Towards an Open, Web-Based Network Performance Measurement Platform

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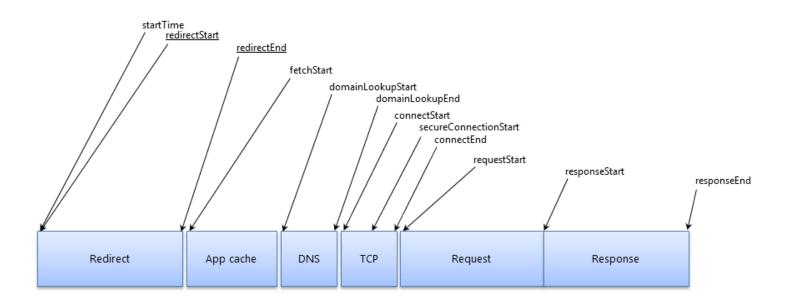
DevOps V JavaScript

- JavaScript: The duct tape of the Internet
 - JavaScript for web performance measurements?



JavaScript for Web Performance

- W3C Web Performance Working Group
 - PerformanceResourceTiming API
 - Allows JavaScript mechanisms to provide complete client-side latency measurements



JavaScript for Web Performance

• Example

```
// Resource Timing
var r0 = performance.getEntriesByType("resource")[0],
    loadtime = r0.duration,
    dns = r0.domainLookupEnd - r0.domainLookupStart,
    tcp = r0.connectEnd - r0.connectStart,
    ttfb = r0.responseStart - r0.startTime;
```

accurate delay (and throughput) measurements

JavaScript for Web Performance

• Deployment and browser support

IE	Edge *	Firefox	Chrome	Safari	Opera	iOS Safari	Opera Mini *	Android * Browser	Chrome for Android
8			45					4.3	
9			46					4.4	
10		43	47			8.4		4.4.4	
11	13	44	48	9	34	9.2	8	47	47
	14	45	49	9.1	35	9.3			
		46	50		36				
		47	51						

Use Cases

• 3rd party pixel tags*

- Beacon: W3C Web Performance Working Group
 - schedule asynchronous and non-blocking delivery
 - minimizing resource contention with other time-critical operations

^{*} Use Timing-Allow-Origin Response Header

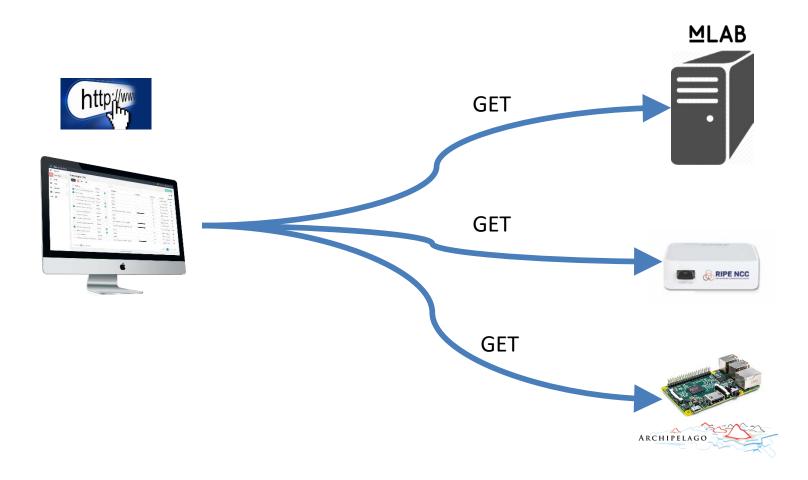
Commercial JavaScript Based Web Performance Analytics



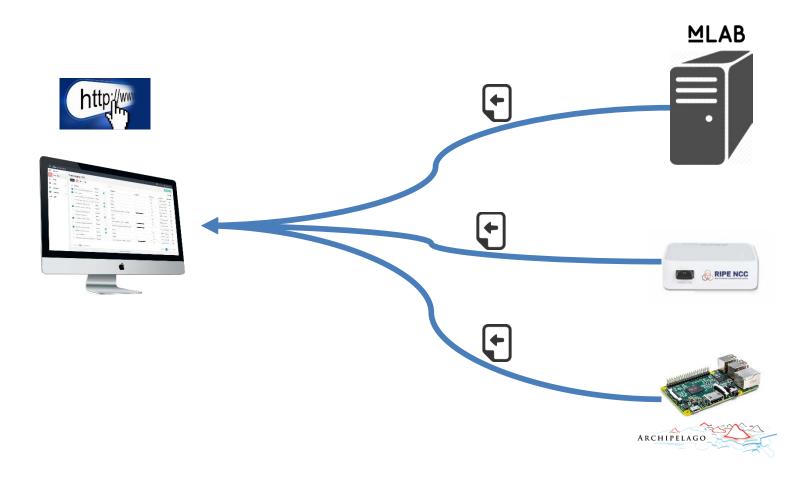
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- Design and deployment experience with a CDN
- Clients: Use JavaScript to crowdsource network performance measurements
 - Recruit content providers to invoke client measurements
 - Or...
- Servers: Sufficient measurement web servers
 - M-LAB
 - perfSONAR
 - Ark
 - RIPE Atlas
 - Cloud instances

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Technical & Non-technical Issues

- Incentives for web publishers to participate
 Open API
- Control framework and use cases
 - How many servers to contact?
 - Which servers to contact?
- IRB issues
 - consent
 - anonymization
 - aggregation