Difference between HTTP1.1 vs HTTP2

Developed by Timothy Berners-Lee in 1989 as a communication standard for the World Wide Web, HTTP is a top-level application protocol that exchanges information between a client computer and a local or remote web server. In this process, a client sends a text-based request to a server by calling a *method* like GET or POST. In response, the server sends a resource like an HTML page back to the client.

HTTP/2 began as the SPDY protocol, developed primarily at Google with the intention of reducing web page load latency by using techniques such as compression, multiplexing, and prioritization. This protocol served as a template for HTTP/2 when the Hypertext Transfer Protocol working group httpbis of the [IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force)](https://www.ietf.org/) put the standard together, culminating in the publication of HTTP/2 in May 2015

**Main goals of developing HTTP/2 was:**

* Protocol negotiation mechanism — protocol electing, eg. HTTP/1.1, HTTP/2 or other.
* High-level compatibility with HTTP/1.1 — methods, status codes, URIs and header fields.
* Page load speed improvements trough:
* Compression of request headers
* Binary protocol
* HTTP/2 Server Push
* Request multiplexing over a single TCP connection
* Request pipelining
* HOL blocking (Head-of-line) — Package blocking

**Benefits:**

* Low overhead in parsing data — a critical value proposition in HTTP/2 vs HTTP1.
* Less prone to errors.
* Lighter network footprint.
* Effective network resource utilization.
* Eliminating security concerns associated with the textual nature of HTTP1.x such as response splitting attacks.
* Enables other capabilities of the HTTP/2 including compression, multiplexing, prioritization, flow control and effective handling of TLS.
* Compact representation of commands for easier processing and implementation.
* Efficient and robust in terms of processing of data between client and server.
* Reduced network latency and improved throughput.