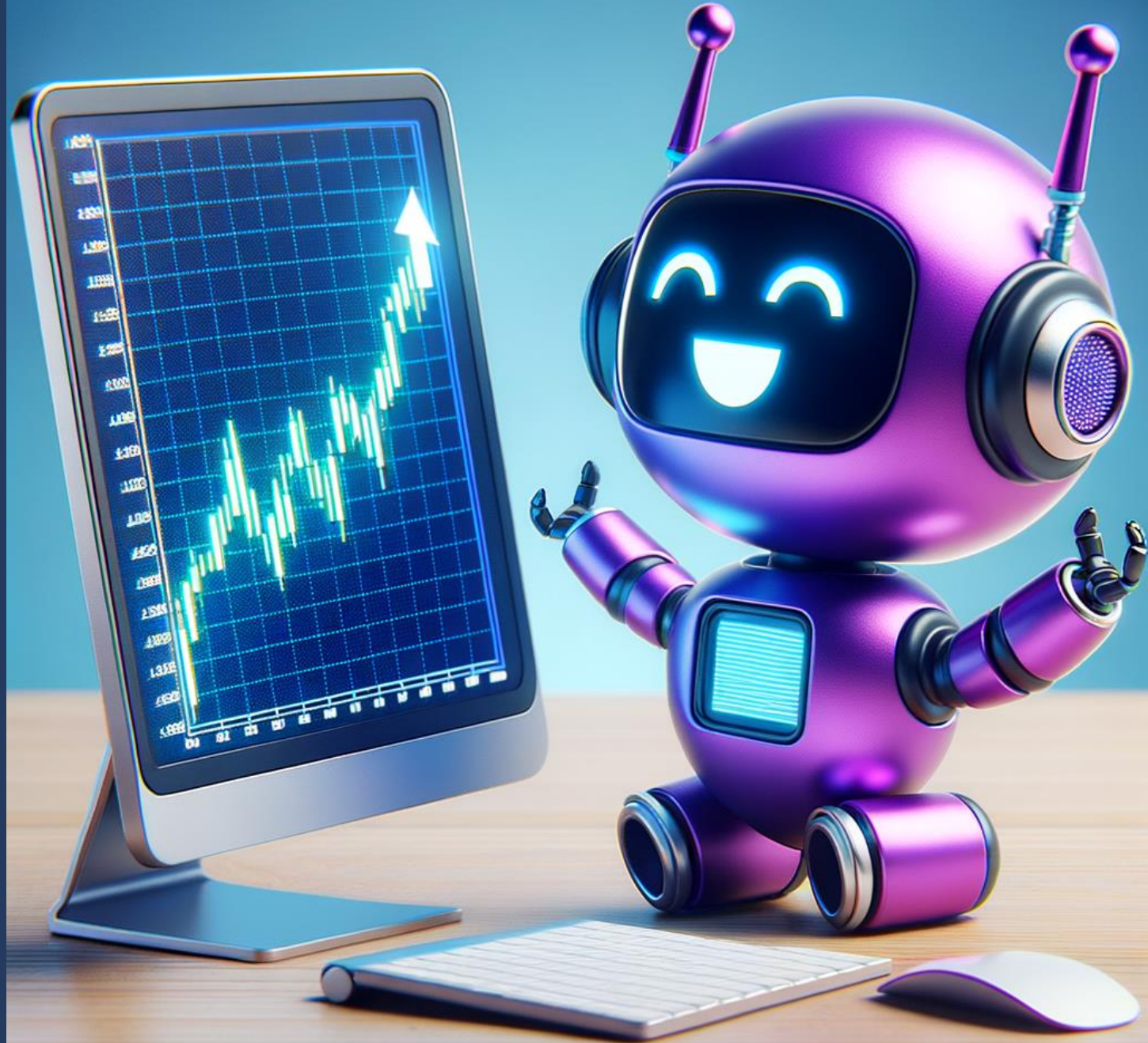




HttpClient & performance

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Step 0: Use modern .NET

Framework = 🙄

Step 1: Use HttpClient

HttpWebRequest / WebClient = 😞

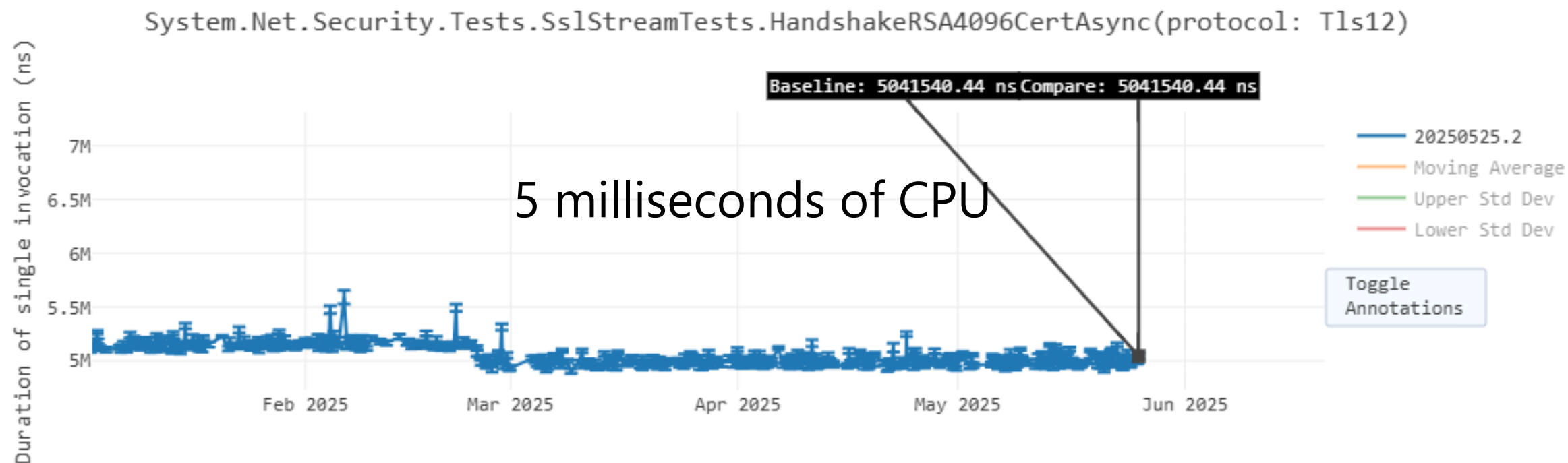
HttpWebRequest on modern .NET = 😭

See new "[Migrate from HttpWebRequest](#)" docs

Step 2: Reusing connections

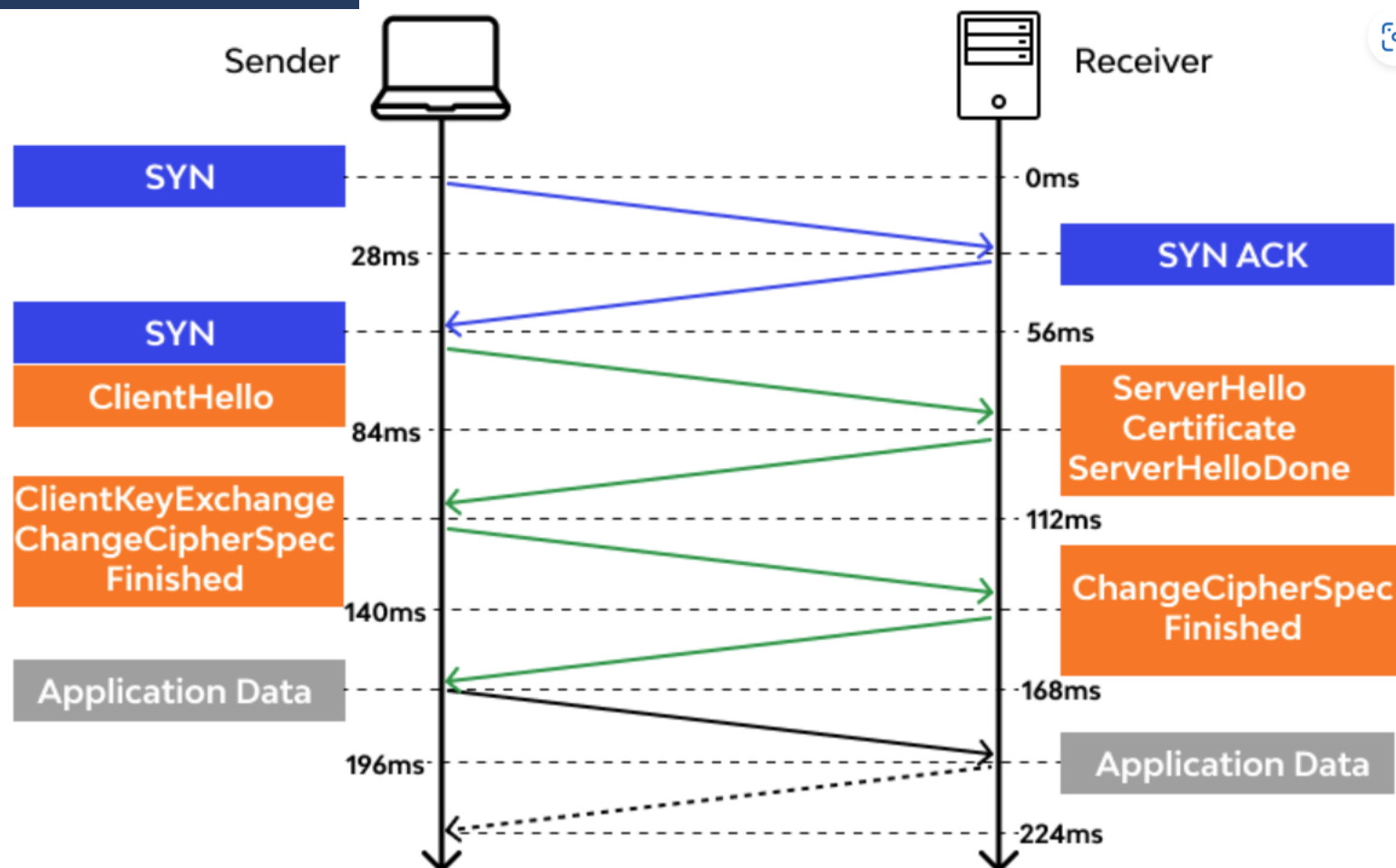
Why bother?

- Crypto is not cheap



Why bother? #2

- Crypto is not cheap
- Latency



Why bother?

#3

- Crypto is not cheap
- Latency
- Limited resource
 - "Only one usage of each socket address (protocol/network address/port) is normally permitted."

```
TCP      [::1]:65512      [::1]:5000      TIME_WAIT
TCP      [::1]:65513      [::1]:5000      TIME_WAIT
TCP      [::1]:65514      [::1]:5000      TIME_WAIT
TCP      [::1]:65515      [::1]:5000      TIME_WAIT
TCP      [::1]:65516      [::1]:5000      TIME_WAIT
TCP      [::1]:65517      [::1]:5000      TIME_WAIT
TCP      [::1]:65518      [::1]:5000      TIME_WAIT
TCP      [::1]:65519      [::1]:5000      TIME_WAIT
TCP      [::1]:65520      [::1]:5000      TIME_WAIT
TCP      [::1]:65521      [::1]:5000      TIME_WAIT
TCP      [::1]:65522      [::1]:5000      TIME_WAIT
TCP      [::1]:65523      [::1]:5000      TIME_WAIT
TCP      [::1]:65524      [::1]:5000      TIME_WAIT
TCP      [::1]:65525      [::1]:5000      TIME_WAIT
TCP      [::1]:65526      [::1]:5000      TIME_WAIT
TCP      [::1]:65527      [::1]:5000      TIME_WAIT
```

To dispose or not to dispose



Stack Overflow

<https://stackoverflow.com> › questions › do-httpclient-an... ⋮

Do HttpClient and HttpClientHandler have to be disposed ...



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How to manage HttpClient connections in .NET



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Back to .NET basics: How to properly use HttpClient



Medium · Nuno Caneco

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C#: HttpClient should NOT be disposed | by Nuno Caneco



GitHub

<https://github.com> › aspnet › ASPNetCore.Docs › issues ⋮

HttpClient should be recommended for dispose. #8584



ASP.NET Monsters

<https://www.aspnetmonsters.com> › 2016/08 › 2016-08-... ⋮

You're using HttpClient wrong and it is destabilizing your ...

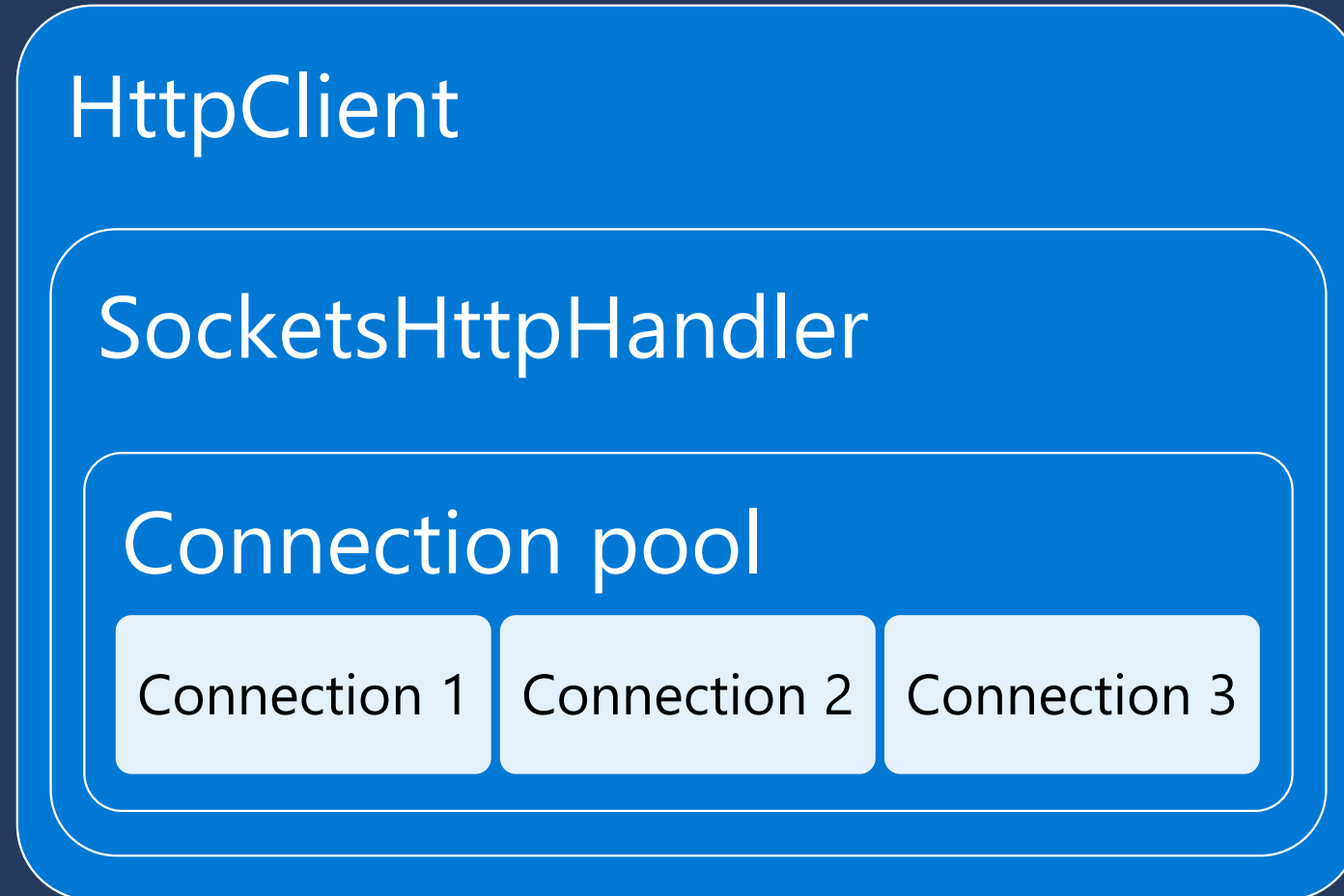


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What happen if we never dispose HttpClient, .Net C#? - ...

Where does the connection pool live?



Reusing an HttpResponseMessageHandler

```
using var client = new HttpClient(sharedHandler, disposeHandler: false);
```

HttpClient

HttpClient

HttpClient

SocketsHttpHandler

Connection pool

Connection 1

Connection 2

Connection 3

HttpClientFactory

```
using var client = factory.CreateClient("myService");
```

HttpClient

HttpClient

HttpClient

IHttpClientFactory

SocketsHttpHandler

Connection pool

Connection 1

Connection 2

Connection 3

What does the connection pool do?

- Keep track of connections, establish new ones
- Dealing with proxies
- Enforce connection limits, lifetime, idle timeout
- Detect dead connections

```
var sharedHandler = new SocketsHttpHandler
{
    PooledConnectionLifetime = TimeSpan.FromMinutes(10),
    PooledConnectionIdleTimeout = TimeSpan.FromMinutes(1),
    MaxConnectionsPerServer = 42,
    ConnectTimeout = TimeSpan.FromSeconds(5),
};
```

What does it do (cont.)?

- HTTP version upgrades/downgrades
- Track shared endpoint configuration
- Handle connection-based authentication
- Emit useful diagnostics
- Be fully thread-safe & fast

```
using var client = new HttpClient(sharedHandler, disposeHandler: false)
{
    DefaultRequestVersion = HttpVersion.Version20,
    DefaultVersionPolicy = HttpVersionPolicy.RequestVersionOrLower,
};
```

How many are there?

```
private readonly ConcurrentDictionary<HttpConnectionKey, HttpConnectionPool> _pools;
```

10 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes

```
internal enum HttpConnectionKind : byte
```

```
{
```

```
    Http,  
    Https,  
    Proxy,  
    ProxyTunnel,  
    SslProxyTunnel,  
    ProxyConnect,  
    SocksTunnel,  
    SslSocksTunnel
```

```
}
```

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```
internal readonly struct HttpConnectionKey : IEquatable<HttpConnectionKey>
```

```
{
```

```
    public readonly HttpConnectionKind Kind;  
    public readonly string? Host;  
    public readonly int Port;  
    public readonly string? SslHostName;  
    public readonly Uri? ProxyUri;  
    public readonly string Identity;
```

Lock contention improvement in .NET 9

| client | 1x256 | 8x32 | |
|-------------|---------|---------|---------|
| RPS | 693,873 | 875,814 | +26.22% |
| Patched RPS | 873,571 | 876,394 | +0.32% |

```
private void ReturnHttp11Connection(HttpConnection connection)
{
    if (Volatile.Read(ref _http11RequestQueueIsEmptyAndNotDisposed))
    {
        _http11Connections.Push(connection);

        if (!Volatile.Read(ref _http11RequestQueueIsEmptyAndNotDisposed))
        {
            ProcessHttp11RequestQueue(null);
        }
    }
    else
    {
        ProcessHttp11RequestQueue(connection);
    }
}
```

<https://github.com/dotnet/runtime/pull/99364>

HTTP/2 and HTTP/3

- Default is HTTP/1.1 only

```
builder.Services.AddHttpClient("myService")
    .ConfigureHttpClient((HttpClient client) =>
    {
        client.DefaultRequestVersion = HttpVersion.Version20;
    })
    .UseSocketsHttpHandler((SocketsHttpHandler handler, IServiceProvider _) =>
    {
        handler.EnableMultipleHttp2Connections = true;
    });
```


HTTP/2 and HTTP/3

- Don't forget about `HttpRequestMessage.Version`

```
var client = new HttpClient
{
    DefaultRequestVersion = HttpVersion.Version20,
};

var request = new HttpRequestMessage(HttpMethod.Get, "https://httpbin.org/get");

using HttpResponseMessage response = await client.SendAsync(request);

Console.WriteLine(response.Version); // 1.1
```

Response buffering

```
var client = new HttpClient
{
    Timeout = TimeSpan.FromSeconds(10),
    MaxResponseContentBufferSize = 10 * 1024 * 1024, // 10 MB
};

// Caution!
using var response = await client.SendAsync(request,
    HttpCompletionOption.ResponseHeadersRead);

using var contentStream = await response.Content.ReadAsStreamAsync();
```

“Rework HttpClient content buffering” (.NET 10)

| Method | Toolchain | Length | Mean | Ratio | Allocated | Alloc Ratio |
|----------|-----------|--------|-----------------|-------|--------------|-------------|
| GetAsync | main | 10 KB | 1,284.7 ns | 1.00 | 28.93 KB | 1.00 |
| GetAsync | pr | 10 KB | 1,018.1 ns | 0.79 | 10.84 KB | 0.37 |
| | | | | | | |
| GetAsync | main | 100 KB | 31,313.5 ns | 1.00 | 251.58 KB | 1.00 |
| GetAsync | pr | 100 KB | 28,186.0 ns | 0.90 | 98.76 KB | 0.39 |
| | | | | | | |
| GetAsync | main | 1 MB | 151,716.7 ns | 1.00 | 2032.28 KB | 1.00 |
| GetAsync | pr | 1 MB | 110,231.7 ns | 0.73 | 978.1 KB | 0.48 |
| | | | | | | |
| GetAsync | main | 10 MB | 2,720,321.2 ns | 1.04 | 32553.84 KB | 1.00 |
| GetAsync | pr | 10 MB | 1,137,477.7 ns | 0.43 | 9768.88 KB | 0.30 |
| | | | | | | |
| GetAsync | main | 100 MB | 25,177,538.4 ns | 1.00 | 260446.05 KB | 1.00 |
| GetAsync | pr | 100 MB | 16,487,114.6 ns | 0.66 | 97657.69 KB | 0.37 |

<https://github.com/dotnet/runtime/pull/109642>

HttpMessageInvoker

```
using var client = new HttpClient(sharedHandler);  
  
using var clientResponse = await client.SendAsync(request, cancellationToken);  
  
using var invoker = new HttpMessageInvoker(sharedHandler);  
  
using var invokerResponse = await invoker.SendAsync(request, cancellationToken);
```

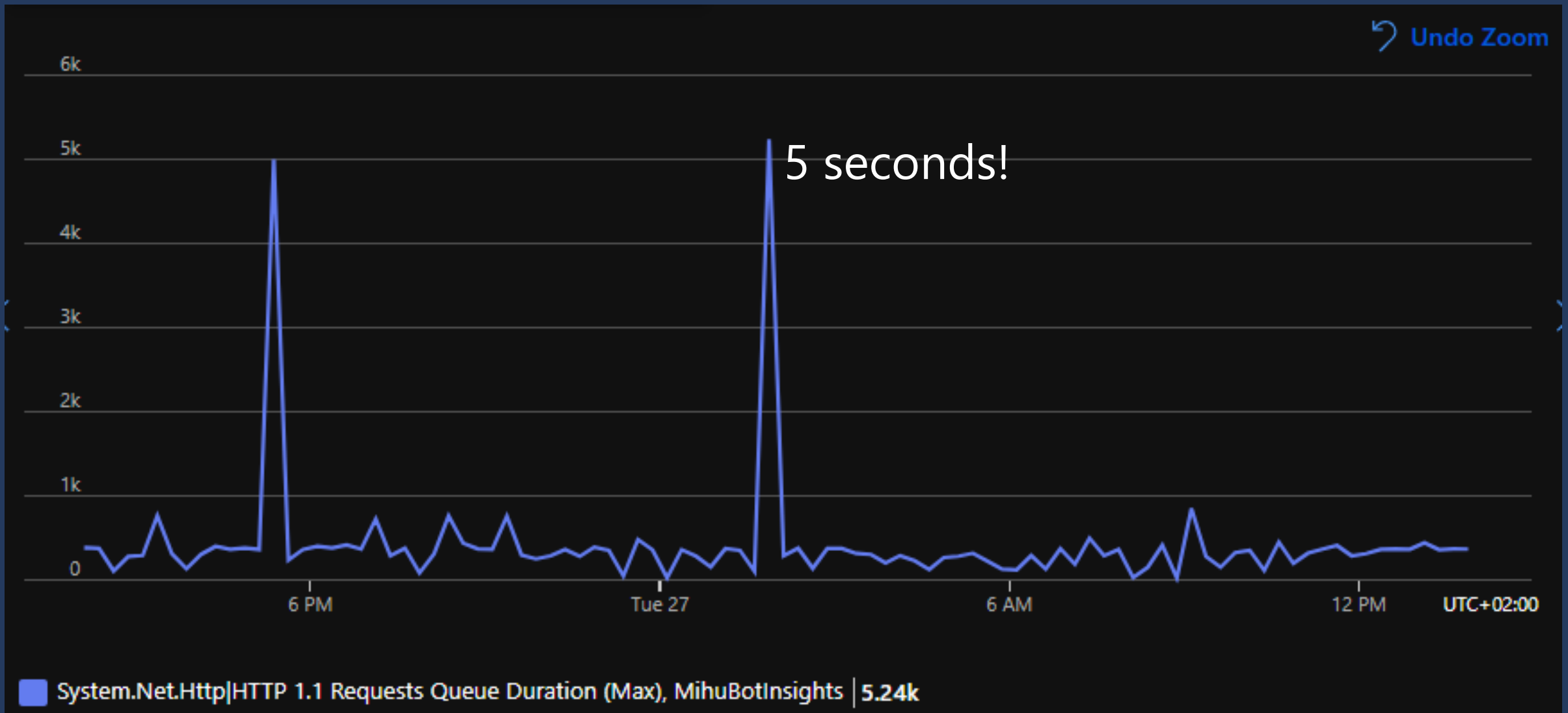
ConnectCallback

```
var handler = new SocketsHttpHandler
{
    ConnectCallback = async (context, cancellationToken) =>
    {
        var socket = new Socket(SocketType.Stream, ProtocolType.Tcp) { NoDelay = true };
        try
        {
            socket.SetSocketOption(SocketOptionLevel.Socket, SocketOptionName.KeepAlive, true);
            socket.SetSocketOption(SocketOptionLevel.Tcp, SocketOptionName.TcpKeepAliveTime, 60);
            socket.SetSocketOption(SocketOptionLevel.Tcp, SocketOptionName.TcpKeepAliveInterval, 1);

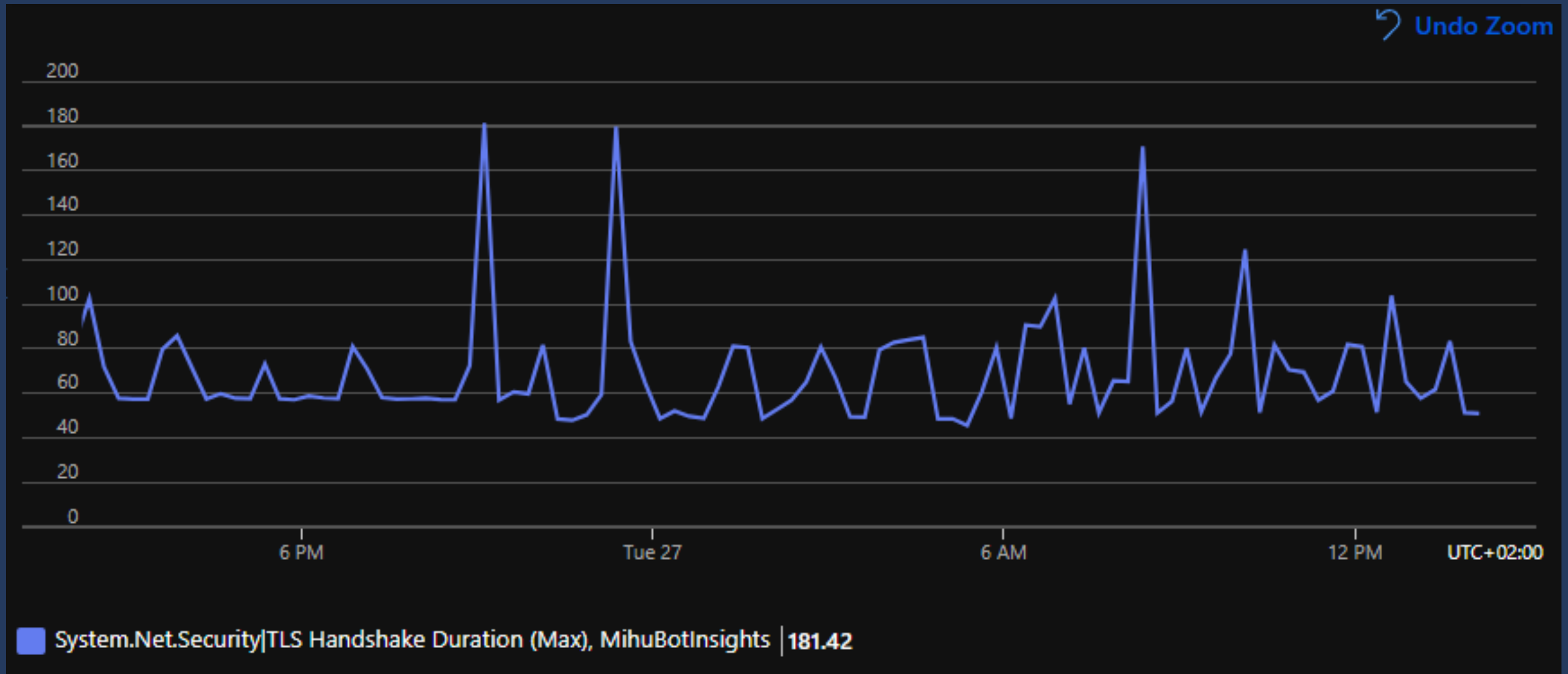
            await socket.ConnectAsync(context.DnsEndPoint, cancellationToken);

            return new NetworkStream(socket, ownsSocket: true);
        }
        catch
        {
            socket.Dispose();
            throw;
        }
    }
};
```

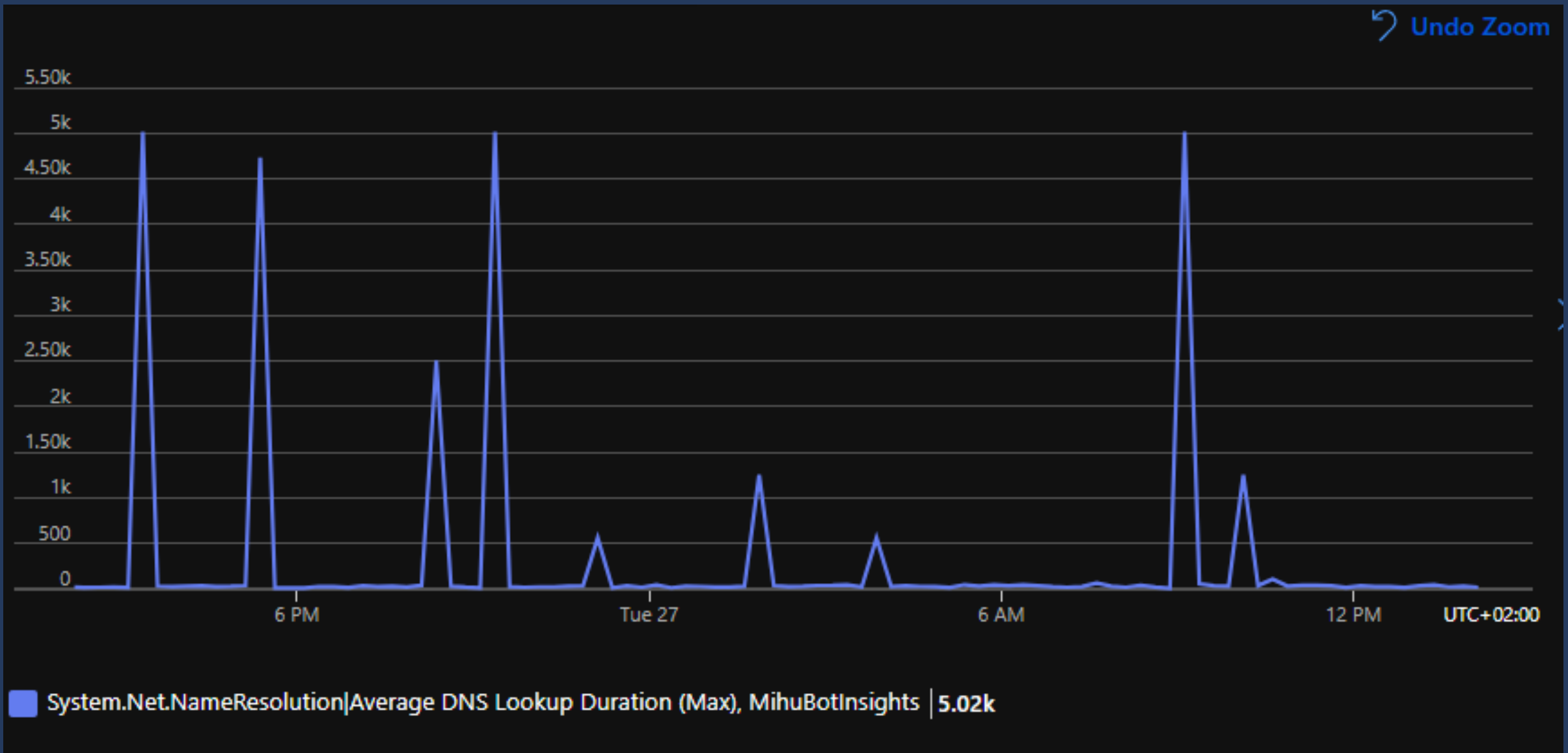
Telemetry – HTTP request queue



Telemetry – TLS handshake



Telemetry – DNS



Thank you