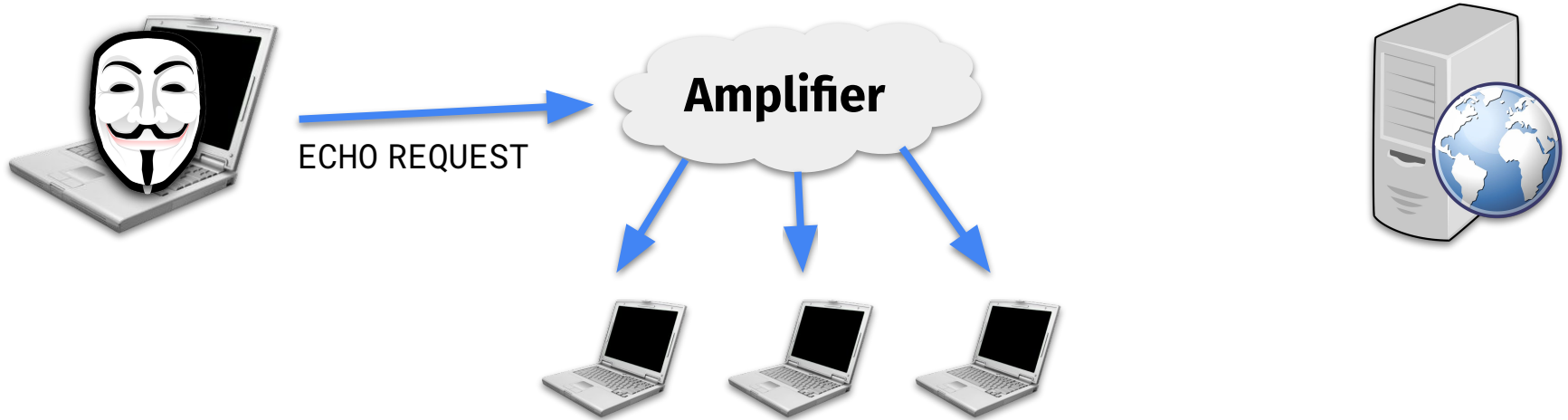
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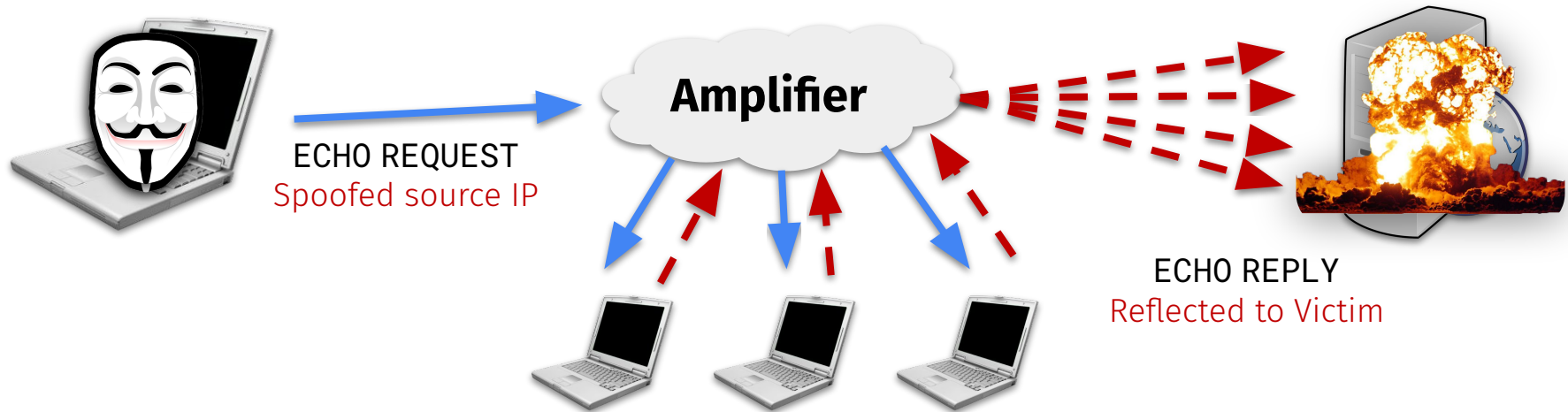
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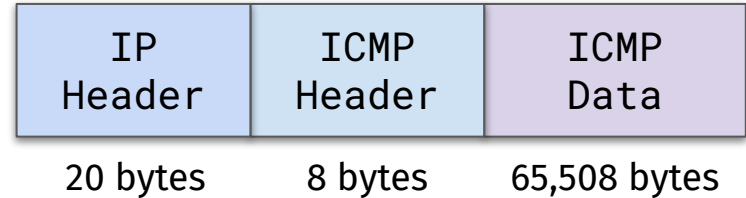
Advanced DoS Strategies

- **Reflection:**
 - IP spoofing to redirect response to a victim
- **Amplification:**
 - Technique that increases the amount of traffic or packet size that the victim sees versus what the attacker originally sent
- Common in **real-world DDoS attacks**
 - Harder to detect (source obfuscation)
 - Harder to thwart (changing sources)



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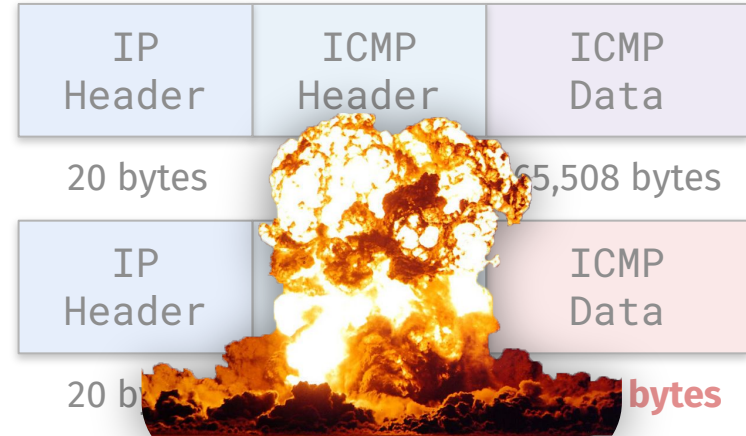
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How can we **prevent** ICMP attacks?

Secure any open **amplifiers**,
and **sanitize** network **input**

ICMP
Data

65,508 bytes

ICMP
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Questions?



Link Layer DoS

Recap: The Data Link Layer

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- **Addressing?**

- ???

- **Authenticity?**

- ???



Application

Transport

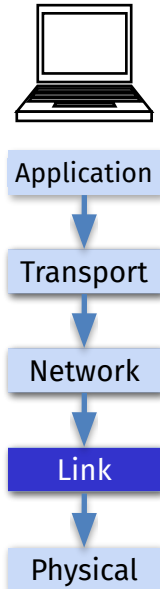
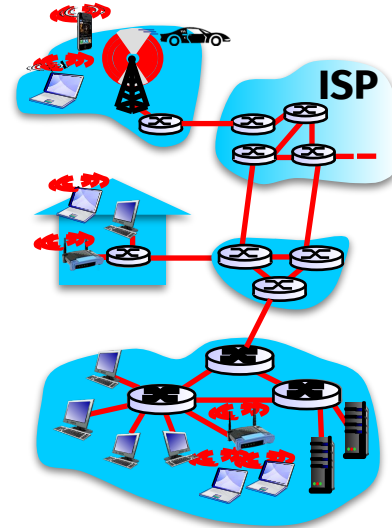
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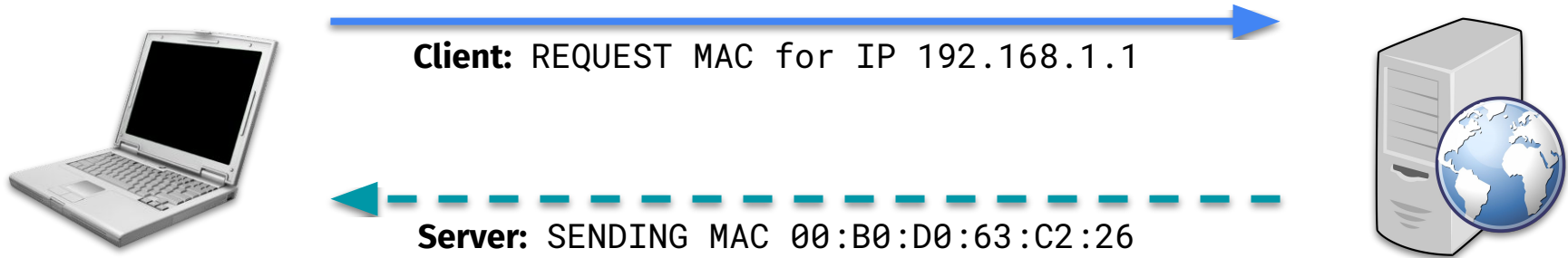
Recap: The Data Link Layer

- **What does it facilitate?**
 - Responsible for the node-to-node delivery of data
- **Addressing?**
 - MAC addresses
 - Physical identifier for hardware
- **Authenticity?**
 - **No—MAC addresses can be changed!**



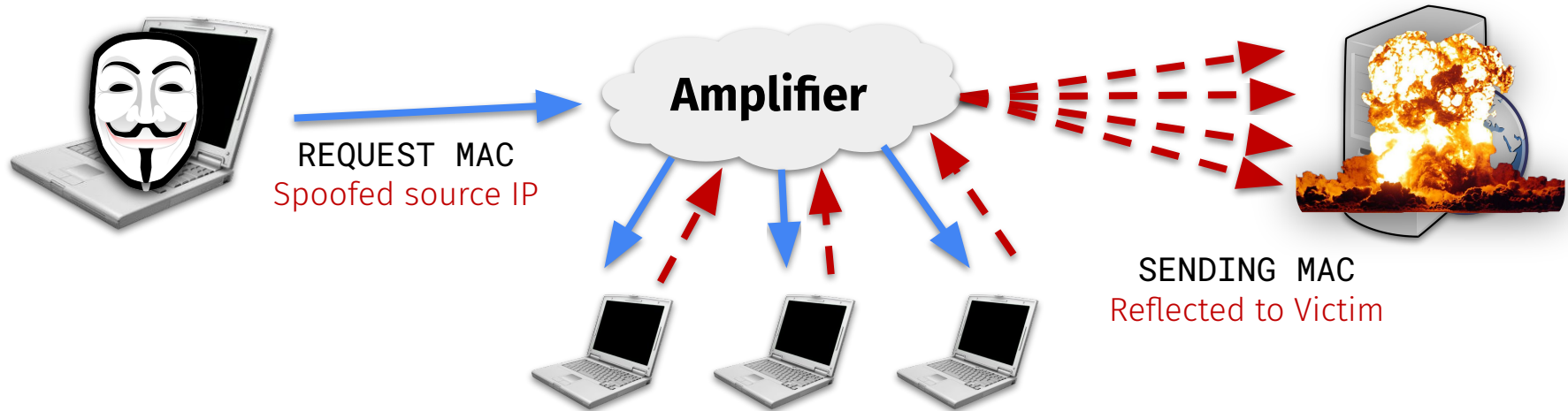
ARP: Address Resolution Protocol

- **ARP:** query to **resolve the MAC address** given a desired host IP
 - How we know which **physical** address to transmit data to from its logical address



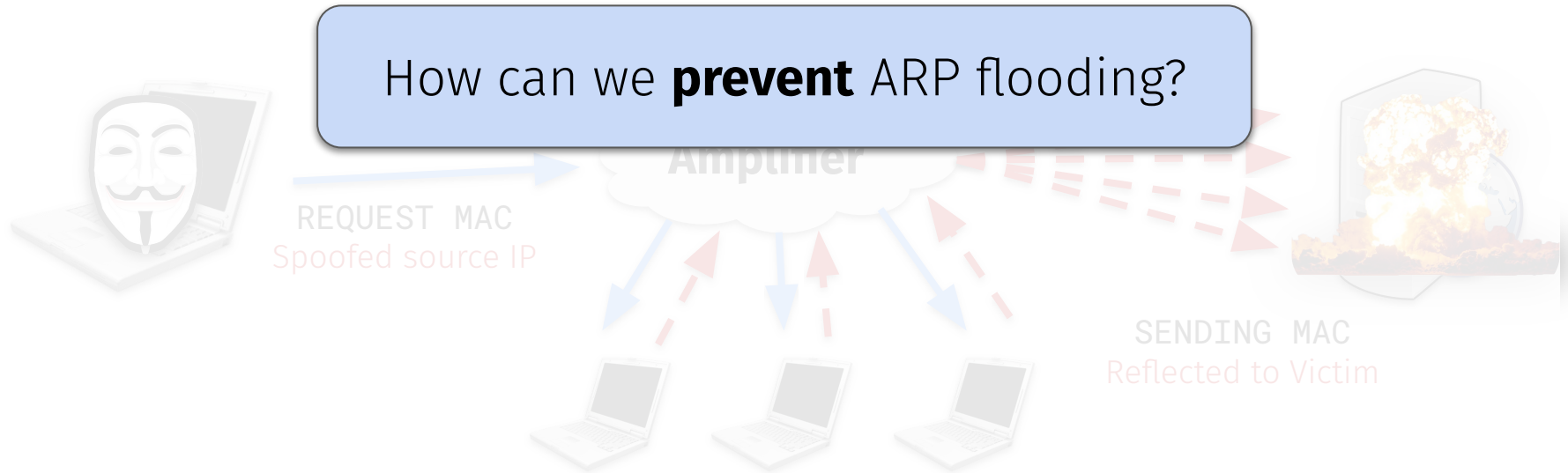
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Limit rate—allow **only so many** reqs!



SENDING MAC
Reflected to Victim

Physical Layer DoS

Recap: Physical Layer

- **What is it?**

Recap: Physical Layer

- What is it?



Physical Layer DoS

Russian Spy Submarines Are Tampering with Undersea Cables That Make the Internet Work. Should We Be Worried?

A massive cable attack is probably an over-hyped scenario, at least for a country with as many redundant cables as the United States pitted against a limited number of Russian special-operations submarines.



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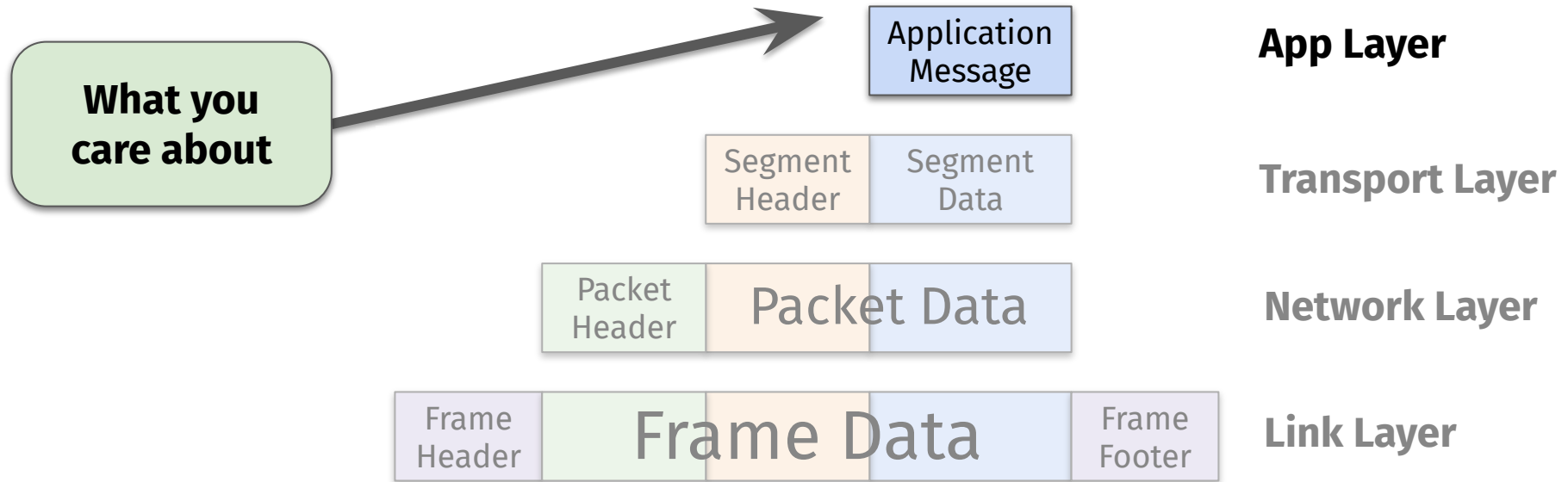
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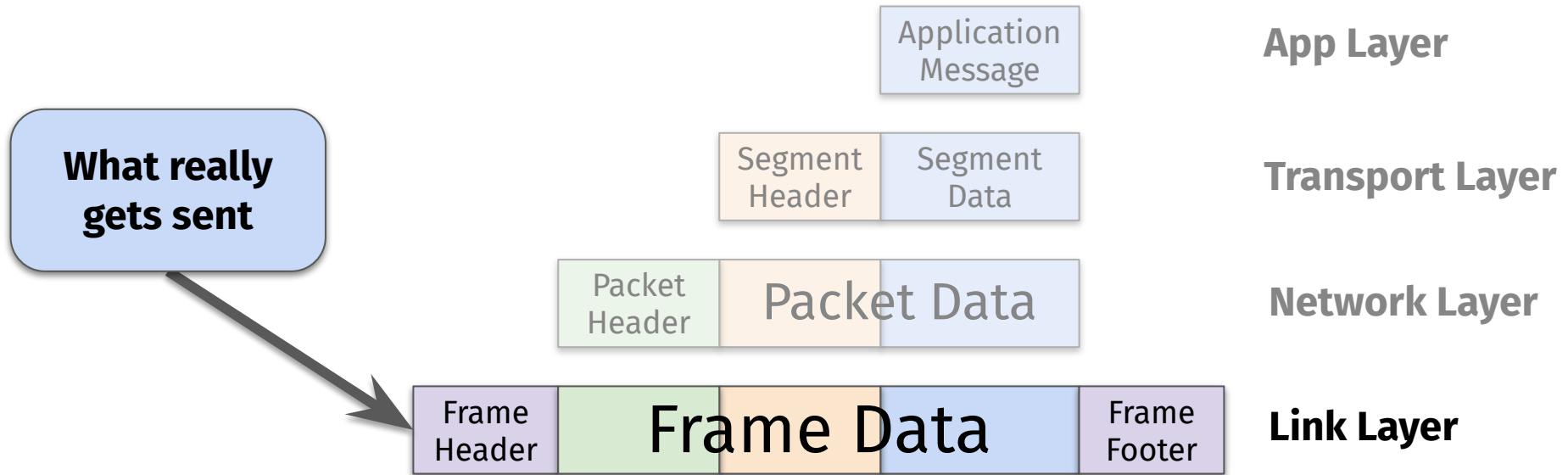
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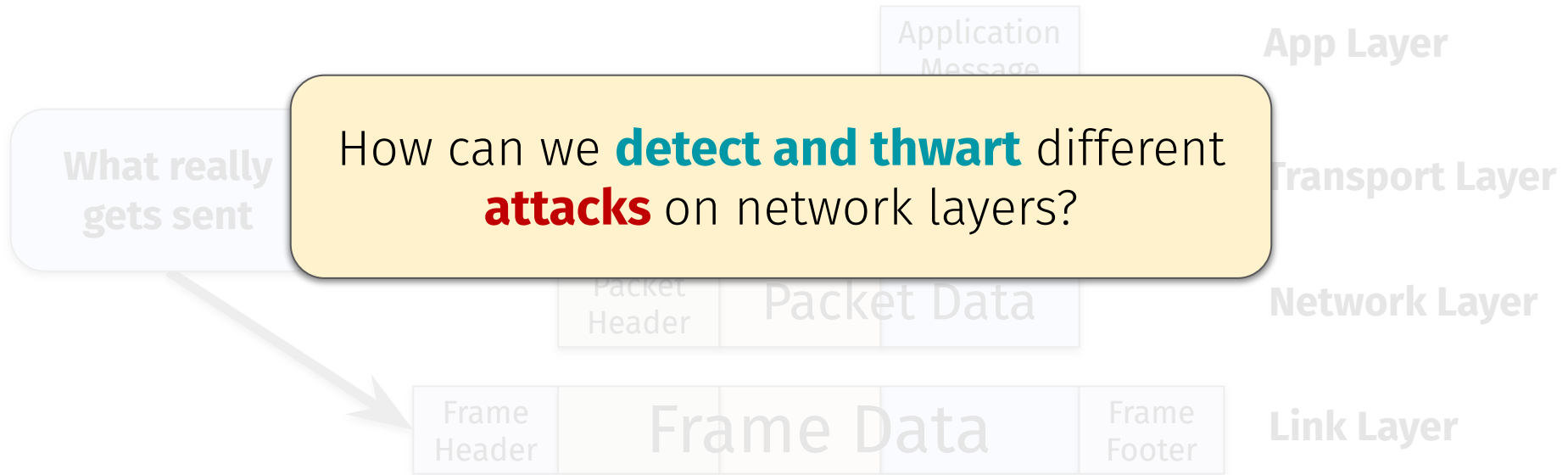
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Tools of the Trade

- **Packet Analyzers:**
 - Tools for dissecting network packets
- Packet Analyzers allow you to:
 - Identify unusual packets
 - Characterize network activity
 - Pinpoint **malicious traffic**
- The basis of modern-day network security (e.g., firewalls, antivirus)



Wireshark

PcapPlusPlus

Familiarity with packet analysis tools?

I eat NetSec CTF challenges like a kid eats candy on Halloween. 🧑🏻‍🔧

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Some (e.g., Wireshark, DPKT, Scapy, or something else)

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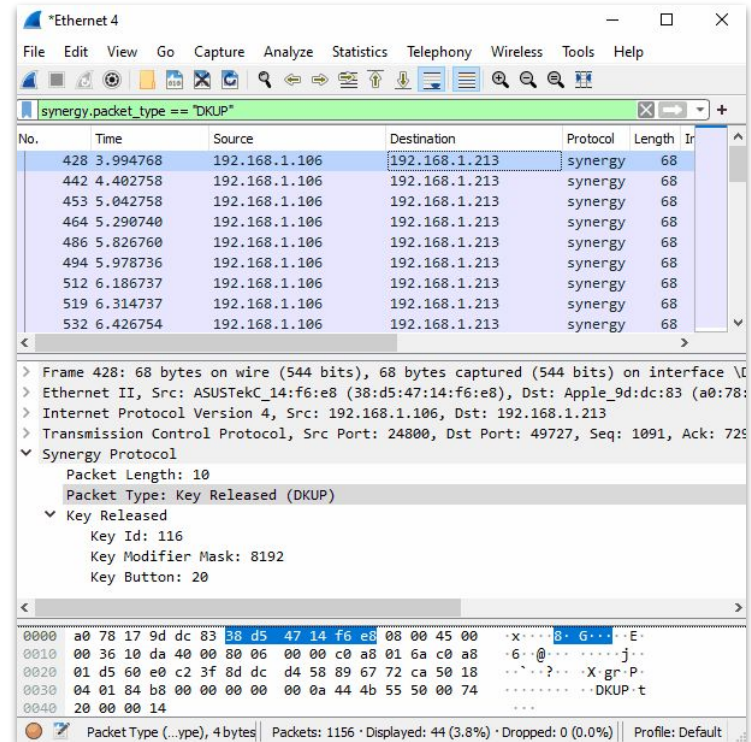
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Tools of the Trade: Wireshark

- A “graphical interface” for manual packet analysis
 - Completely **open-source and free**
- General workflow:
 - Load up a PCAP (packet capture)
 - Wireshark will display each packet
 - Inspect particular fields of interest



Tools of the Trade: Wireshark

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	10.0.0.2	10.128.0.2	TCP	54	3341 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=512 Len=0
2	0.003987	10.128.0.2	10.0.0.2	TCP	58	80 → 3222 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=29200 Len=0 MSS=1460
3	0.005514	10.128.0.2	10.0.0.2	TCP	58	80 → 3341 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=29200 Len=0 MSS=1460
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9	0.023496	10.128.0.2	10.0.0.2	TCP	58	80 → 3219 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=29200 Len=0 MSS=1460
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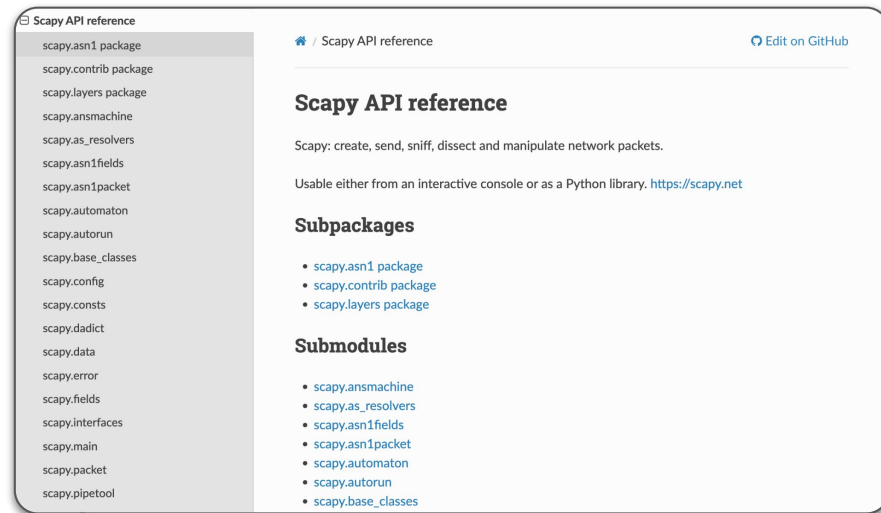
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Ethernet II, Src: 42:01:0a:f0:00:01 (42:01:0a:f0:00:01), Dst: 42:01:0a:f0:00:17 (42:01:0a:f0:00:17)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.128.0.2, Dst: 10.0.0.2

Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 80, Dst Port: 3222, Seq: 0, Ack: 1, Len: 0

- Source Port: 80
- Destination Port: 3222
- [Stream index: 1]
- [TCP Segment Len: 0]
- Sequence number: 0 (relative sequence number)
- [Next sequence number: 0 (relative sequence number)]
- Acknowledgment number: 1 (relative ack number)
- 0110 = Header Length: 24 bytes (6)
- Flags: 0x012 (SYN, ACK)**
- Window size value: 29200
- [Calculated window size: 29200]
- Checksum: 0x4268 [unverified]
- [Checksum Status: Unverified]
- Urgent pointer: 0
- Options: (4 bytes), Maximum segment size
- [Timestamps]

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Scapy API reference [Edit on GitHub](#)

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Scapy: create, send, sniff, dissect and manipulate network packets.

Usable either from an interactive console or as a Python library. <https://scapy.net>

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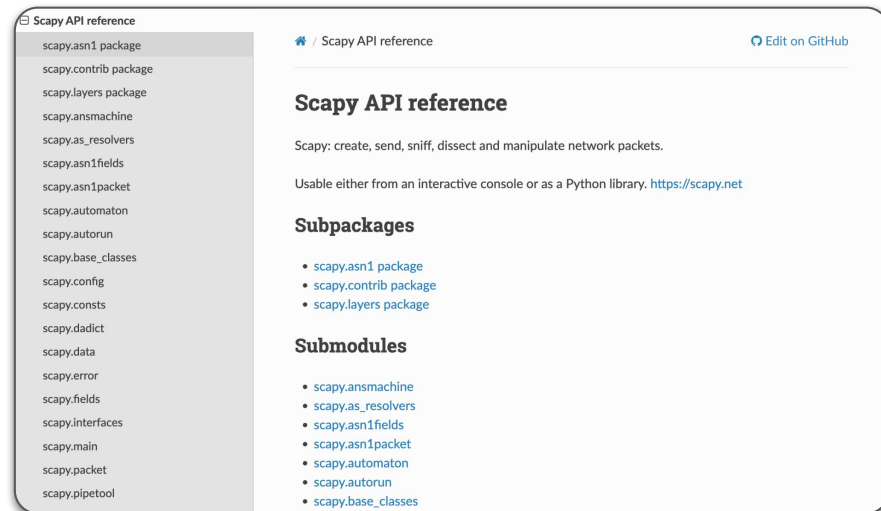
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 - Finding **user credentials**
 - Sniffing a user’s **browsing history**



Questions?



Next time on CS 4440...

Passwords and Secure Authentication