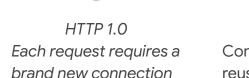
# Idle connections & mobile: beneficial or harmful?

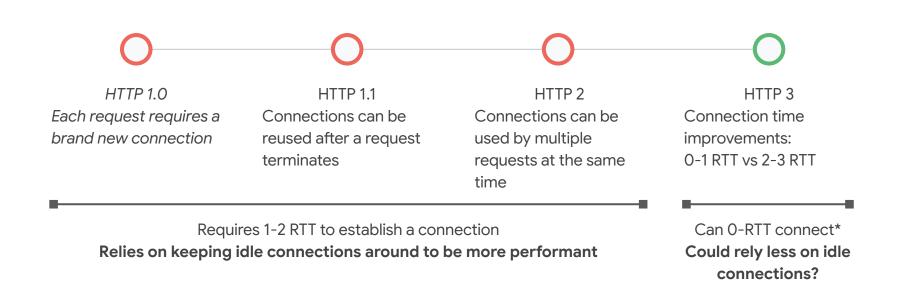
# Connection establishment and HTTP requests



HTTP 1.1 Connections can be reused after a request terminates HTTP 2
Connections can be used by multiple requests at the same time

HTTP 3
Connection time improvements:
0-1 RTT vs 2-3 RTT

# Connection establishment and HTTP requests



#### Flavors of O-RTT

- <u>RFC 8446</u> TLS 1.3
  - Support for O-RTT Data
  - O-RTT and <u>Anti-Replay</u>
    - Recommends accepting O-RTT data at most once
    - Warns about operational costs of doing so
- RFC 8470 Using Early Data in HTTP
  - Allows sending HTTP data via TLS early data
  - Leaves <u>solving anti-replay</u> to clients
- RFC 9000 QUIC: A UDP-Based Multiplexed and Secure Transport
  - Allows sending application data before receiving a server response
  - Again, <u>leaves solving anti-replay to clients</u>
  - Suffers from <u>address validation</u>

### Idle connections

- Idle connections provide pooling benefits only if:
  - Future requests can be coalesced into an idle connection (speculative)
  - o Idle connection don't "break". This is done either via
    - Periodic pings (can consume lots of energy, especially on mobile)
    - Idle timeout tuning (easy for middleboxes to drop your NAT entry)
- Chrome studied the performance benefit of QUIC 0-RTT
  - Data presented at <u>IETF 115</u>
  - Results not as good as expected. Attributed to
    - Bugs and missing optimizations
    - Browser preconnects
    - Connection coalescing

What if "true O-RTT" is a way out of idle

connections?

#### "True & Safe O-RTT"

- <u>RFC 9308</u> Applicability of the QUIC Transport Protocol
  - ≥ "true O-RTT" is qualitatively different from the point of view of the client
  - Again, it just warns about replay attacks
- Could we provide an HTTP construct to perform "safe O-RTT"?
  - Naive: a nonce HTTP header/TLS extension?
  - It does not need to support every scenario
  - We could gracefully fallback to 1-RTT if expensive to support
    - e.g. client moves and hits a different server