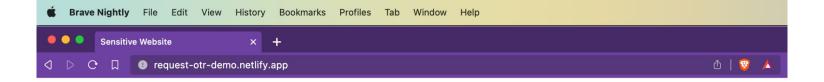
Request Off-The-Record HTTP Header

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Threat Model

- Attacker: local "UI-bound adversary"
 - Authenticated access to a victim's device via standard user interfaces [0]
 - b. Examples: browsing history, URL autocomplete, cookies
 - c. **Non-examples**: network snooping, malware, websites
- 2. **The attack**: identify if the victim has been to a "sensitive" site
- Victim: hide evidence that they've visited a "sensitive" site while in a stressful environment
- 4. **Sensitive**: self-reported by website





This site may contain sensitive content.

Would you like to visit this site in Off-The-Record mode?

https://request-otr-demo.netlify.app

Brave wants to protect you when visiting sensitive sites. Sites you visit in Off-The-Record mode won't show up in your browsing history, and cookies will not be saved.

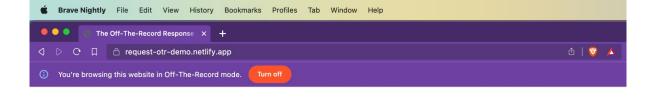
☐ Don't ask me again

You can change this later in Brave Settings in the Privacy and Security section

Proceed Normally

Proceed Off-The-Record

X Headers Preview	Response Initiator Timing
Remote Address:	[2600:1f1c:471:9d01::c8]:443
Referrer Policy:	strict-origin-when-cross-origin
▼ Response Headers	
Accept-Ranges:	bytes
Age:	106
Cache-Control:	public, max-age=0, must-revalidate
Content-Encoding:	br
Content-Length:	13779
Content-Type:	text/html; charset=UTF-8
Date:	Sun, 23 Jul 2023 20:27:31 GMT
Etag:	"9f4ffcce41ee6003110b1edfa167965e-ssl-df"
Request-Otr:	1 /
Server:	Netlify
Strict-Transport-Security:	max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains; preload
Vary:	Accept-Encoding
X-Nf-Request-Id:	01H626Z42G3CX1G6WR38Y3KVPB



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The Off-The-Record Response Header Field

Abstract

This document specifies an HTTP response header field that enables a server to inform the client that the requested website should be treated as "off-the-record." The purpose is to indicate that the server considers the content sensitive in some way, and the client should not retain any record of accessing it.

About This Document

This note is to be removed before publishing as an RFC.

The latest revision of this draft can be found at https://brave-experiments.github.io/draft-sahib-httpbis-off-the-record/#go.draft-sahib-httpbis-off-the-record.html. Status information for this document may be found at https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-sahib-httpbis-off-the-record/.

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