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SSL, GONE IN 30 SECONDS

A **BREACH** beyond **CRIME**

PREVIOUSLY...

CRIME

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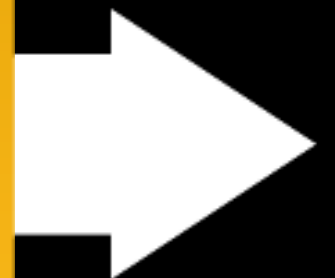
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Target

Secrets in HTTP
headers

Requirements

TLS compression
MITM
A browser



COMPRESSION OVERVIEW

✓ DELATE:

- LZ77: reducing bits by **reducing redundancy**
 - **Googling** the **googles** -> Googling the $g(-13,4)$ s
- Huffman coding: reducing bits by employing an **entropy encoding algorithm**
 - *aka. replace common bytes with shorter codes*

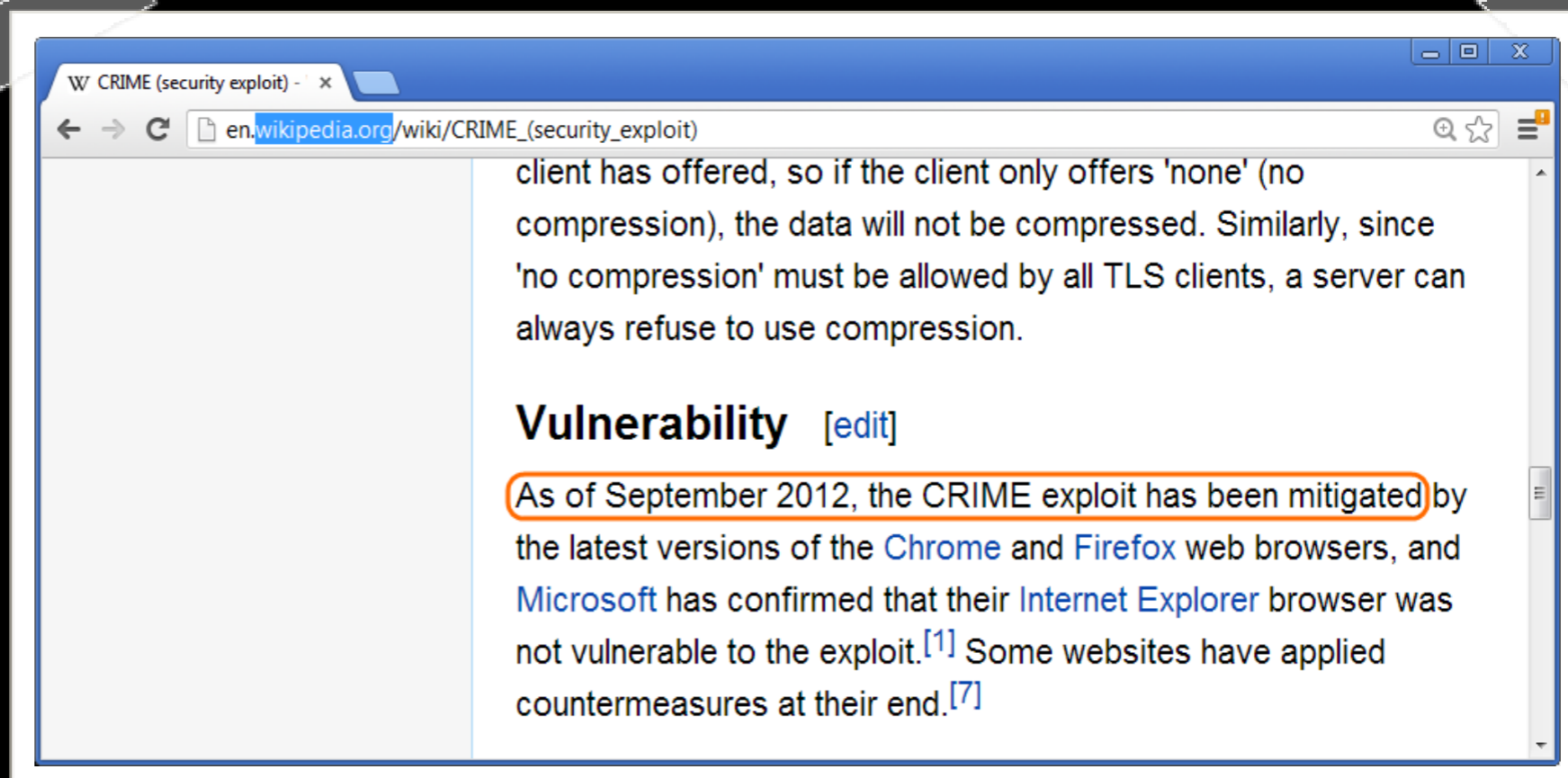
SO ABOUT **CRIME**...

| The Compression Oracle:

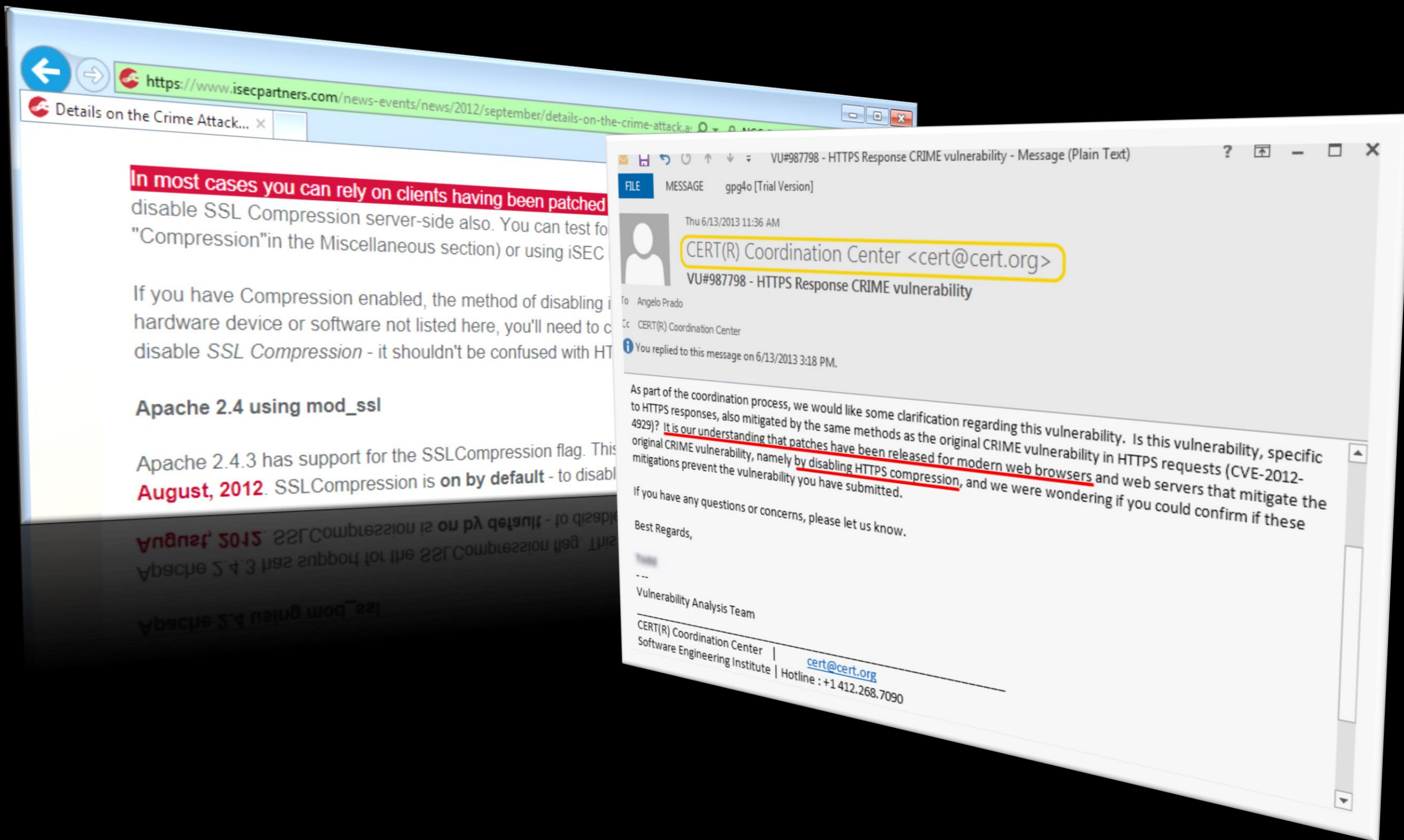
- ✓ SSL doesn't hide **length**
- ✓ TLS/SPDY **compress headers**
- ✓ **CRIME** issues requests with every possible character, and measures the ciphertext **length**
- ✓ Looks for the **plaintext which compresses the most** – guesses the secret byte by byte
- ✓ Requires small **bootstrapping** sequence
knownKeyPrefix=secretCookieValue

IT'S FIXED!

| TLS Compression Disabled



IT'S FIXED!



DO NOT PANIC »



« IT'S FIXED

[let's bring it back to life]

**Liquid Nitrogen Cat being
prepared for resuscitation**





INTRODUCING BREACH

Browser Reconnaissance & Exfiltration via
Adaptive Compression of Hypertext

BREACH / the ingredients

| GZIP

- Very **prevalent**
- Highly **impractical** to turn off
- **Any** browser, **any** web server

| Fairly stable pages

- It only takes **one**
- **Less than 30 seconds** for simple pages
- Minutes to hours for more complicated dynamic bodies

| MITM / traffic visibility

- No tampering / SSL downgrade

| SSL / TLS [*any* version]

- Could be turned off ;)

| A secret in the response body

- CSRF, SIDs, PII, ViewState...
- and **much more**

| Attacker-supplied data

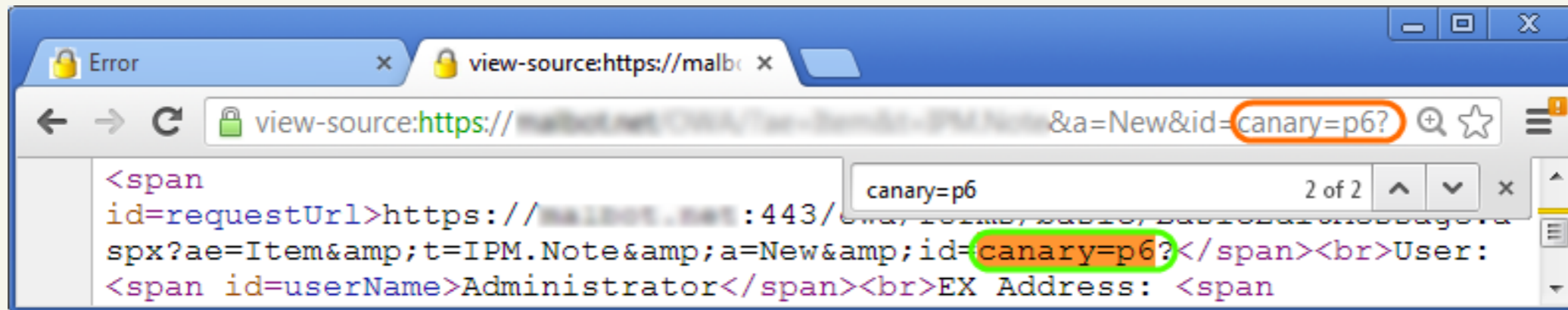
- Guess (in response body)

| Three-characters prefix

- To **bootstrap compression**

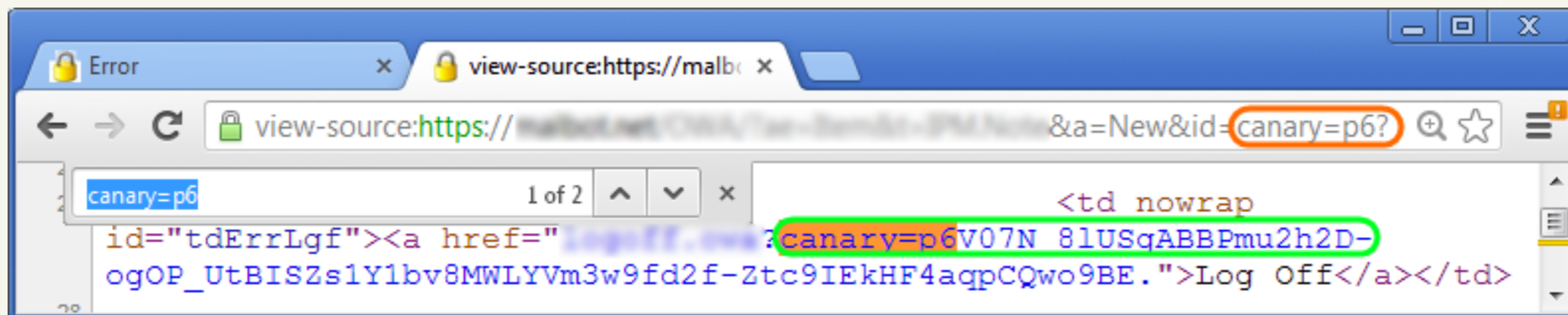
[PREFIX / sample bootstrap]

| Guess (in response body)



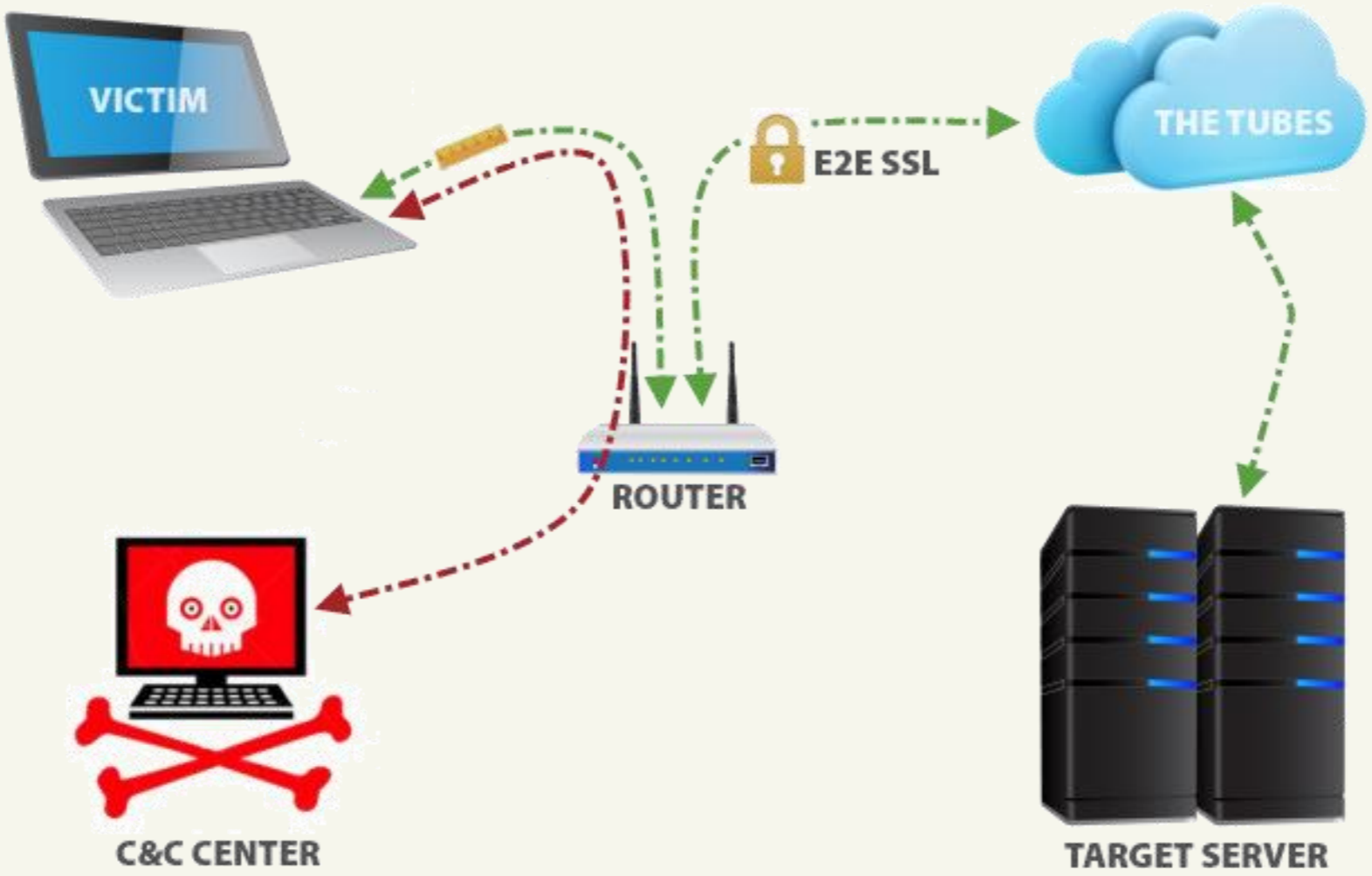
A screenshot of a browser's developer tools window. The address bar shows a URL with a search term `canary=p6?` highlighted in an orange box. The search results pane shows two matches. The first match is highlighted in green and contains the text `canary=p6`. The surrounding HTML code is visible, including `https://malicious.com:443/...` and `Administrator`.

| Target secret (CSRF token)

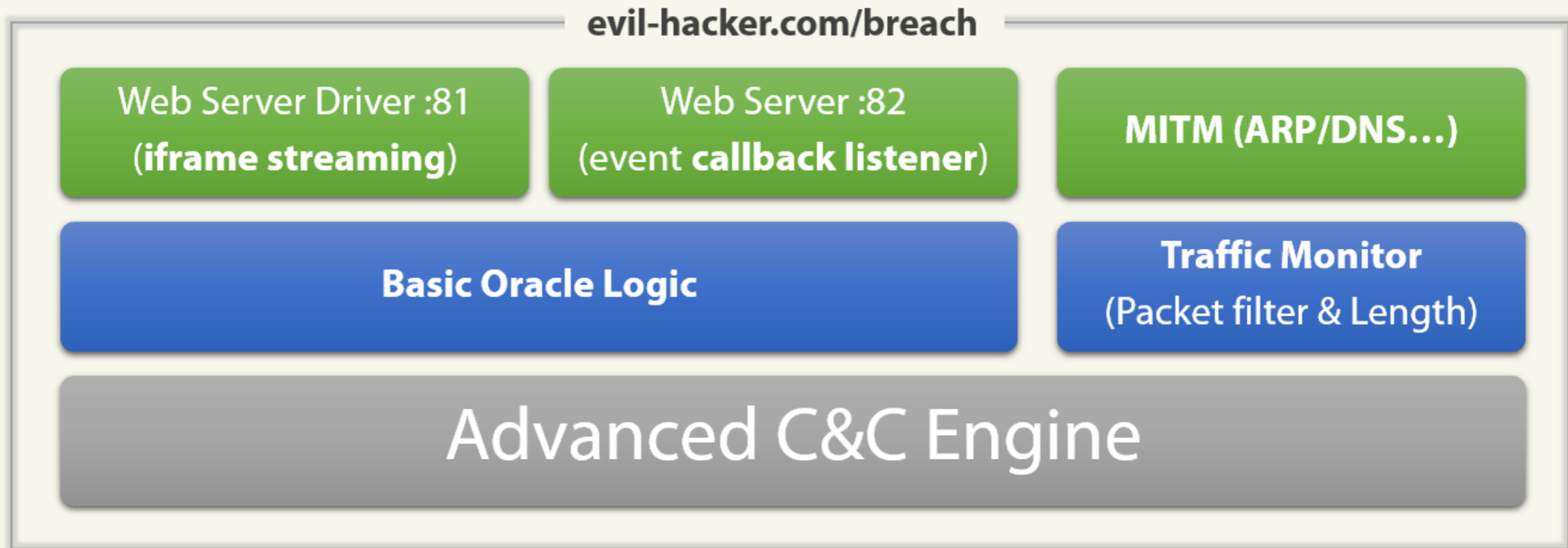


A screenshot of a browser's developer tools window. The address bar shows a URL with a search term `canary=p6?` highlighted in an orange box. The search results pane shows one match highlighted in green, containing the text `canary=p6V07N 81USqABBPmu2h2D-`. The surrounding HTML code is visible, including `<td nowrap id="tdErrLgf">Log Off</td>`. A blue arrow points from the first screenshot to this one.

BREACH / architecture



BREACH / command & control



ORACLE

| ONE CHARACTER AT A TIME

- Guessing byte-by-byte

| AIRBAGS

- Random amount of padding

| COLLISIONS

- Attempt recovery for multiple winners
- Detect & roll-back from wrong path

| TWO TRIES

- Issue two HTTPs requests per guess

<https://target-server.com/page.php?blah=blah2...>

[&secret=4bf7](#){...}{...}

[&secret=4bf](#){...}{...}7

ORACLE / logic (II)

✓ Guess Swap

- Swap last two characters in the guess
- Measure overall size increase

<https://target-server.com/page.php?blah=blah2...>

<https://target-server.com/page.php?blah=blah2...&secret=4bf7>

<https://target-server.com/page.php?blah=blah2...&secret=4b7f>

✓ Character set pool (to eliminate Huffman tree changes between guesses)

- Add all characters to all guesses, shifting the guessed character into position

<https://target-server.com/page.php?blah=blah2...>

<https://target-server.com/page.php?blah=blah2...&secret=4bf7> {}{}(...){}{}{}{}{}---a-b-c-d-...-5-6-8-9-...

<https://target-server.com/page.php?blah=blah2...&secret=4bf8> {}{}(...){}{}{}{}{}---a-b-c-d-...-5-6-7-9-...

C&C/ logic

✓ Traffic Monitor

- Transparent relay **SSL proxy**

MITM: ARP spoofing,
DNS, DHCP, WPAD...

✓ HTML/JS Controller

- I. Dynamically generated for specific target server
- II. Injects & listens to **iframe streamer** from **c&c:81** that dictates the new HTTP requests to be performed (**img.src=...**)
- III. Issues the **outbound HTTP requests** to the target site via the victim's browser, session-riding a valid SSL channel
- IV. Upon synchronous completion of every request (**onerror**), performs a unique callback to **c&c:82** for the Traffic Monitor to **measure encrypted response size**

C&C/ logic

✓ Main C&C Driver

- Coordinates **character guessing**
- Adaptively **issues requests** to target website
- Listens to **JS callbacks** upon **request completion**
- Oracle **measures -inbound- packets length**
- Has built-in intelligence for **conflict resolution** and **recovery**



ROADBLOCKS

- ✓ Less than ideal conditions:
 - In theory, **two-tries** allows for short-circuiting once winner is found
 - In practice, still need to **evaluate all candidates**
 - **Huffman encoding** causes collisions

- ✓ Conflict resolution & recovery mechanisms (I)
(In case of conflict / no winners)
 1. Dynamic **airbags**
 2. **Look-ahead** (2+ characters) – more reliable, but more expensive
 - Best value
 - Averages

ROADBLOCKS

- ✓ Conflict resolution & recovery mechanisms (II)
 - Rollback (in-memory path, **last-known conflict**)
 - Detect substrings in secret/guess
 - Check **compression ratio** of guess string
- ✓ Page URL / HTML entity encoding
 - Can interfere with collision **bootstrapping** and **secret key-space**

MORE ROADBLOCKS

- ✓ Circumventing cache
 - For **targets & callback** – random timestamp
- ✓ Block mode vs. stream cipher mode
 - Align response to a **tipping point** and overflow into the next block
 - Guess Window (**keeping response aligned**) – as we add characters to the guess, we remove others

EVEN MORE ROADBLOCKS

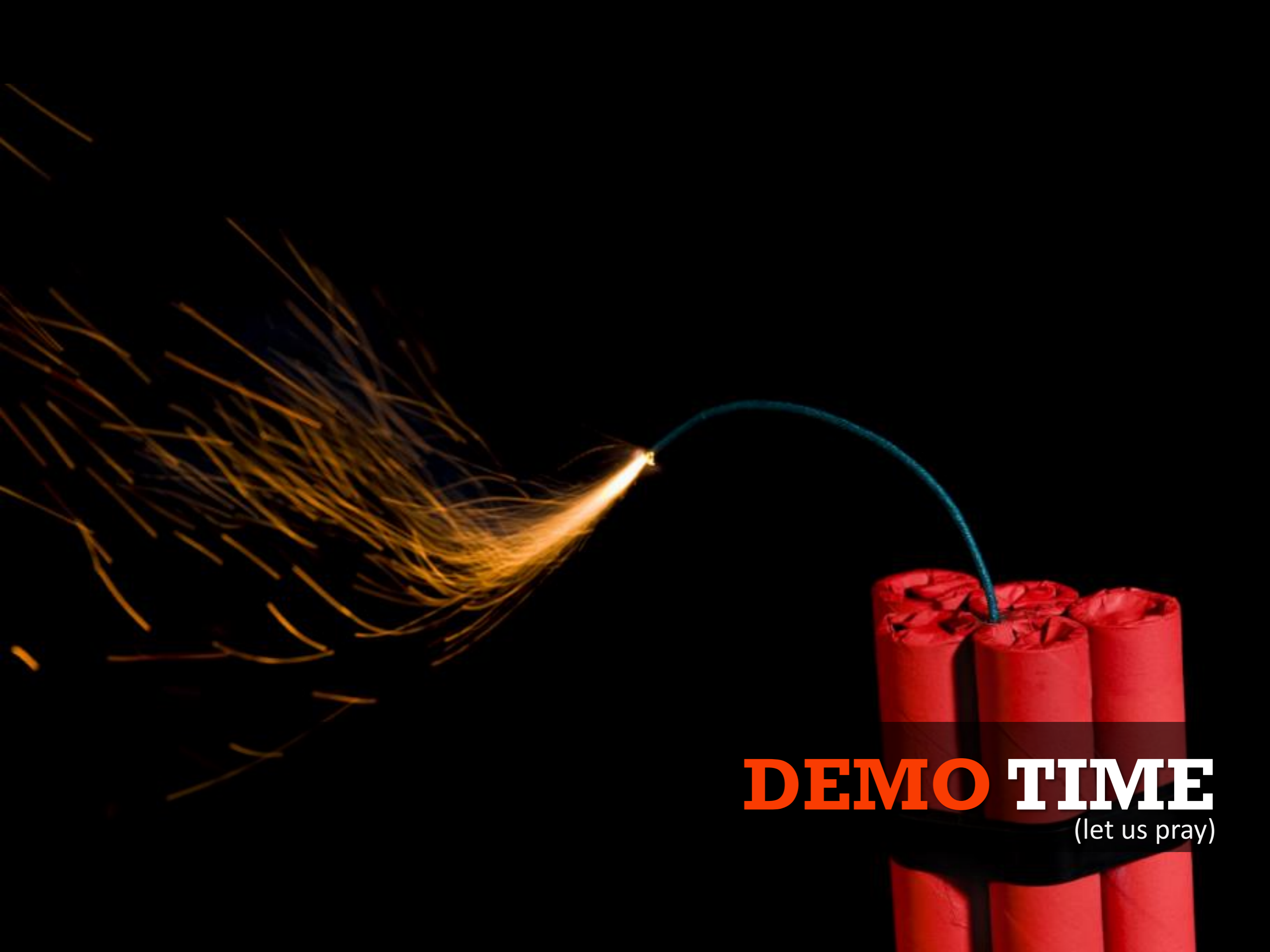
- ✓ Keep-Alive (a premature death)
 - **Image** requests vs. **scripts** vs. **CORS** requests
- ✓ Browser synchronicity limits (1x)
 - Hard to correlate **HTTP** requests to **TCP** segments
- ✓ Filtering out noise
 - Active application?
 - Background polling?

YET MORE ROADBLOCKS

- ✓ 'Unstable' pages (w/ *random* DOM blocks)
 - Averaging – statistical outlier removal and detection
- ✓ Collateral effects of Huffman tree
 - Weight (symbol) normalization
- ✓ Other Misc. Oracles
 - *Patent-pending*

OVERWHELMED?





DEMO TIME

(let us pray)



THE TOOL

MITIGATIONS

| RANDOMIZING THE LENGTH

- variable padding
- fighting against math
- /FAIL

| SEPARATING SECRETS

- deliver secrets in input-less servlets
- chunked secret separation (lib patch)

| DYNAMIC SECRETS

- dynamic CSRF tokens per request

| CSRF-PROTECT EVERYTHING

- unrealistic

| MASKING THE SECRET

- random XOR – easy, dirty, practical path
- downstream enough

| THROTTLING & MONITORING

| DISABLING GZIP FOR DYNAMIC PAGES

FUTURE WORK

- ✓ Better understanding of **DEFLATE / GZIP**
- ✓ Beyond **HTTPS**
 - Very **generic** side-channel
 - Other **protocols, contexts?**
- ✓ Stay tuned for **the next BREACH**



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