Cache, The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

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Iran NOG goals

- Inviting and Covering all operators
 - Broader community of participants than before
- Talk about special conditions and share experiences
 - Strange problems in web!

Types of caches

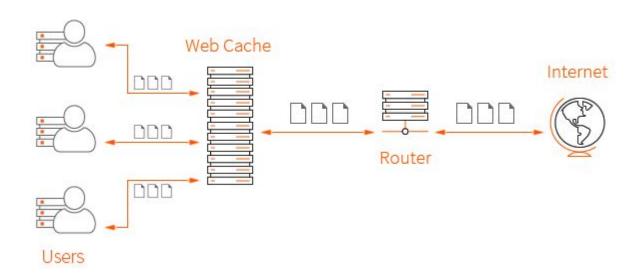
- CPU/GPU cache
- Disk cache
- Database query cache
- Code cache (opcache)
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- DNS cache
- Web cache

The good

Cache = Ca\$h



- Cut down on bandwidth costs
- Improve user experience

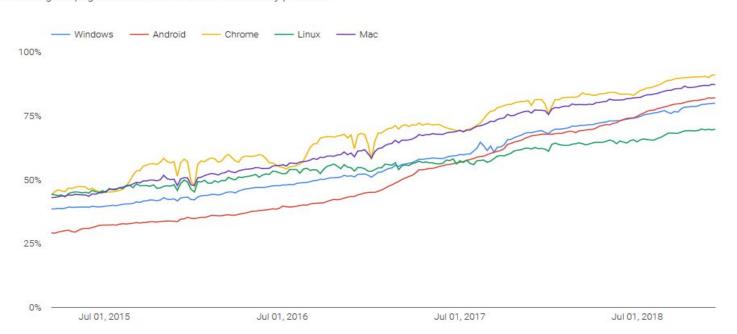


The Bad

HTTPS Encryption by Chrome platform

Since early 2015, we have been able to measure the prevalence of HTTPS connections thanks to Chrome users who choose to share usage statistics. The graphs below show the growth in HTTPS usage across platforms and countries. Desktop users load more than half of the pages they view over HTTPS and spend two-thirds of their time on HTTPS pages. HTTPS is less prevalent on sites accessed on mobile devices, but there is still an upward trend in encryption usage there.

Percentage of pages loaded over HTTPS in Chrome by platform

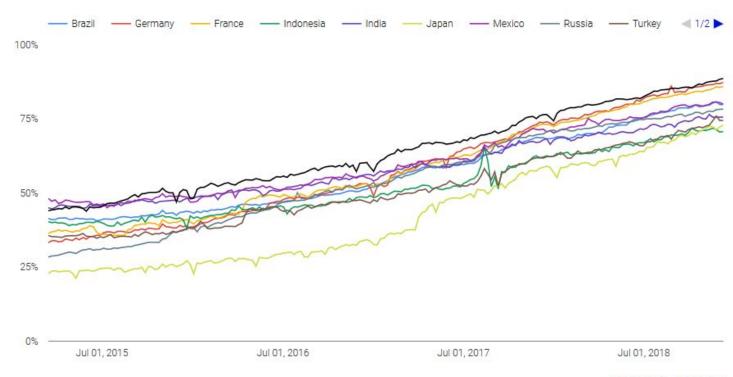


HTTPS usage in Chrome worldwide

HTTPS usage in Chrome is growing faster in some countries than others. For example, the prevalence of HTTPS has increased quickly in Russia compared to Japan, which has seen slower growth of HTTPS usage.

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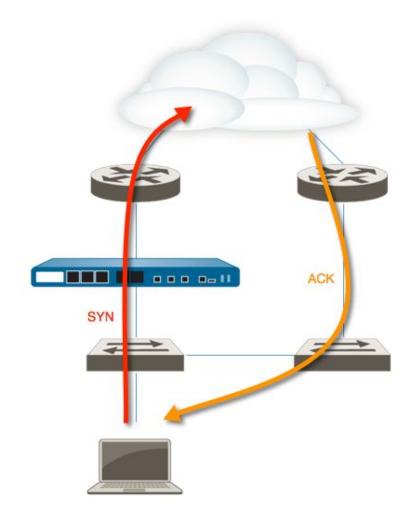
Percentage of pages loaded over HTTPS in Chrome by country



Complexity

Asymmetric

Routing



Misconfigs

- Showing old and outdated content
- Damn CTRL+F5

And The Ugly

See next pages;)

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Meet the HEADERS



Cache Control

Introduced with HTTP/1.1, headers handle a variety of cache functions. <u>Cache Control</u> is supported by all modern browsers and supersedes any previous generation headers (such as <u>Expires</u>).

- <u>Cache-Control: public</u> enables caching by public platforms such as CDNs.
- <u>Cache-Control: private</u> reserved for private information that is designated non-cacheable.
- <u>Cache-Control: no-cache</u> requires validation before caching.
- <u>Cache-Control: no-store</u> completely prohibits caching.
- <u>Cache-Control: public, max-age=[seconds]</u> sets a max limit (in seconds) for time that content can be cached before purging.



Expires

Similar to *Cache-Control: max-age*, sets the time of content expiration and removal.



Surrogate

Gives you increased control over cache policies, acting with the authority of the origin server.



Etag

Provides your cached web content with unique identifiers, enabling individual labeling and more sophisticated sorting.



Pragma

Largely supplanted by *Cache Control, Pragma* was previously used to handle caching instructions for browsers.



Vary (use with caution)

Some browsers still struggle with supporting the *Vary* header. When used properly, *Vary* can be a powerful tool for managing delivery of multiple file versions, especially for compressed files cached alongside their uncompressed counterparts.

Headers

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http://www.irnog.com/

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HTTP/1.1 302 Found
Date: Sun, 16 Dec 2018 17:11:49 GMT
Server: Apache
Location: https://www.irnog.com/
Cache-Control: max-age=2592000
Expires: Tue, 15 Jan 2019 17:11:49 GMT
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Content-Length: 269
Keep-Alive: timeout=15, max=1000
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-1
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response headers: 324 bytes body: 269 bytes view body view har validate body check embedded General

The Keep-Alive header is deprecated.

The server's clock is correct.

The Content-Length header is correct.

Content Negotiation (Content Negotiation response)

Content negotiation for gzip compression is supported, saving 18%.

Caching

This response allows all caches to store it.

This response is fresh until 30 days from now.

This response may still be served by a cache once it becomes stale.

if one is available.



Squid configuration directive reply_header_replace

Introduction

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Available in: 4 3.5 3.4 3.3 3.2 3.1

For older versions than 3.3 see the linked pages above

Configuration Details:

Option Name: reply_header_replace

Replaces:

Requires: --enable-http-violations

Default Value: none

Suggested Config:

reply header replace header name message Example: reply header replace Server Foo/1.0

This option allows you to change the contents of headers denied with reply header access above, by replacing them with some fixed string.

This only applies to reply headers, not request headers.

By default, headers are removed if denied.

Configuration Details:

Option Name: err_html_text

Replaces:

Requires:

Default Value: none

Suggested Config:

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URL	to	your	admin	addre	ss,	or	maybe	just	a	lin	k ·	to	ус	our
orga	niz	ation	ns Web	page.										

To include this in your error messages, you must rewrite the error template files (found in the "errors" directory). Wherever you want the 'err_html_text' line to appear, insert a %L tag in the error template file.

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Some real life experiences

- User logins confused on mobile operator (cookie,nat)
- Fake http headers
 - 40x,50x code on some pages
- Content injections

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Conclusion

- Content Providers / Developers / Website Owners
 - Use right headers
 - Use HTTPS & TLS
- Network Providers
 - Respect to the standards and Best Practices

Questions?

Thank You

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