# High Performance WebSocket



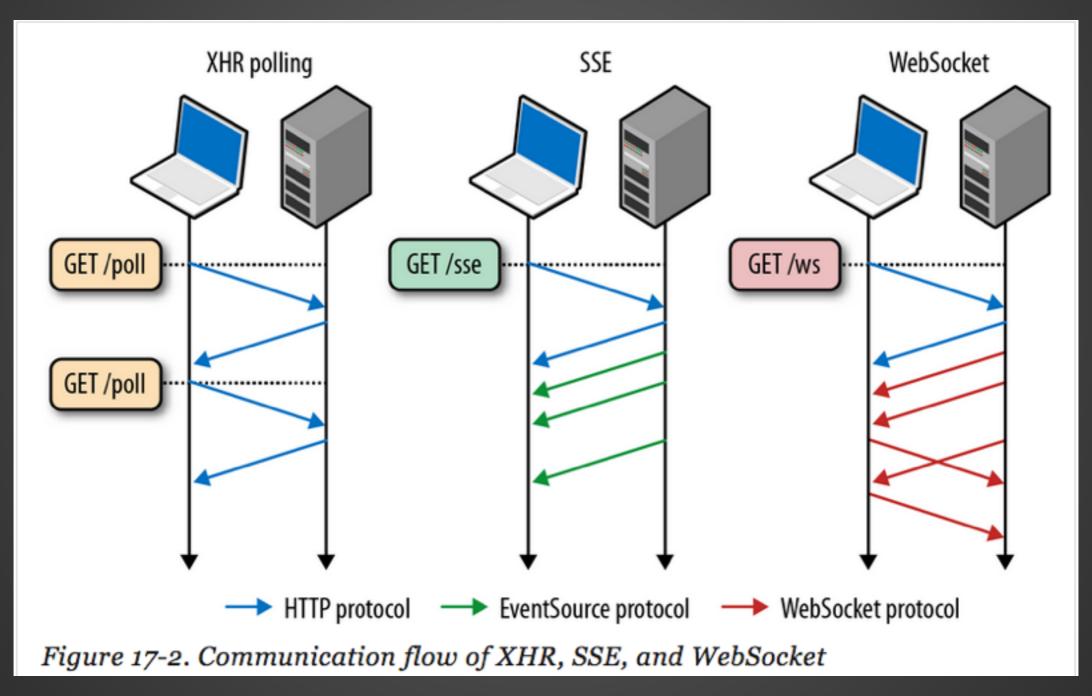
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#### Real Time Enablers



In 2015, bidirectional client <-> server communication can only be achieved with AJAX and/or WebSocket

#### Client Server Connectivity



#### AJAX

When you make an AJAX request from the browser you don't have to think about TCP.

The underlying complexity is abstracted away.

#### WebSocket

When you send a message over a WebSocket connection, you have to think about everything.

Subprotocols, Fallbacks, Network

#### You might not need a WebSocket

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Before I begin, I want to say that WebSockets are great. I've even implemented RFC 6455 myself in Zurl and Pushpin, which are used by the Fanout.io service. Fanout.io also supports WebSockets via its XMPP-FTW interface using Primus.

However, after spending quite some time working on large distributed applications and gaining a greater appreciation of REST and messaging patterns, I feel that much of what typical web applications want to accomplish with WebSockets (or with socket-like abstractions) is perhaps better solved by other means.

#### **HTTP streaming and Server Sent Events**

WebSockets aren't the only game in town when it comes to efficiently pushing data to browsers. Consuming an HTTP response of indefinite length with

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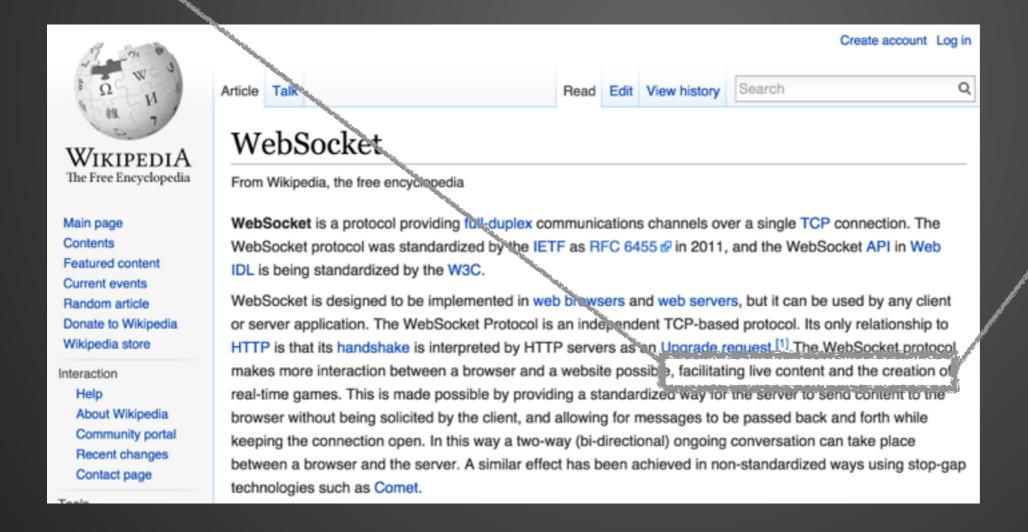
#### Real Time?

- Rapid client <-> server communication
- Real time execution of events in browser
- Binary data delivery

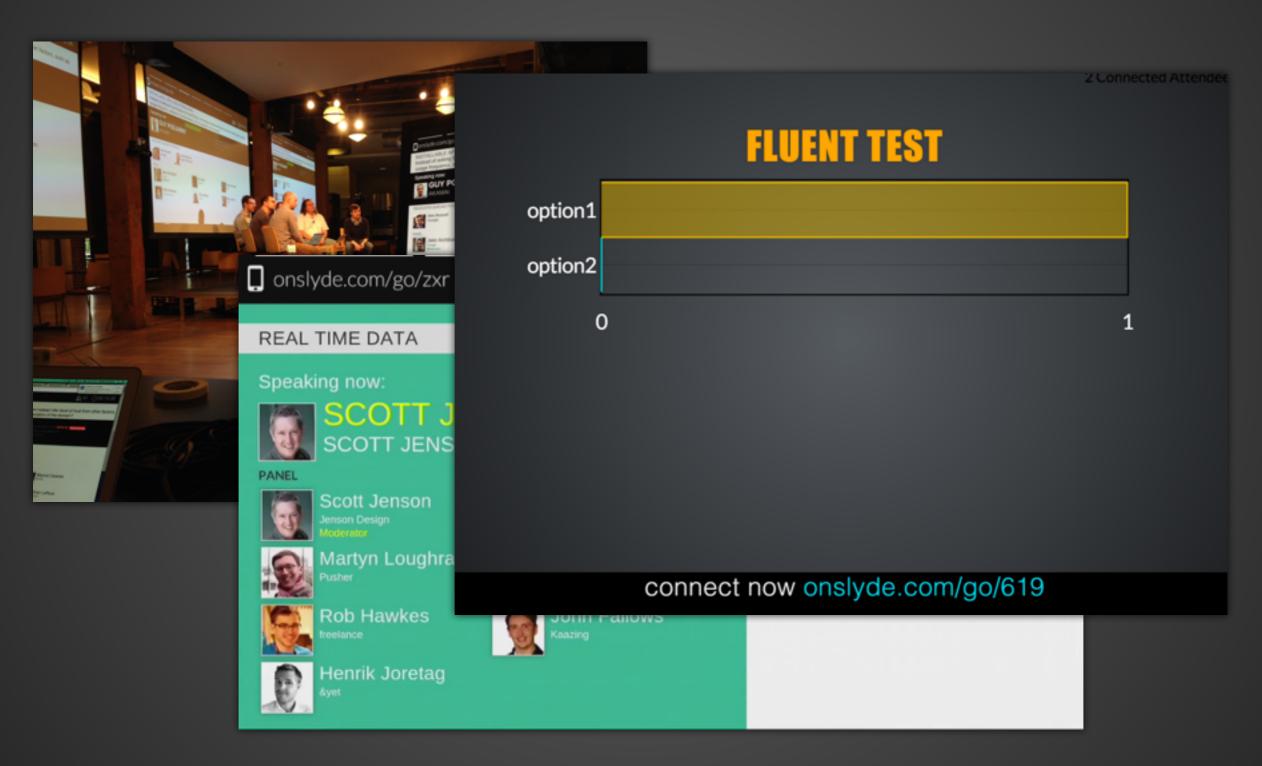
## WebSocket

#### The Promise Idea

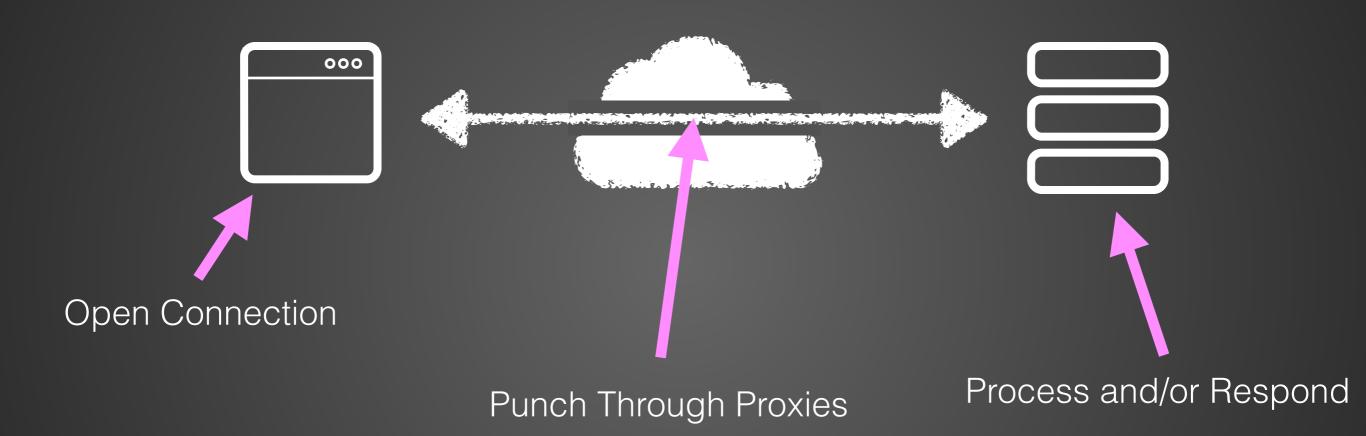
facilitating live content and the creation of real-time games"



# So let's give that a try...



# High Performance WS



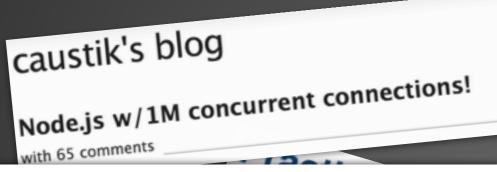
Live Demo

#### High Performance Hurdles

- Server Side Connections
- Networks and Proxies
- Subprotocols
- Time
- Services vs. Frameworks

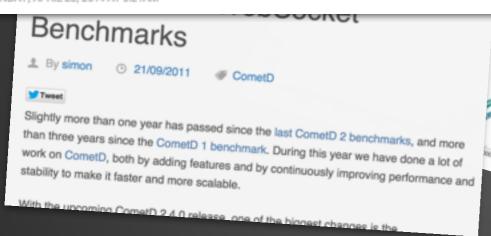
#### Server Side Connections

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How Disqus Went Realtime With 165K Messages Per Second And Less Than .2 Seconds Latency

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- Up to 1M concurrent connections
- Low Overhead
- Bidirectional

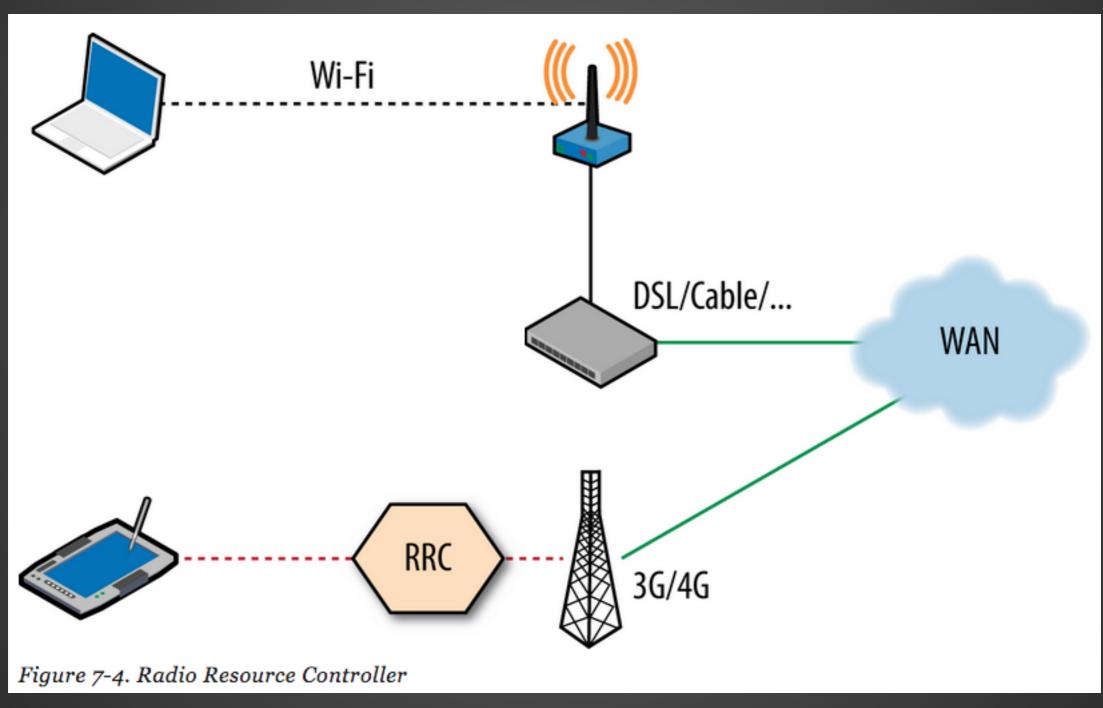
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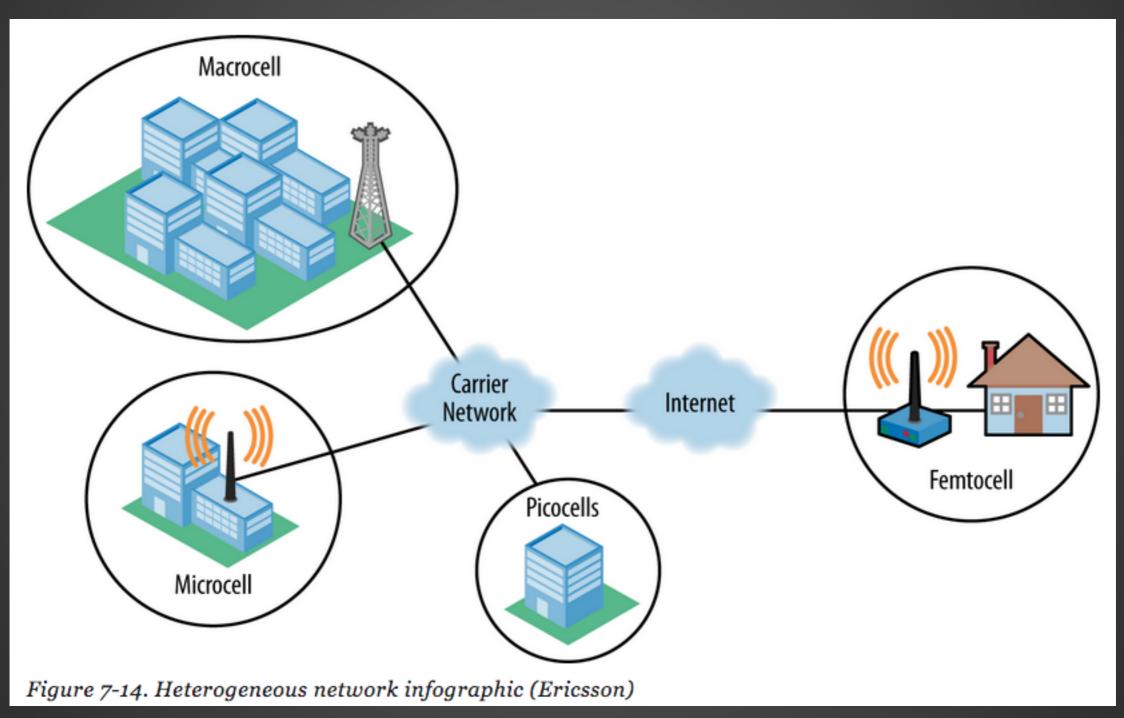
TL;DR Use TLS

99.9% Guaranteed Connection

## Networks



### Networks



High Performance Browser Networking by @igvita

## Networks

Service Provider	Sessions
tw telecom holdings inc.	282
service provider corporation	52
(not set)	37
t-mobile usa inc.	13
cellco partnership dba verizon wireless	6
softlayer technologies inc.	5
sprint nextel corporation	5
comcast cable communications holdings inc	4
agile-inap	3
vodafone limited	2

# Subprotocols

Because one isn't enough

# Subprotocols

Meta data for the client <-> server transmission

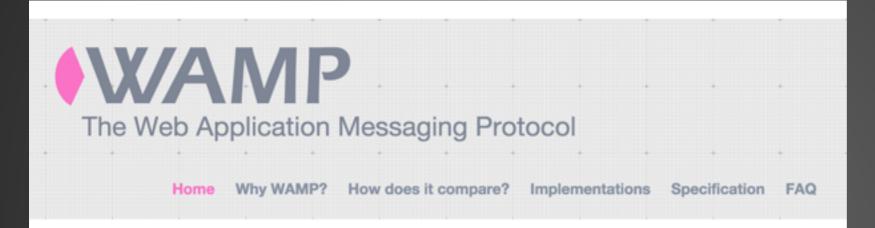
\*No effect on the core WebSocket API

# Messaging Protocol



# Subprotocols

You have to use an envelope e.g. JSON



**WAMP** is an open standard <u>WebSocket</u> subprotocol that provides two application messaging patterns in one unified protocol:

× Headers Frames Cookies		
Data	Length	Time
{"onslydeEvent":{"sessionID":"619","fire":function(){window.eventObjb = document.createEvent('Event');eventO	244	10:17:04 AM
{"onslydeEvent":{"sessionID":"619","fire":function(){window.eventObjg = document.createEvent('Event');eventO	317	10:17:04 AM
activeOptions:null,null,0:0	27	10:17:04 AM
Binary Frame (Opcode 2, mask)	0	10:17:04 AM
{"remoteMarkup":"%3Ch2 Binary Frame (Opcode 2, mask) 63EMy%20awesome%20presentation%3C%2Fh2%3E"}	86	10:17:04 AM
{"onslydeEvent":{"sessionID":"619","fire":function(){window.eventObjg = document.createEvent('Event');eventO	358	10:17:03 AM
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# Time Why should you care?

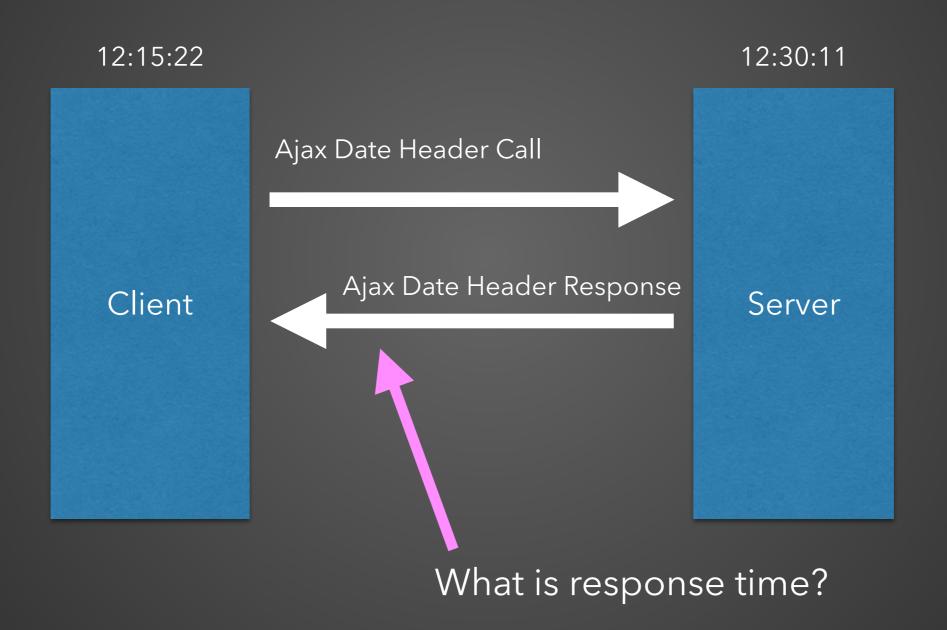
Client Side Synchronization

- Headers vs. Content rewrite
- Resource Timing on AJAX

#### Get the data from an AJAX request in 4 easy steps

```
var serverTimeMillisUTC;
var oReq = new XMLHttpRequest();
oReq.onload = function() {
  var dateStr = oReq.getResponseHeader('Date');
  serverTimeMillisUTC = new Date(Date.parse(dateStr)).getTime();
oReq.open("HEAD", "/?foo123", false);
oReq.send();
function getServerTime() {
for(tvalue in window.performance.getEntriesByType("resource")) {
tresource = window.performance.getEntriesByType("resource")[tvalue];
    if(tresource.name.indexOf('foo123') > 0){
        return serverTimeMillisUTC + (tresource.responseEnd -
                                     tresource.responseStart);
```

Why would I do this?



1. Get the date header from the server

```
var oReq = new XMLHttpRequest();
oReq.onload = function(){
  var dateStr = oReq.getResponseHeader('Date');
  serverTimeMillisUTC = new Date(Date.parse(dateStr)).getTime();
};
oReq.open("HEAD", "/?foo123", false);
oReq.send();
```

2. User random query param

3. Filter on random query param



4. Calculate Server Time

## What Time Is It?

Edge 4 (Data)

Edge 2 (Seek)

# Services and Frameworks

## Service or Homegrown?

#### Services

#### **PubNub**°







#### Frameworks



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Servers



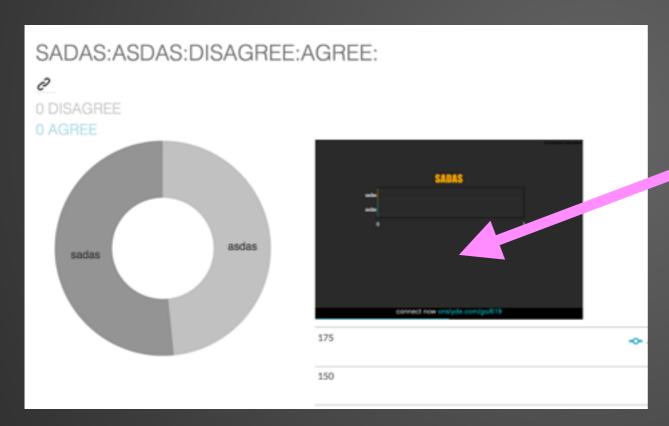


# Tips

# Head of Line Blocking

Large messages block frame delivery

Latency Sensitive Data? Split up the large messages



client side code on github

Screenshots are sent as binary data over wss:// in onslyde's dashboard

# Compression

Extensions are managed by the browser (spec says it's a "framework")

#### wss:// connection headers

```
Sec-WebSocket-Extensions: permessage-deflate; client_max_window_bits
Sec-WebSocket-Key: /LqLDugB0+EK9Bnp6d3gqw==
Sec-WebSocket-Version: 13
```

- 1) Chrome has implicit support (no config on client)
- 2) Compresses any message over 10 bytes

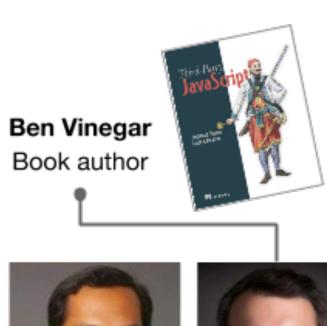
#### Make Sure You Need It

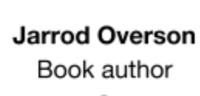
Do you need WebSocket?

HTTP2, SPDY, SSE, and WebSocket are all different. They could be combined.

Are you willing to polyfill your WebSocket Implementation?

## Thanks!









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Phantom **JS** 



Wesley Hales Book author

Michael Ficarra CoffeeScript, JavaScript, PLT, TC-39

# Appendix

## Browser Event Firing

#### All Events Fire onmessage

```
onmessage: function (m) {
  var event = (m.data);
  event = (new Function("return " + event))();
  event.onslydeEvent.fire();
}
```

#### Remote Control listens

```
window.addEventListener('remoteMarkup', function(e) {
  var markup = JSON.parse(e.markup);
  document.getElementById('from-slide').innerHTML =
  decodeURIComponent(markup.remoteMarkup);
}, false);
```

HTTP/2

Demo 1

Demo 2