

The Current State of QUIC Deployments and Used Libraries

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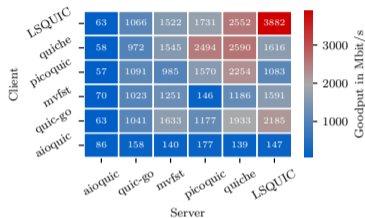
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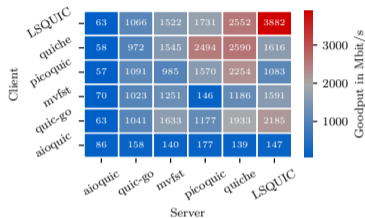
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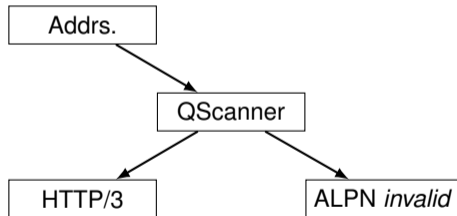
- QUIC specifies error codes
 - Can be extended with error messages
 - Messages contain a unique text
 - Trigger an error with an *invalid* ALPN value
- Map error messages to individual libraries
- ⚡ Only some libraries send an error message

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aioquic	No common ALPN protocols
NGINX	handshake failed

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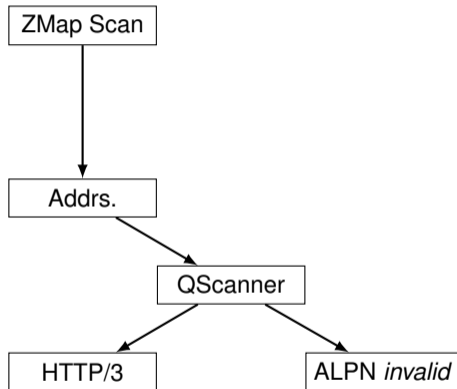
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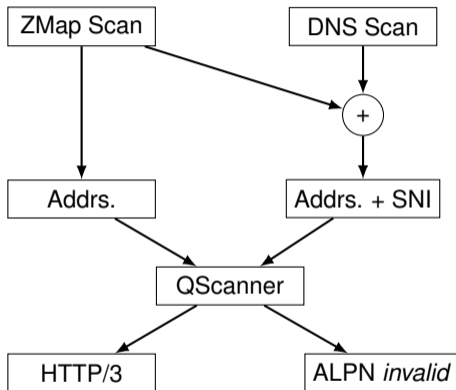
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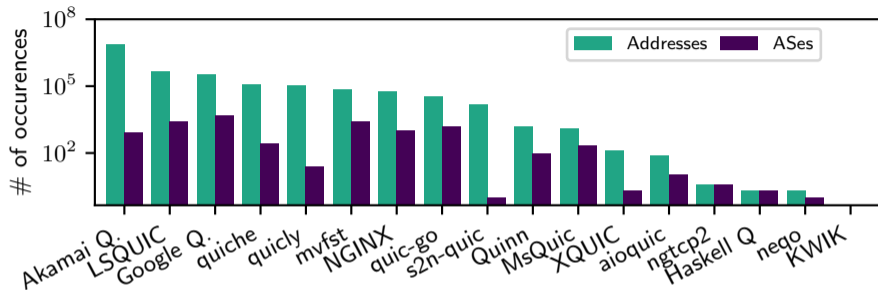
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 - ~700 M domains
 - Single vantage point
 - A/AAAA and HTTPS resource records

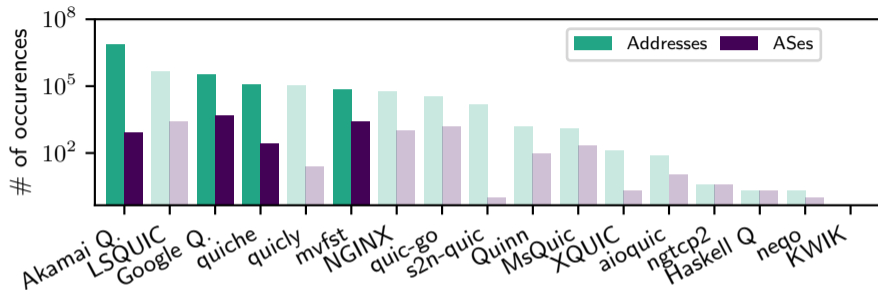


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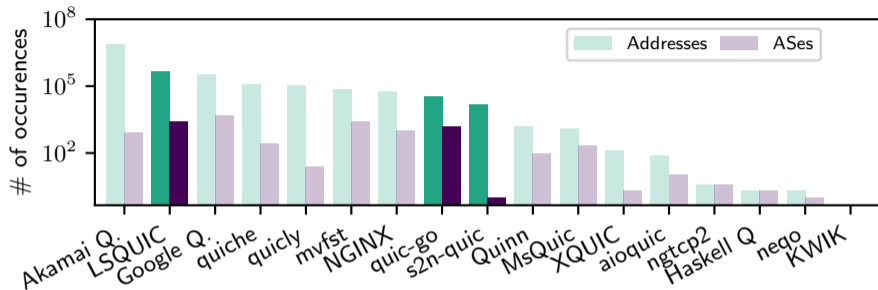
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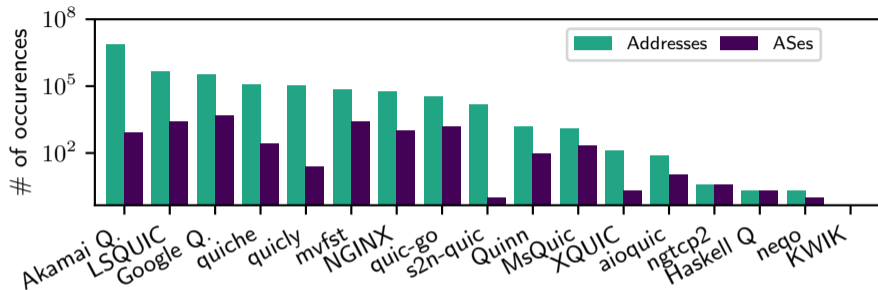
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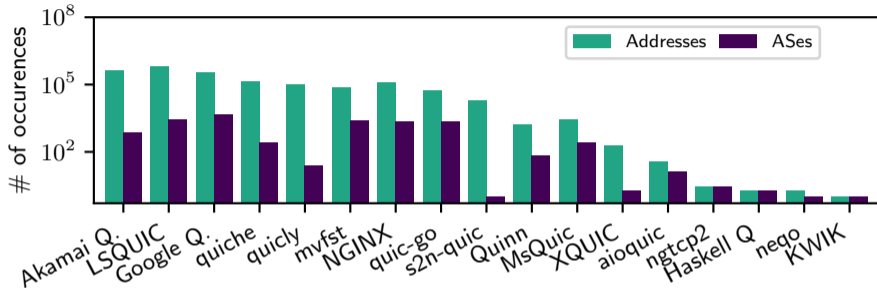
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quic-go	35.3 k	1644	58.2 k	2377

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- Web servers
 - Set up by a variety of users
 - A larger increase visible
 - Higher configuration diversity

Why Did You Listen to This?

We want to scale this and allow distributed measurements.

- We will start a project:
 - to add QUIC and H3 to scamper
 - to allow distributed measurements from ARK
- Can we identify more?
- Can we see regional differences?

It's your chance to dump ideas what you want!