

Security and Real World HTTP Servers

AGENDA

Security

REST

Revisiting Middleware

Security

Security issue #1: passwords

- Passwords that are stored in plain text represent a security breach
- What's the solution?

Hashing

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- Hashing is a one way process
- Each iteration is doubling the time it takes to hash the content
- We simply need to increase the iteration count if computers become more powerful

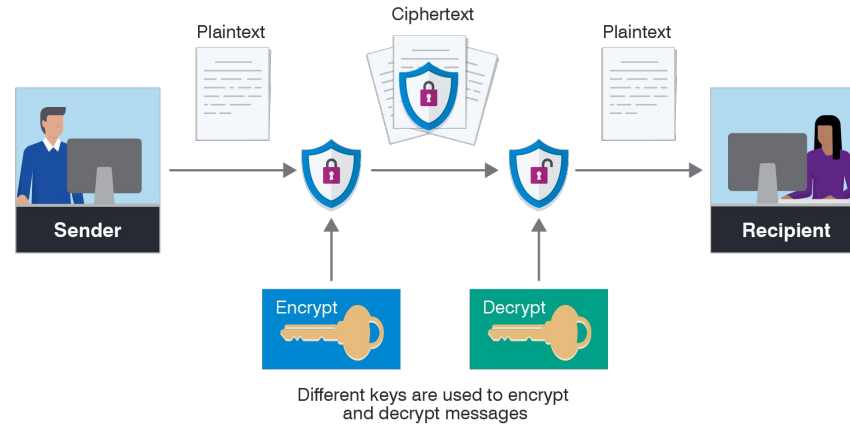
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Security issue #2: cookies

- Cookie information is stored in plain-text
- Plain text cookies can be modified
- We might impersonate another user
- What's the solution?

Encryption

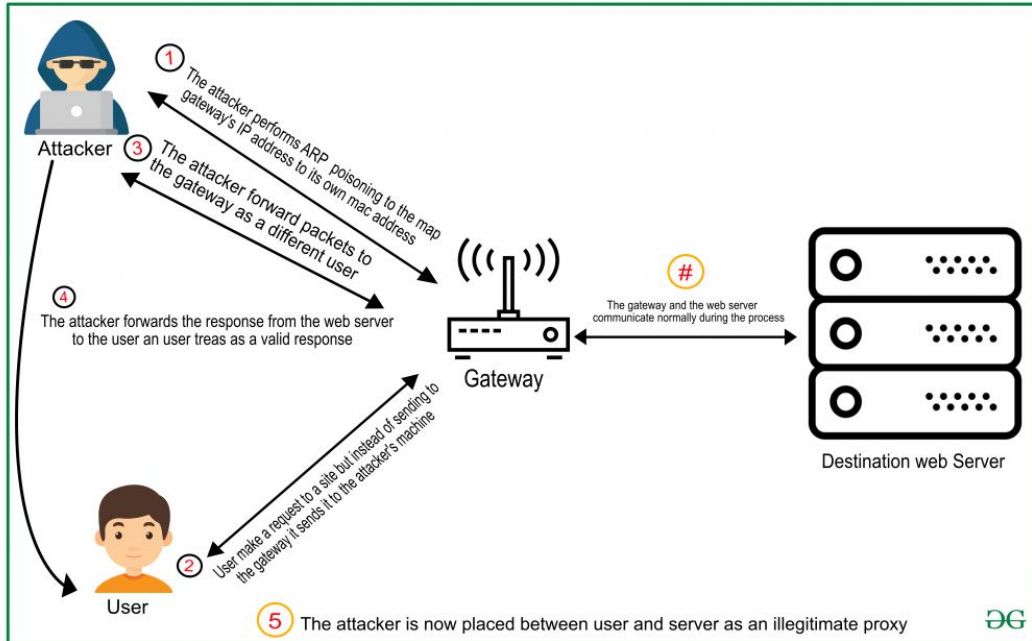
Encryption



- Information is encrypted using a key
- It can be decrypted by the recipient using the key

Security

Security issue #3: stealing cookies



- HTTP is plain-text
- Man-in-the-middle attack
- What's the solution?

https

REST

Representational State Transfer

- REST is a pattern, a convention to organize our url structure
- Resource based routes convention (The key abstraction of information in REST is a resource)
- It should use http verbs to express what the request wants to accomplish
- Resource information must be part of the url

REST

By following REST principles, it allows us to design our end points:

Action	http verb	end point
List all quotes	GET	get '/quotes'
Get a specific quote	GET	get '/quotes/:id'
Display the new form	GET	get '/quotes/new'
Create a new quote	POST	post '/quotes'
Display the form for updating a quote	GET	get '/quotes/:id/update'
Update the quotes	PUT	put '/quotes/:id'
Deleting a specific quote	DELETE	delete '/quotes/:id'

REST

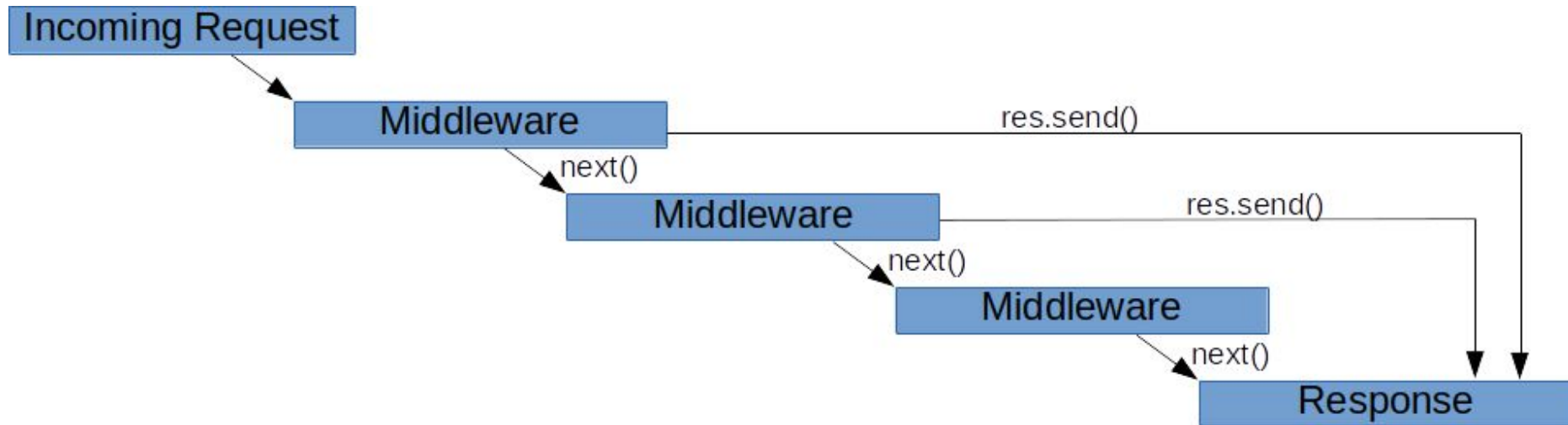
Nested Resources:

Action	http verb	end point
Create a new comment	POST	post '/quotes/:id/comments

REST Exercise: <https://gist.github.com/DominicTremblay/941afbe1295ec666d3539d448df7c776>

Revisiting Middleware

Middleware is a piece of software that sits in **between** the request and the response.



Questions?