

# Different approaches for IP proxying

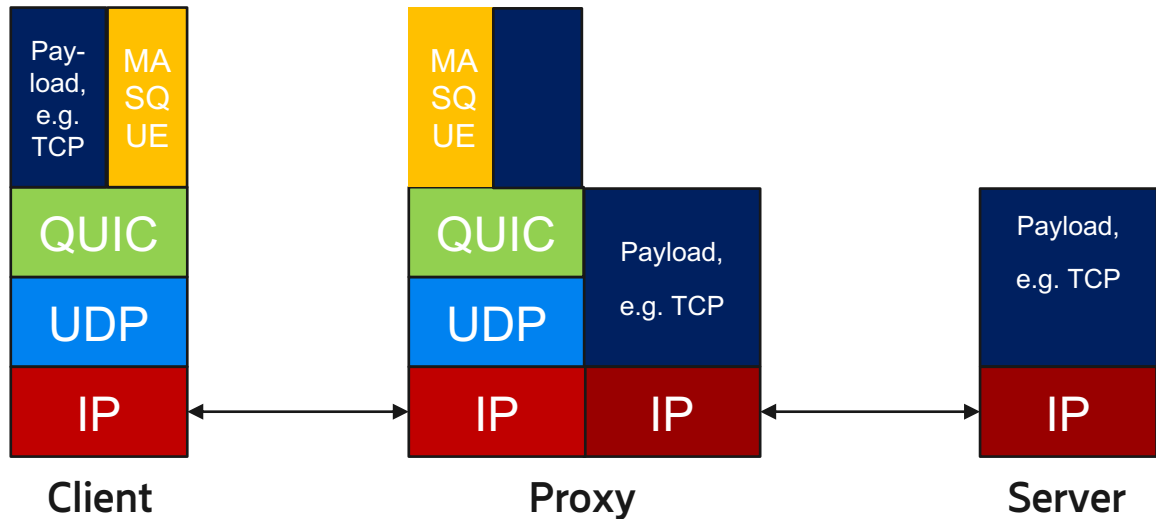


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# Two possible design approaches

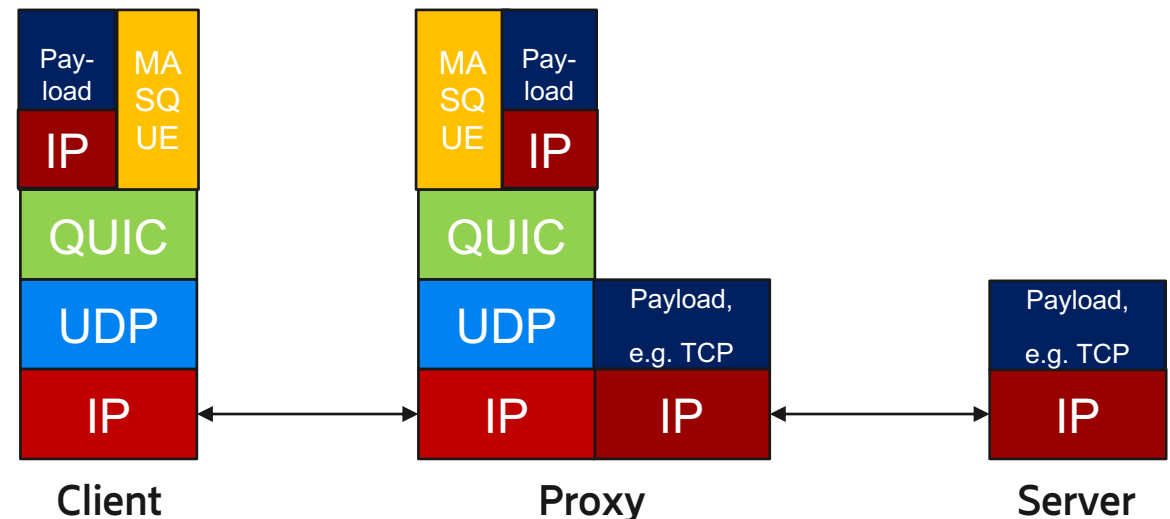


## In draft: IP payload forwarding



- Client only provides target IP address (and other relevant information) with CONNECT-IP request
  - Goal: reduce packet overhead
  - Note: Reuse of functions needed for CONNECT-UDP
- Proxy constructs and adds IP header/selects src IP address
- Stateless forwarding of incoming traffic not considered (might be needed for network-to-network use case)

## Alternative: IP packet (incl. header) forwarding



- IP header is part of the QUIC tunnel payload
- Easier for Network-to-Network: client provides IP range
- Need for source address validation (or NAT)
- Additional signaling needed for route negotiation for prefixes



# Requirements on IP Proxying from draft-ietf-masque-ip-proxy-reqs-01

- **Proxying of IP packets:** "The Data Transports MUST be able to forward packets in their unmodified entirety, although extensions may enable the use of modified packet formats (e.g., compression)."
  - What the reason for making this a MUST? Which function is prohibited if this is not supported? Why should any kind of compression not be part of the core protocol?
- **IP Assignment:** "The client will be able to request to be assigned an IP address range, optionally specifying a preferred range." "For symmetry, the server may request assignment of an IP address range"
  - This covers the network-to-network case. Is this part of the core protocol or an extension? What's about requirements on address validation?
- **Route Negotiation:** "At any point in an IP Session (not limited to its initial negotiation), the protocol will allow both client and server to inform its peer that it can route a set of IP prefixes. Both endpoints can also request a route to a given prefix"
  - What's the use case for this requirement? Does this need to be part of the core protocol?
- **Support HTTP/2 and HTTP/3:** „The protocol SHOULD also support HTTP/2 [H2] as a fallback“
  - Do we have consensus on this? This is noted in the charter as “to consider” but we might need more discussion.



# Extensions for IP Proxying from draft-ietf-masque-ip-proxy-reqs-01

- **Reliable Transmission of IP Packets**

- As datagram support is optional and TCP fallback would only provided an reliable service, client should be able to indicate use of reliable streaming mode as part of the core protocol.

- **Data Transport Compression**

- Why is this required to be an extension? Is there is an easy way to reduce overhead, that should be considered as part of the core protocol.



# Non-Requirements on IP Proxying from draft-ietf-masque-ip-proxy-reqs-01

- **Non-requirement – Address Architecture:** “Similarly, “ownership” of an IP range is out of scope. [...] Whether or not to trust this information is left to individual implementations and deployments.”
  - Basic address validation should be required for traffic that is routed on the public Internet, e.g. check on address spoofing and return routeability.
- **Non-requirement - Translation:** “Some servers may wish to perform Network Address Translation (NAT) or any other modification to packets they forward. Doing so is out of scope for the proxying protocol.”
  - MASQUE should support a way to expose the outfacing IP to the client (if NAT is done by proxy); further client should be able to require NAT for address obfuscation use case. This should be part of the core protocol and added as explicit requirements.



# Requirements and open issues that also apply for CONNECT-UDP

- **Maximum Transmission Unit:** "The protocol will allow endpoints to inform each other of the Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) they are willing to forward." (also issue #7 CONNECT-UDP draft)
  - E.g. use of GET/POST-based signalling to exchange configuration files
- **Extensibility:** "Once the session is established, the protocol will provide a mechanism that allows reliably exchanging vendor-specific messages in both directions at any point in the lifetime of the IP Session."
  - Per-packet information: Extension to HTTP datagram frames.
  - Per-flow information: Use of GET/POST scheme to exchange configuration files
    - Alternatively: use new HTTP control frames to be interleaved with data on forwarding stream

