

# Recent Web Security Technology

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# iMinds-DistriNet, KU Leuven

- Headcount:
  - 10 professors
  - 65 researchers
- Research Domains
  - Secure Software
  - Distributed Software
- Academic and industrial collaboration in 30+ national and European projects

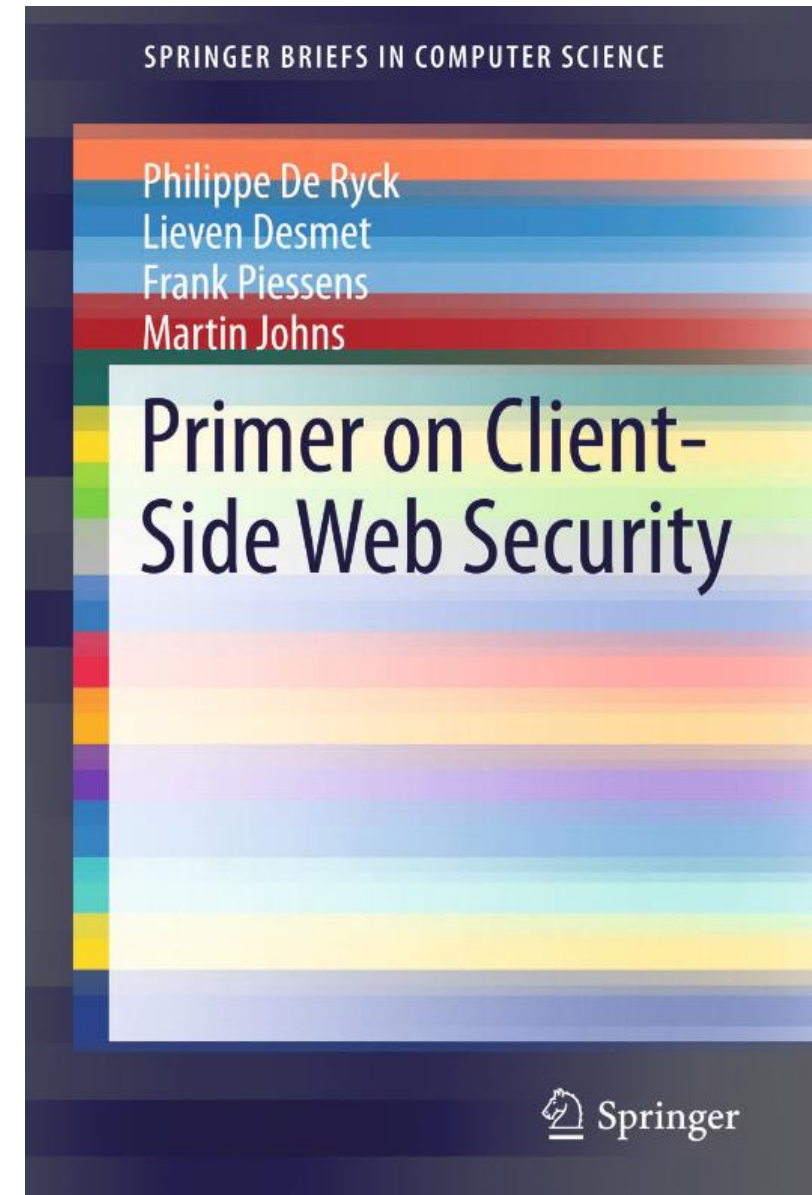


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# Primer on Client-Side Web Security



- Covers the landscape of client-side Web security
  - Building blocks of the Web
  - 7 attacker models, broken down in 10 capabilities
  - 13 attacks and their countermeasures
- Provides an up-to-date overview of
  - State-of-the-art in web security
  - State-of-practice on the Web
  - Recent research and standardization activities
  - Security best practices per category



# Recent Web Security Technology

Server-side security policies, enforced by the browser

# Sans Top 25 - OWASP Top 10

Rank	Score	ID	Name
[1]	93.8	<a href="#">CWE-89</a>	Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command ('SQL Injection')
[2]	83.3	<a href="#">CWE-78</a>	Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an OS Command ('OS Command Injection')
[3]	79.0	<a href="#">CWE-120</a>	Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')
[4]	77.7	<a href="#">CWE-79</a>	Improper Neutralization of Input During Web Page Generation ('Cross-site Scripting')
[5]	76.9	<a href="#">CWE-306</a>	Missing Authentication for Critical Function
[6]	76.8	<a href="#">CWE-862</a>	Missing Authorization
[7]	75.0	<a href="#">CWE-798</a>	Use of Hard-coded Credentials
[8]	75.0	<a href="#">CWE-311</a>	Missing Encryption of Sensitive Data
[9]	74.0	<a href="#">CWE-434</a>	Unrestricted Upload of File with Dangerous Type
[10]	73.8	<a href="#">CWE-807</a>	Reliance on Untrusted Inputs in a Security Decision
[11]	73.1	<a href="#">CWE-250</a>	Execution with Privileged Rights
[12]	70.1	<a href="#">CWE-352</a>	Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)
[13]	69.3	<a href="#">CWE-22</a>	Improper Limitation of a Pathname to a Restricted Directory ('Path Traversal')
[14]	68.5	<a href="#">CWE-494</a>	Download of Code with Untrusted Input
[15]	67.8	<a href="#">CWE-863</a>	Incorrect Authorization
[16]	66.0	<a href="#">CWE-829</a>	Inclusion of Functionality from an Untrusted Component
[17]	65.5	<a href="#">CWE-732</a>	Incorrect Permissions
[18]	64.6	<a href="#">CWE-676</a>	Use of Potentially Insecure Temporary Files
[19]	64.1	<a href="#">CWE-327</a>	Use of a Broken or Risky Cryptographic Algorithm
[20]	62.4	<a href="#">CWE-131</a>	Incorrect Calculation
[21]	61.5	<a href="#">CWE-307</a>	Improper Restriction of XML External Entity Reference
[22]	61.1	<a href="#">CWE-601</a>	URL Redirection to Untrusted Site ('Open Redirect')
[23]	61.0	<a href="#">CWE-134</a>	Uncontrolled Form Field
[24]	60.3	<a href="#">CWE-190</a>	Integer Overflow
[25]	59.9	<a href="#">CWE-759</a>	Use of a One-Way Hash without a Salt

Focus on vulnerabilities and logical flaws in the code, and server-side mitigations

This talk focuses on infrastructural support as a complementary line of defense



- 2013 (New)

Session Management

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A5 – Security Misconfiguration

A6 – Sensitive Data Exposure

A7 – Missing Function Level Access Control

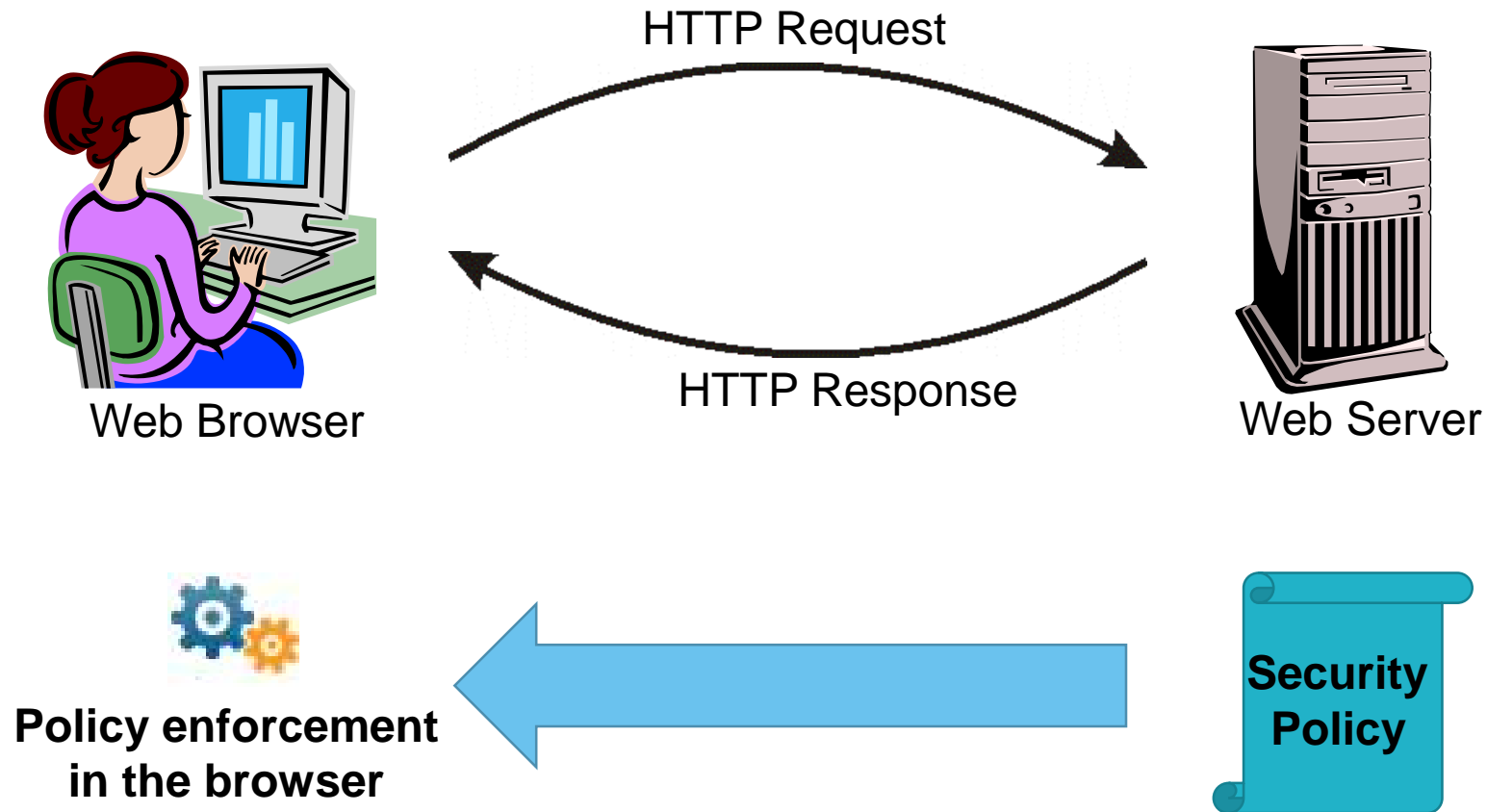
A8 – Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

A9 – Using Known Vulnerable Components

A10 – Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards



# Recent security technology on the web



# Overview

- Introduction
- #1 Securing browser-server communication
- #2 Mitigating script injection attacks
- #3 Framing content securely
- Example security architecture: Combining CSP & Sandbox
- Wrap-up



# Introduction

# Overview

- Basic security policy for the web:
  - Same-Origin Policy
- What does it mean for scripts running on your page?
- What does it mean for frames included in your page?

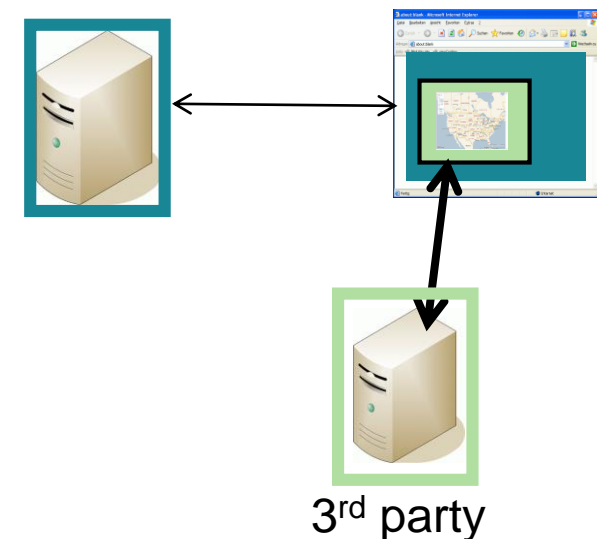
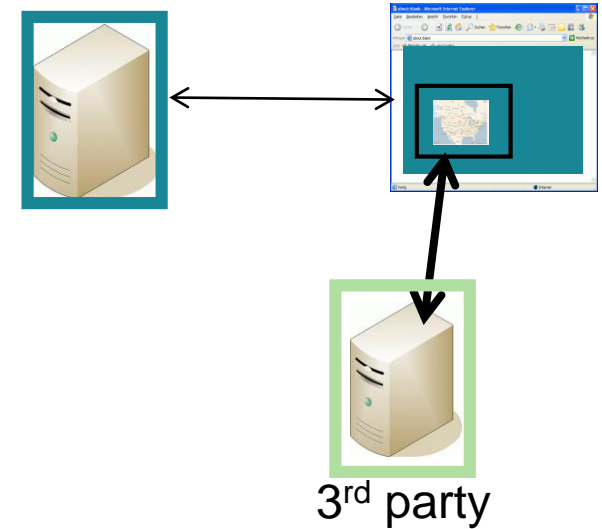
# Two basic composition techniques

## Script inclusion

```
<html><body>  
...  
<script src="http://3rdparty.com/script.js"></script>  
...  
</body></html>
```

## Iframe integration

```
<html><body>  
...  
<iframe src="http://3rdparty.com/frame.html"></iframe>  
...  
</body></html>
```

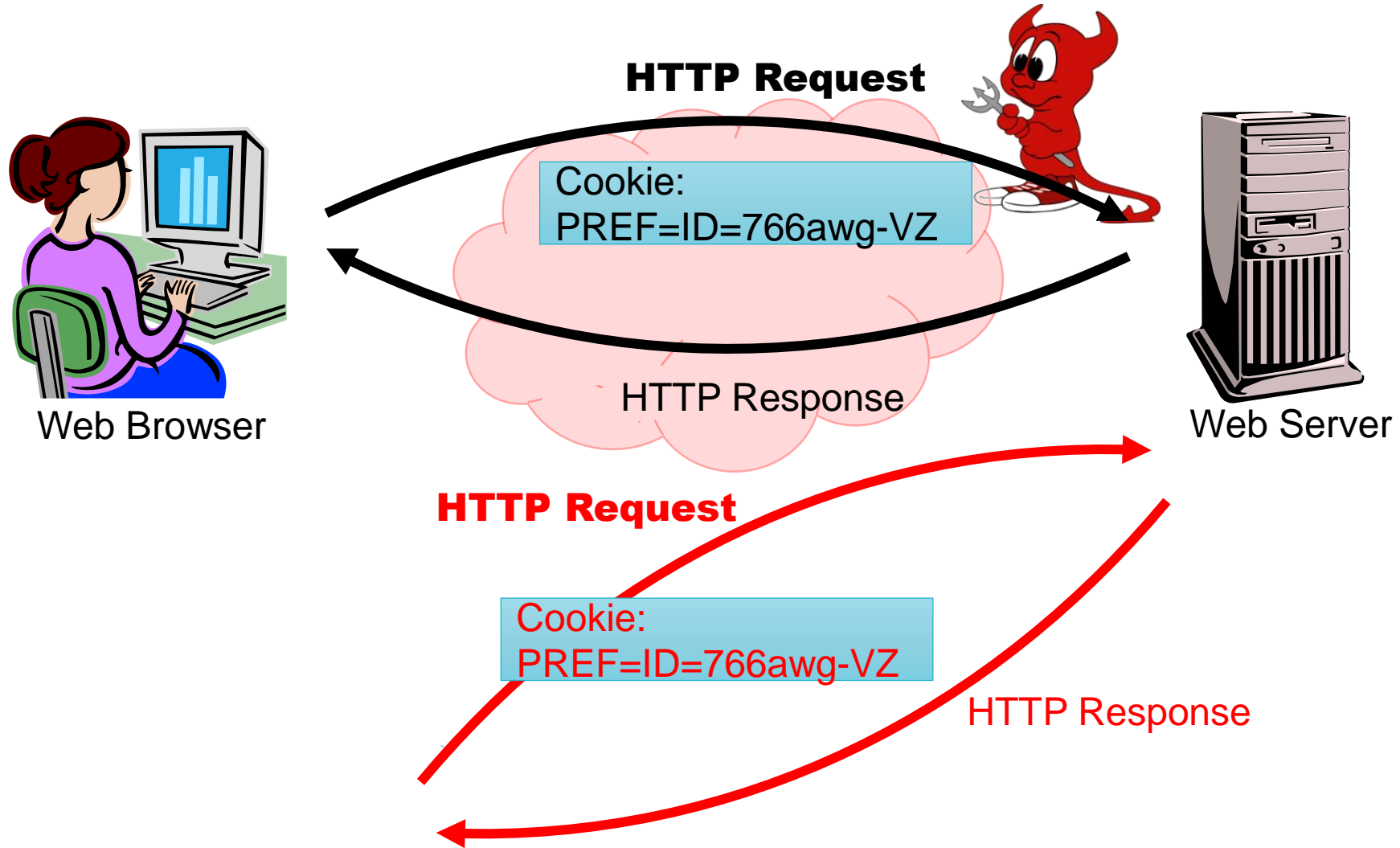


# Securing browser-server communication

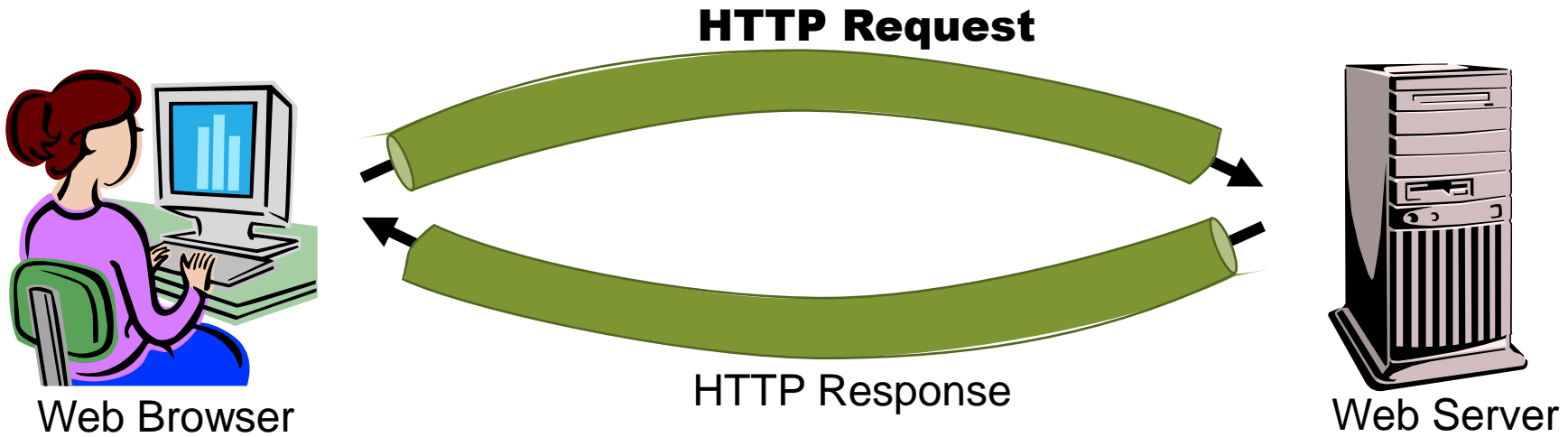
# Overview

- Attacks:
  - Session hijacking
  - SSL Stripping
- Countermeasures:
  - Use of SSL/TLS
  - Secure flag for session cookies
  - HSTS header
  - Public Key Pinning

# Network attacks: Session hijacking



# HTTPS to the rescue...



# Problem cured?

- TLS usage statistics:
  - 0.78% of active domains use TLS (with valid SSL certificate)
  - For Alexa top 1 million: 27.86% use TLS

Internet SSL Survey 2010, Qualys

- Remaining problems:
  - Mixed use of HTTPS/HTTP and session cookies
  - Mixed content websites
  - SSL Stripping attacks



# Mixed use of HTTPS/HTTP



- Cookies are bound to domains, not origins
- By default, cookies are sent both over HTTPS and HTTP
- Any request to your domain over HTTP leaks the (session) cookies...

# Secure flag for cookies



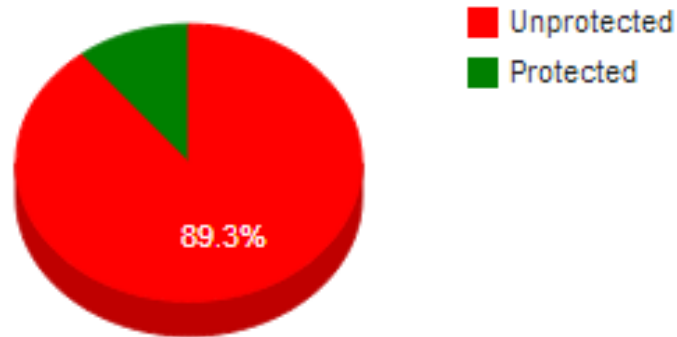
- Issued at cookie creation (HTTP response)
  - Set-Cookie: PREF=766awg-VZ;  
Domain=yourdomain.com; **Secure**
- If set, the cookie is only sent over an encrypted channel
- Should be enabled by default for your session cookies!

# Secure flag: state-of-practice



- Browser compatibility
  - All recent browsers support the secure flag for cookies

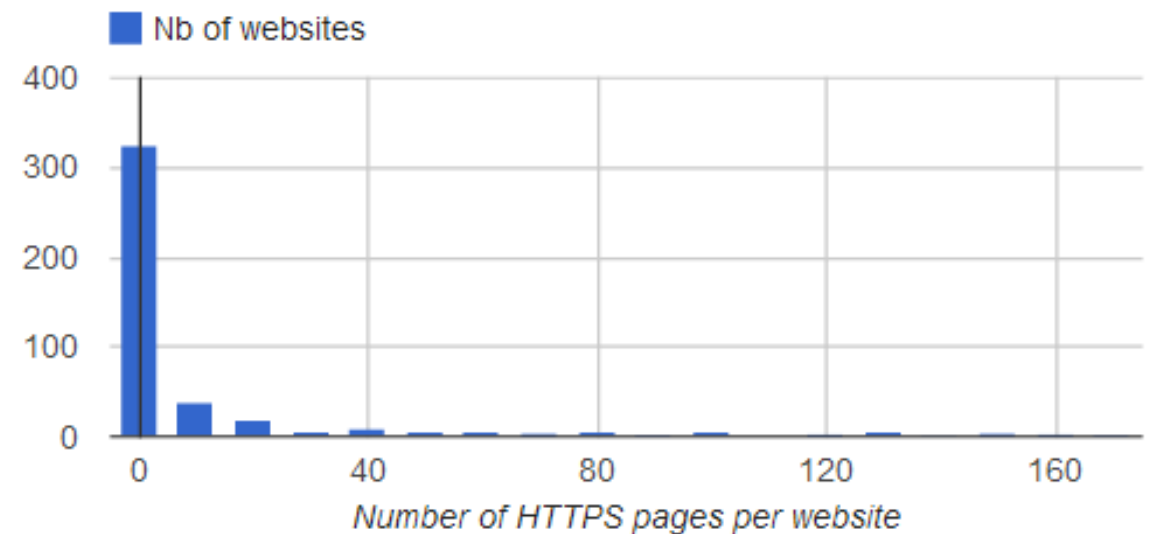
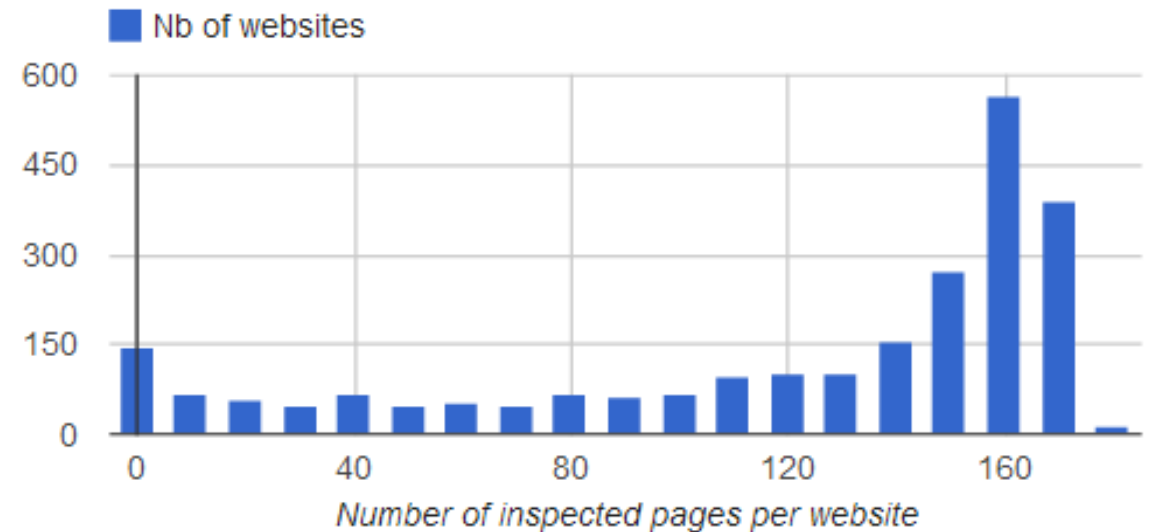
## ■ Usage statistics



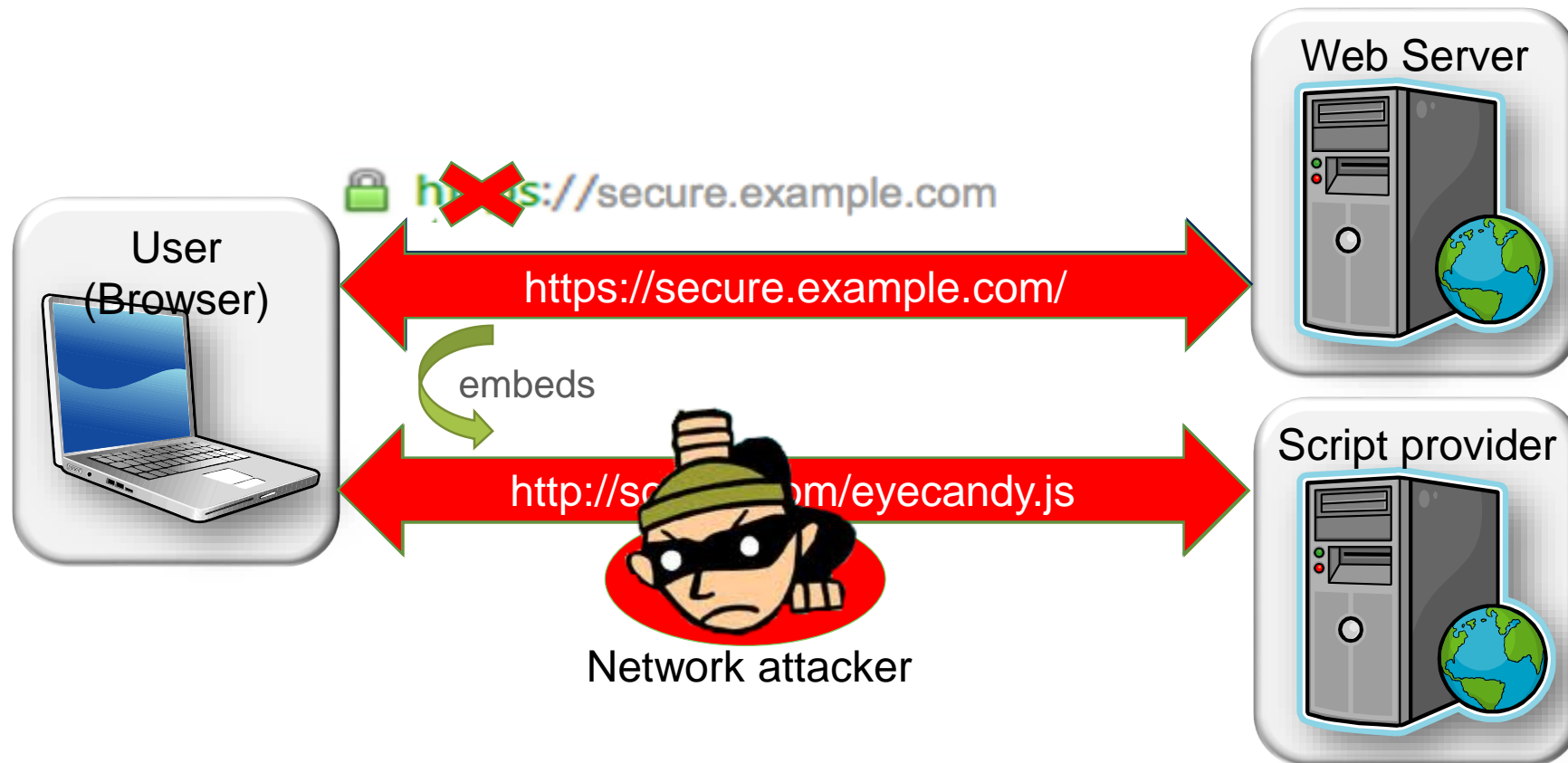
Websites with Secure Cookie	
1	bnpparibasfortis.be
2	paypal.com
3	microsoftonline.com
4	snapfish.be
5	ing.be
6	cph.be
7	goldenpalace.be
8	airbnb.be
9	moneymiljonair.be
10	unibet.com

# Some background on this experiment

- Number of inspected domains: 2449
- Total number of inspected pages: 302855
- Average number of pages per domains: 123
- 18,25% of domains serve HTTPS pages



# Mixed content inclusions: TLS-enabled sites under attack

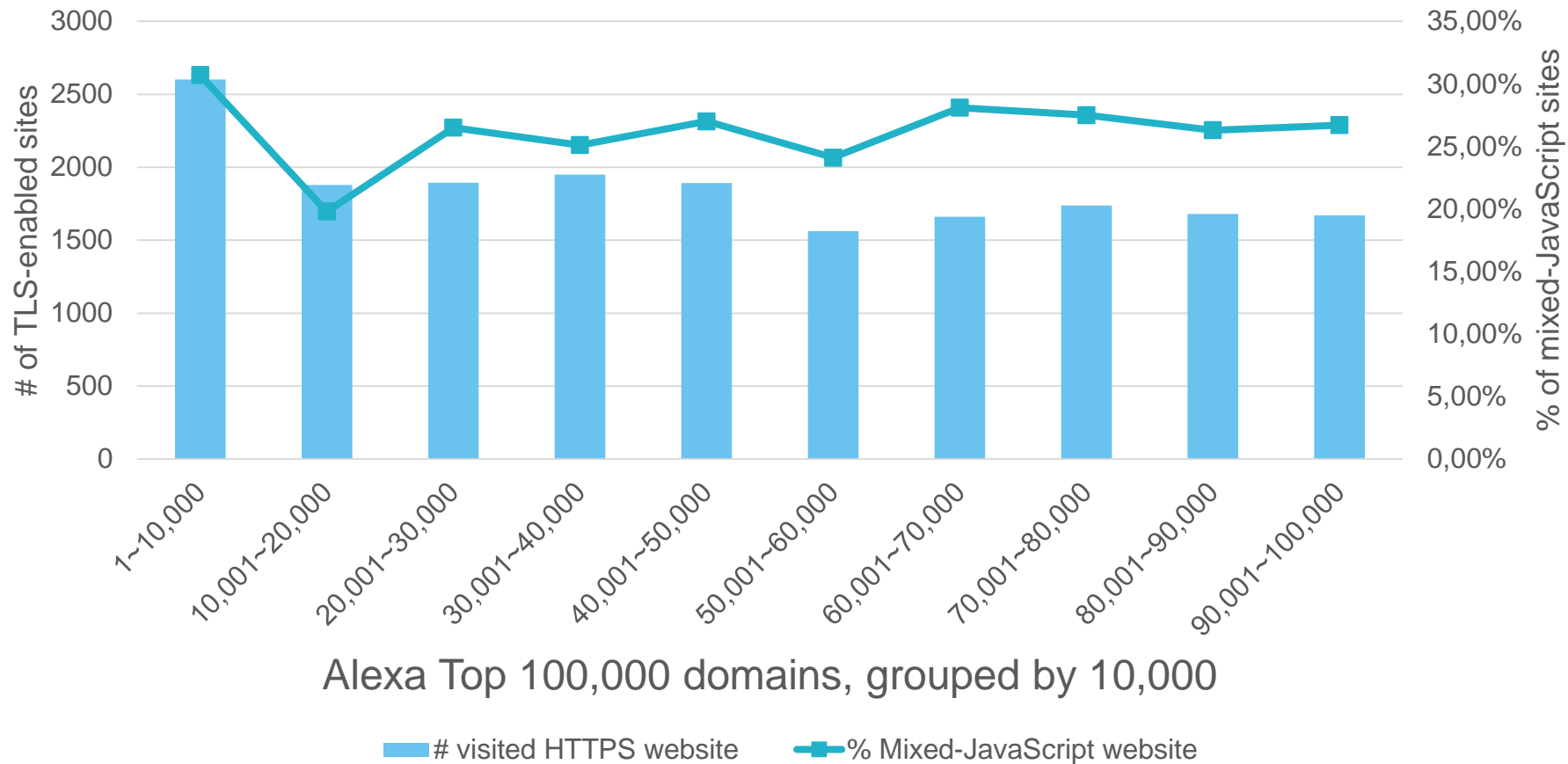


# Mixed content inclusions:

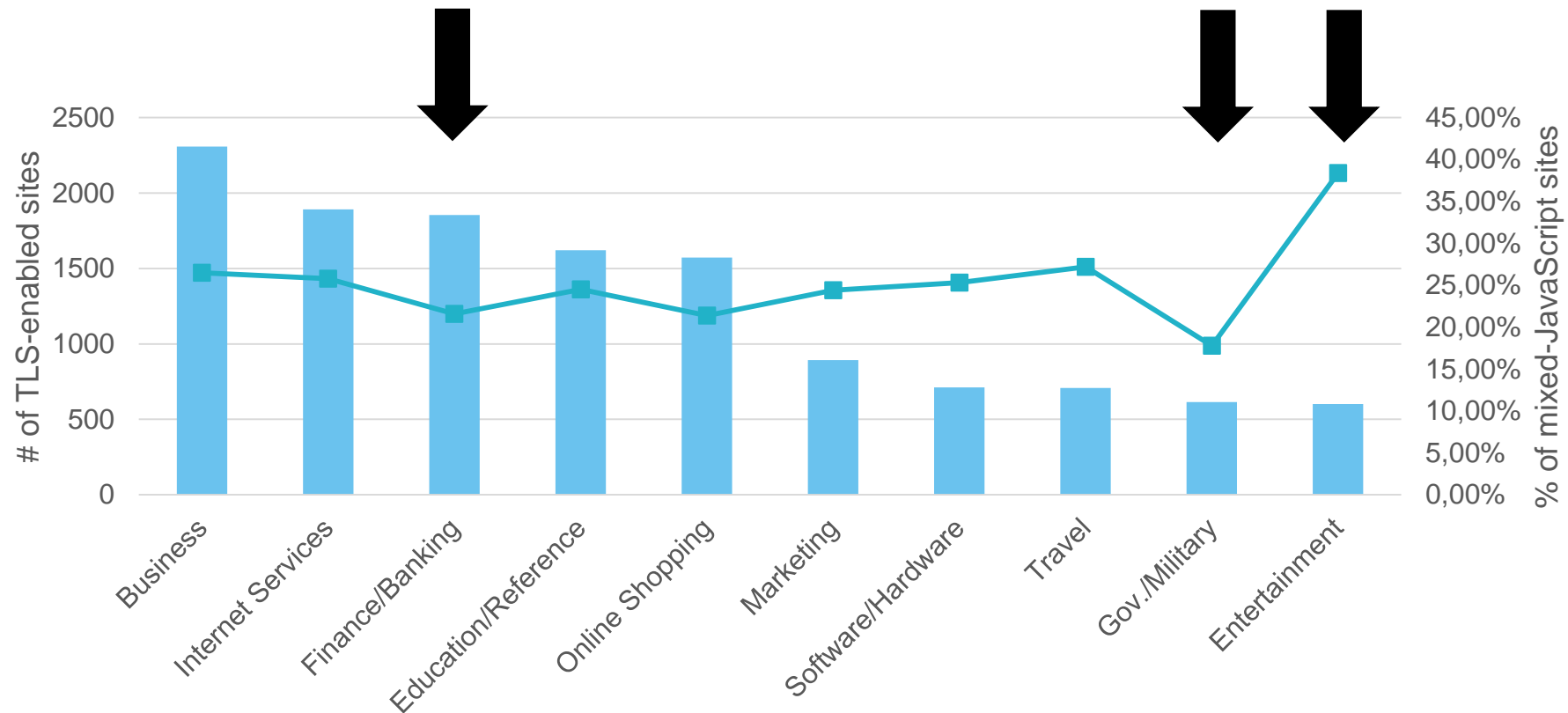
## Large scale assessment of the state-of-practice

- Alexa Top 100,000 domains
- Crawled over 480,000 pages belonging to the Alexa top 100,000
- Discovered:
  - 18,526 TLS-protected sites
  - 7,980 sites have mixed content (43% of the sites)
  - 150,179 scripts are included over HTTP (26% of the sites)

# Distribution of mixed-JavaScript sites across the top Alexa Top 100,000



# Distribution of mixed-JavaScript sites across Top 10 site categories (McAfee's web database)

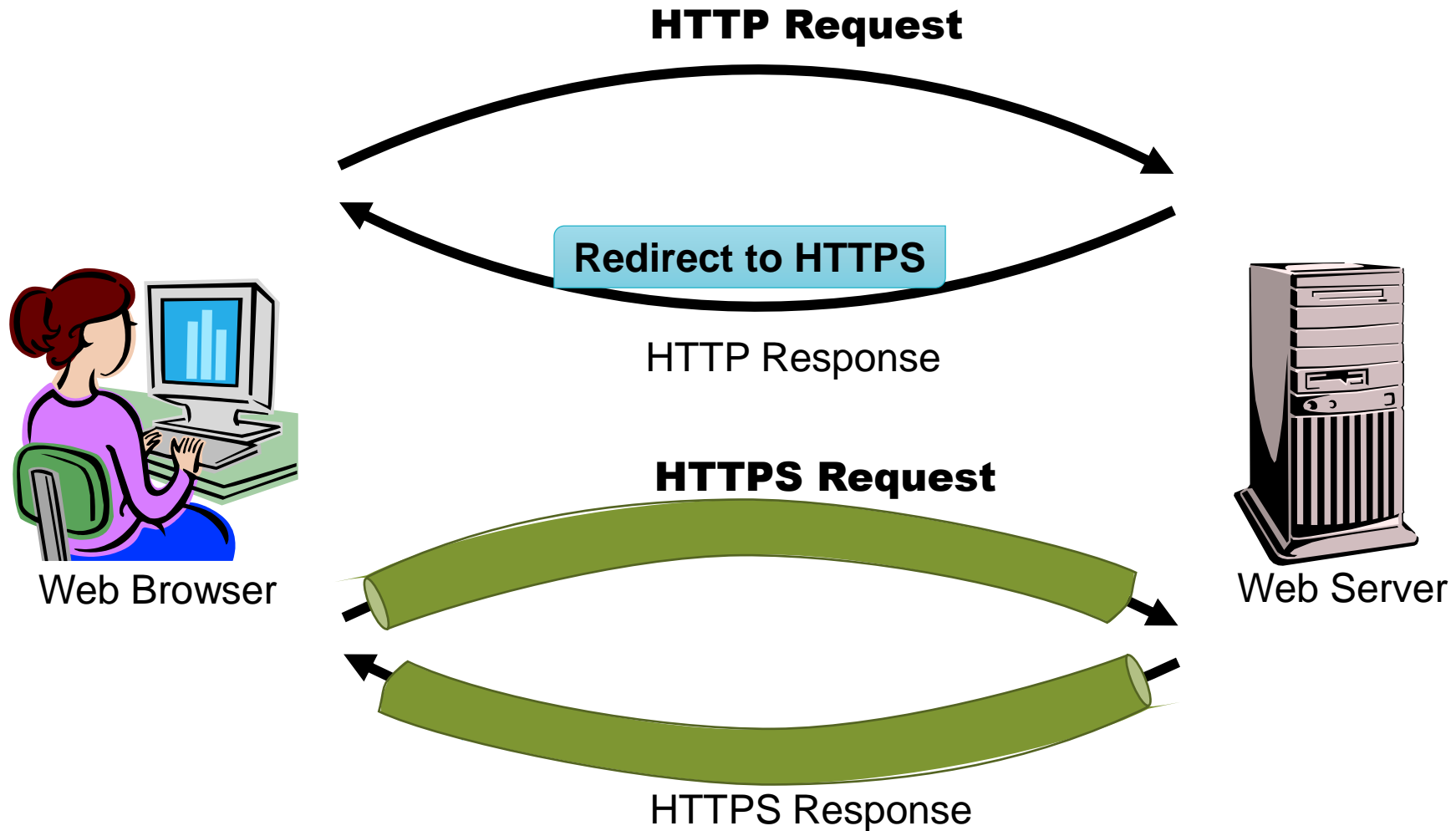


Alexa Top 100,000 domains, grouped by McAfee's site categories

■ # visited HTTPS websites    ■ % Mixed-JavaScript website



# HTTP to HTTPS bootstrapping



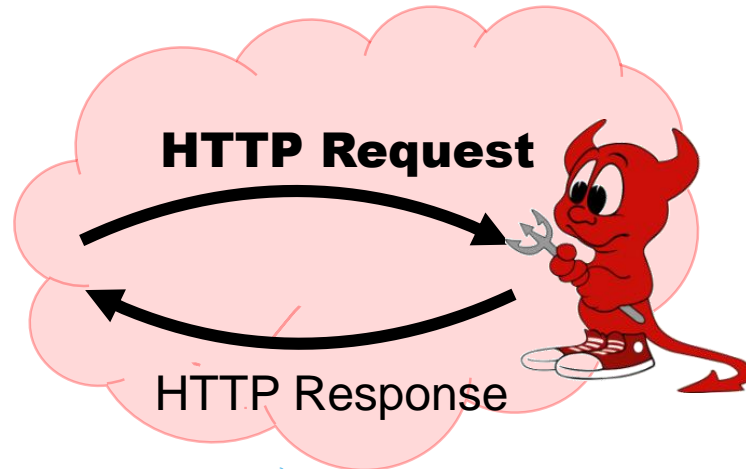
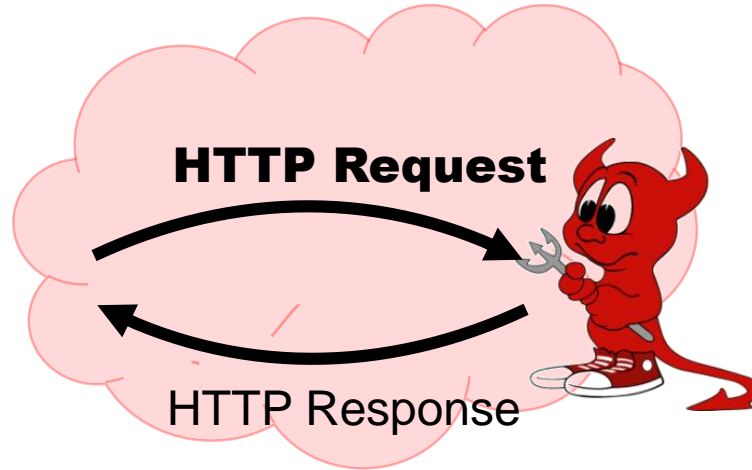
# HTTP to HTTPS bootstrapping

- HTTP 301/302 response
  - Location header redirects browser to the resource over HTTPS
  - Location: `https://mysite.com/`
- Meta refresh
  - Meta-tag in HEAD of HTML page
  - `<meta http-equiv="refresh" content="0;URL='https://mysite.com/'">`
- Via JavaScript
  - `document.location = "https://mysite.com"`

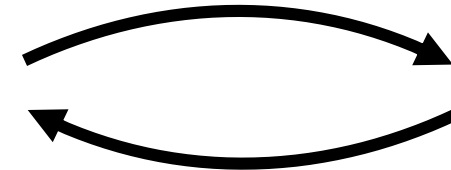
# Network attacks: SSL Stripping



Web Browser

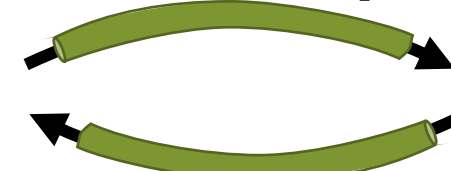


**HTTP Request**

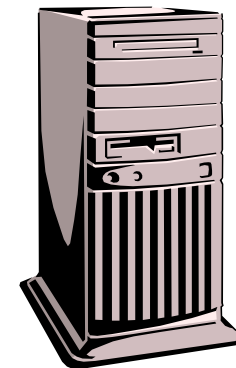


**HTTP Response**  
Redirect to HTTPS

**HTTPS Request**



**HTTPS Response**



Web Server

# Strict Transport Security (HSTS)



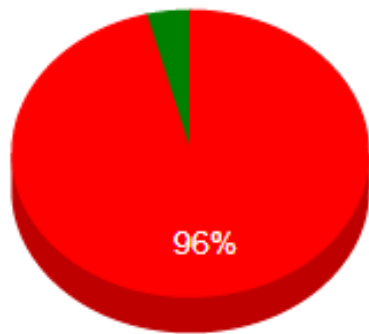
- Issued by the HTTP response header
  - Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=60000
- If set, the browser is instructed to visit this domain only via HTTPS
  - No HTTP traffic to this domain will leave the browser
- Optionally, also protect all subdomains
  - Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=60000; includeSubDomains

# HSTS: state-of-practice



- Browser compatibility
  - Chrome 4+, Firefox 4+, Opera 12+, Safari 7+, IE12

- Usage statistics



■ Unprotected  
■ Protected

	Domain	# of pages using HSTS	# of pages visited	Percentage of pages
1	etsy.com	164	171	95.9064
2	dropbox.com	105	108	97.2222
3	lapetition.be	172	172	100
4	cph.be	97	100	97
5	paypal.com	73	159	45.9119
6	airbnb.be	54	54	100
7	twitter.com	47	48	97.9167
8	github.com	46	75	61.3333
9	mozilla.org	38	178	21.3483
10	google.com	16	154	10.3896

# But can I trust the CAs ?



- Comodo (March 2011)
  - 9 fraudulent SSL certificates
- Diginotar (July 2011)
  - Wildcard certificates for Google, Yahoo!, Mozilla, WordPress, ...
- Breaches at StartSSL (June 2011) and GlobalSign (Sept 2012) reported unsuccessful
- ...

# Public Key Pinning (HPKP)



- Issued as HTTP response header
  - `Public-Key-Pins: max-age=500;  
pin-sha1="4n972HfV354KP560yw4uqe/baXc=";  
pin-sha1="lvGeLsbqzPxdl0b0wuj2xVTdXgc="`
- Freezes the certificate by pushing a fingerprint of (parts of) the certificate chain to the browser
  - Options: includeSubdomains, report-uri
- Currently an IETF Internet-Draft
  - Public Key Pinning Extension for HTTP
- Supported in Chrome 18+, Firefox 35+

# Recap: Securing browser-server communication

- Use of TLS
  - be aware of mixed-content inclusions!
- Secure flag for cookies
  - to protect cookies against leaking over HTTP
- HSTS header
  - to force TLS for all future connections
- Public Key Pinning
  - to protect against fraudulent certificates

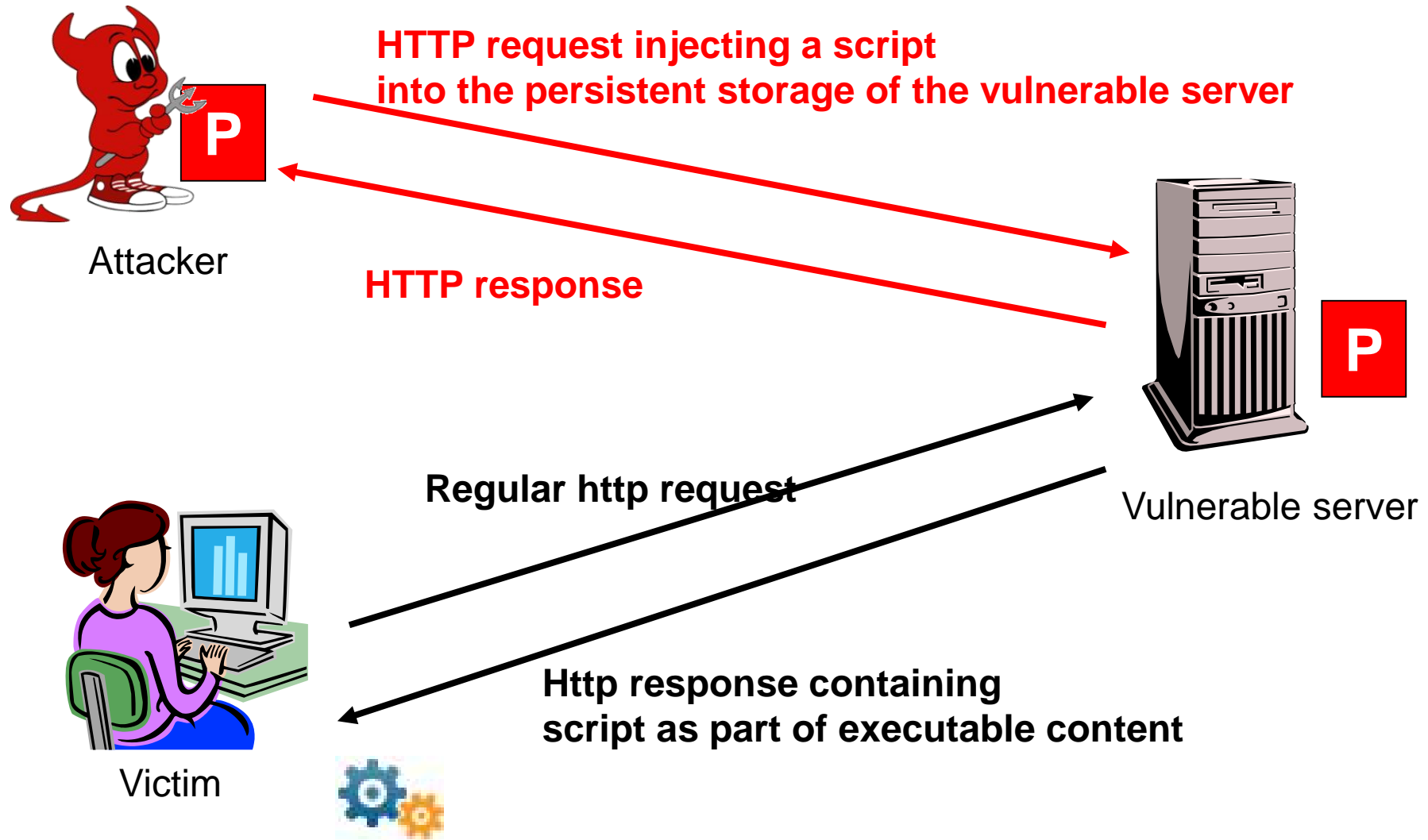


# #2 Mitigating script injection attacks

# Overview

- Attack:
  - Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
- Countermeasures:
  - HttpOnly flag for session cookies
  - X-XSS-Protection header
  - Content Security Policy (CSP)

# Example: Stored or persistent XSS



# HttpOnly flag for cookies

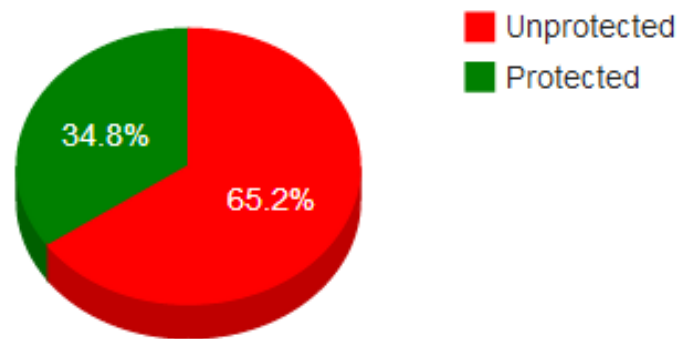


- Issued at cookie creation (HTTP response)
  - Set-Cookie: PREF=766awg-VZ; Domain=yourdomain.com; Secure; HttpOnly
- If set, the cookie is not accessible via DOM
  - JavaScript can not read or write this cookie
- Mitigates XSS impact on session cookies
  - Protects against hijacking and fixation
- Should be enabled by default for your session cookies!

# HttpOnly: state-of-practice



- Browser compatibility
  - Support in all browsers
- Usage statistics



Websites with HttpOnly Cookie	
1	multibazar.be
2	nbb.be
3	peugeot.be
4	fatsecret.be
5	bloovi.be
6	brusselslife.be
7	whoman2.be
8	chronorace.be
9	dacia.be
10	avevewinkels.be

# X-XSS-Protection



- Best-effort protection in the browser against reflected XSS
  - Can be controlled via the X-XSS-Protection header in the HTTP response
  - On by default
- Completeness of protection
  - Protects only against reflected XSS
  - Multiple bypasses have been reported

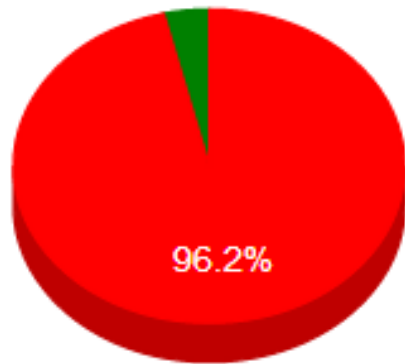
# X-XSS-Protection: modes of operation

- Default protection
  - X-XSS-Protection: 1
- Optional opt-out
  - X-XSS-Protection: 0
- Blocking mode
  - X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
  - Prevents the page from rendering

# X-XSS-Protection: state-of-practice



- Browser compatibility:
  - Internet Explorer 8+, Chrome and Safari
- Usage statistics



■ Unprotected  
■ Protected

	Domain	# of pages using x_xss_protection	# of pages visited	Percentage of pages
1	etsy.com	170	171	99.4152
2	google.com	151	154	98.0519
3	google.it	166	169	98.2249
4	search-results.com	144	170	84.7059
5	google.de	173	173	100
6	google.fr	164	164	100
7	google.es	156	158	98.7342
8	google.co.uk	150	151	99.3377
9	vroom.be	158	177	89.2655
10	google.co.in	168	168	100



# Content Security Policy (CSP)



- Issued as HTTP response header
  - Content-Security-Policy: script-src 'self'; object-src 'none'
- Specifies which resources are allowed to be loaded as part of your page
- Extremely promising as an additional layer of defense against script injection

# CSP set of directives

- There are a whole set of directives
  - Here we discuss CSP v1.1 (February 11, 2014)
  
- default-src
  - Takes a sourcelist as value
  - Default for all resources, unless overridden by specific directives
  - Only allowed resources are loaded

# CSP source lists

- Space delimited list of sources
  - 'self'
  - 'none'
  - origin(s)
- Examples
  - https://mydomain.com
  - https://mydomain.com:443
  - http://134.58.40.10
  - https://\*.mydomain.com
  - https:
  - \*://mydomain.com

# CSP set of directives (2)

- script-src
  - From which sources, scripts are allowed to be included
- object-src
  - Flash and other plugins
- style-src
  - stylesheets
- img-src
  - images
- media-src
  - sources of video and audio

# CSP set of directives (3)

- child-src
  - list of origins allowed to be embedded as frames
  - replaces the deprecated frame-src directive
- font-src
  - web fonts
- connect-src
  - To which origins can you connect (e.g. XHR, websockets)
- frame-options
  - Control framing of the page
- sandbox
  - Trigger sandboxing attribute of embeded iframes

# CSP requires sites to “behave”

- Inline scripts and CSS is not allowed
  - All scripts need to be externalized in dedicated JS files
  - All style directives need to be externalized in dedicated style files
  - Clean code separation
- The use of *eval* is not allowed
  - To prevent unsafe string (e.g. user input) to be executed

# Example: inline scripts

```
<script>  
  function runMyScript() {  
    alert('My alert');  
  }  
</script>
```

page.html

```
<a href="#" onClick="runMyScript();">  
This link shows an alert!</a>
```

# Example: externalized scripts

External JS →

```
<script src="myscript.js"></script> page.html  
<a href="#" id="myLink">This link shows an alert!</a>
```

JavaScript code

```
function runMyScript() { myscrip.js  
    alert('My alert');  
}  
document.addEventListener('DOMContentLoaded',  
function () {  
    document.getElementById('myLink')  
        .addEventListener('click', runMyScript);  
});
```

Binding to page



# Insecure relaxations, but be careful!

- To temporarily allow inline scripts
  - Content-Security-Policy: script-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline'
- To temporarily allow eval
  - Content-Security-Policy: script-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline' 'unsafe-eval'
- To temporarily allow inline style directives
  - Content-Security-Policy: style-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline'

Be  
careful!

# Script/style nonces and hashes



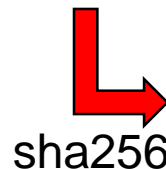
- To allow controlled inline-scripts:
  - Mark your script with a nonce

```
Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'self'; script-src 'self'  
https://example.com 'nonce-Nc3n83cnSAd3wc3Sasdfn939hc3'
```

```
<script nonce="Nc3n83cnSAd3wc3Sasdfn939hc3">  
alert("Allowed because nonce is valid.")  
</script>
```

- Add a hash of your inline script to the policy

```
Content-Security-Policy: script-src 'sha256-  
YWizOWNiNzJjNDRIYzc4MTgwMDhmZDIkOWI0NTAyMjgyY2MyMWJl  
MWUyNjc1ODJlYWJhNjU5MGU4NmZmNGU3OAo='
```



sha256

```
<script>alert('Hello, world.');
```

# CSP reporting feature

- CSP reports violations back to the server owner
  - server owner gets insides in actual attacks
    - i.e. violations against the supplied policy
  - allows to further fine-tune the CSP policy
    - e.g. if the policy is too restrictive
- report-uri directive
  - `report-uri /my-csp-reporting-handler`
  - URI to which the violation report will be posted

# Example violation report

```
Content-Security-Policy: script-src 'self' https://apis.google.com;  
report-uri http://example.org/my_amazing_csp_report_parser
```

```
{  
    "document-uri": "http://example.org/page.html",  
    "referrer": "http://evil.example.com/",  
    "blocked-uri": "http://evil.example.com/evil.js",  
    "violated-directive": "script-src 'self' https://apis.google.com",  
    "original-policy": "script-src 'self' https://apis.google.com; report-  
uri http://example.org/my_amazing_csp_report_parser"  
}
```

CSP violation report

# CSP Reporting: one step further

- Apart from reporting violations via the report-uri directive
- CSP can also run in report only mode
  - Content-Security-Policy-Report-Only: default-src: 'none'; script-src 'self'; report-uri /my-csp-reporting-handler
  - Violation are reported
  - Policies are not enforced

# Some CSP examples

- Examples:
  - Mybank.net lockdown
  - SSL only
  - Social media integration
  - Facebook snapshot

# Example: mybank.net lockdown

- Scripts, images, stylesheets
  - from a CDN at <https://cdn.mybank.net>
- XHR requests
  - Interaction with the mybank APIs at <https://api.mybank.com>
- Iframes
  - From the website itself
- No flash, java, ....

```
Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'none';  
script-src https://cdn.mybank.net;  
style-src https://cdn.mybank.net;  
img-src https://cdn.mybank.net;  
connect-src https://api.mybank.com;  
child-src 'self'
```

# Example: SSL only

- Can we ensure to only include HTTPS content in our website?

```
Content-Security-Policy: default-src https: ;  
script-src https: 'unsafe-inline';  
style-src https: 'unsafe-inline'
```

- Obviously, this should only be the first step, not the final one!



# Example: social media integration

- Google +1 button
  - Script from <https://apis.google.com>
  - Iframe from <https://plusone.google.com>
- Facebook
  - Iframe from <https://facebook.com>
- Twitter tweet button
  - Script from <https://platform.twitter.com>
  - Iframe from <https://platform.twitter.com>

```
Content-Security-Policy: script-src https://apis.google.com
https://platform.twitter.com;
child-src https://plusone.google.com https://facebook.com
https://platform.twitter.com
```

# Example: Facebook snapshot

```
X-WebKit-CSP: default-src *;  
script-src https://*.facebook.com http://*.facebook.com  
https://*.fbcdn.net http://*.fbcdn.net *.facebook.net *.google-  
analytics.com *.virtualearth.net *.google.com *.spotilocal.com:*  
chrome-extension://lifbcibllhkdhoafpjfnlhfpfgnpldfl 'unsafe-inline'  
'unsafe-eval' https://*.akamaihd.net http://*.akamaihd.net;style-  
src * 'unsafe-inline';  
connect-src https://*.facebook.com http://*.facebook.com  
https://*.fbcdn.net http://*.fbcdn.net *.facebook.net  
*.spotilocal.com:* https://*.akamaihd.net ws://*.facebook.com:*  
http://*.akamaihd.net;
```

# Third-party JavaScript is everywhere

- Advertisements
  - Adhese ad network
- Social web
  - Facebook Connect
  - Google+
  - Twitter
  - Feedsburner
- Tracking
  - Scorecardresearch
- Web Analytics
  - Yahoo! Web Analytics
  - Google Analytics
- ...

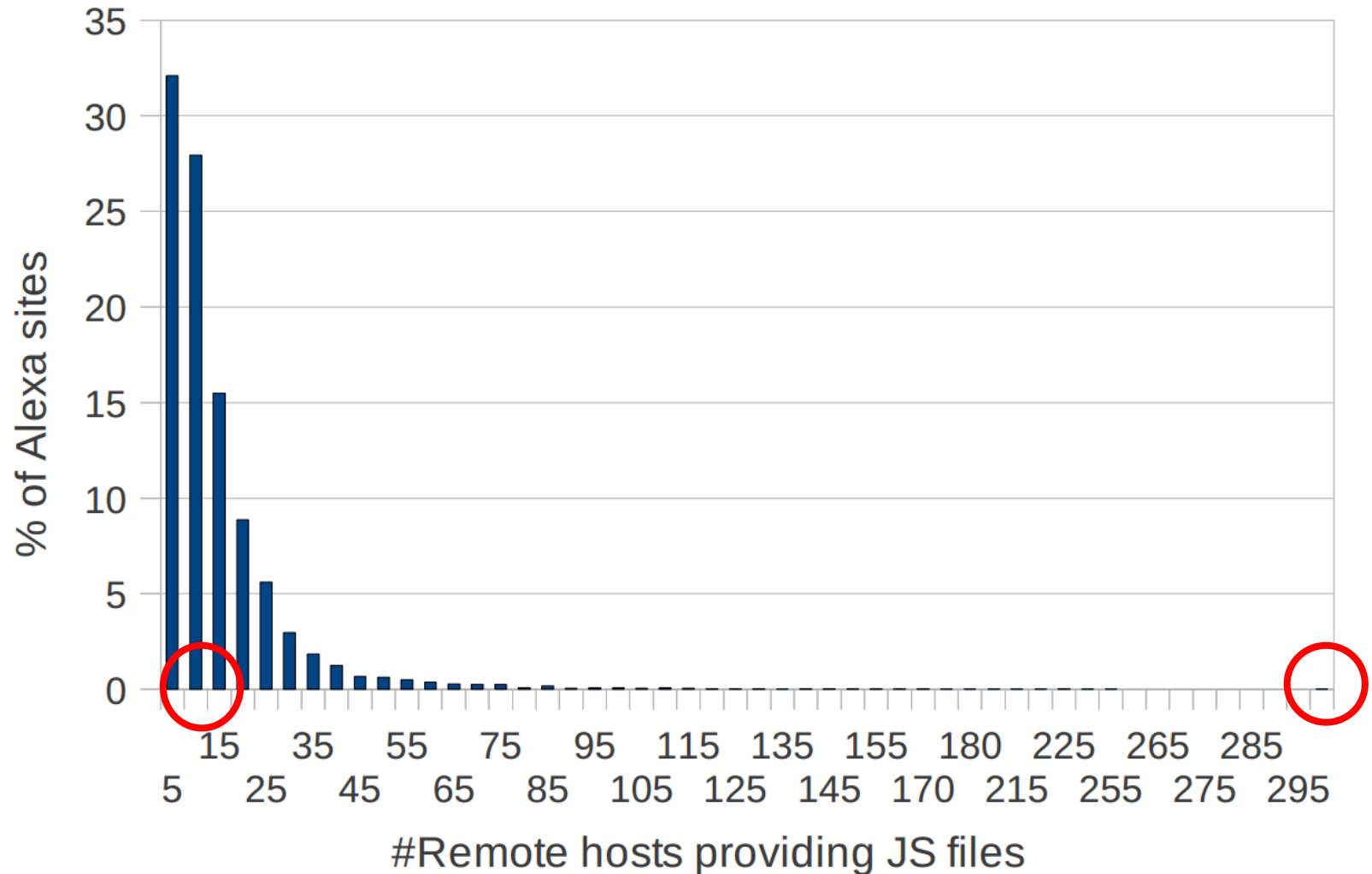
The screenshot shows the De Standaard Online news website. Several elements are highlighted with red boxes to illustrate the presence of third-party JavaScript:

- Advertisement:** A banner at the top for "DE PIZZA-JONGEN VS DE WEGENWACHTER GO" with a cartoon character.
- News Article:** A main article titled "'Dit is een zeer gevaarlijke situatie'" by Yves Leterme, with a "LEES MEER" link.
- Form:** A registration form for "De nieuwe Audi Q3" with fields for name, email, and a "Verstuur" button.
- Social Media:** A Facebook-like social widget showing 34k likes and 821 shares for the account @destandaard.
- Other News:** Several other news snippets are visible, such as "Rekening Dexia-redding loopt op" and "Gewonde na schietpartij op Brussels Airport".



# Number of remote script providers per site

- 88.45% includes at least 1 remote JavaScript library
- 2 out of 3 sites relies on 5 or more script providers
- 1 site includes up to 295 remote script providers



# Most popular JavaScript libraries and APIs

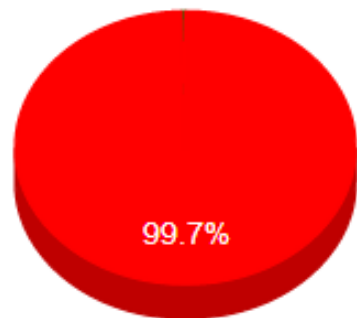
	Offered service	JavaScript file	% Alexa Top 10K	
→	Web analytics	www.google-analytics.com/ga.js	68,37%	
→	Dynamic Ads	pagead2.googlesyndication.com/pagead/show_ads.js	23,87%	
→	Web analytics	www.google-analytics.com/urchin.js	17,32%	
Google	Social Networking	connect.facebook.net/en_us/all.js	16,82%	
	Social Networking	platform.twitter.com/widgets.js	13,87%	
	Social Networking & Web analytics	s7.addthis.com/js/250/addthis_widget.js	12,68%	
	Web analytics & Tracking	edge.quantserve.com/quant.js	11,98%	
	Market Research	b.scorecardresearch.com/beacon.js	10,45%	
	→	Google Helper Functions	www.google.com/jsapi	10,14%
	→	Web analytics	ssl.google-analytics.com/ga.js	10,12%

# CSP: state-of-practice



- Browser compatibility:
  - Firefox 4, Chrome 14+, Safari 5+, Opera 15+, Internet Explorer 10+
  - Older header names: X-WebKit-CSP, X-Content-Security-Policy

## ■ Usage statistics



■ Unprotected  
■ Protected

	Domain	# of pages using x_content_security_policy	# of pages visited	Percentage of pages
1	github.com	42	75	56
2	hootsuite.com	33	155	21.2903
3	bpost.be	15	176	8.5227
4	dropbox.com	3	108	2.7778
5	etsy.com	3	171	1.7544
6	mozilla.org	3	178	1.6854
7	adobe.com	1	173	0.578
8	twitter.com	1	48	2.0833

# Recap: Mitigating script injection attacks

- HttpOnly flag for session cookies
  - To protect cookies against hijacking and fixation from JavaScript
- X-XSS-Protection header
  - Coarse-grained control over built-in browser protection against reflected XSS
- Content Security Policy (CSP)
  - Domain-level control over resources to be included
  - Most promising infrastructural technique against XSS
  - Interesting reporting-only mode



# #3 Framing content securely

# Overview

- Attacks:
  - Click-jacking
  - Same domain XSS
- Countermeasures:
  - X-Frame-Options header / frame-ancestors
  - HTML5 sandbox attribute for iframes

# Click-jacking



# Unsafe countermeasures

- A lot of unsafe ways exist to protect against clickjacking
  - `if (top.location != location)  
top.location = self.location;`
  - `if (parent.location != self.location)  
parent.location = self.location;`
- Can easily be defeated by
  - Script disabling/sandboxing techniques
  - Frame navigation policies
  - XSS filters in browsers

# X-Frame-Options



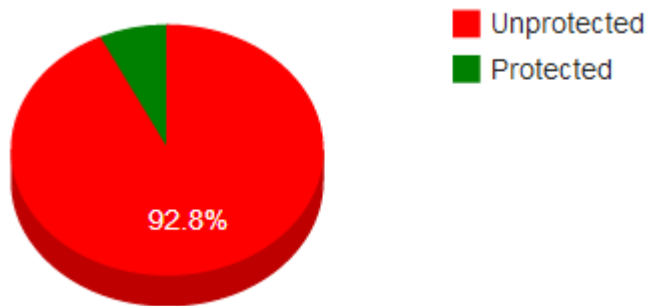
- Issued by the HTTP response header
  - X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
  - Indicates if and by who the page might be framed
- 3 options:
  - DENY
  - SAMEORIGIN
  - ALLOW-FROM uri

# X-Frame-Options (deprecated)



- Browser compatibility:
  - Firefox, Internet Explorer, Opera
  - *Safari, Chrome*

## ■ Usage statistics



	Domain	# of pages using X-Frame-Options	# of pages visited	Percentage of pages
1	equibel.be	158	158	100
2	etsy.com	170	171	99.4152
3	soundcloud.com	166	173	95.9538
4	replacedirect.be	165	165	100
5	google.it	137	169	81.0651
6	napoleongames.be	142	145	97.931
7	bonprix-wa.be	176	177	99.435
8	dropbox.com	105	108	97.2222
9	csj.be	172	175	98.2857
10	facebook.com	60	63	95.2381

# XFO has been integrated in CSP



CSP 1.1

- New CSP directive: frame-ancestors
  - Content-Security-Policy: frame-ancestors  
`https://partnerA.com https://partnerB.com`
- In contrast to X-Frame-Options, a sourcelist is allowed
  - Common advice is to tailor per partner

# Limitations of framing content in same origin



- Iframe integration provides a good isolation mechanism
  - Each origin runs in its own security context, thanks to the Same-Origin Policy
  - Isolation only holds if outer and inner frame belong to a different origin
- Hard to isolate untrusted content within the same origin



# HTML5 sandbox attribute



- Expressed as attribute of the iframe tag
  - `<iframe src= "/untrusted-path/index.html" sandbox></iframe>`
  - `<iframe src="/untrusted-path/index.html" sandbox="allow-scripts"></iframe>`
- Level of Protection
  - Coarse-grained sandboxing
  - 'SOP but within the same domain'

# Default sandbox behavior

- Plugins are disabled
- Frame runs in a unique origin
- Scripts can not execute
- Form submission is not allowed
- Top-level context can not be navigated
- Popups are blocked
- No access to raw mouse movements data

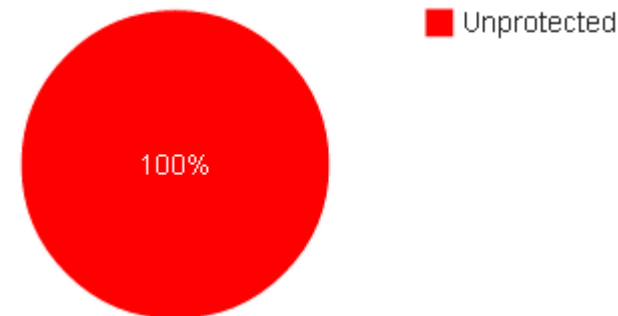
# Sandbox relaxation directives

- Relaxations:
  - allow-forms
  - allow-popups
  - allow-pointer-lock
  - allow-same-origin
  - allow-scripts
  - allow-top-navigation
- Careful!
  - Combining allow-scripts & allow-same-origin voids the sandbox isolation
- Plugins can not be re-enabled

# HTML5 sandbox



- Browser compatibility
  - Internet Explorer, Chrome, Safari, Firefox, Opera
- Usage statistics



# Sandbox has been integrated in CSP



CSP 1.1

- New CSP directive: sandbox
  - Content-Security-Policy: sandbox
  - Content-Security-Policy: sandbox allow-scripts
- Similar options apply:
  - allow-forms
  - allow-pointer-lock
  - allow-popups
  - allow-same-origin
  - allow-scripts
  - allow-top-navigation

# Recap: Framing content securely

- CSP: Frame ancestors
  - Robust defense against click-jacking
  - Any state-changing page should be protected
- CSP: Sandbox attribute
  - Coarse-grained sandboxing of resources and JavaScript
  - Interesting enabler for security architectures

# Example security architecture: Combining CSP & Sandbox

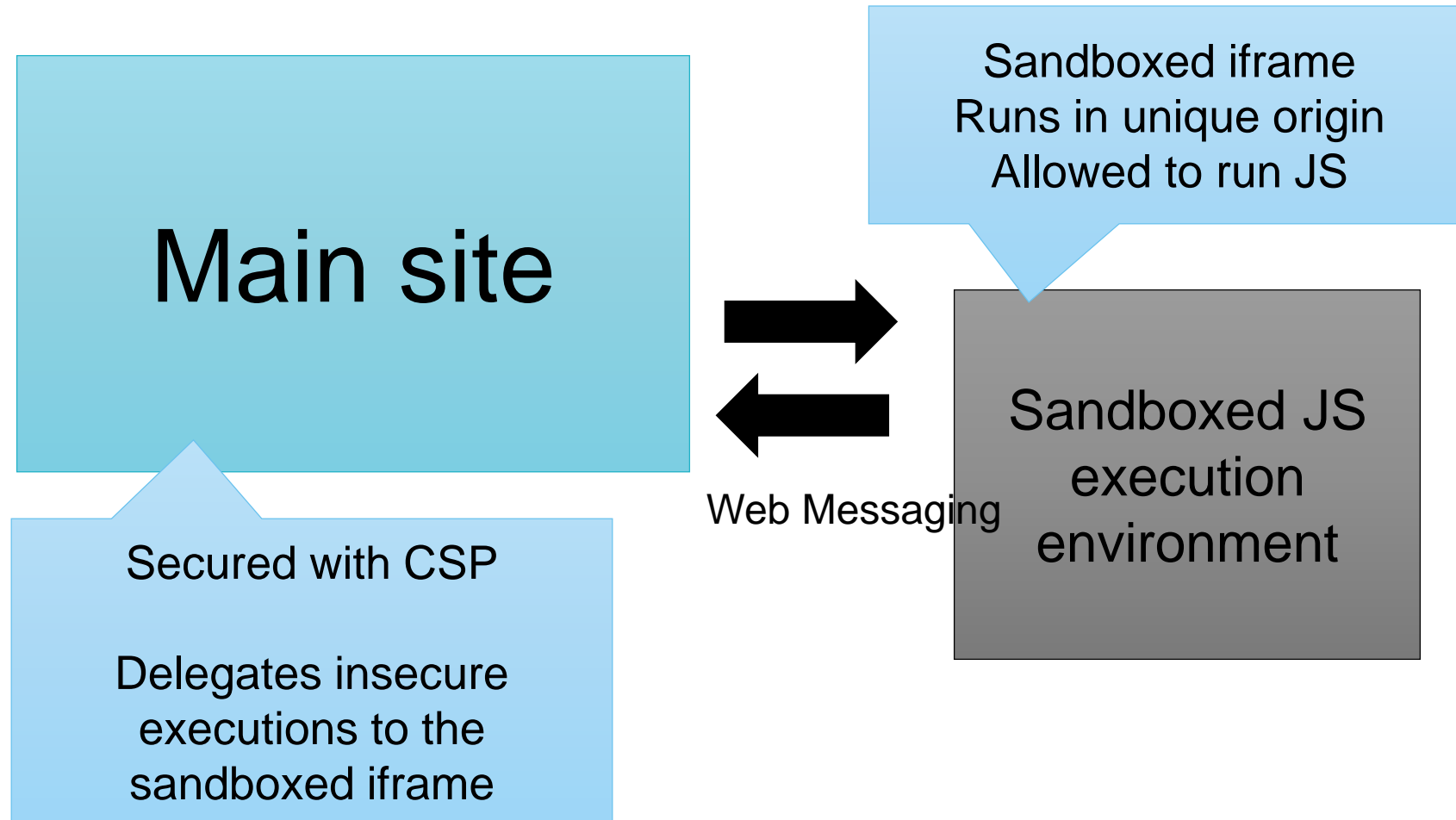
“Securing the Client-Side: Building safe web applications with HTML5” (Mike West, Devox 2012)

# CSP & HTML5 sandbox as security enabler

- Combination of CSP and HTML5 sandbox
  - Enabling technologies for drafting a web application security architecture
  - Allows to define whether or not certain functions/scripts are allowed to run in the origin of the site
  
- Presented by Mike West at Devox 2012
  - Used for document rendering in ChromeOS, ...



# Example of sandboxing unsafe javascript



# Main page (index.html)

Content-Security-Policy: script-src 'self'

```
<html><head>
  <script src="main.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
  <a href="#" id="sandboxFrame"/>Click here</a>
  <iframe id="sandboxFrame" sandbox="allow-scripts"
src="sandbox.html">
  </iframe>
  <div ="#content"></div>
</body></html>
```

# Sandboxed frame (sandbox.html)

```
<html><head>
  <script>
    window.EventListener('message', function(event) {
      var command = event.data.command;
      var context = event.data.context;
      var result = callUnsafeFunction(command, context);
      event.source.postMessage({
        html: result}, event.origin);
    });
  </script>
</head></html>
```

# Main script (main.js)

```
document.querySelector('#click').addEventListener('click',
function(){
  var iframe = document.querySelector('#sandboxFrame');
  var message = {
    command = 'render';
    context = {thing: 'world'}};
  iframe.contentWindow.postMessage(message, '*');
});

window.addEventListener('message', function(event){
  //Would be dangerous without the CSP policy!
  var content = document.querySelector('#content');
  content.innerHTML = event.data.html;
});
```

# And what's next?

- Seamless integrating unsafe input with the sandbox attribute
  - `<iframe sandbox seamless srcdoc="<p>Some paragraph</p>"> </iframe>`
- seamless attribute
  - Renders visually as part of your site
  - Only for same-origin content
- srcdoc attribute
  - Content as a attribute value instead of a remote page

# Wrap-up

# Conclusion

- Whole new range of security features
  - Browser-side enforcement, under control of the server
- NOT a replacement of secure coding guidelines, but an interesting additional line of defense for
  - Legacy applications
  - Newly deployed applications
- And most probably, there is many more to come in the next few years...



# Content Security Policy 1.0 - CR

Global 74.56% + 10.67% = 85.22%

unprefixed: 70.54% + 10.67% = 81.21%

Mitigate cross-site scripting attacks by whitelisting allowed sources of script, style, and other resources.

Current aligned Usage relative Show all

IE	Firefox	Chrome	Safari	Opera	iOS Safari *	Opera Mini *	Android Browser *	Chrome for Android
		31						
		35						
		36					4.1	
8		37					4.3	
9		38					4.4	
10	34	39	7.1	26	7.1		4.4.4	
11	35	40	8	27	8.1	8	37	40
TP	36	41		28				
	37	42		29				
	38							



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