

[qlog]

structured **event logging**
for (encrypted) **protocols**

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What's in a name?

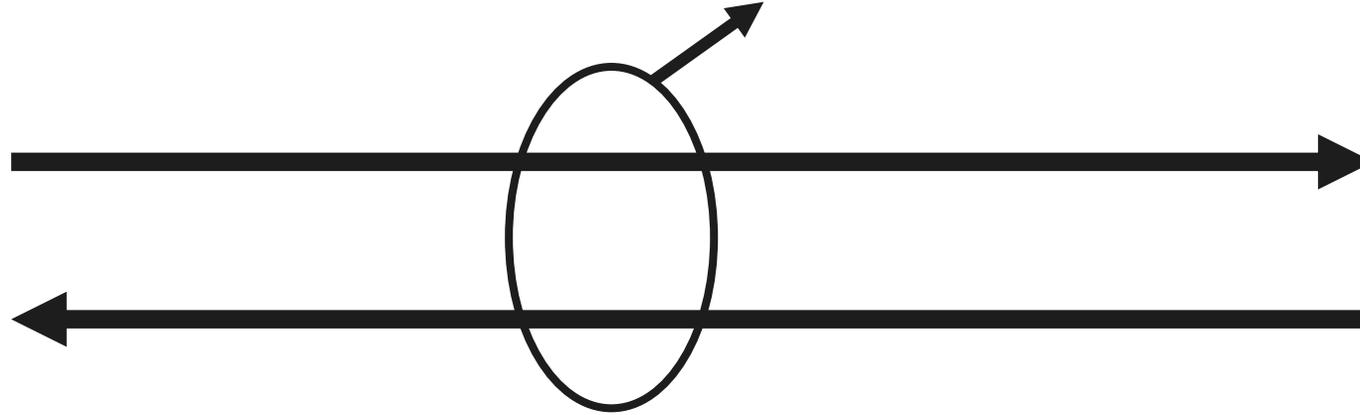
[qlog] = QUIC Logging

QUIC and HTTP/3 are complex

- Will need good debugging and analysis **tools**
- Tools need **data** to ingest

Typical network logging

get raw wire image
from one location



tv-netflix-problems-2011-07-06.pcap

File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Wireless Tools Help

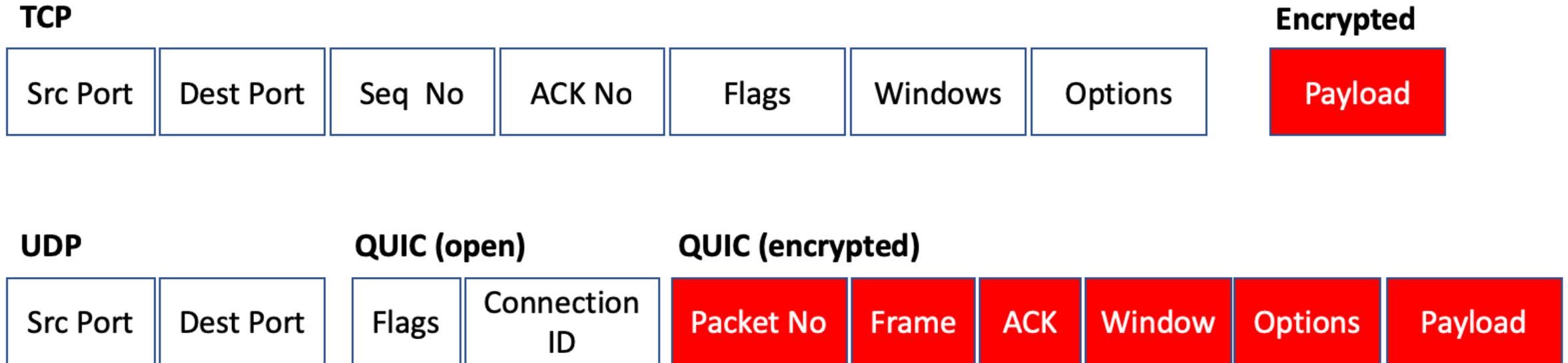
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| No. | Time | Source | Destination | Protocol | Length | Info |
|-----|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|--------|--|
| 343 | 65.142415 | 192.168.0.21 | 174.129.249.228 | TCP | 66 | 40555 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=5888 Len=0 TSval=491519346 TSecr=551811827 |
| 344 | 65.142715 | 192.168.0.21 | 174.129.249.228 | HTTP | 253 | GET /clients/netflix/flash/application.swf?flash_version=flash_lite_2.1&v=1.5&n... |
| 345 | 65.230738 | 174.129.249.228 | 192.168.0.21 | TCP | 66 | 80 → 40555 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=188 Win=6864 Len=0 TSval=551811850 TSecr=491519347 |
| 346 | 65.240742 | 174.129.249.228 | 192.168.0.21 | HTTP | 828 | HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily |
| 347 | 65.241592 | 192.168.0.21 | 174.129.249.228 | TCP | 66 | 40555 → 80 [ACK] Seq=188 Ack=763 Win=7424 Len=0 TSval=491519446 TSecr=551811852 |
| 348 | 65.242532 | 192.168.0.21 | 192.168.0.1 | DNS | 77 | Standard query 0x2188 A cdn-0.nflximg.com |
| 349 | 65.276870 | 192.168.0.1 | 192.168.0.21 | DNS | 489 | Standard query response 0x2188 A cdn-0.nflximg.com CNAME images.netflix.com.edge... |
| 350 | 65.277992 | 192.168.0.21 | 63.80.242.48 | TCP | 74 | 37063 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=5840 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=491519482 TSecr=... |
| 351 | 65.297757 | 63.80.242.48 | 192.168.0.21 | TCP | 74 | 80 → 37063 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=5792 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=3295... |
| 352 | 65.298396 | 192.168.0.21 | 63.80.242.48 | TCP | 66 | 37063 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=5888 Len=0 TSval=491519502 TSecr=3295534130 |
| 353 | 65.298687 | 192.168.0.21 | 63.80.242.48 | HTTP | 153 | GET /us/nrd/clients/flash/814540.bun HTTP/1.1 |
| 354 | 65.318730 | 63.80.242.48 | 192.168.0.21 | TCP | 66 | 80 → 37063 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=88 Win=5792 Len=0 TSval=3295534151 TSecr=491519503 |
| 355 | 65.321733 | 63.80.242.48 | 192.168.0.21 | TCP | 1514 | [TCP segment of a reassembled PDU] |



wireshark

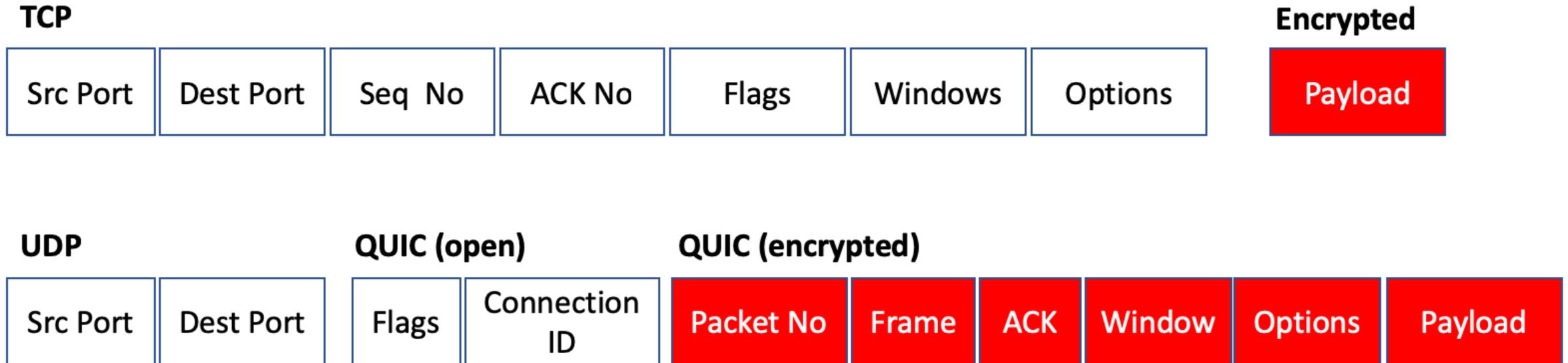
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Storing full packet captures and TLS secrets is bad for:

- scalability
- privacy

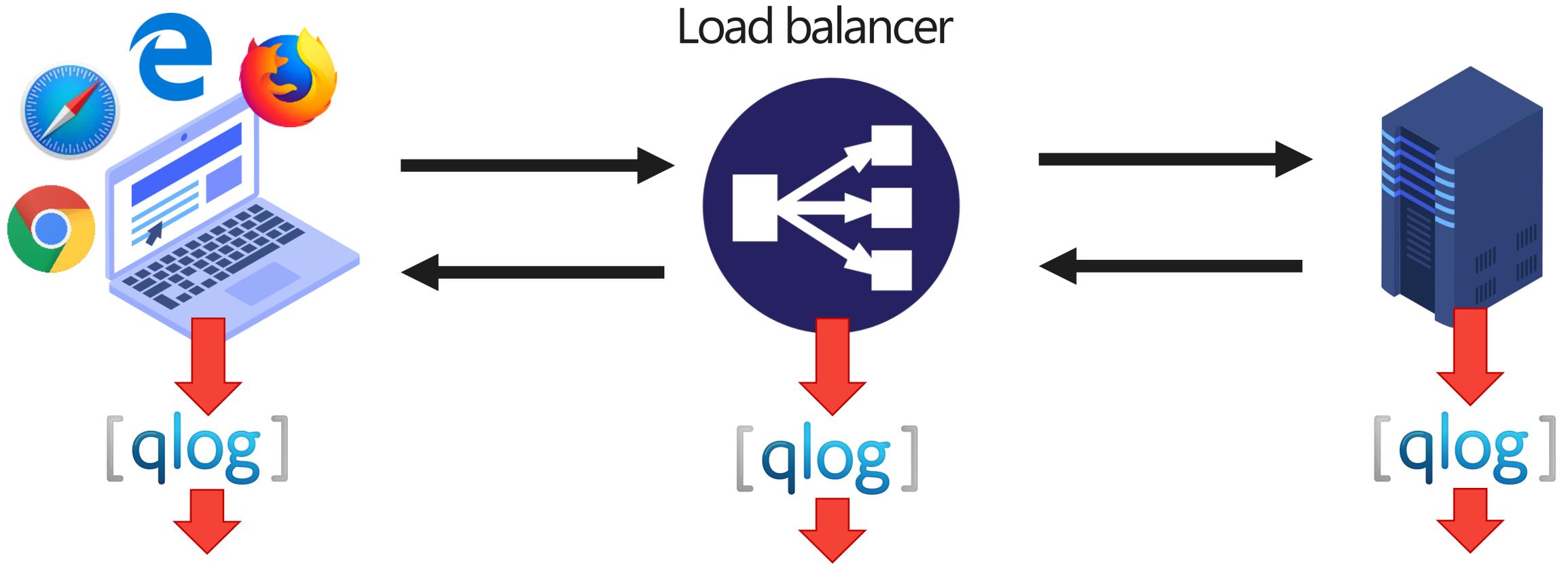
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2. not everything is sent on the wire

congestion control, decision making, internal errors, ...

[qlog] structured endpoint logging



get data from (all) vantagepoints directly

Event examples

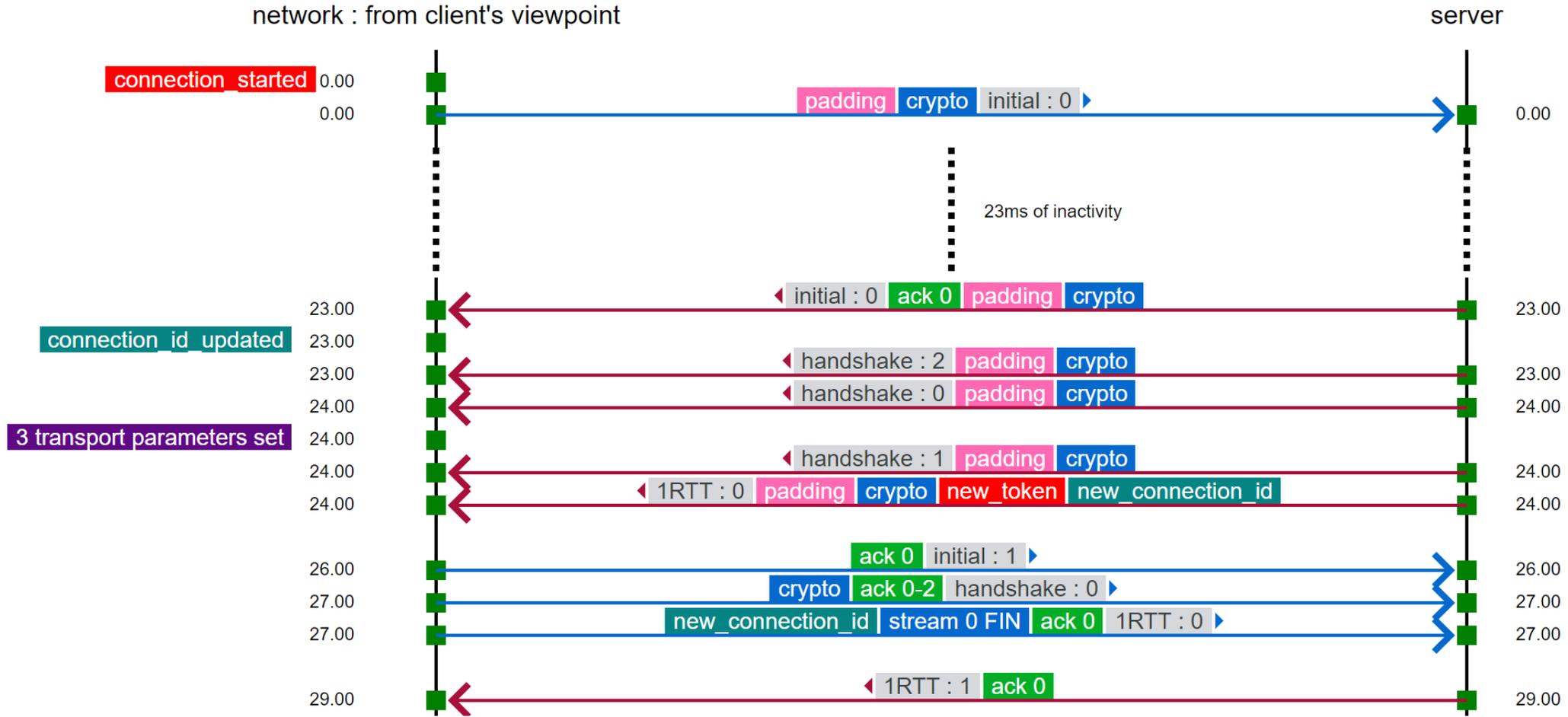
```
{
  "time": 15000,
  "name": "transport:packet_received",
  "data": {
    "header": {
      "packet_type": "1rtt",
      "packet_number": 25
    },
    "frames": [
      {
        "frame_type": "ack",
        "acked_ranges": [
          [10,15],
          [17,20]
        ]
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

```
{
  "time": 15001,
  "name": "recovery:metrics_updated",
  "data": {
    "min_rtt": 25,
    "smoothed_rtt": 30,
    "latest_rtt": 25,

    "congestion_window": 60,
    "bytes_in_flight": 77000,
  }
}
```



QUIC and HTTP/3 tools

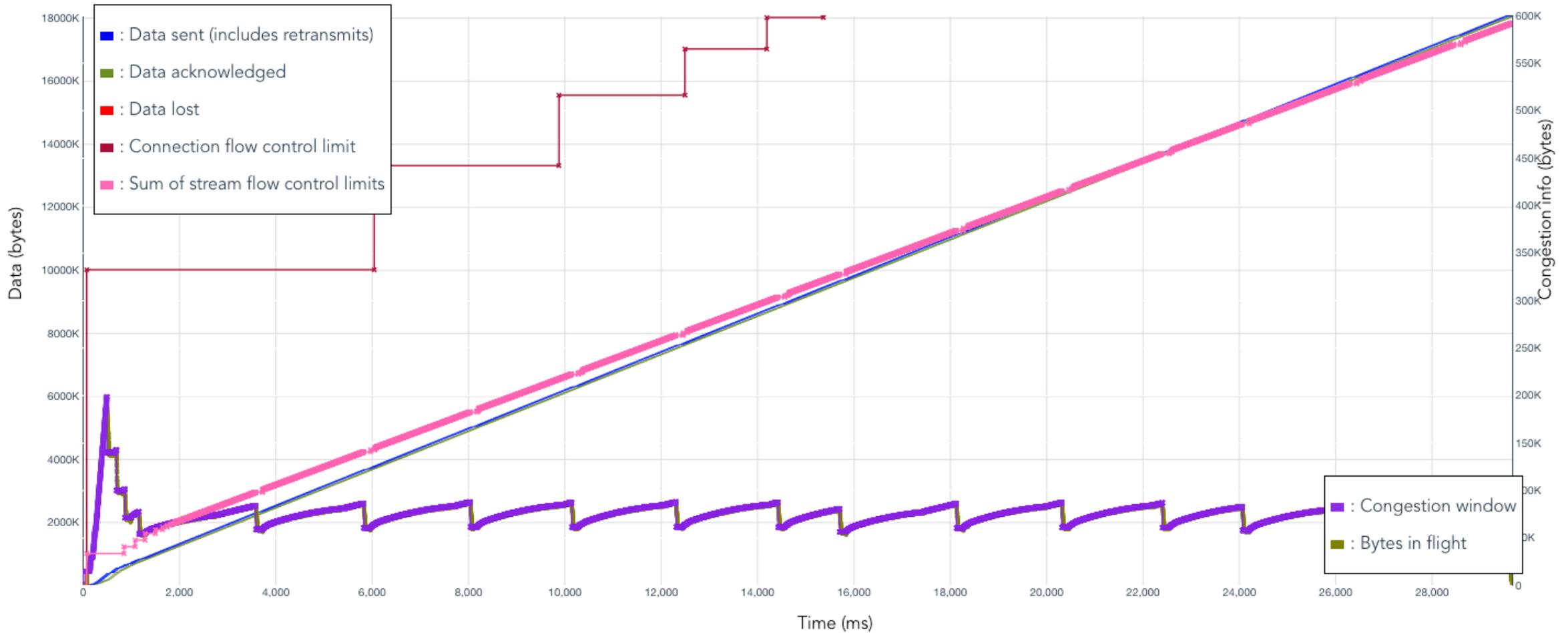


<https://qvis.quictools.info>

<https://github.com/quiclog/qvis>



"TCPtrace" for QUIC



[qlog] support

> **75%** of QUIC/H3 stacks support direct qlog output:

- mvfst



- ngtcp2



- quiche



- quic-go

- aioquic

- quicly / H2O



- neqo



- picoquic

- ...



mjoras 10:35 PM

@rmarx we currently have qlog enabled in prod with similar amounts of events being recorded a day as I quoted before (dozens of billions).

[qlog] adoption

qlog draft adoption in QUIC wg

- Expected before or during IETF 111
- Part of recharter

Goals

- Flesh out schema's for QUIC and HTTP/3
- **Prepare qlog for broader use with other protocols / applications**
 - TCP + TLS + HTTP/x
 - DNS, BGP, WebTransport
 - Multipath TCP and QUIC, MASQUE
 - Adaptive BitRate (ABR) video streaming logic
 - ...

<https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-marx-qlog-main-schema-02>

<https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-marx-qlog-event-definitions-quic-h3-02>

<https://research.edm.uhasselt.be/~mwijnants/pdf/herbotsCONEXT2020.pdf>

[qlog] drafts

Main

Protocol-agnostic

- Container / metadata
- Format (JSON)
- *Best practices / guidelines*

QUIC

- Connectivity
- Transport
- Recovery

HTTP/3

- HTTP/3
- QPACK

...

Hopefully
more to come



[qlog] for more than QUIC/H3

Plenty of challenges

- Formats and datatypes
- Privacy aspects
- Operational aspects

- Event definitions
- Cross-protocol tooling
- Protocol overlaps (e.g., TCP and QUIC, HTTP/3 vs HTTP/2 and 1, DoX, ...)
- ...

[qlog] serialization format

qlog is currently **JSON**-based

- 500 MB transfer → 300 MB qlog
- With compression: 18 MB

Format agnostic

- Define datatypes and schema
- Can be mapped to multiple serialization formats
 - Which one(s) should we focus on?
 - Automated generation from text?

Stream vs file-based

- Typical ingestion/storage/analysis pipelines

```
class StreamFrame{
    frame_type:string = "stream";

    stream_id:uint64;

    offset:uint64;
    length:uint64;

    fin?:boolean;

    raw?:bytes;
}
```

[qlog] privacy

Lots of sensitive data

- IP addresses / Connection IDs
- HTTP payloads, SNIs
- Timestamps?

“Sanitization levels”

- From loose to strict
- Concrete guidelines and rules
- Tagging of individual fields

[qlog] sharing

Could help with (QUIC) manageability?

- Spinbit/lossbit woes
- Share qlogs between systems (e.g., network vs server operators)
- How to?
 - Request
 - Transport
 - Store
 - Aggregate
 - Control access

Next steps

Eventually:

- Separate qlog wg for main aspects?
- Individual (protocol) wg's define new qlog documents?

First step:

- Drafts adoption in the QUIC wg (part of recharter)
- Expected before or during IETF 111

In the mean time

- Join us on github.com/quiclog/internet-drafts
- Join the qlog IETF mailing list ietf.org/mailman/listinfo/qlog

Give feedback now!