

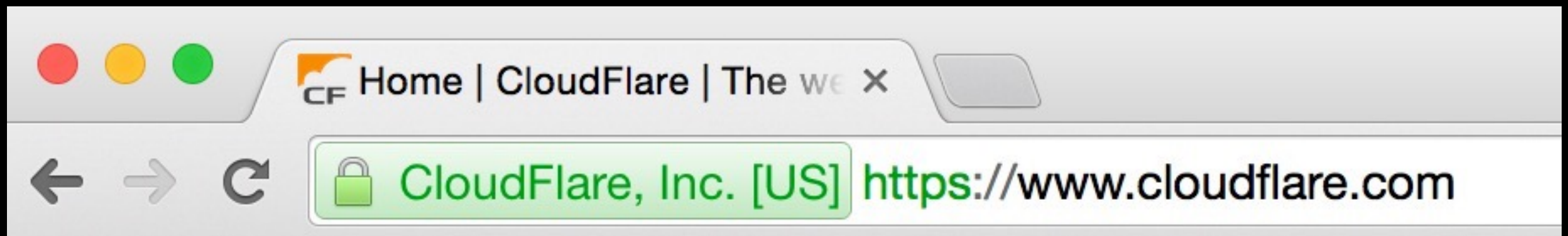


January 9th  
2015

# Universal SSL

Nick Sullivan  
@grittygrease

# Real Real World Crypto: HTTPS



# HTTPS Myths

- Only for banking
- Only for authentication
- Too hard

# HTTPS is used for

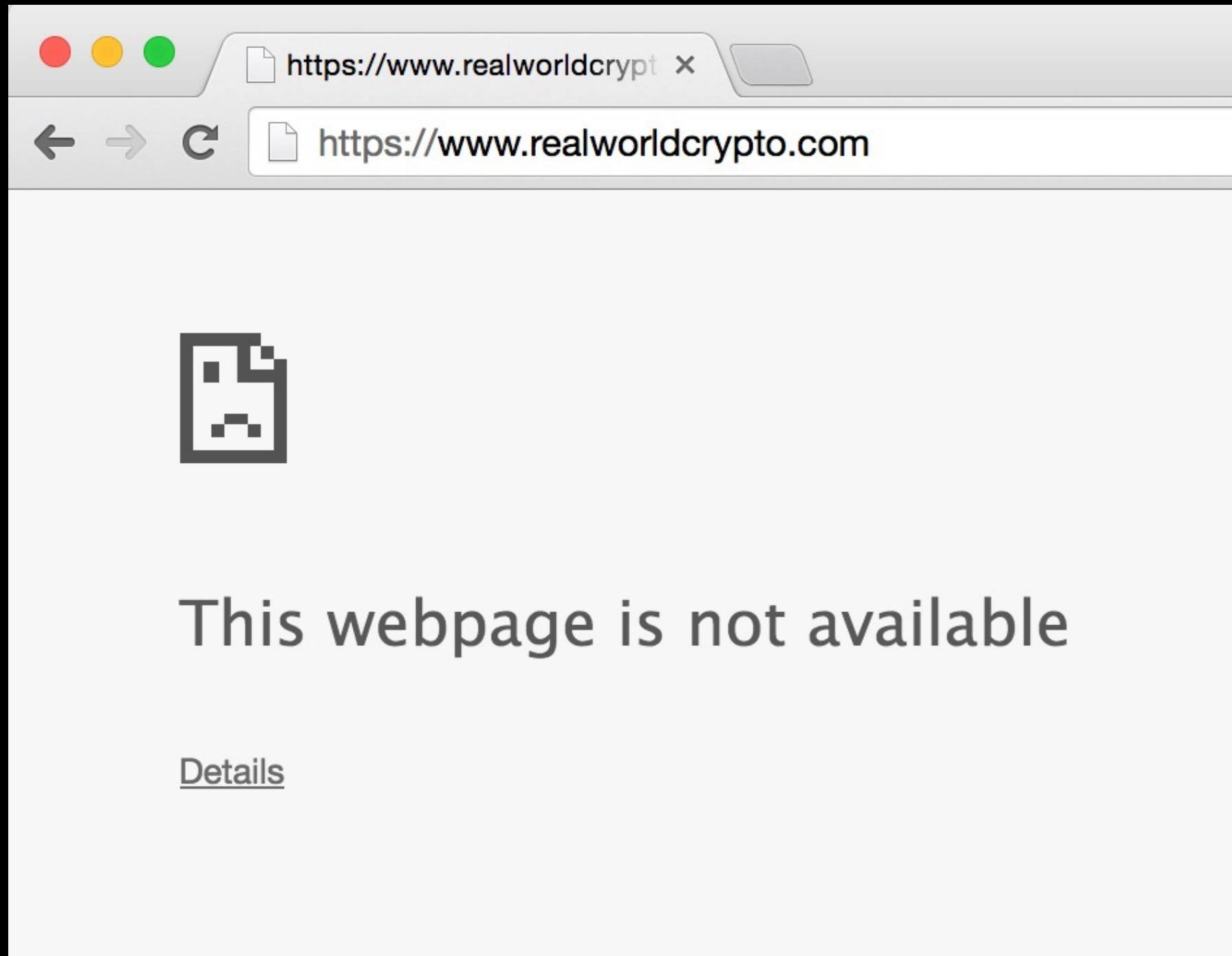
- Visitor privacy
- Invasive intermediaries
- SEO?

# First some good news...

realworldcrypto.com

does *not* have any TLS vulnerabilities

# The bad news



Who else is *not* using HTTPS?



WIKIPEDIA

*Pinterest*



The  
New York  
Times



*Instagram*



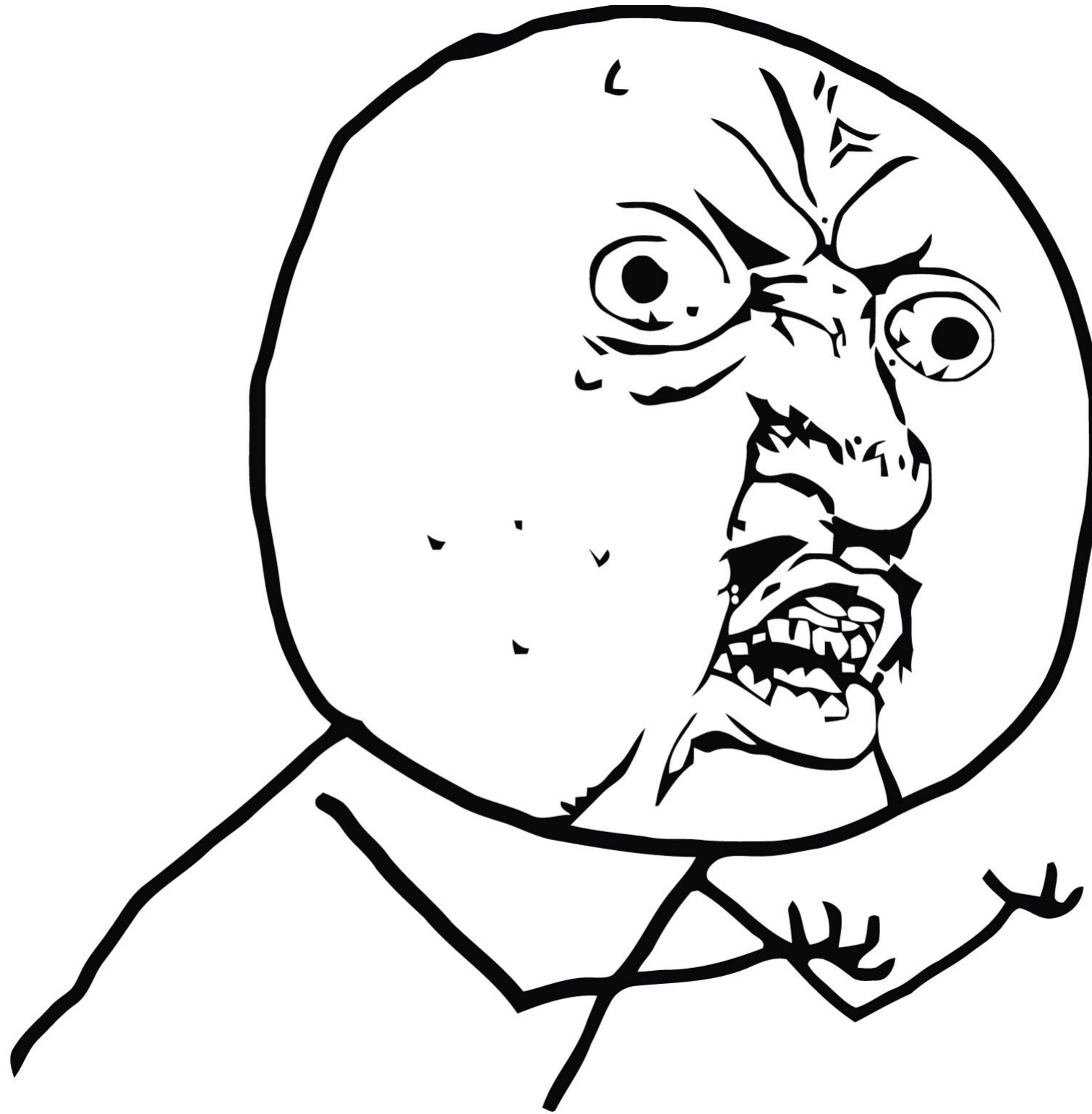
Walmart 

amazon.com<sup>®</sup>  


# And at the low end...

- Personal sites
- Small businesses
- Shared hosting (Github pages, etc.)





**WHY U NO HTTPS?**

# Reasons at high end

- Sysadmin time/training
- Business process and risk
- Vendor cost (CDN, Hardware)
- Third party liability
- Mixed content warnings from ads

# Reasons at low end

- Certificates cost money
- Hosting provider capabilities
- Setting up HTTPS is complicated
- Fixing vulnerabilities

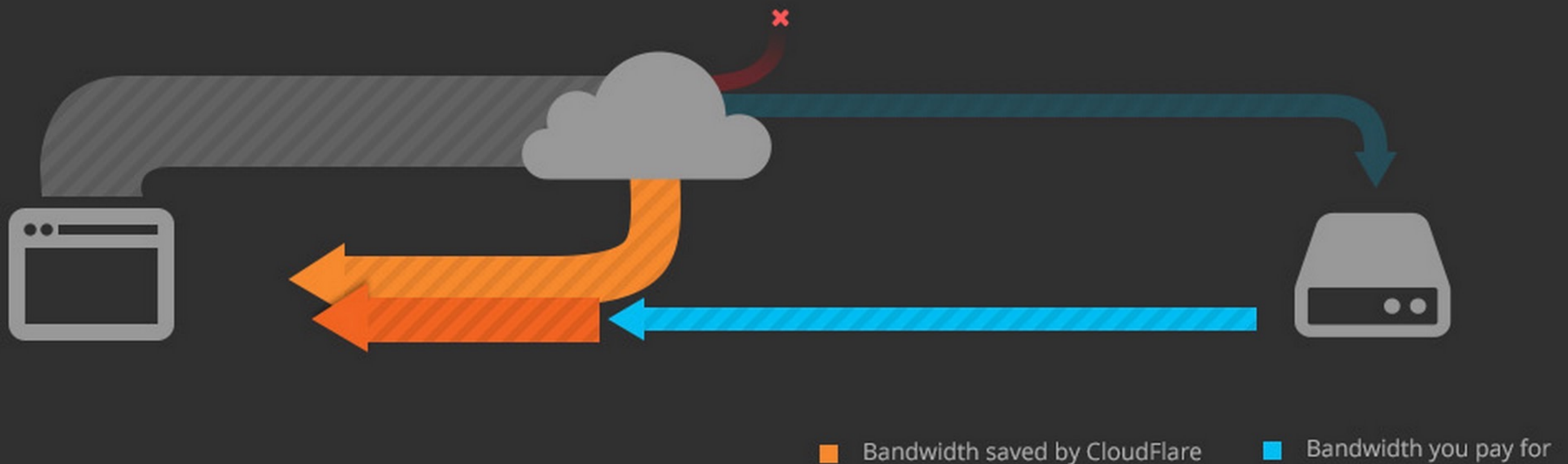
# Goal

Get more sites on HTTPS

# How?

## HTTPS as a service

# CloudFlare Reverse Proxy



# Potential issues

- Certificate Management
- Scaling
- Performance

# Problem

## Certificate Management



# Solution

## Automated Certificate Issuance

# How does a CA validate a site?

- Domain validation (DV)
- Organization validation (OV)
- Extended validation (EV)

# How does a CA validate a site?

- Domain validation (DV)
  - WHOIS email
  - DNS
  - HTTP

# Whois email

```
$ whois realworldcrypto.com
```

```
The Registry database contains ONLY .COM, .NET, .EDU domains and Registrars.
```

```
Domain Name: realworldcrypto.com
```

```
Registry Domain ID: 1839854081_DOMAIN_COM-VRSN
```

```
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.register.com
```

```
Registrar URL: http://www.register.com
```

```
Updated Date: 2013-12-20T05:00:00Z
```

```
Creation Date: 2013-12-20T16:52:54Z
```

```
Registrar Registration Expiration Date: 2023-12-20T05:00:00Z
```

```
Registrar: Register.com, LLC.
```

```
Registrar IANA ID: 9
```

```
Admin Name: Dan Boneh
```

```
...
```

```
Admin Email: dabo@cs.stanford.edu
```

# DNS Validation

- If you control DNS, you control the site
- Add a TXT record to DNS with token from CA

```
$ dig realworldcrypto.com TXT
```

```
realworldcrypto.com. 14399 IN TXT "google-site-  
verification=8-V5SmsK-pBf9PLCE49ACqFCX4qymWylbNVFaIDbtXc"
```

# HTTP Validation

- If you control page content, you control the site
- Add a meta-tag to HTML

```
<meta name="validator" content="...">
```

# DNS



CloudFlare Edge  
DNS



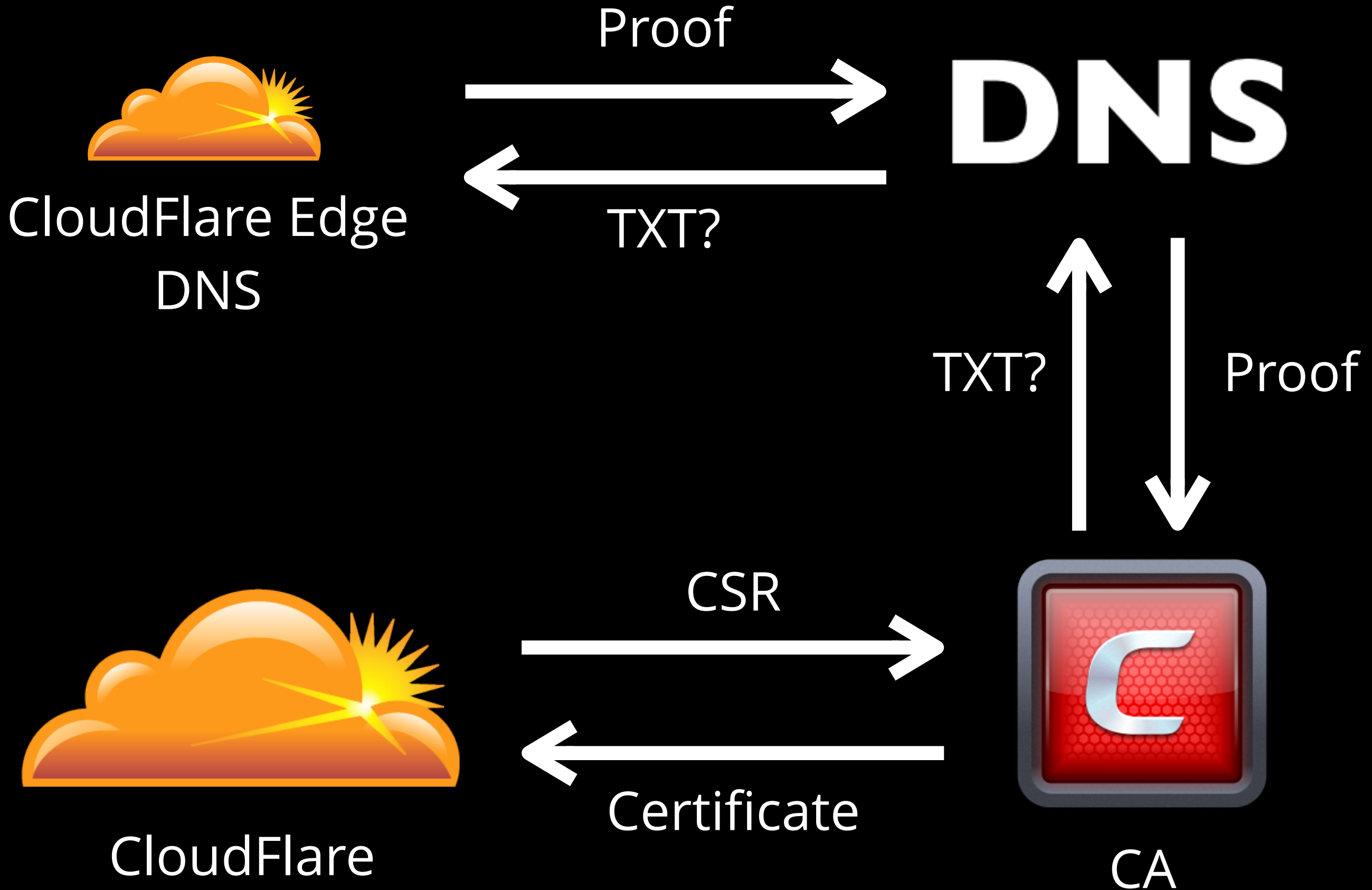
CloudFlare



Proof



CA

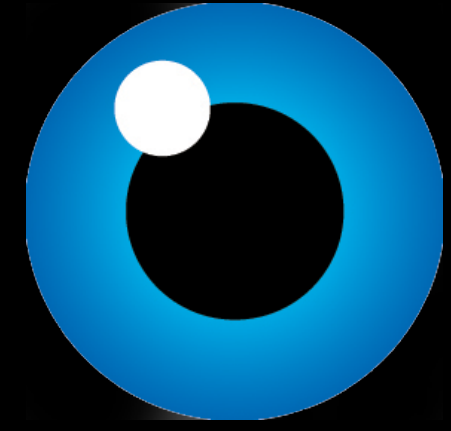






CloudFlare CDN

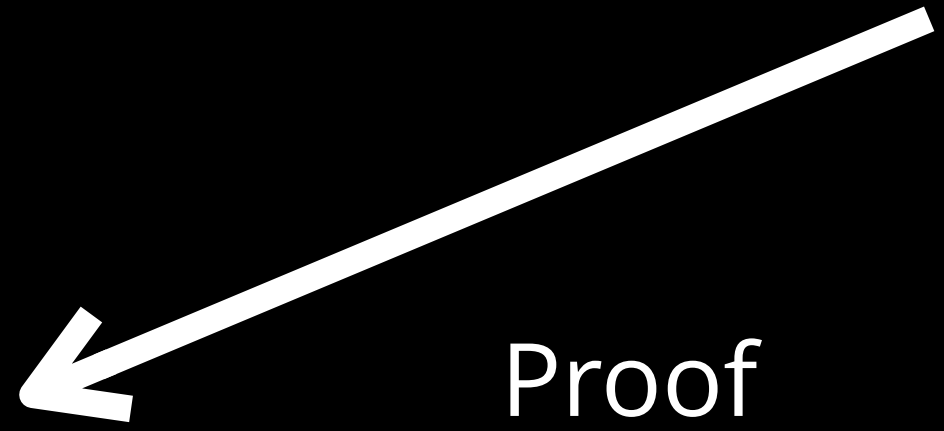
CA



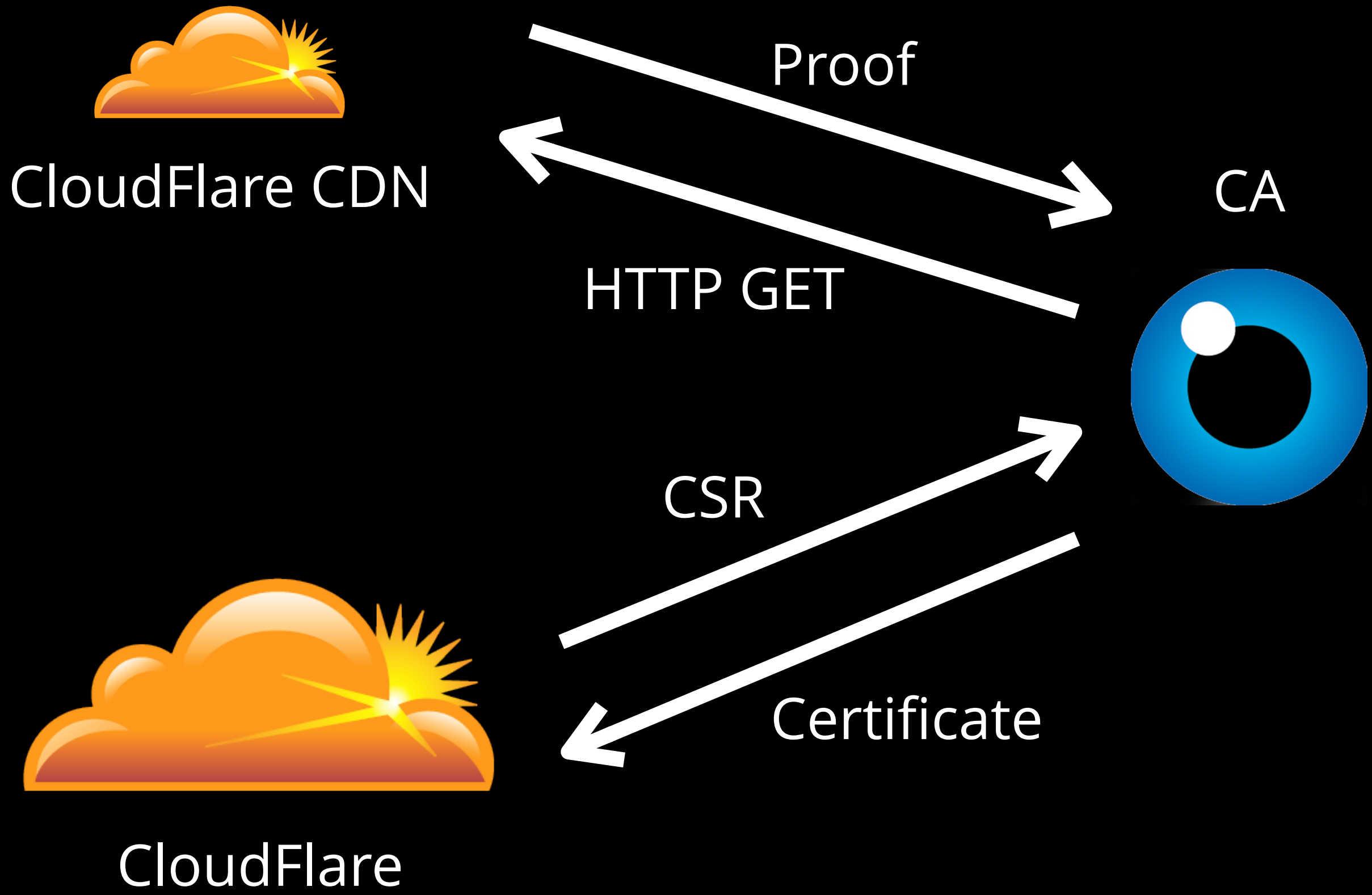
Proof



Proof



CloudFlare



# Problem





## Certificate Management



# Problem

# Scaling

# Customer Power Law

	High-end enterprises	1,000s
	Businesses with budgets	10,000s
	Cost sensitive sites	100,000s
	Free customers	1,000,000s

*All numbers approximate  
for illustration*

# Assumptions

- One IP address per site
- Web server can handle around 10,000 certificates
- Service owns 10,000 IPv4 addresses

# High-end enterprises

- 1,000 sites
- 1,000 certificates
- Easy to handle

# Third party liability?

- Keyless SSL
  - Keep private key on premises
  - Open signing oracle to proxy
  - Proxy splits handshake



Hello! Let's start a encrypted conversation using TLS 1.2.

I want to talk to bank.com  
I know the following cipher suites:  
- ECDHE and RSA with 128bit AES in GCM mode and SHA256  
- RSA with 128bit AES in GCM mode and SHA256  
Here's a randomly chosen number:  
3d86a5..04

Hi there, I think we can chat.

Let's use the cipher:  
RSA with 128bit AES in GCM mode and SHA256  
Here's my random number:  
ca35f0..13  
Here's my certificate chain:  
[bank.com's certificate]

This certificate checks out: it was issued to bank.com and digitally signed by a certificate authority I trust.  
Here's a secret encrypted with the RSA public key I took from your certificate:  
[encrypted pre-master secret]  
We can both derive the same key using this secret and the random numbers we exchanged.

I have decrypted the secret and derived the key.  
From now on let's use the key to encrypt what we say.

[It's so great to speak privately]  
[Can you get me the current balance of my checking account?]

[Sure thing, you have \$12.05 left in that account]



Hey, you're the one with the key for bank.com, can you decrypt this for me?  
[encrypted pre-master secret]

Sure, here's the decrypted message:  
[pre-master secret]

# Keyless SSL

Example handshake performance

No proxy: 895ms

Proxy with keyless: 346ms

Proxy with key: 149ms

# Businesses with budgets

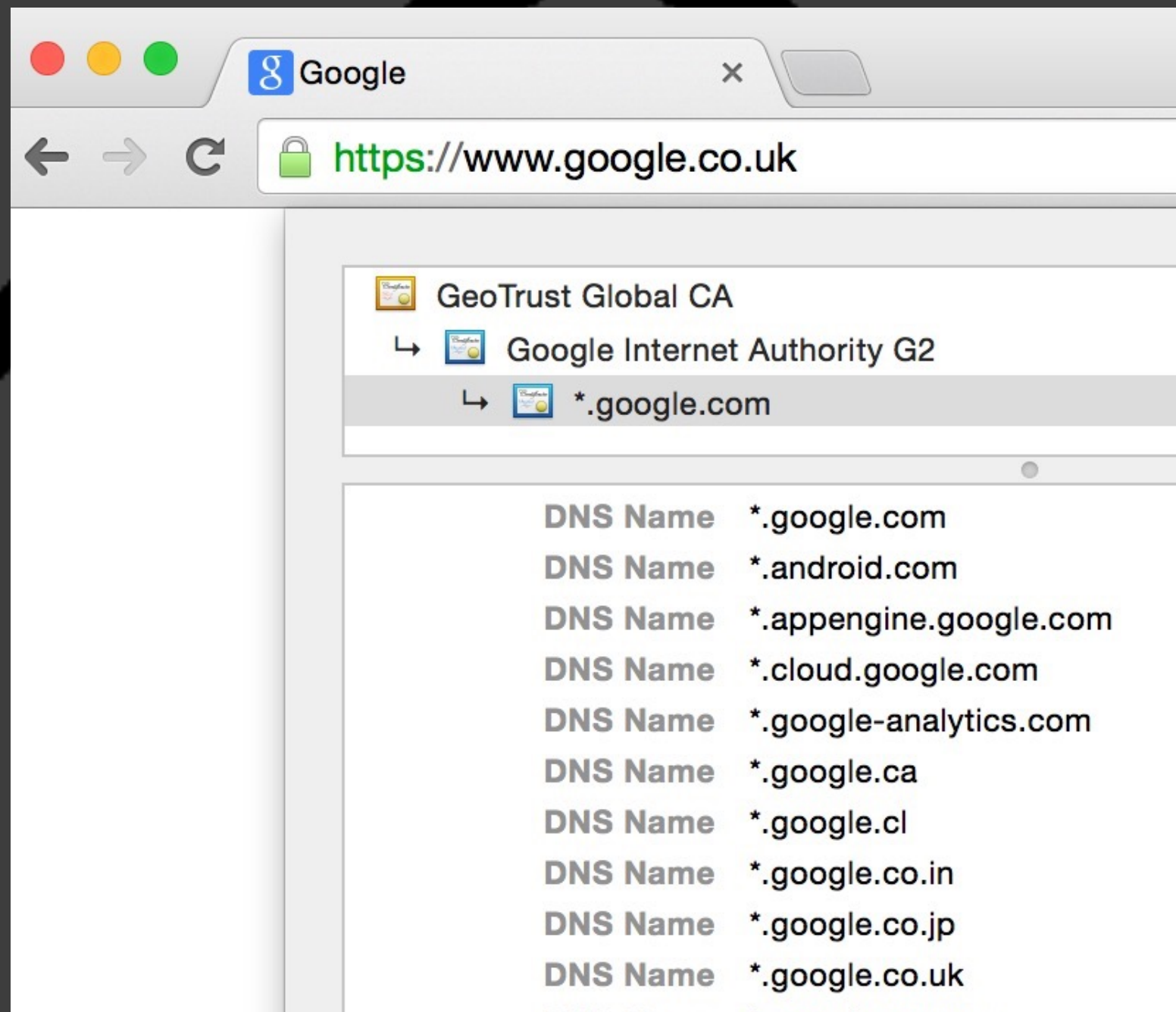
- 10,000 sites
- 10,000 certificates
- Near capacity for stock web server

# Cost sensitive sites

- 100,000 sites
- 100,000 certificates
- This begins to get tricky

# Subject Alternative Names

- Associate values to a certificate (DNS Name, IP)



# Solution to certificate problem

- Put multiple sites on same SAN
- ~40 or so SANs before performance is affected
- Sites can't spoof each other: managed key

# Cost sensitive sites

- 100,000 sites
- 10,000 multi-SAN certificates
- Acceptable web server

# Free customers

- 1,000,000 sites
- 100,000 multi-SAN certificates?
- Even with SANs, this doesn't scale



# Lazy Loading

- Load certificates into memory when needed
- No need to reload web server
- 100,000 certificates are possible

# How many IP addresses?

- Let's assume one IP per server per site

# CloudFlare's Global Network



# IP addresses needed

- 1 certificate per IP per PoP
- 100,000 certificates
- ~3 million IPs for 30 pops
- CloudFlare only has ~1 million IP addresses
- Only ~16 million in a Class A network

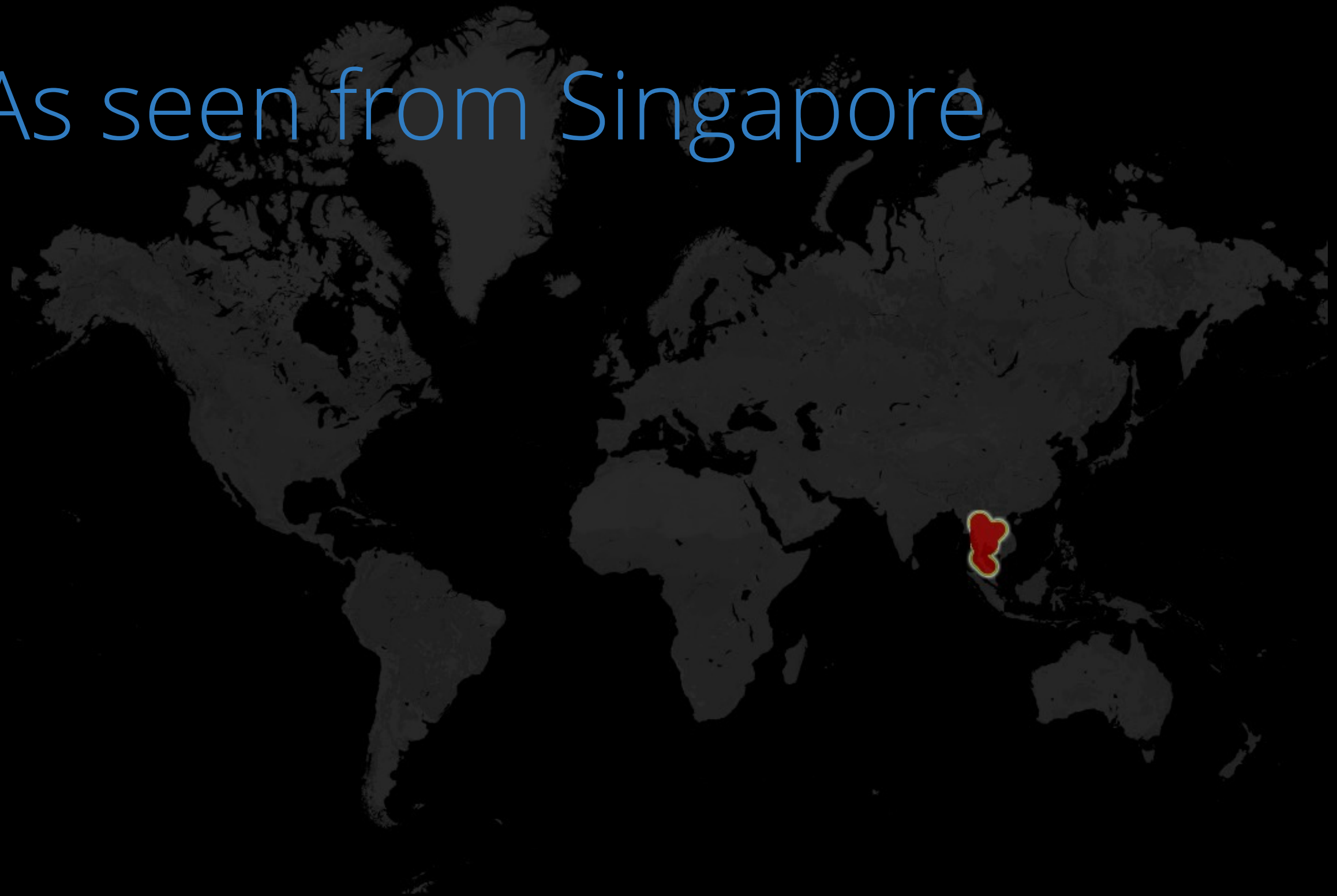
# Unicast vs. Anycast Networks

- Unicast: each machine gets its own IP
- Anycast: each machine gets the same IP
  - Network handles routing via BGP

# Source addresses for one IP



# As seen from Singapore



# As seen from Santiago





# Using Anycast

- 1 certificate per IP, no matter how many servers
- 100,000 certificates
- 100,000 IPs
- Still not ideal

# Solution

## Server Name Indication (SNI)

# What is it?

- TLS extension that adds the hostname to ClientHello
- Allows “virtual hosting”
- Multiple certificates behind one IP

# Downside

- Not universally supported

# SNI Support

	Windows XP	Android	iOS/MacOS
OS Browser	<b>X</b>	3.0+	iOS 4+ MacOS 10.5+
Chrome	3.0+	✓	✓
Firefox	2.0+	✓	✓

**THE TIMES  
THEY ARE  
A-CHANGIN'  
BOB  
DYLAN**



# Meanwhile...

- Windows XP end of life
- Microsoft and Google dropping support for SHA-1
- POODLE exploit causes SSL v3.0 to be dropped

# SHA-256 Support

	Windows XP	Android	iOS/macOS
OS Browser	SP3	2.3+	iOS 3+ MacOS 10.5+
Chrome	26.0+ SP3	✓	✓
Firefox	1.5+	✓	✓



# no SNI support, yes SHA-256

	Windows XP	Android	iOS/macOS
OS Browser	XP SP3	2.3 only	iOS 3 only
Chrome	3.0+ SP2 3 – 25 SP3	N/A	N/A
Firefox	N/A	N/A	N/A

# Use SNI

- 1,000,000 sites
- 100,000 multi-SAN certificates
- 10 certificates per IP
- 10,000 IPs
- Works on modern browsers

# Problem

# Scaling



# Problem Performance

# Potential performance issues

- Server CPU usage
- Handshake latency
- Is the site slower with HTTPS?

# CPU utilization - bulk crypt

- Modern Intel CPUs have instructions for AES
  - Advanced Encryption Standard Instruction Set (AES-NI)
  - Carry-less Multiplication (CLMUL)
- ChaCha20/Poly1305 for mobile — soon
- Encrypt and decrypt at line rate

# CPU utilization - handshake

- Elliptic curve certificates
  - Assembly implementation of P256 in OpenSSL
  - 10x less computation than RSA on server side

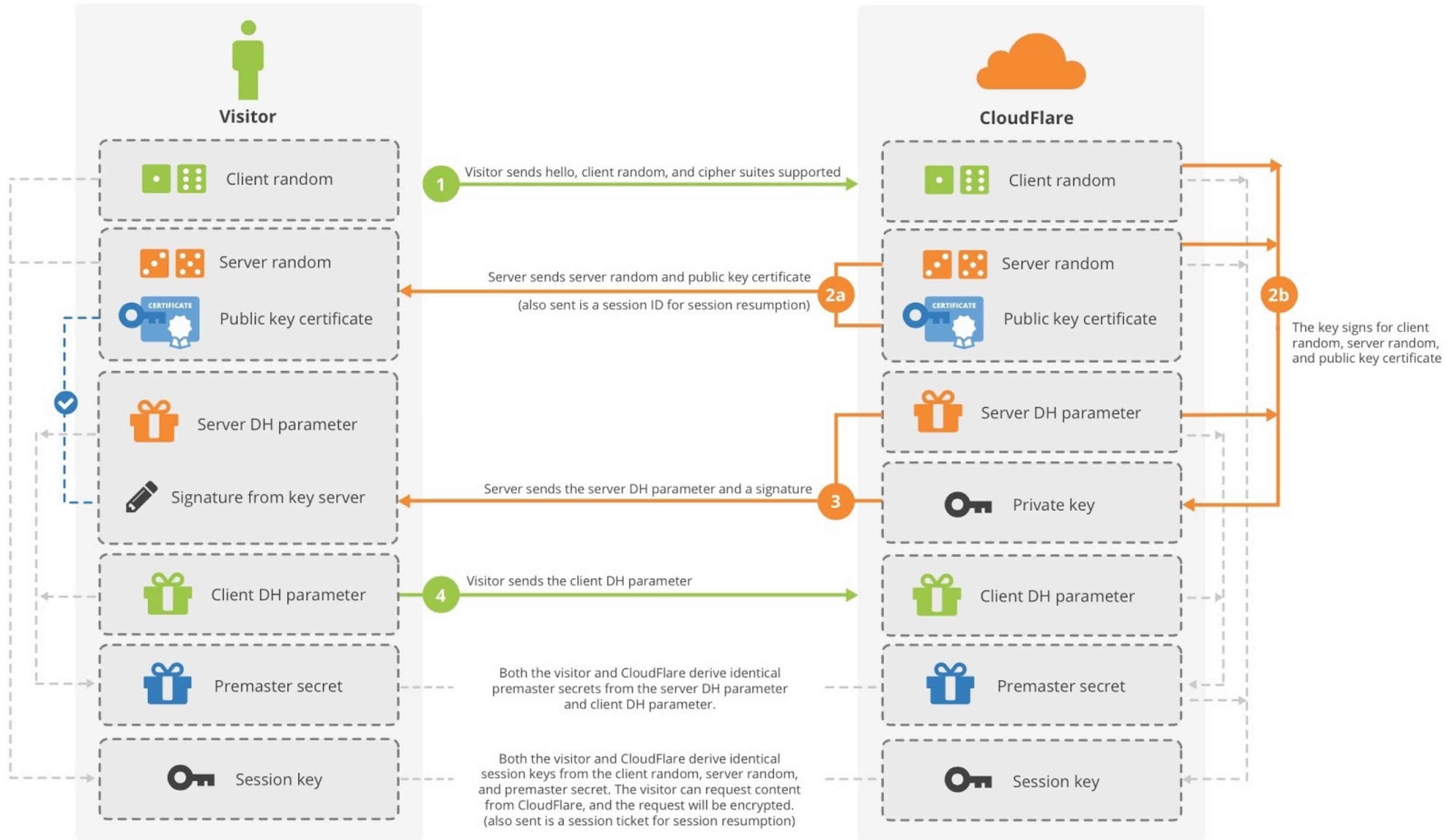
# Latency - handshake

- Session resumption
  - Session tickets, globally resumable
  - Session IDs, resumable within a PoP

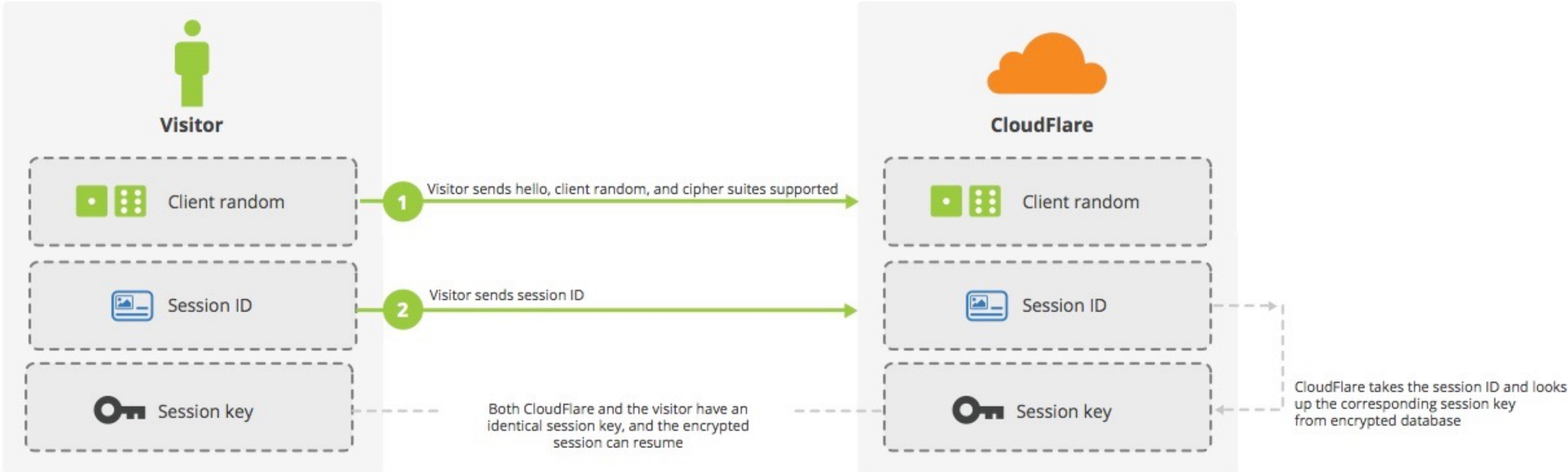


# SSL Handshake (Diffie-Hellman)

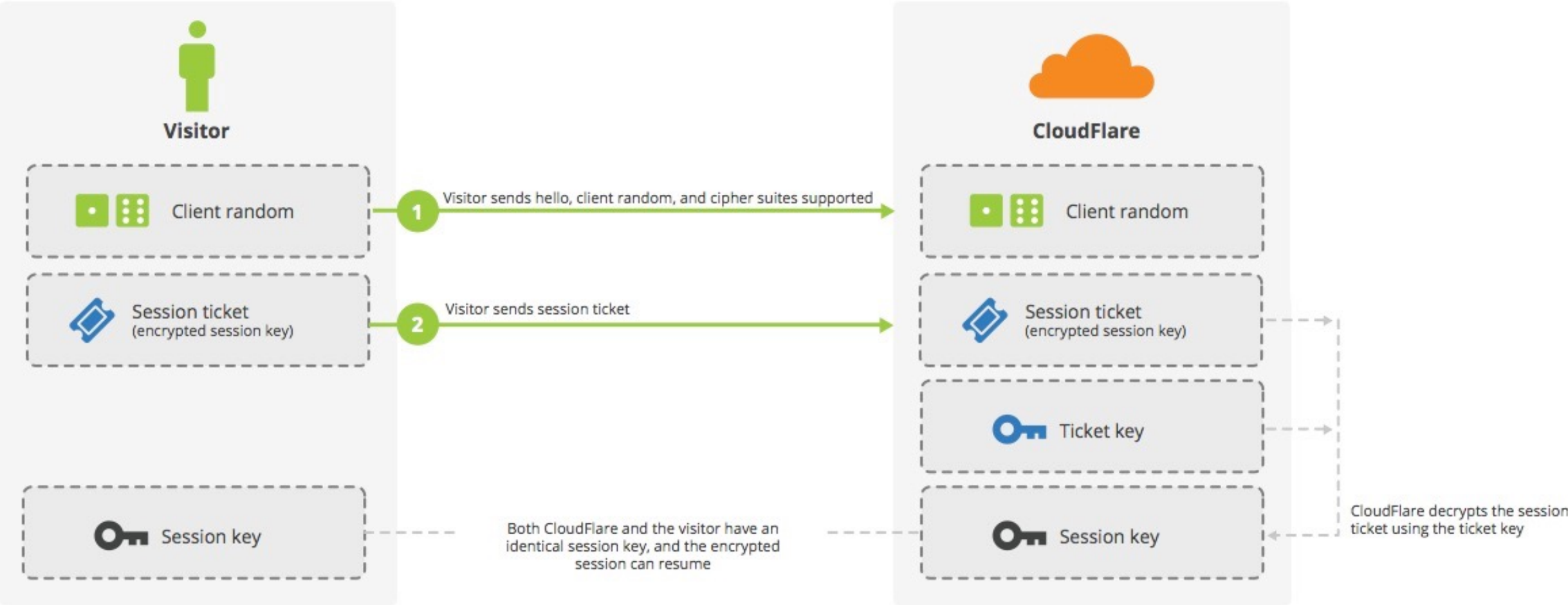
Handshake



# Session resume with session ID



# Session resume with session ticket



# Latency - HTTP

- Use SPDY



# HTTP vs HTTPS Test

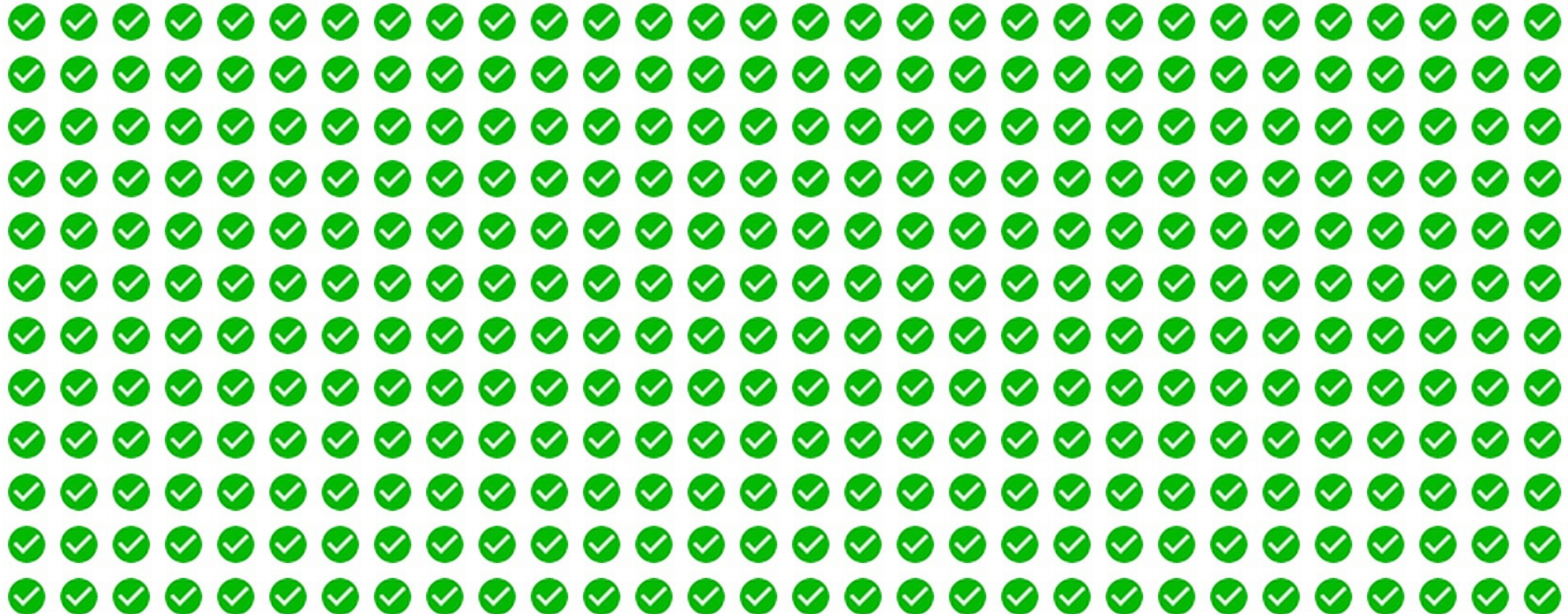
HTTP  HTTPS

## Encrypted Websites Protect Our Privacy and are Significantly Faster<sup>1</sup>

Compare load times of the unsecure HTTP and encrypted HTTPS versions of this page. Each test loads 360 unique, non-cached images (2.04 MB total). For fastest results, run each test 2-3 times in a private/incognito browsing session.

**7.747 s**

Done! Please try HTTPS.





# HTTP vs HTTPS Test

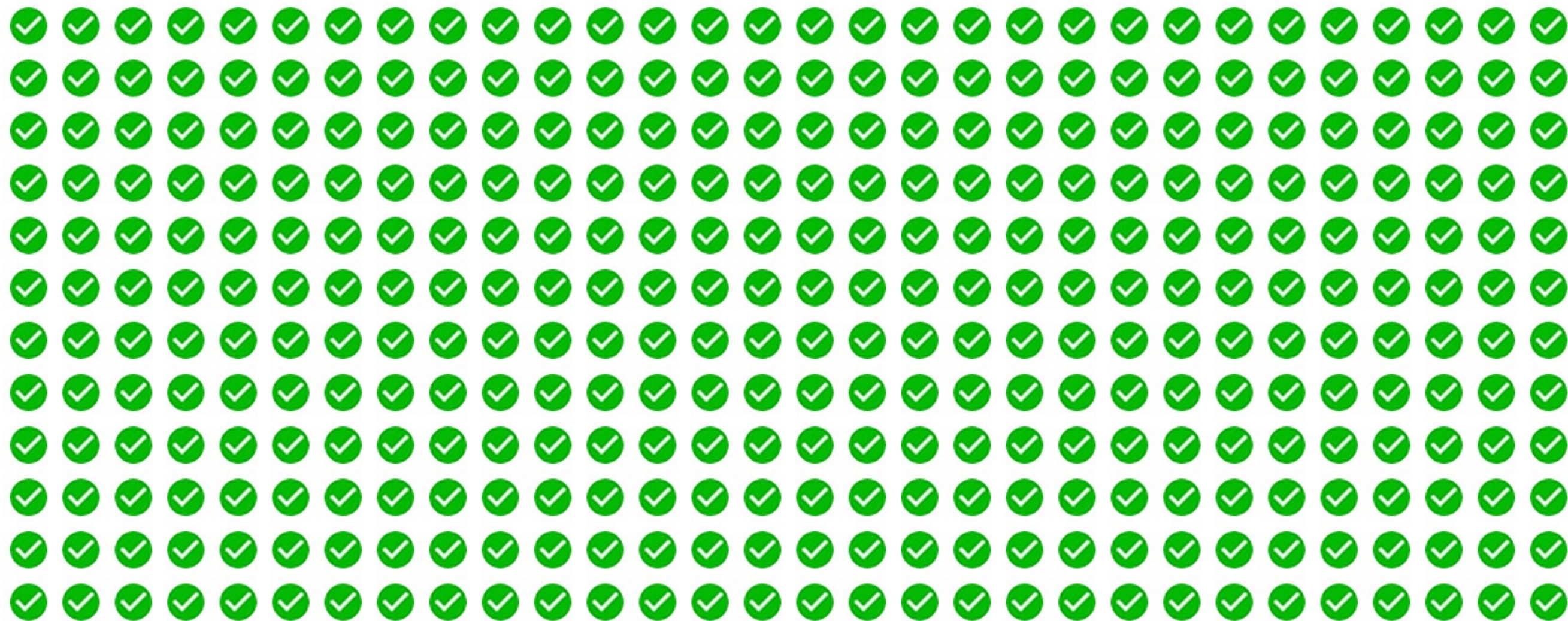
HTTP HTTPS

## Encrypted Websites Protect Our Privacy and are Significantly Faster <sup>1</sup>

Compare load times of the unsecure HTTP and encrypted HTTPS versions of this page. Each test loads 360 unique, non-cached images (2.04 MB total). For fastest results, run each test 2-3 times in a private/incognito browsing session.

**3.171 s**

59% faster than HTTP



# Problem

# Performance



# Problems

- Certificate Management
- Scaling
- Performance





**UNIVERSAL SSL**



**EVERYBODY GETS SSL!**

# Universal SSL

- No-hassle HTTPS
  - ECDSA certificates
  - SNI only
  - **Free** and automatic
- 
- Over a million new sites with HTTPS!



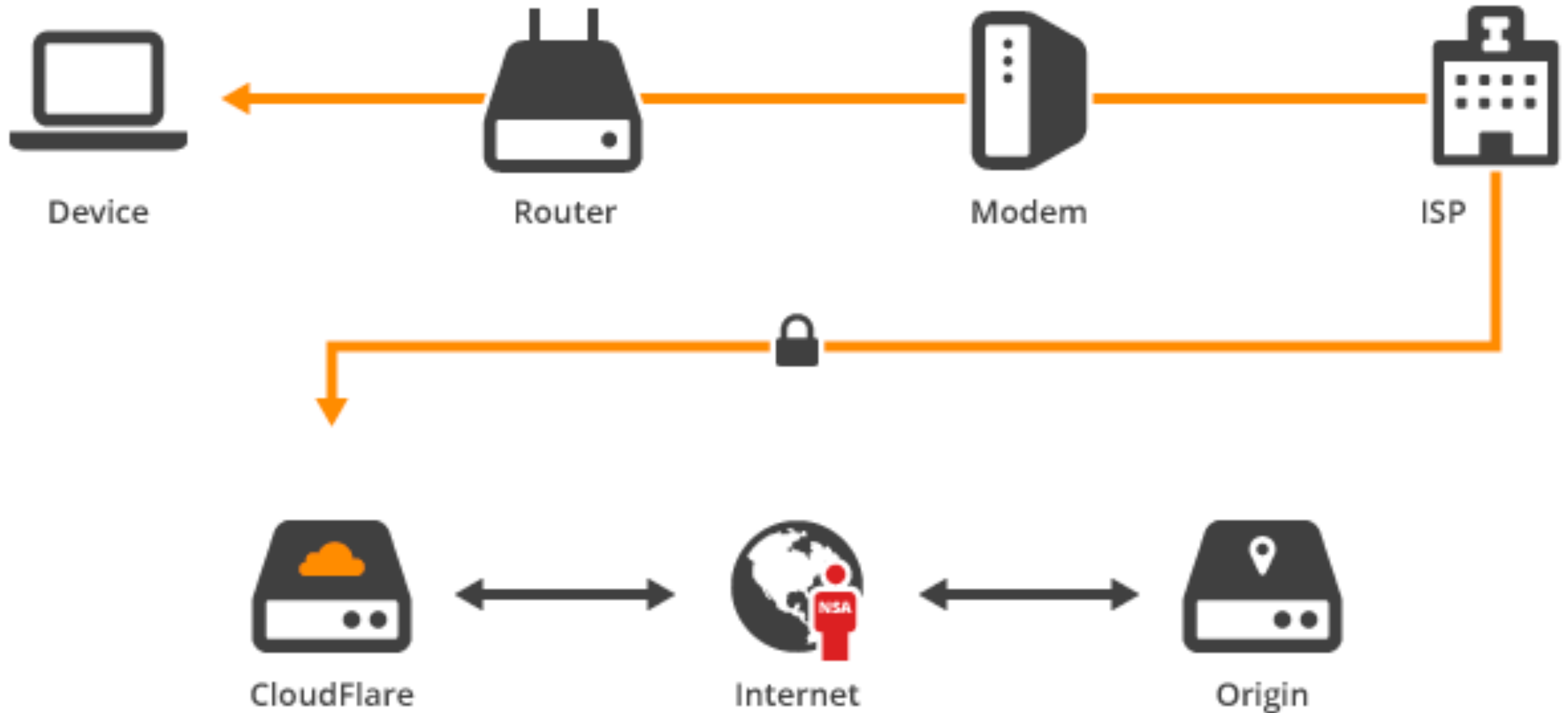
# Universal SSL

- Modern browsers only

# Some issues left to solve

- Back-end encryption
- Ad networks and mixed content warnings

# CloudFlare flexible SSL — front-end over TLS, back-end unencrypted

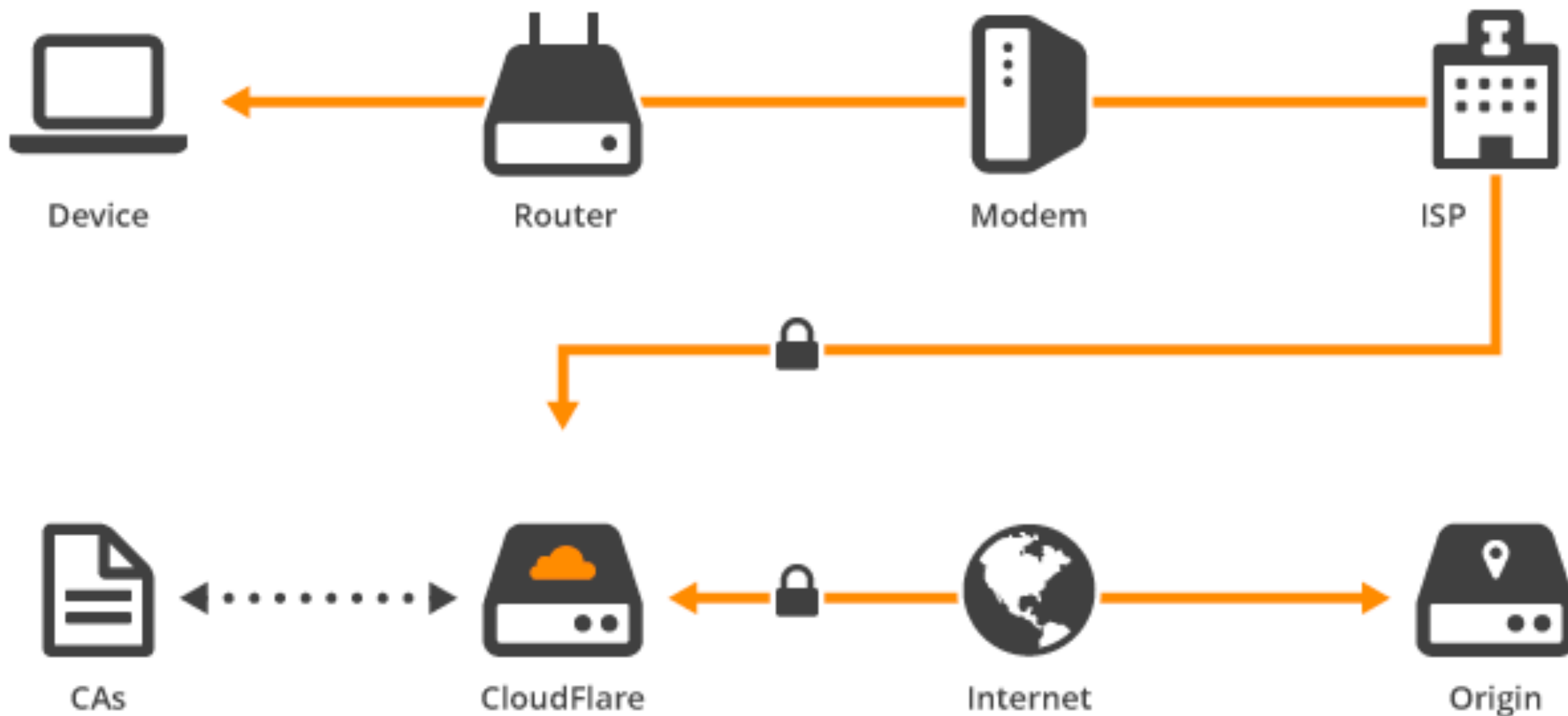




# Automatic Back-end Encryption

- Automatic issuance of certificates for origin
- CloudFlare Origin CA
- Let's Encrypt ???

CloudFlare full SSL (strict) — front-end over TLS, back-end over TLS (validated)



NSA monitoring failed here! 😞

# Mixed content warnings

- Invite me back next year when we've fixed it





January 9th  
2015

# Universal SSL

Nick Sullivan  
@grittygrease