

Privacy: - anonymity, ~~and~~ confidentiality, anti-censorship.

- Anonymous routing.
- ↳ - Confidentiality + Anonymity
- Censorship resistance (and privacy)

Goal: ability to send confidential anonymous messages.

- ↳ only the source and destination know the message content.
- ↳ network intermediaries do not know who is communicating.

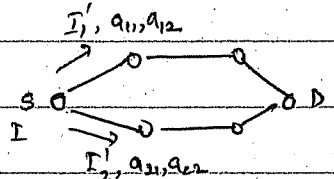
Anonymous routing on top of overlay - TOR

- ① uses private, public keys to establish symmetric keys
- ② uses symmetric keys to construct onion routes.

Problem: - trusted data bases of nodes.
- key management. ? big challenge

Can you do it without keys? → can use random overlays for anonymous comm. get both confidentiality and anonymity.

Confidentiality → information slicing



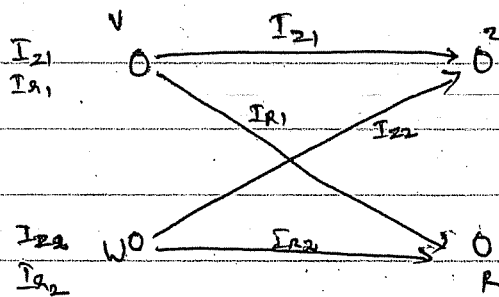
$$I \rightarrow I_1, I_2 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} I_1' \\ I_2' \end{bmatrix}$$

forward I_1', a_{11}, a_{12} on path 1 | only D can recover.
 I_2', a_{21}, a_{22} on path 2

Anonymity \rightarrow $\begin{cases} \textcircled{1} \text{ route set up} \\ \textcircled{2} \text{ data transmission.} \end{cases}$

How to do route setup?

Anonymous routes: - each nodes knows next hop
 - no one else knows a node's next hop
 - send next hop info in a confidential manner.



Reuse nodes to send multiple pieces as long as pieces belong to different messages.

Dealing w/ churn \rightarrow use n/w coding in addition to source coding.

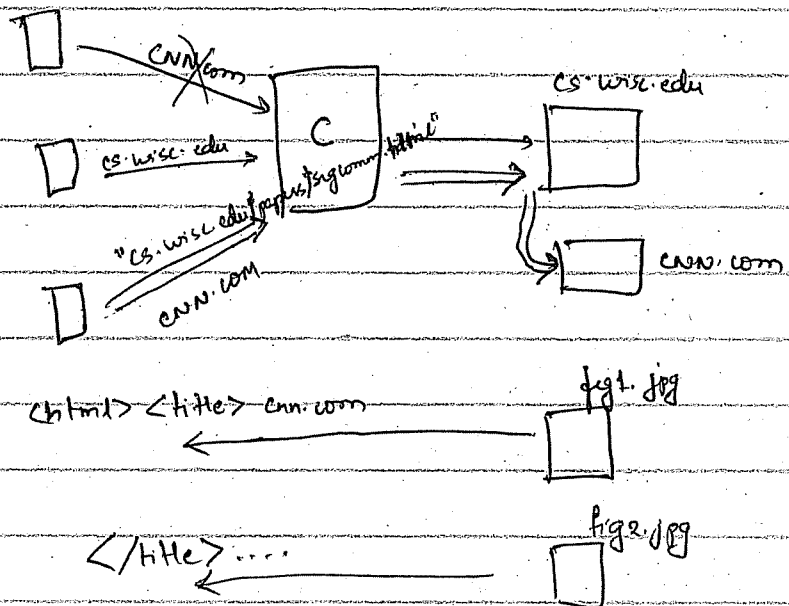
Censor:

- Restrictive govt, corporate firewall.
- Discovery attacks: notice unusual looking traffic } privacy
 - suspicious web access patterns
 - use of circumvention s/w
- Disruptive attacks: block access to certain web sites
 - attempts to block access to circumvention s/w

Design goals for censorship resistance: circumvent so that both forms of these attacks are fruitless or unsuccessful.

- deniability: can't confirm a client is accessing censored stuff
- stat den: should not arouse suspicion
- covertness for servers: can't discover a server that is serving censored content to avoid blocking.
- communication robustness: should be robust in the face of censor disruption
- reasonable performance

Big picture

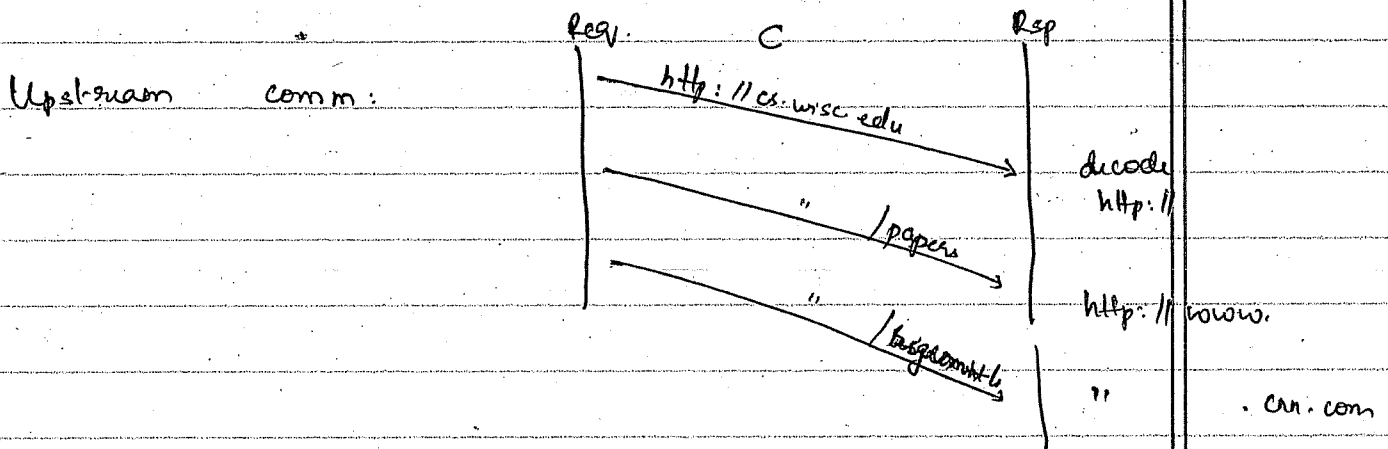


- use unframed proxy on localhost (squelcher)
- upstream request is sequence of messages.
- downstream response is images

Problems today

- 1 SSL fingerprinting
- 2 SSL looks suspicious
- 3 no attempt to conceal servers.
- 4 SSL can be blocked.

- Downstream:
- Embed data in the less useful portions of images.
 - decided by shared secret
 - need to change cover image.
 - ↳ use a web cam.



Mapping function: pages on responder \rightarrow public pages.
 ↳ should be secret \rightarrow critical to deniability.

Several candidates: covertness vs. bandwidth.

- odd/even links: requests may ask for any one of half of the links.
 1 bit per visible http request.
- links modulo k :
 any one of N/k links.
 $\log(k)$ bits.
- state mapping: strange browsing \rightarrow poor covertness.
 bandwidth M bits per request.

Range-mapping: high-bandwidth, dynamic mapping.
 → Web-surfing 20-questions style.

Assume: set of ordered URLs commonly requested.

Responder tells requester

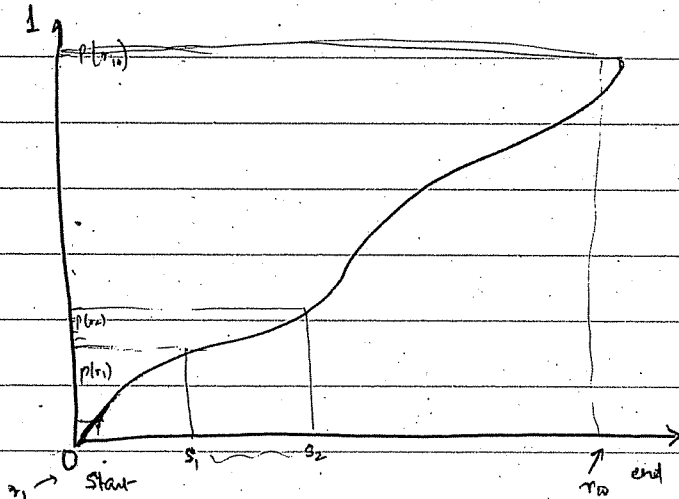
- ① split strings for ranges in this set.
- ② mapping between splits and visible requests.

Requester sends a visible http request.

Visible	Split-strings 0%	Visible	split-strings
projects.html	amazon (25%)	aditya	25% cnn.
people.html	microsoft (50%)	aaron	ebay
publications.html	yahoo (75%)	jeff	java
	100%	bruan.	microsoft 50%

This assumes that any page on the responder is equally
 like → NOT TRUE.

cumulative
 pres.
 distr.



Say 10 pages
 on front page

Say s_2 has
 5 pages.

Idea can be
 applied over
 space of all images.
 achieves
 consistency
 and stat.
 den.

Pericographic ordering
 of unordered URLs

