

# Bypassing Same Origin Policy

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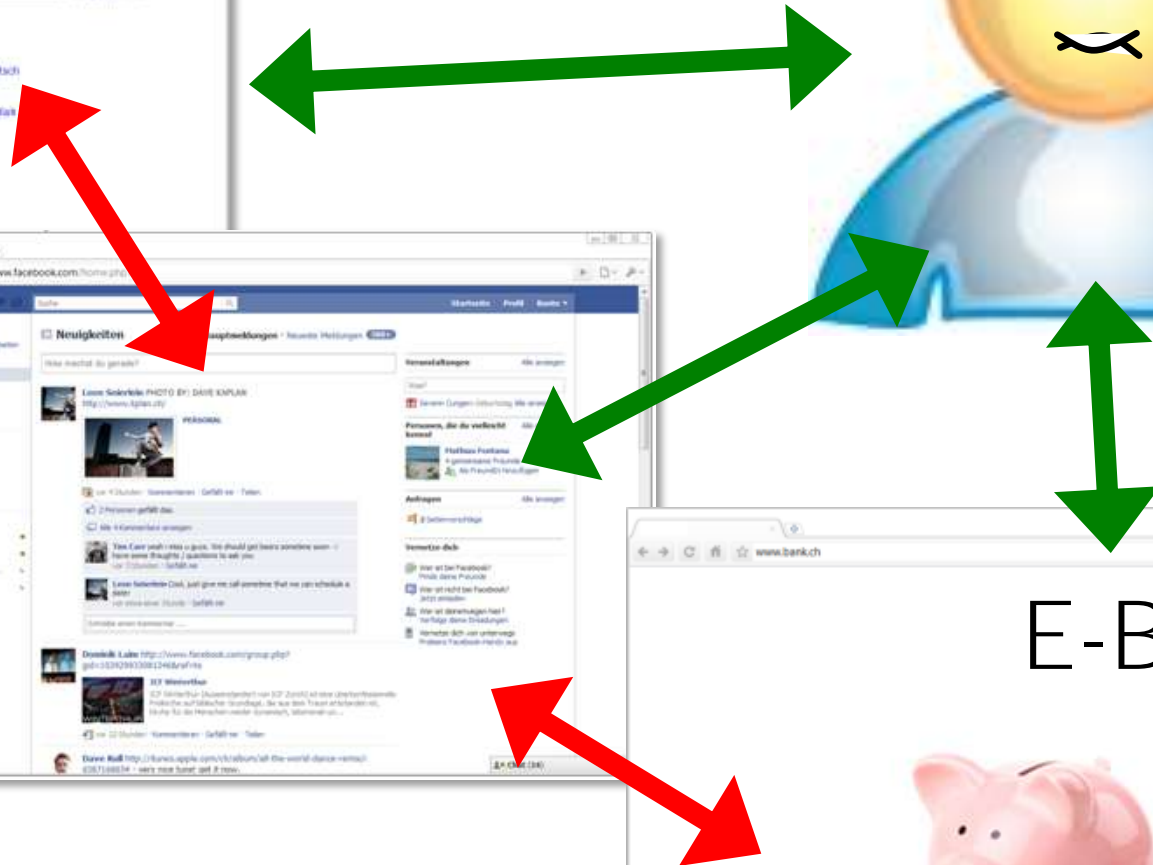
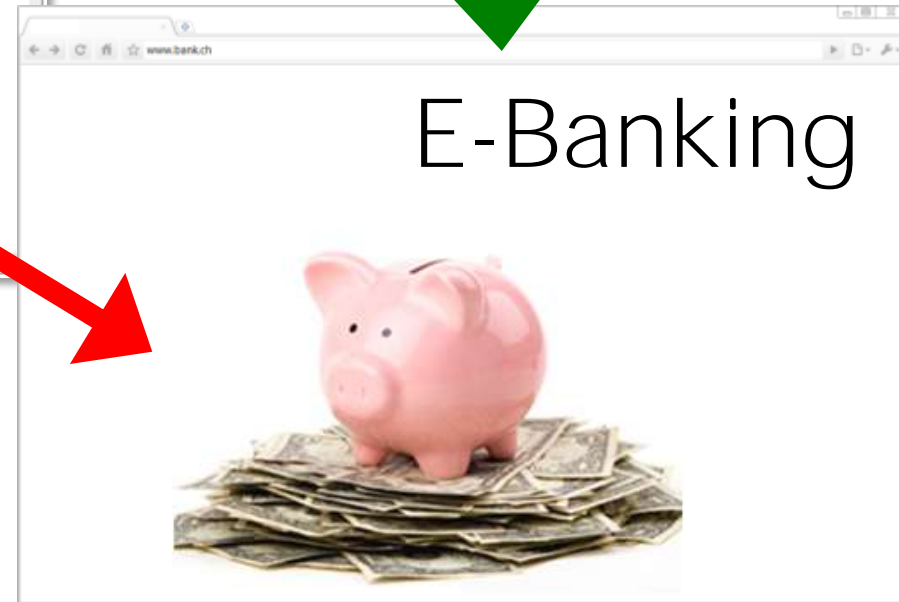
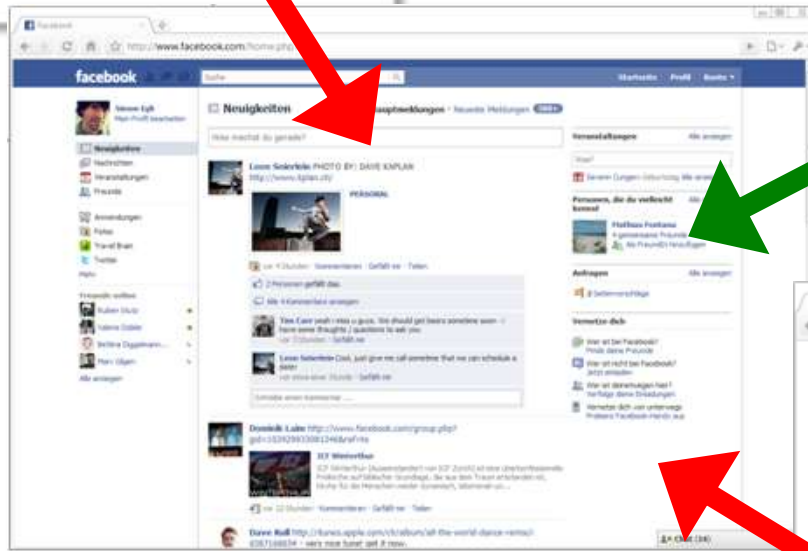
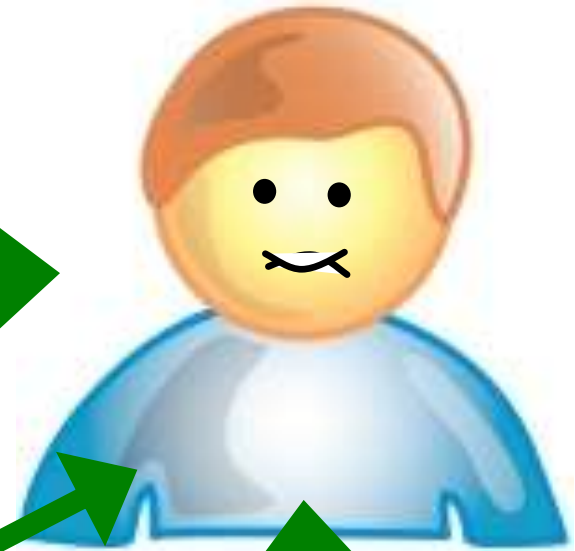
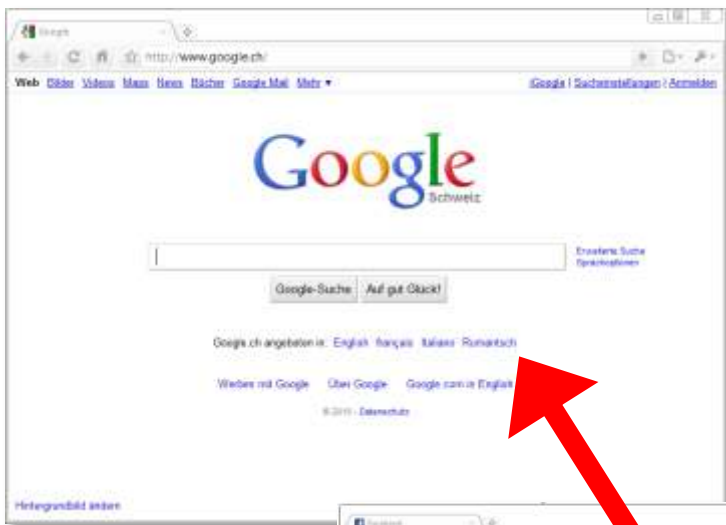










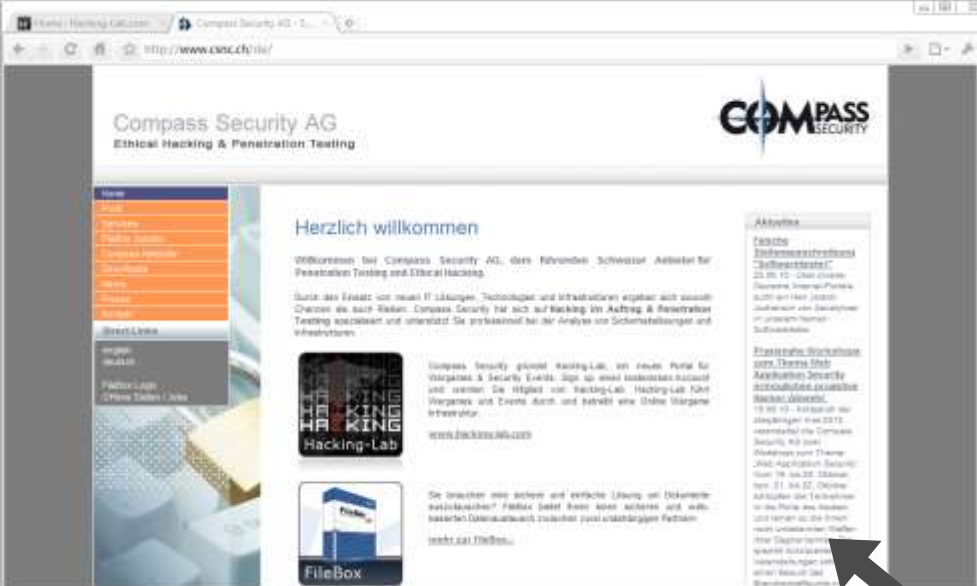


# Why?

Separated Content

Restricted DOM Access

Access to Cookies



Same Origin Policy



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# 1990

1st Web Server

1st Web Site

1st Web Browser



1995

YAHOO!



# 1996

JavaScript

Same Origin Policy

Netscape Navigator 2.0

**100'000 Web Servers**



# 2003

## Web 2.0

„I think Web 2.0 is of course a piece of jargon, nobody even knows what it means.“ Tim Berners-Lee



1996



1998



1999



2001



2004



2005



2006



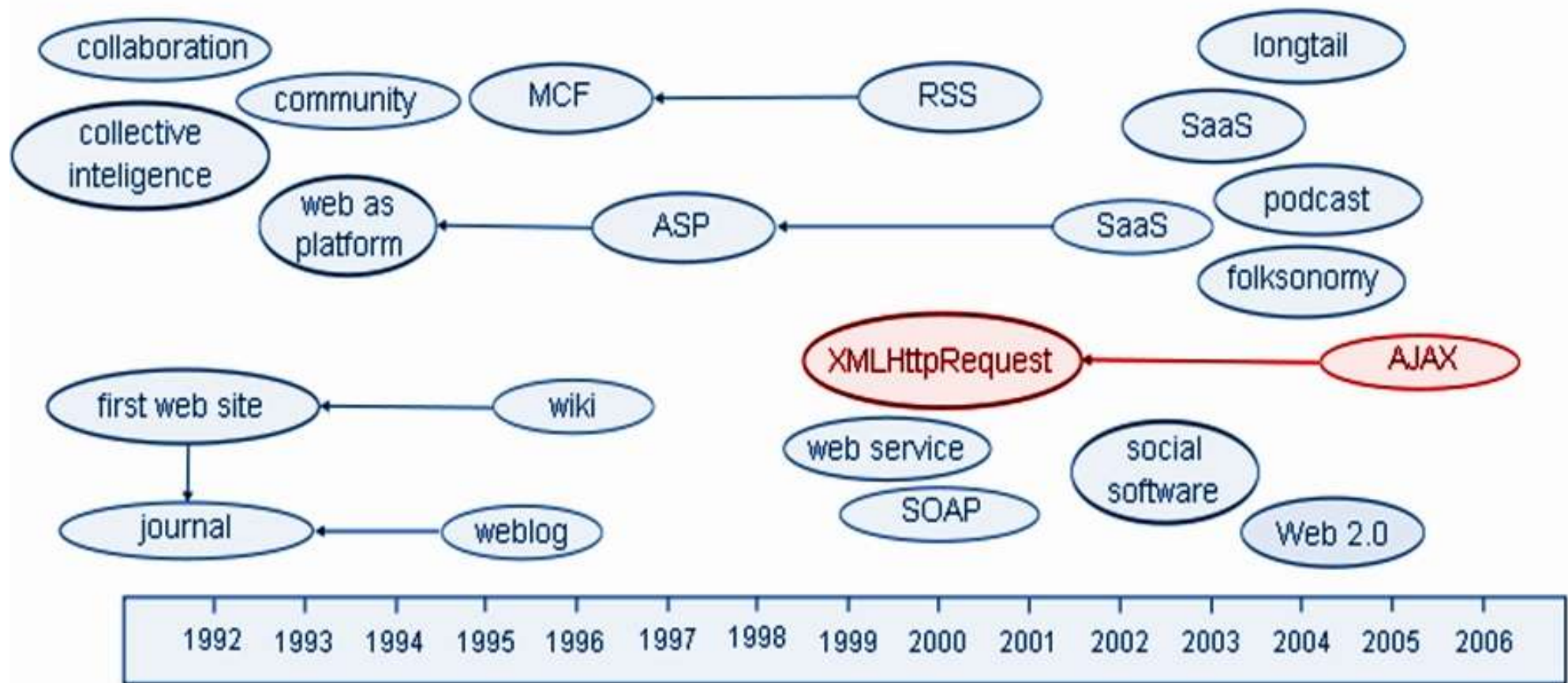
# Same Origin Policy





Restricted access to Cookies / DOM for:

- ✦ Java Script
- ✦ XMLHttpRequest (XHR)
- ✦ Adobe Flash
- ✦ Java Applet
- ✦ Microsoft Silverlight
- ✦ ActiveX
- ✦ Browser Extensions & Plugins



# XMLHttpRequest (XHR)



Background HTTP requests from JavaScript

Invented by Microsoft in 2000 (Internet Explorer 5)

IE 5/6: COM/ActiveX object „Microsoft.XmlHttp“

IE 7, Firefox, Opera, Safari and other browsers:  
Native JavaScript object „XMLHttpRequest“

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### Topstory

Premiere  
**Schweizer Solarpreise für PlusEnergieBauten**

### Schlagzeilen

11:23 Vasella in economiesuisse-Vorstand gewählt  
11:06 Blochers ex-Buchhalter schuldig gesprochen  
10:47 21-jähriger stürzt im Alpstein zu Tode  
10:31 Mehr Übernachtungen in Schweizer Hotels

Alle News der letzten 24 Stunden

### Ausland

### Tennis

**Roger und das Schienbein**  
Roger Federer spricht über sein Benefizspiel, seinen nächsten Gegner und über sein Missgeschick beim Aufschlag. [Mehr...](#)

### Bilder des Tages

**Arg beäugt**  
Wessen Hände eine Fratze ziehen und wo ein potentieller TV-Käufer unter strenger Beobachtung steht.

### Anzeige

**Markenhemden und Krawatten -67%**  
Cerruti, Valentino, Dolce & Gabanna und Ferré, zu diesen Marken muss man wohl nichts mehr hinzufügen. [Mehr...](#)

### Vorschau

Bluewin.ch bald in neuem Kleid  
[Hier klicken >](#)

### Wetter

Chur  
recht sonnig  
11 bis 21°C  
[Details & Aussichten](#)  
[Wetter-TV](#)

### Telefonbuch

Console HTML CSS Script DOM Net

Clear Persist All HTML CSS JS XHR Images Flash Media

URL	Status	Domain
GET updateMeteoD	200 OK	bluewin.ch
GET updateMeteoD	200 OK	bluewin.ch
GET updateMeteoD	200 OK	bluewin.ch
GET updateMeteoD	200 OK	bluewin.ch

Params Headers Response Cache HTML JSON

```
{ "cities": [], "city": "06786000", "imageSymb": "6", "text": "recht sonnig", "minTemp": "", "maxTemp": "", "temp": "11 bis 21" }
```

XMLHttpRequest



# And AJAX / XMLHttpRequest?



www.other.com



www.origin.com

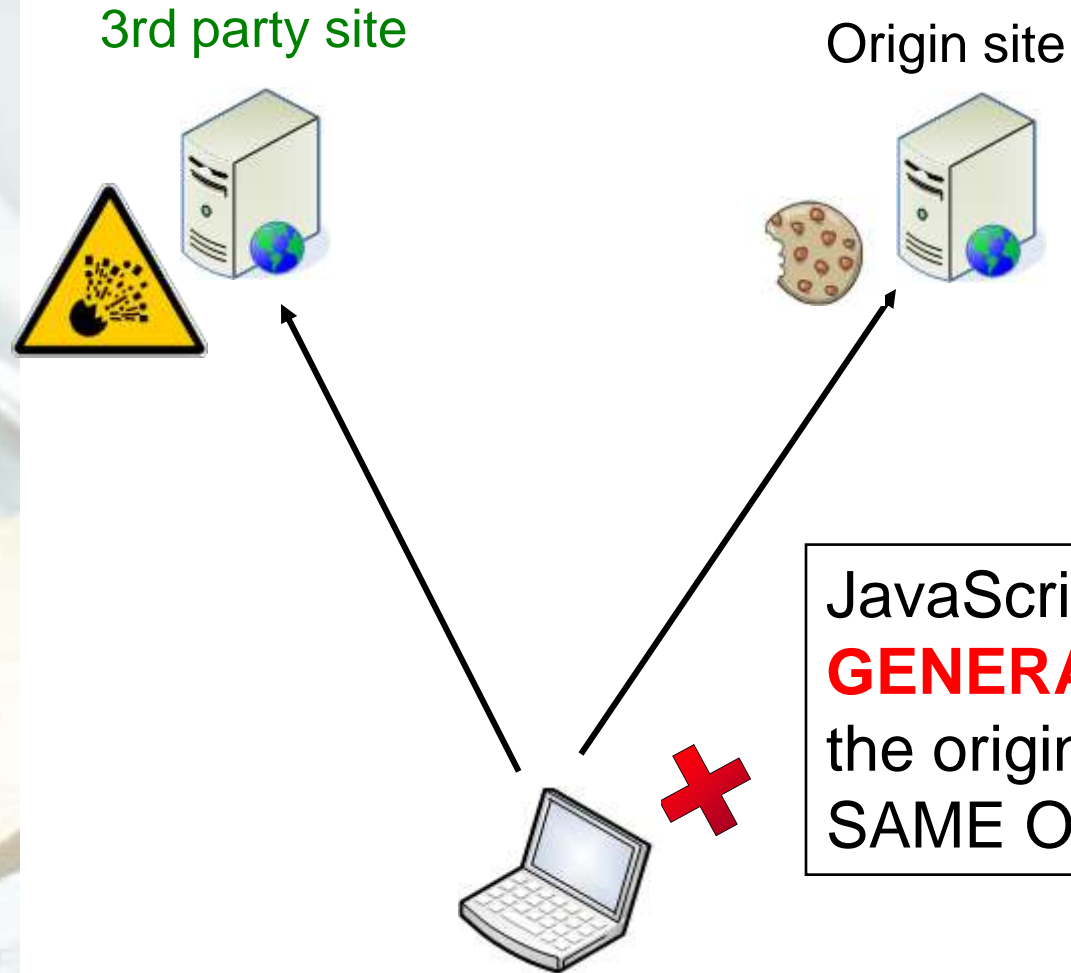


Non-origin requests are  
not supported with XHR



```
var xmlhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();  
var url = 'http://www.other.com/res/pub-data/';  
  
function callOtherDomain(){  
  if(xmlhttp) {  
    xmlhttp.open('GET', url, true);  
    xmlhttp.onreadystatechange = handler;  
    xmlhttp.send();  
  }  
}
```

# Use Script from 3rd Party



JavaScript from 3rd party site **IS**  
**GENERALLY DENIED** to access  
the origin cookie because of the  
**SAME ORIGIN POLICY**



= Protokoll (http/https)  
+ Host (www.csnc.ch)  
+ Port (:80)

Referenz URL: *<http://www.csnc.ch/de/index.html>*

1. <http://www.csnc.ch/en/index.html>



2. <httpS://www.csnc.ch/de/index.html>



3. <http://csnc.ch/de/index.html>



4. <http://v1.www.csnc.ch/de/index.html>

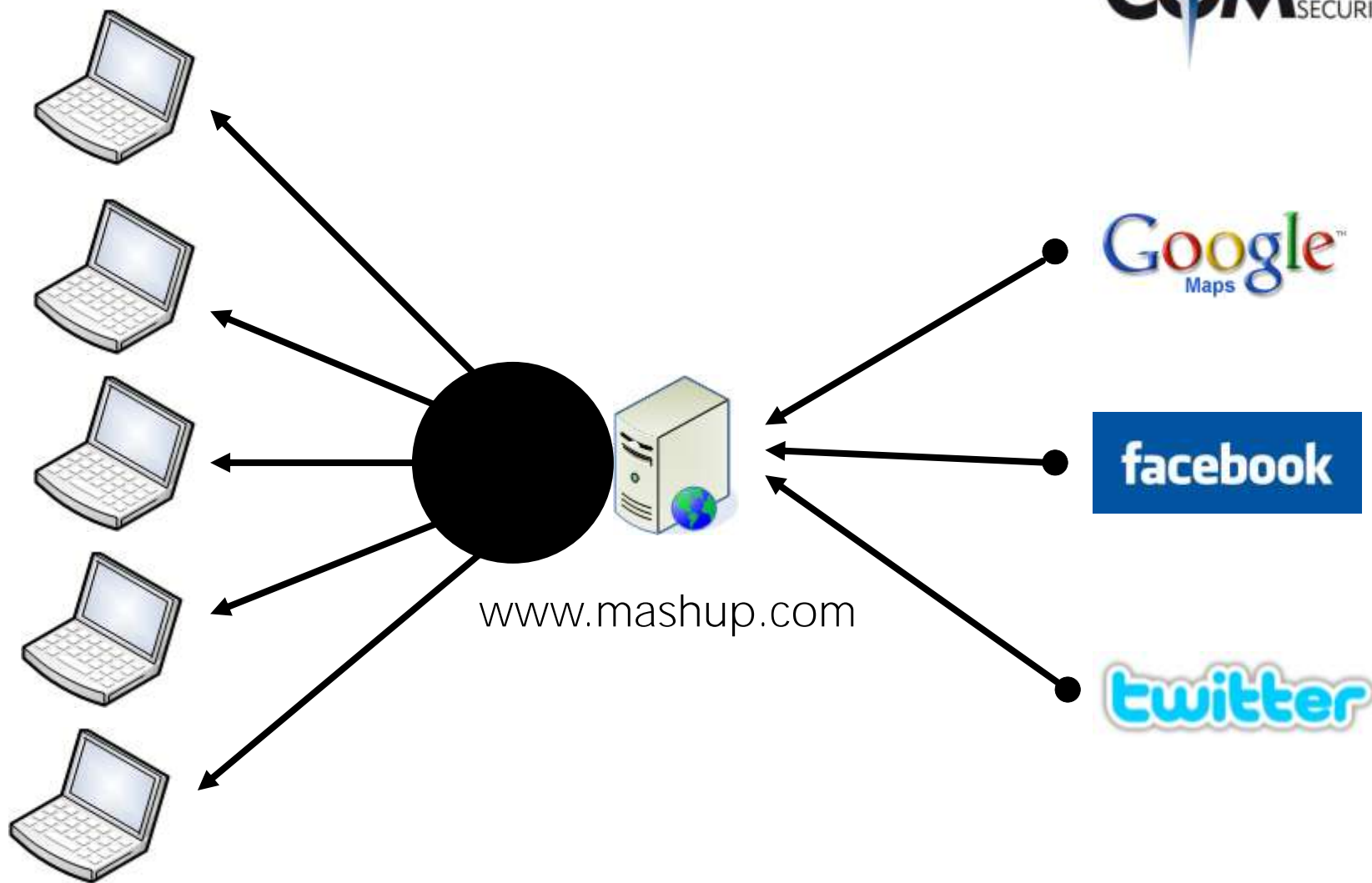




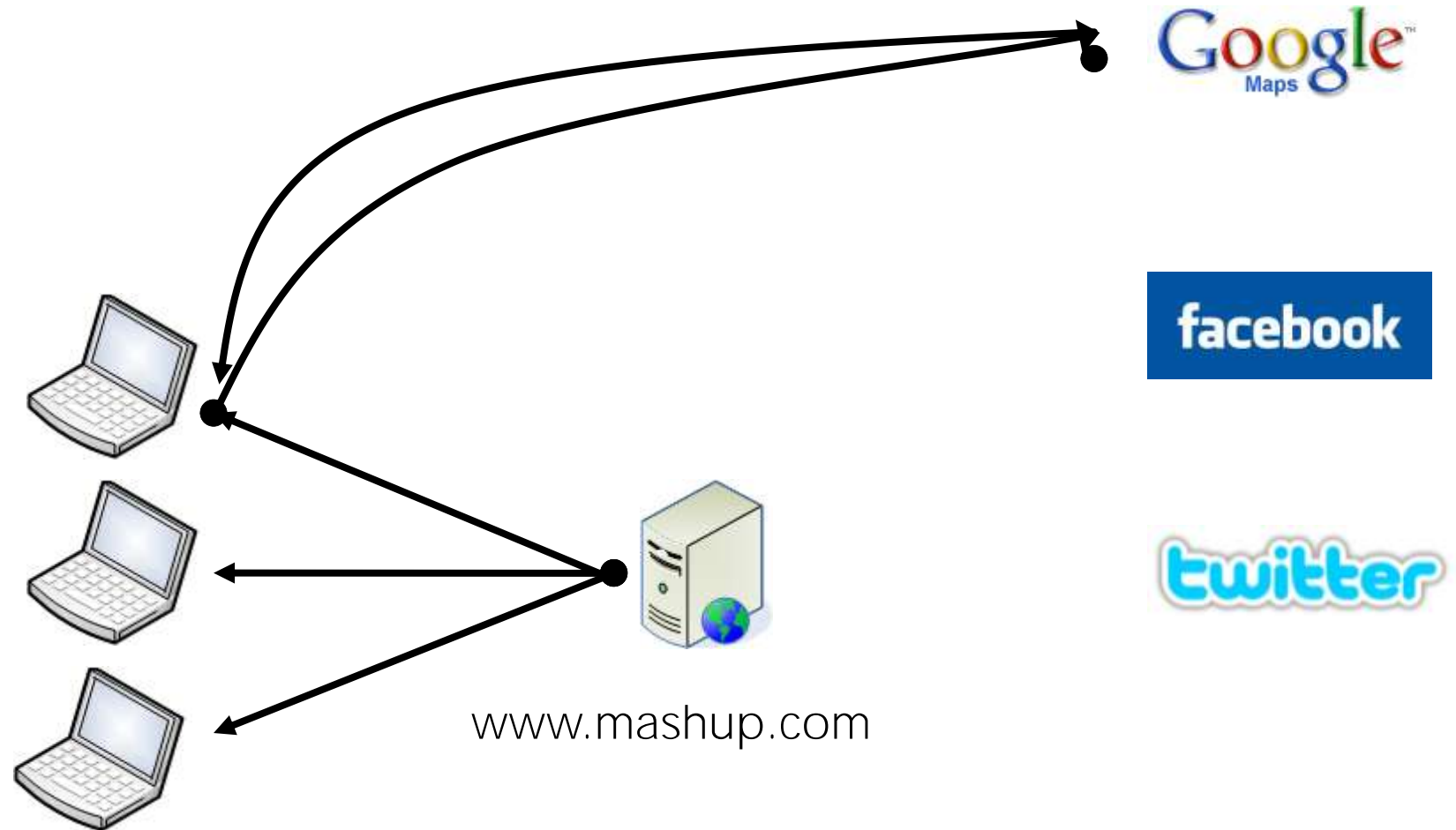
# By-passing SOP?



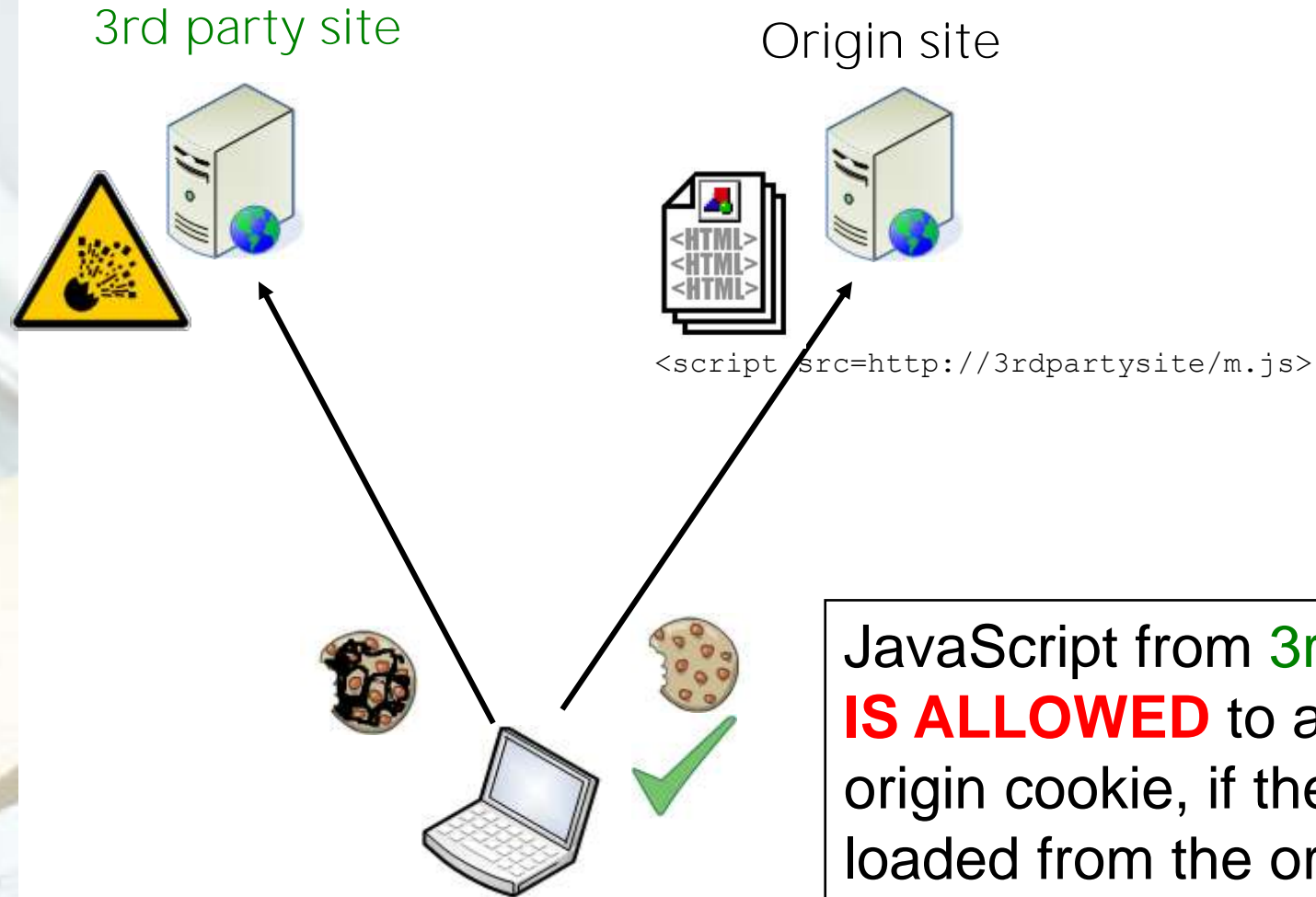
# Why by-passing SOP?



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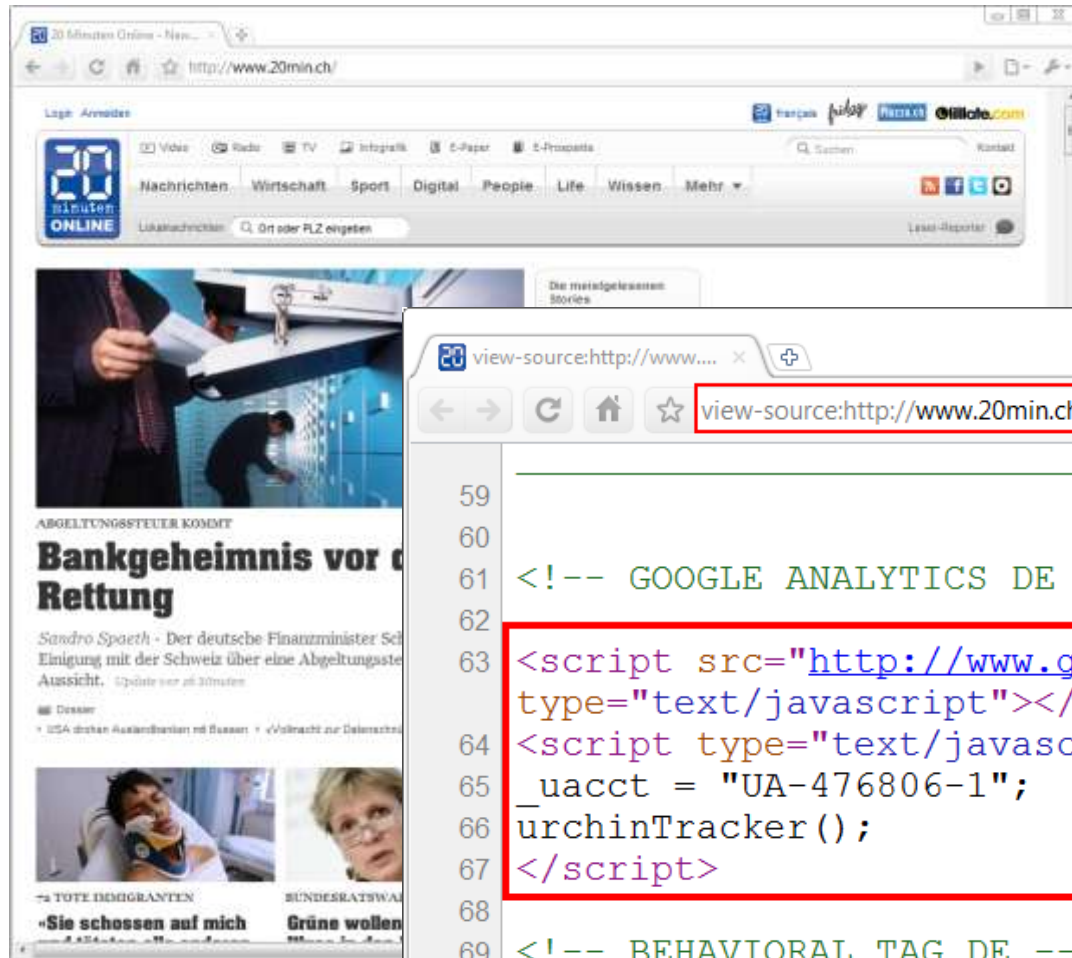
# Use Script from 3rd Party



JavaScript from **3rd party** site **IS ALLOWED** to access the origin cookie, if the script is loaded from the origin site with `<script src=>`



# Google Analytics



```
view-source:http://www.... x
view-source:http://www.20min.ch/

59
60
61 <!-- GOOGLE ANALYTICS DE -->
62
63 <script src="http://www.google-analytics.com/urchin.js"
64 type="text/javascript"></script>
65 <script type="text/javascript">
66 _uacct = "UA-476806-1";
67 urchinTracker();
68 </script>
69
70 <!-- BEHAVIORAL TAG DE -->
71
72 <!-- MEMO: ARRAY > AUTOFILL -->
```

You will loose control and  
authority of your domain if you  
use `<script src="" ">` tags!

A New Solution is Required!

# Cross-Origin Resource Sharing

CORS, a W3C Working Draft - 27 July 2010



# CORS Compatibility



XMLHttpRequest (XHR)



XDomainRequest (XDR)

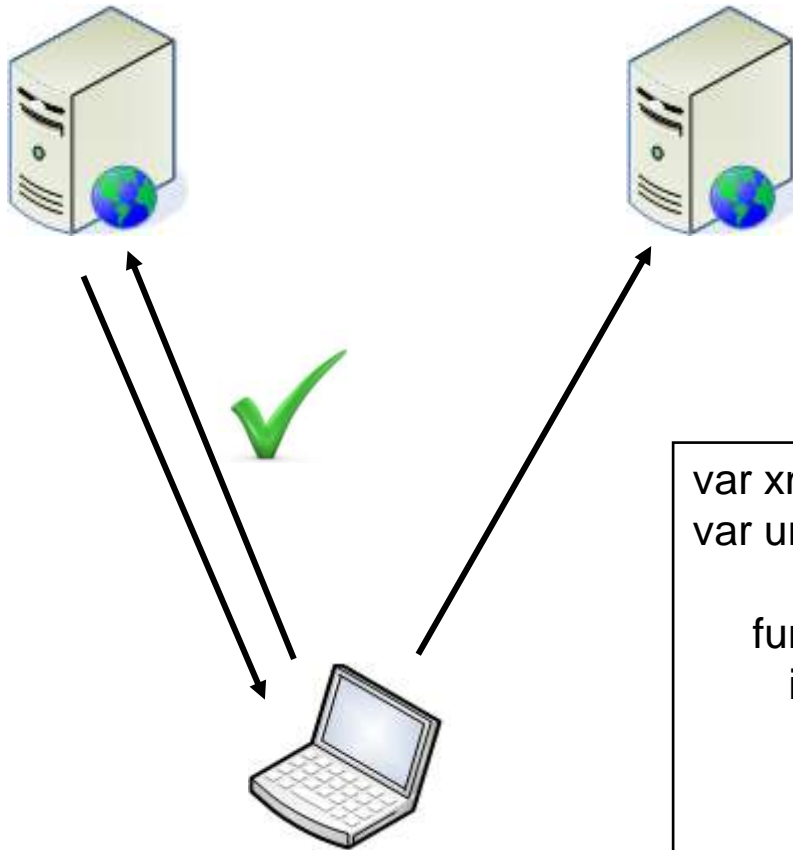


# CORS Simple Request



www.other.com

www.origin.com



```
var xmlHttp = new XMLHttpRequest();  
var url = 'http://www.other.com/res/pub-data/';  
  
function callOtherDomain(){  
    if(xmlHttp) {  
        xmlHttp.open('GET', url, true);  
        xmlHttp.onreadystatechange = handler;  
        xmlHttp.send();  
    }  
}
```

# Simple Request Example

## Client Request:

GET /resources/public-data/ HTTP/1.1

Host: bar.other

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; U; Intel Mac OS X 10.5; en-US; rv:1.9.1b3pre)

Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,\*/\*;q=0.8

Accept-Language: en-us,en;q=0.5

Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate

Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,\*;q=0.7

Keep-Alive: 300

Connection: keep-alive

Referer: http://foo.example/examples/access-control/simpleXSInvocation.html

Origin: http://foo.example

## #1 Example – Server Response:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Date: Mon, 01 Dec 2008 00:23:53 GMT

Server: Apache/2.0.61

Access-Control-Allow-Origin: \*

Keep-Alive: timeout=2, max=100

Connection: Keep-Alive

Transfer-Encoding: chunked

Content-Type: application/xml

[XML Data]

## #2 Example – Server Response:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Date: Mon, 01 Dec 2008 00:23:53 GMT

Server: Apache/2.0.61

Access-Control-Allow-Origin: http://foo.example

Keep-Alive: timeout=2, max=100

Connection: Keep-Alive

Transfer-Encoding: chunked

Content-Type: application/xml

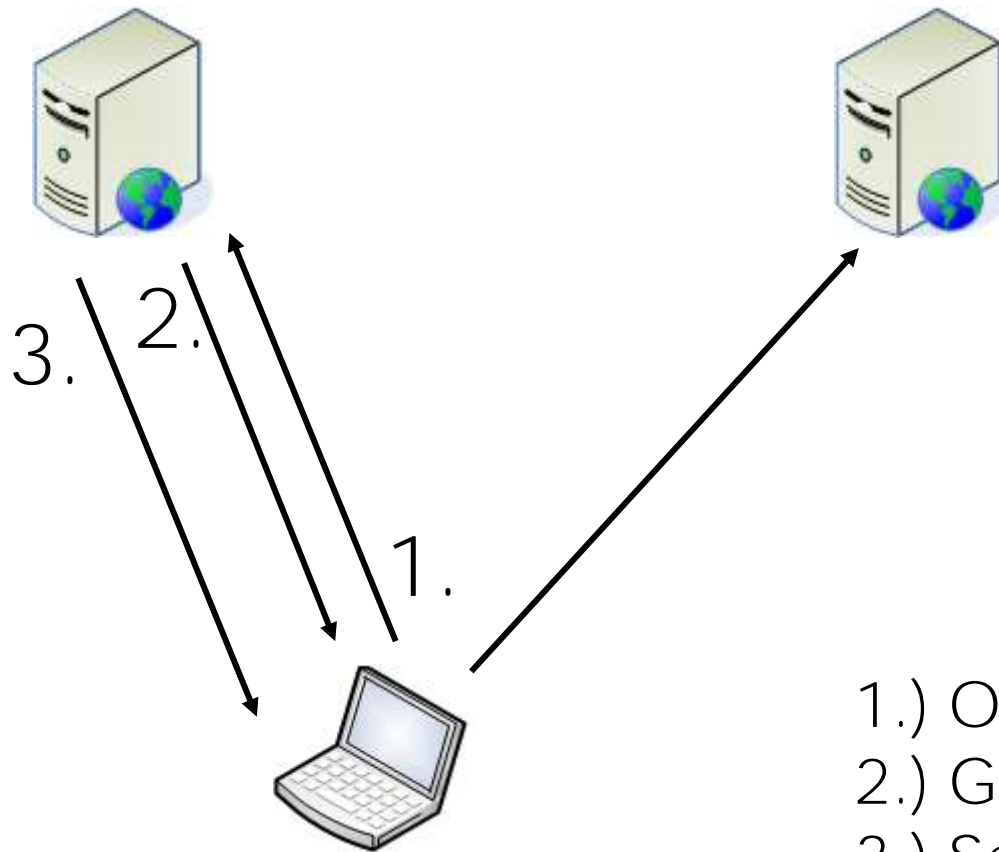
[XML Data]

# CORS Preflighted Request Example



www.other.com

www.origin.com



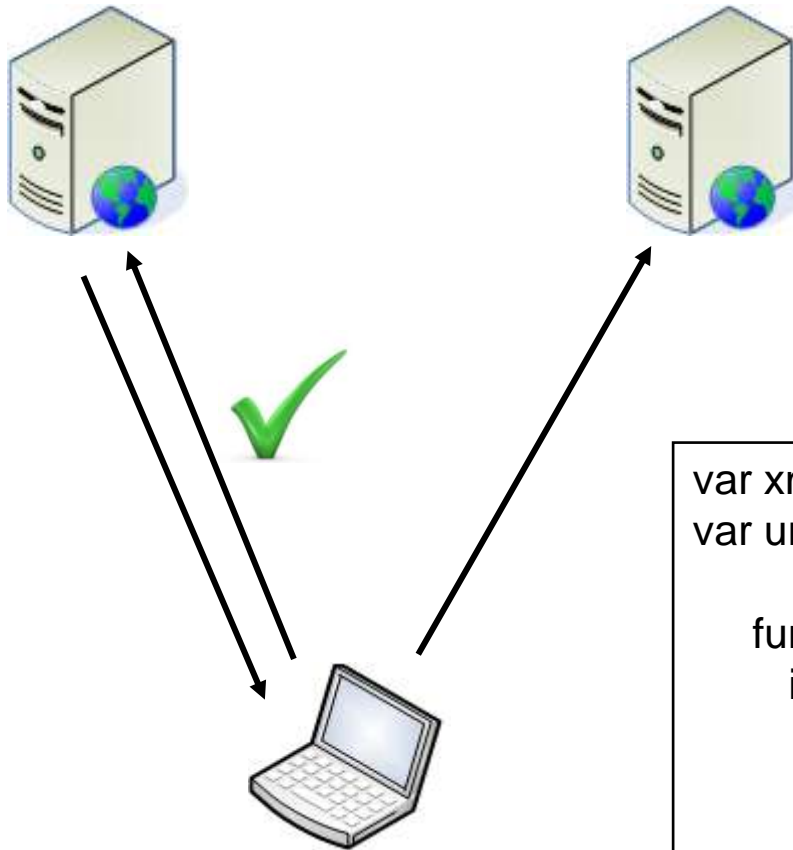
- 1.) OPTIONS Request
- 2.) GET / POST Request
- 3.) Server sends data

# CORS Request with credentials



www.other.com

www.origin.com



```
var xmlHttp = new XMLHttpRequest();  
var url = 'http://www.other.com/res/pub-data/';  
  
function callOtherDomain(){  
    if(xmlHttp) {  
        xmlHttp.open('GET', url, true);  
        xmlHttp.withCredentials = "true";  
        xmlHttp.onreadystatechange = handler;  
        xmlHttp.send();  
    }  
}
```

# Request with Credentials

Client Request:

GET /resources/public-data/ HTTP/1.1

Host: bar.other

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; U; Intel Mac OS X 10.5; en-US; rv:1.9.1b3pre)

Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,\*/\*;q=0.8

Accept-Language: en-us,en;q=0.5

Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate

Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,\*;q=0.7

Keep-Alive: 300

Connection: keep-alive

Referer: http://foo.example/examples/access-control/simpleXSInvocation.html

Origin: <http://foo.example>

**Cookie: pageAccess=2**

Server Response:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Date: Mon, 01 Dec 2008 00:23:53 GMT

Server: Apache/2.0.61

[Access-Control-Allow-Origin: http://foo.example](http://foo.example)

[Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true](#)

Keep-Alive: timeout=2, max=100

Connection: Keep-Alive

Content-Type: application/xml

[XML Data]



# Mitigation



CORS allows to load cross-domain data from foreign domains

Server decides which origin is allowed to access the data

Separate critical / non-critical applications into different subdomains

- ✦ E.g. <http://app1.mybank.com> / <http://app2.mybank.com>

Host third-party scripts by yourself or trust the source

Load third-party scripts via local proxy

Cross origin resource sharing (CORS)

- ✦ Fully supported (XMLHttpRequest) by Firefox 3.5, Safari 4, Google Chrome 2
- ✦ Proprietary implemented (XDomainRequest) by Internet Explorer 8

# Q/A Session



## References / Further Links



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