# **QUIC Protocol**

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User-perceived latency

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HTTP/1.1
TLS 1.2
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IP
Physical Network

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**TLS 1.2** 

**TCP** 

**IP** 

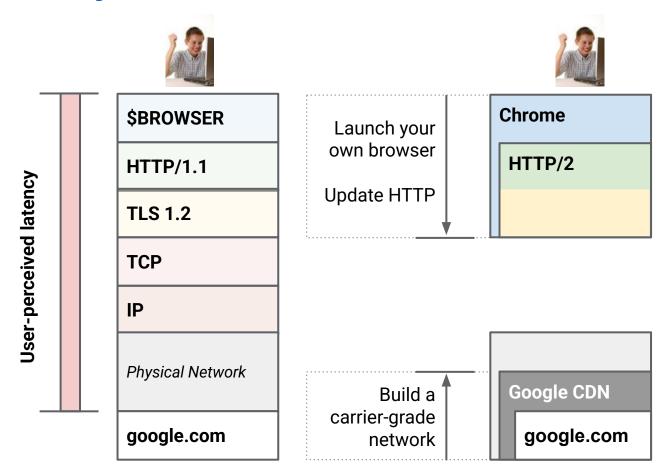
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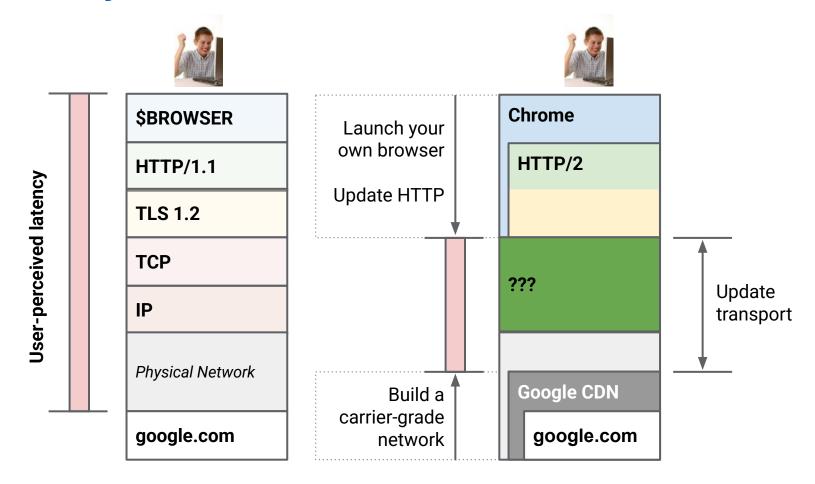
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## What is QUIC?

# QUIC

## Quick UDP Internet Connections

- A reliable, multiplexed transport over UDP
- Always encrypted
- Reduces latency
- Runs in user-space
- Open sourced in Chromium

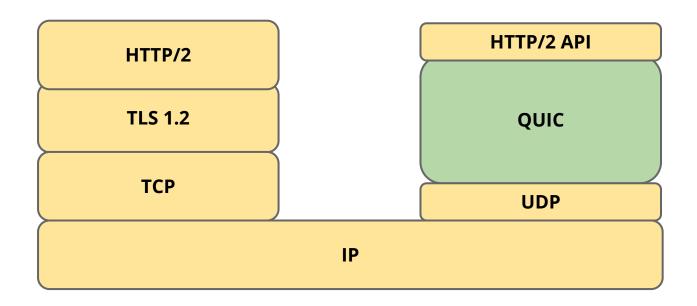
## What is QUIC?

## New transport designed to reduce web latency

- TCP + TLS + SPDY over UDP
- Faster connection establishment than TLS/TCP
  - 0-RTT usually, 1-RTT sometimes
- Deals better with packet loss than TCP
- Has Stream-level and Connection-level Flow Control
- FEC recovery
- Multipath

<sup>\*</sup>except for HTTP/2 headers, which should be fixed as well.

## Where does it fit?



## **Always encrypted**

## Comparable to TLS

Perfect forward secrecy, with more efficient handshake

## IP spoofing protection

Signed proof of address

## Inspired TLS 1.3's 0-RTT handshake

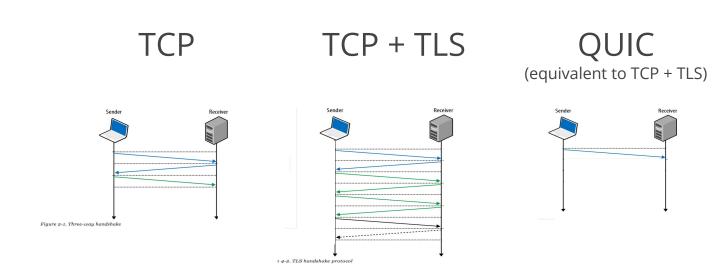
Plan to adopt TLS 1.3 when complete

## **Connection establishment**

## **Connection identified by Connection ID**

- As opposed to common 5-tuple
- 64 bits
- Chosen randomly by the client
- Enables connection mobility across IP, port

### **0-RTT** connection establishment



## First-ever connection - 1 RTT

## No cached information available First CHLO is inchoate (empty)

Simply includes version and server name

## Server responds with REJ

Includes server config, certs, etc

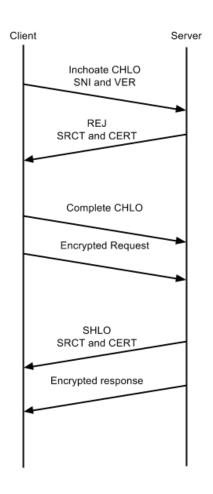
Allows client to make forward progress

## **Second CHLO is complete**

Followed by initially encrypted request data

## Server responds with SHLO

Followed immediately by forward-secure encrypted response data



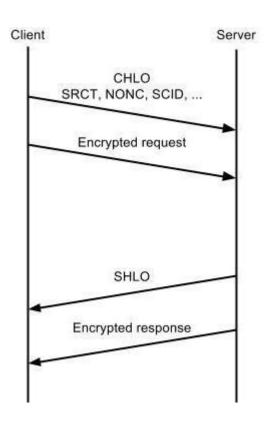
## **Subsequent connections - 0 RTT**

## First CHLO is complete

Based on information from previous connection Followed by initially encrypted data.

## **Server responds with SHLO**

Followed immediately by forward-secure encrypted data



## **Congestion control & reliability**

QUIC builds on decades of experience with TCP

## **Incorporates TCP best practices**

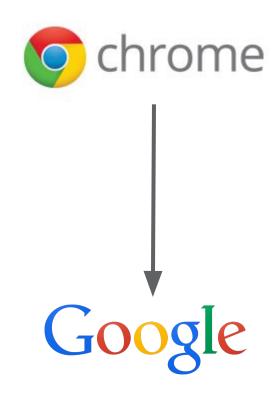
TCP Cubic - fair with TCP FACK, TLP, F-RTO, Early Retransmit...

## More flexibility going forward

Improved congestion feedback, control over acking

**Better signaling than TCP** 

## **Measuring performance**



### **Controlled Experiments**

#### **Client Side**

Latency, Bandwidth, Quality of Experience, Errors

#### **Server Side**

Latency, Bandwidth, QUIC Success Rate

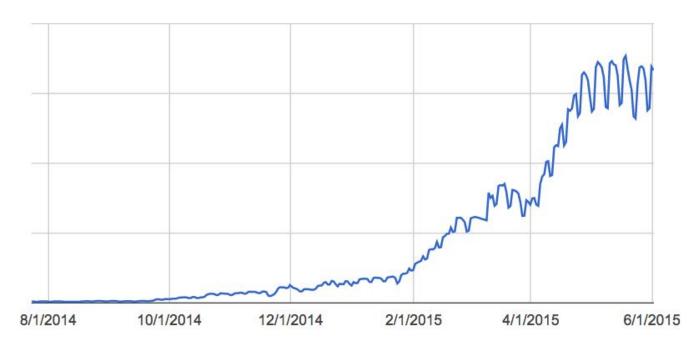
## **Fine Grained Analysis**

By ASN, Server, OS, Version

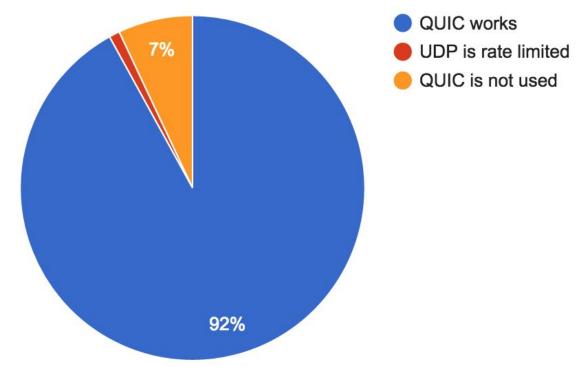
## **Deployment timeline**

## Tested at scale, with millions of users

- Chrome Canary: June, 2013
- Chrome Stable: April, 2014
- Ramped up for Google traffic in 2015



### QUIC: Does it work?



QUIC handshakes fail when RTTs are greater than 2.5 seconds or when UDP is blocked

## **Performance on Google properties**

## **Faster page loading times**

- 5% faster on average
- 1 second faster for web search at 99th-percentile

## Improved YouTube Quality of Experience

• 30% fewer rebuffers (video pauses)

## Where are the gains from?

#### 0-RTT

 Over 50% of the latency improvement (at median and 95th-percentile)

## Improved loss recovery

 Over 10x fewer timeout based retransmissions improve tail latency and YouTube video rebuffer rates

#### Other, smaller benefits

e.g. head of line blocking, more efficient framing

## **Client-side protection**

#### What if UDP is blocked?

Chrome seamlessly falls back to HTTP/TCP

## What if the path MTU is too small?

QUIC handshake fails, Chrome falls back to TCP

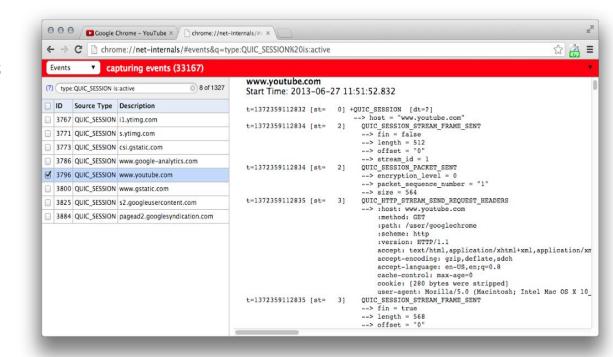
#### What if a client doesn't want to use QUIC?

Chrome flag / administrative policy to disable QUIC

## **Debugging Tools: Chrome**

#### chrome://net-internals

- Active QUIC sessions
- Captures all events
- Important for filing Chromium <u>bugs</u>



## **Debugging Tools: Wireshark**

#### **Parses**

Protocol: QUIC

CID: Connection ID

Seq: Sequence number

• Version: ie: Q024

Public flags: 1 byte

Payload: Encrypted

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## **Future Improvements**

- Forward Error Correction
- Connection Mobility
- Multipath
- More congestion control experiments

## **Open source implementations**

#### Servers

- Open source test server included in Chromium
- Working with other server vendors

#### Clients

- Open source Chromium client library for desktop and mobile
- Google Chrome and some Google Android apps
- Working with other browsers

## **Review: QUIC Summary**

- Reliable, multiplexed transport
- Runs over UDP
- Always encrypted
- Lower latency connection establishment
- Optional FEC
- Rapidly evolving user-space implementation
- Open source

## QUIC

**Source**: **QUIC** in Chromium

Page: www.chromium.org/quic

Any Question?

