

# Misurazione delle censure



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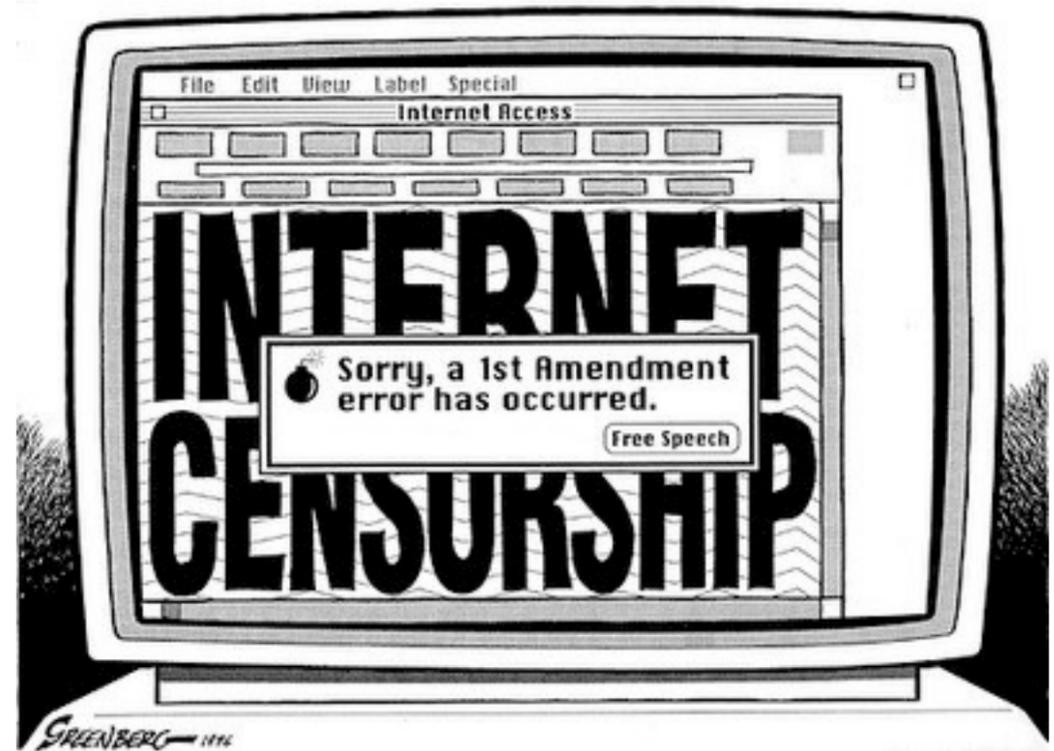
# Surveillance

- Censorship is a subset of surveillance
- If they are censoring something, they are surveilling everything



# What is Internet Censorship?

- It is a form of non democratic oppression on people
- It allows those in power to subvert reality



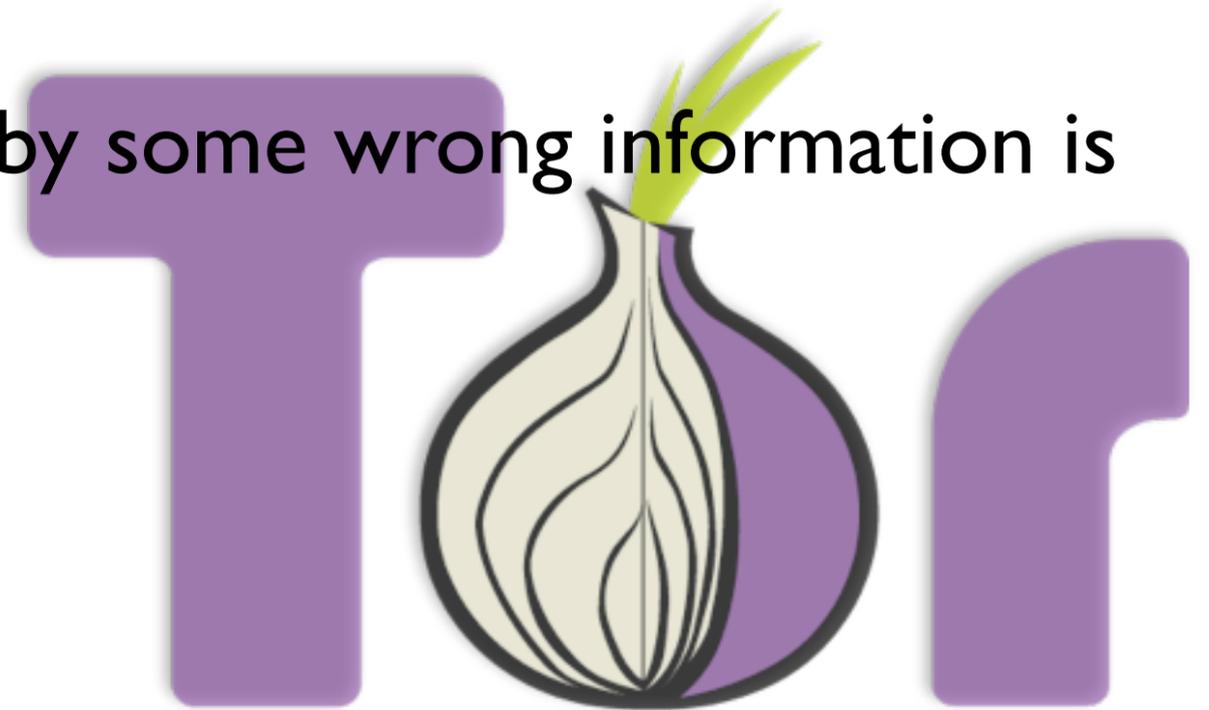
# Filternet

- It's a distortion of what is the reality of the internet
- It follows the subjectiveness of the authorities
- This does not help humanity



# There is no just censorship

- Internet filtering is happening in China, Iran, Syria, but also in Italy, UK, Netherlands.
- The only solution to what is considered by some wrong information is more information.



# What we work on at Tor

- Help people *access information anonymously* (Tor)
- Help people *circumvent censorship* (Tor Bridges, Obfsproxy)
- Measure the *internet surveillance and censorship* in the world (OONI)
- Help people *speak freely and anonymously* (Tor Hidden Services)



# Internet addressing 101

- What is an IP Address?
  - example: 212.20.1.1
- What is a Hostname?
  - example: google.com
- What is DNS?
  - provides mapping between a hostname and an IP Address (google.com = “212.20.1.1”)



# Internet Filtering: DNS based blocking

- **Effectiveness:** Low
- **Cost:** Low
- **Sophistication:** Low
- Easy to circumvent
- Used in Italy

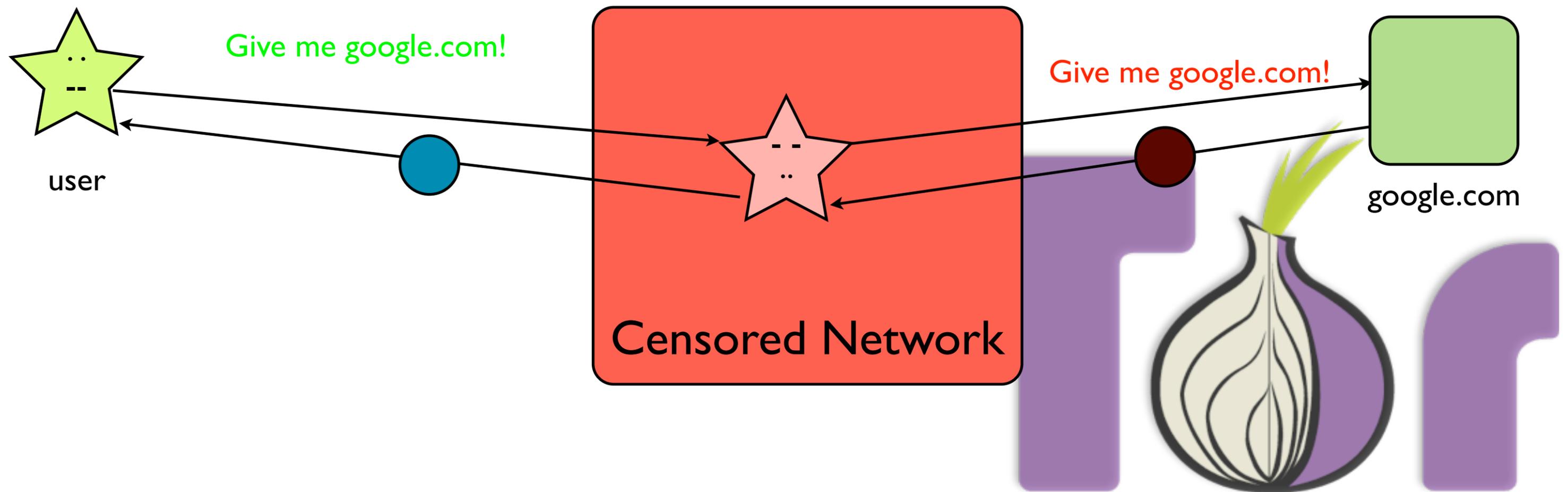


# Internet Filtering: IP Based blocking

- **Effectiveness:** High
- **Cost:** Medium-Low
- **Sophistication:** Low
- Not too easy to circumvent
- Requires constant update of blocklists
- Used in Italy

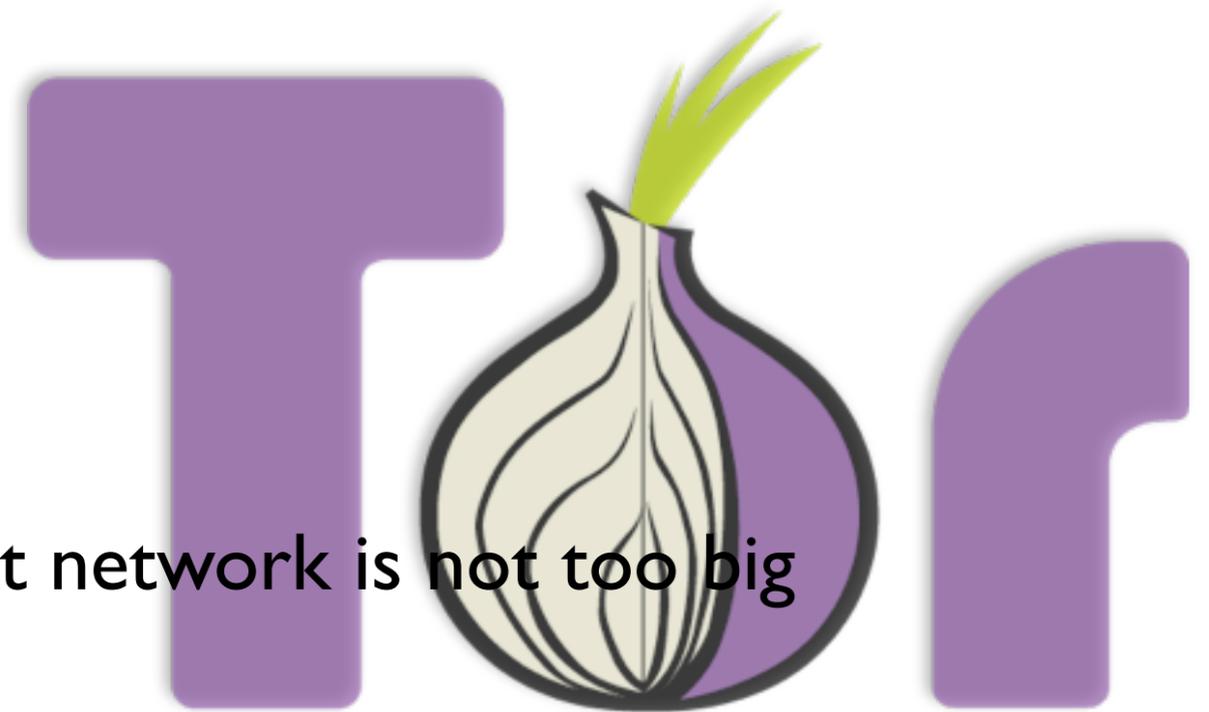


# Internet Filtering: Transparent HTTP Proxy

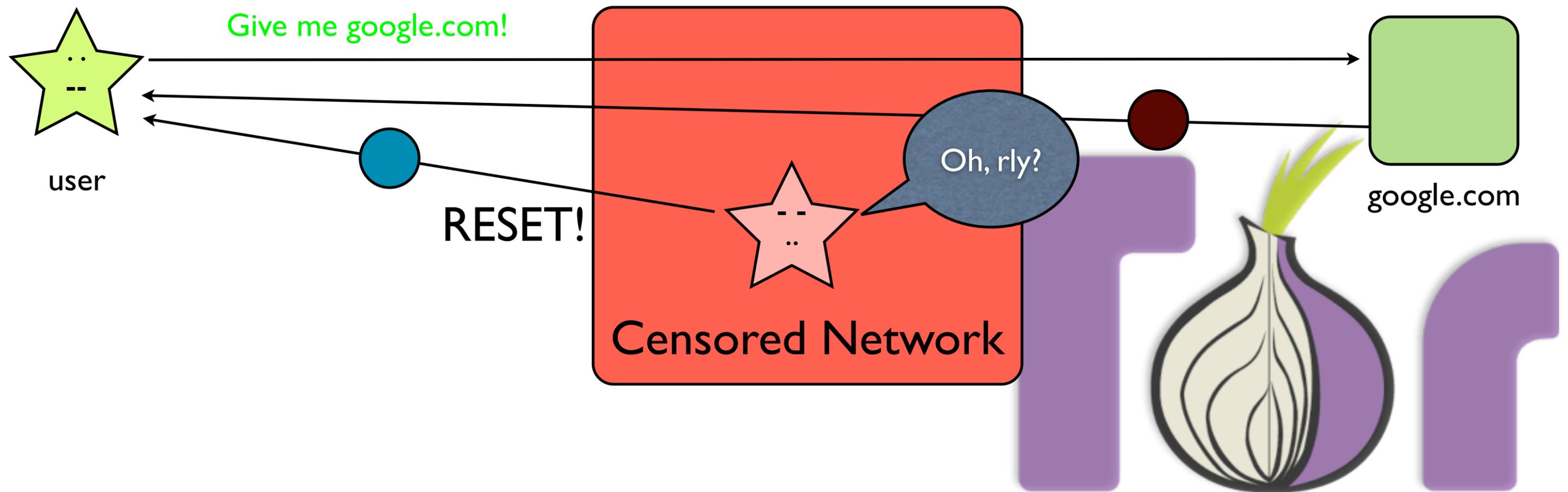


# Internet Filtering: Transparent HTTP Proxy

- **Effectiveness:** High
- **Cost:** High
- **Sophistication:** Medium
- Not too easy to circumvent
- Requires a lot of resources
- Generally used in countries where the internet network is not too big



# Internet Filtering: RST Based blocking



# Internet Filtering: RST based blocking

- **Effectiveness:** Medium
- **Cost:** Medium-Low
- **Sophistication:** Medium-High
- Not too easy to circumvent
- Requires specialized infrastructure
- Is **Active**
- Used in China, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan



# Internet Filtering: Protocol based blocking

- Aims at blocking certain applications vs certain content
- **Effectiveness:** Medium-High
- **Cost:** High
- **Sophistication:** High
- Not too easy to circumvent
- Requires very specialized software
- Used in China, Iran, Ethiopia



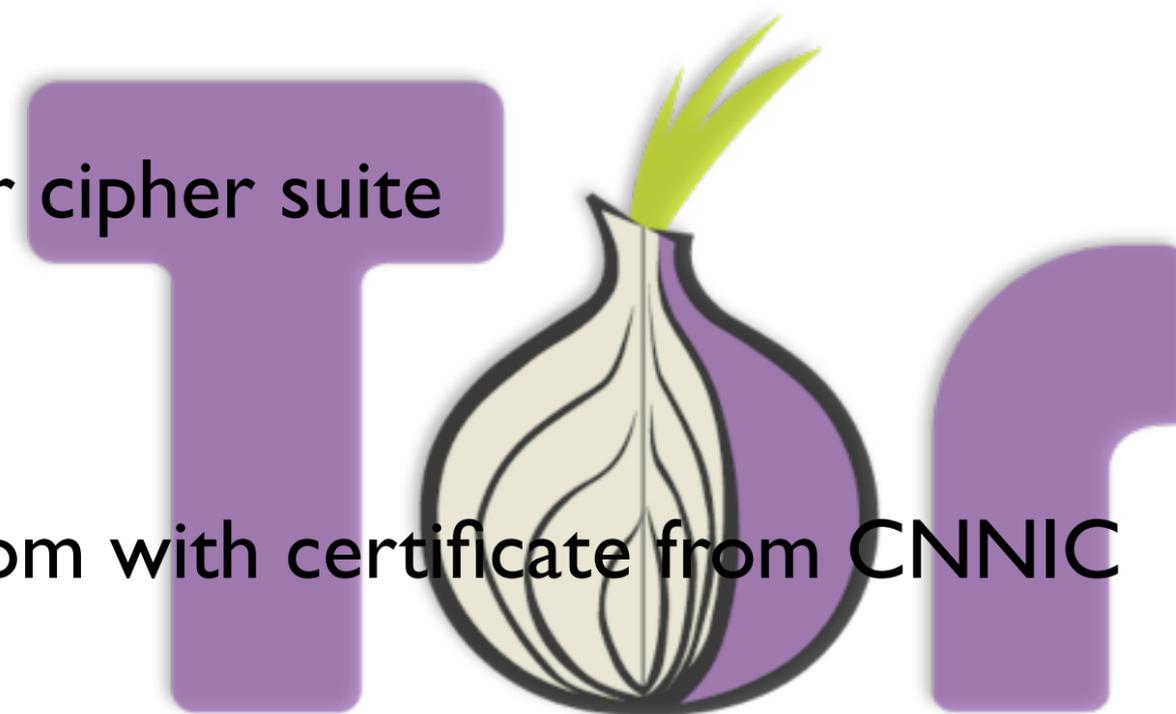
# Internet Filtering: Man In the Middle

- Aims at enforcing selective filtering on SSL encrypted connections
- **Effectiveness:** Medium-High
- **Cost:** High
- **Sophistication:** High
- Requires you to either own or control a certificate authority
- Has been in Iran, China.



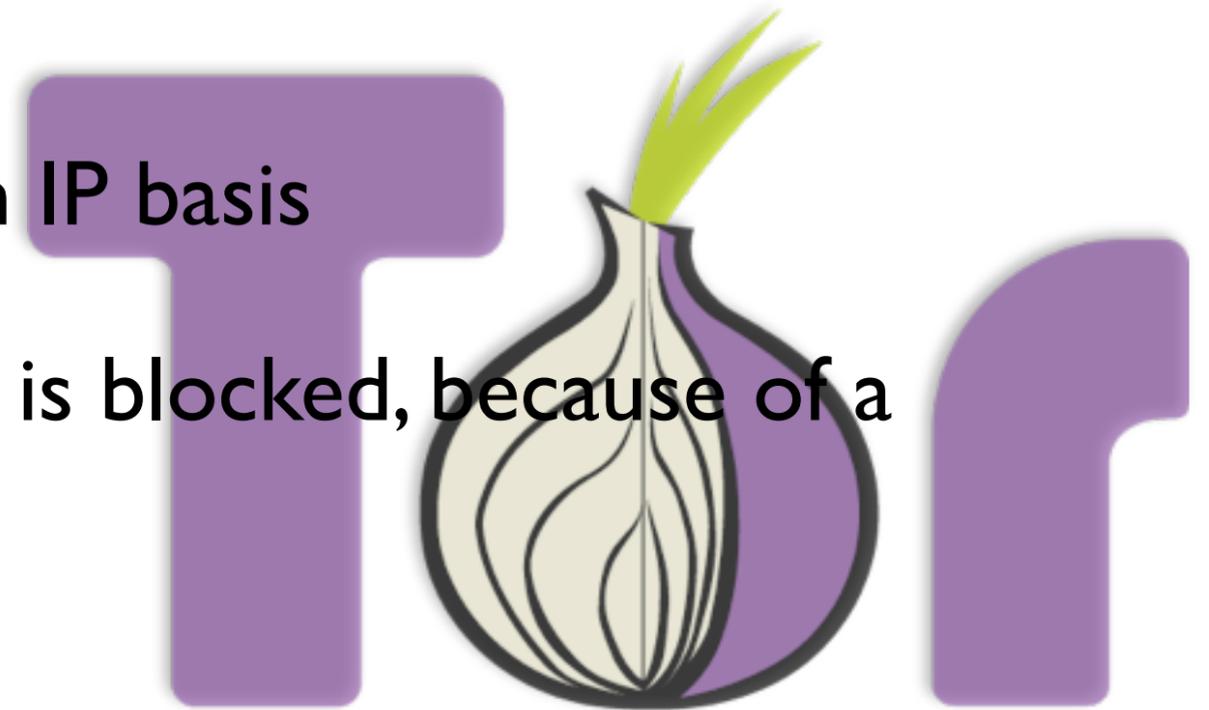
# A tale of two censors: China

- 2006 - First part of the Great Chinese Firewall (GFW) is deployed. Uses IP and DNS based Blocking and RST based blocking.
- 2009 - Blocking of public Tor addresses
- 2011 - Active scanning of Tor bridges
- 2011 - Protocol based censorship on the Tor cipher suite
- 2012 - Protocol based VPN censorship
- 2013 - Man in the middle attack on github.com with certificate from CNNIC



# A tale of two censors: Italy

- 2007 - With the pretext of contrasting child abuse sites, DNS and IP based censorship is deployed
- 2007 - Such system is used for blocking gambling websites not approved by AMS
- 2008 - thepiratebay.com is blocked on an IP basis
- 2012 - indy media piemonte and toscana is blocked, because of a defamation lawsuit



# OONI

- A project aimed at measuring the impact of censorship and surveillance using
- Open Methodologies
- FLOSS Software
- Open Data
- The tools used is called ooniprobe



# What does ooniprobe detect?

- **Traffic Manipulation**

- Is somebody intercepting the data I am sending on the network (DPI)?

- **Content Blocking**

- What is being blocked? (Which websites are not accessible, which keywords are being filtered, etc.)

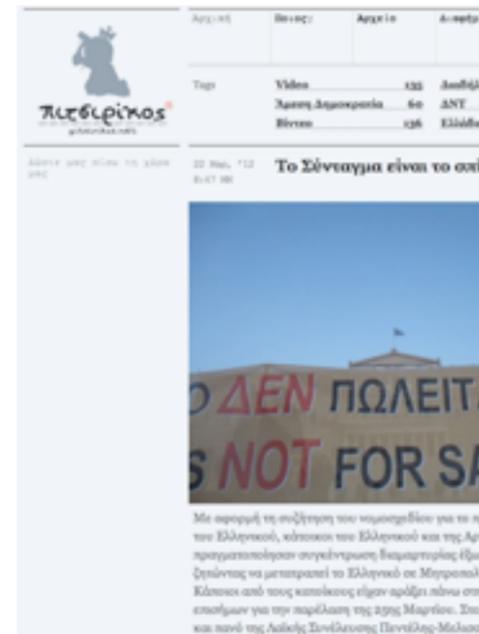


# Openness!

- Because **researchers** should base their results on data
- Because **data visualization** ninjas should have rich datasets to visualize
- Because **policy makers** should have hard data to base their decisions on
- Because **data driven journalism** is great
- Because **the public** should be able to make a mind of their own



# Real world use cases: T-Mobile USA



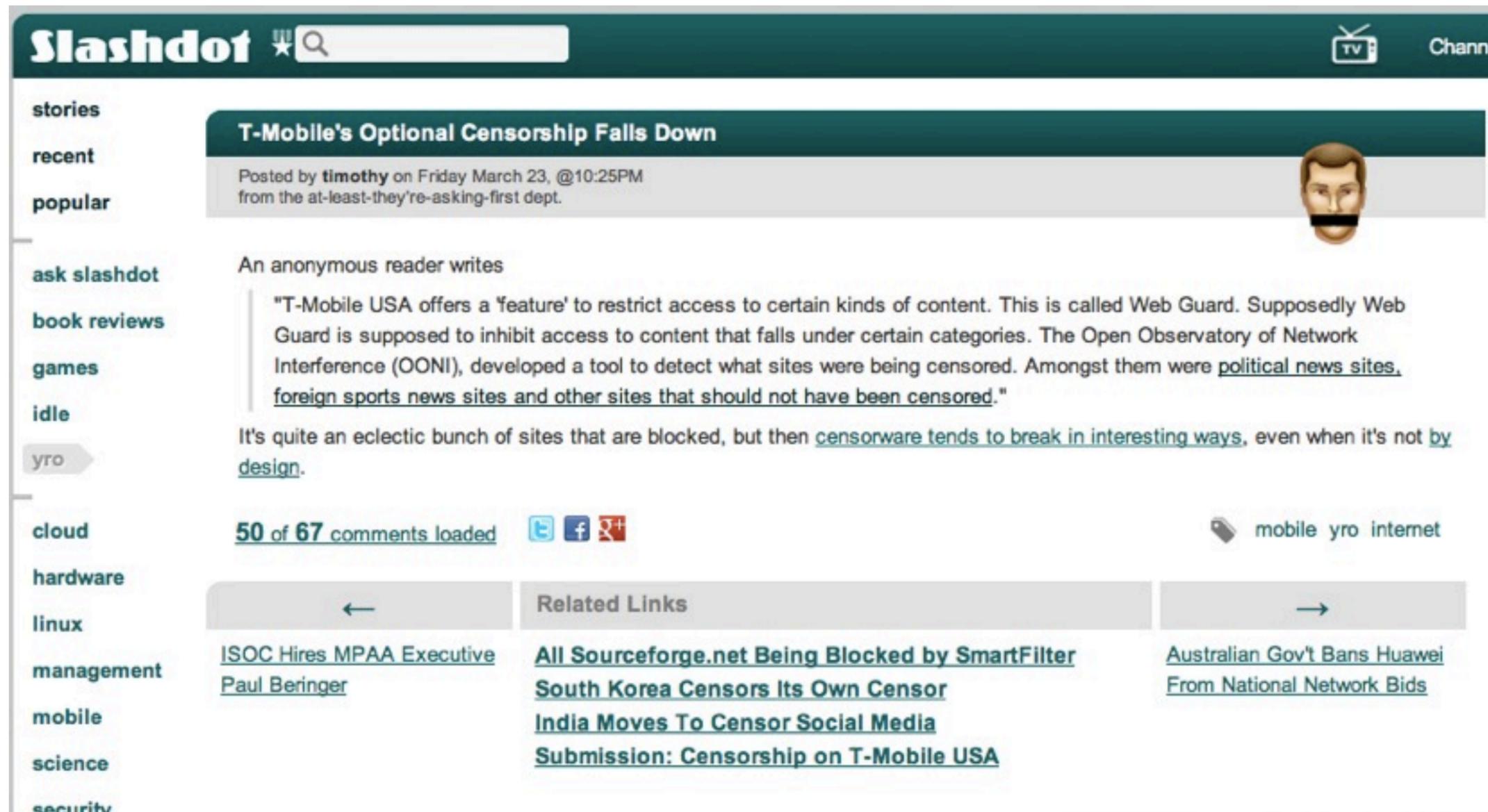
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L'elenco degli operatori autorizzati al gioco telematico è disponibile sul sito istituzionale.



# Real world use cases: T-Mobile USA



The screenshot shows a Slashdot article page. The header includes the Slashdot logo, a search bar, and a 'Channel' dropdown menu. The left sidebar contains navigation links for 'stories', 'recent', 'popular', 'ask slashdot', 'book reviews', 'games', 'idle', 'yro', 'cloud', 'hardware', 'linux', 'management', 'mobile', 'science', and 'security'. The main content area features the article title 'T-Mobile's Optional Censorship Falls Down', the author 'timothy', the date 'Friday March 23, @10:25PM', and a profile picture. The article text discusses 'Web Guard' and lists censored sites. Below the text are social media sharing icons, a comment count of '50 of 67 comments loaded', and a 'Related Links' section with four links: 'ISOC Hires MPAA Executive Paul Beringer', 'All Sourceforge.net Being Blocked by SmartFilter', 'South Korea Censors Its Own Censor', 'India Moves To Censor Social Media', and 'Submission: Censorship on T-Mobile USA'. A 'mobile yro internet' tag is also visible.

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## T-Mobile's Optional Censorship Falls Down

Posted by **timothy** on Friday March 23, @10:25PM  
from the at-least-they're-asking-first dept.

An anonymous reader writes

"T-Mobile USA offers a 'feature' to restrict access to certain kinds of content. This is called Web Guard. Supposedly Web Guard is supposed to inhibit access to content that falls under certain categories. The Open Observatory of Network Interference (OONI), developed a tool to detect what sites were being censored. Amongst them were political news sites, foreign sports news sites and other sites that should not have been censored."

It's quite an eclectic bunch of sites that are blocked, but then ensorware tends to break in interesting ways, even when it's not by design.

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# Real world use cases: Handara Palestine

- With George Hale from from Ma'an
- This lead to the removal of censorship

Ma'an News Agency

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**TOP NEWS :** Qalqiliya prisoner completes 25 years in Israeli jail

**Palestinian media clampdown spreads to the Web**

Published Monday 23/04/2012 (updated) 26/05/2012 23:44

By **George Hale**

BETHLEHEM (Ma'an) -- The Palestinian Authority has quietly instructed Internet providers to block access to news websites whose reporting is critical of President Mahmoud Abbas, according to senior government officials and data analyzed by network security experts.

As many as eight news outlets have been rendered unavailable to many Internet users in the West Bank, after technicians at the Palestinian Telecommunications Company, or PalTel, tweaked an open source software called Squid to return error pages, a [detailed technical analysis](#) indicates. Several small companies are using a similar setup.

The decision this year to begin blocking websites marks a major expansion of the government's online powers. Experts say it is the biggest shift toward routine Internet censorship in the Palestinian Authority's history. Aside from [one incident in 2008](#), Palestinians have generally been free to read whatever they wanted.

Palestinian Authority communications minister Mashour Abu Daka attends the opening of a technology company in Nablus. (MaanImages/Rami Swidan, File)

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**Palestinian minister resigns over web censorship**

The communications minister of the Palestinian Authority has resigned, claiming it was trying to silence its critics and curb freedom of expression.

The websites affected included Firas Press

Mashour Abu Daqa said senior officials had ordered several opposition websites to be blocked over the past six months.

He said the moves were bad for the image of the PA in the modern world.

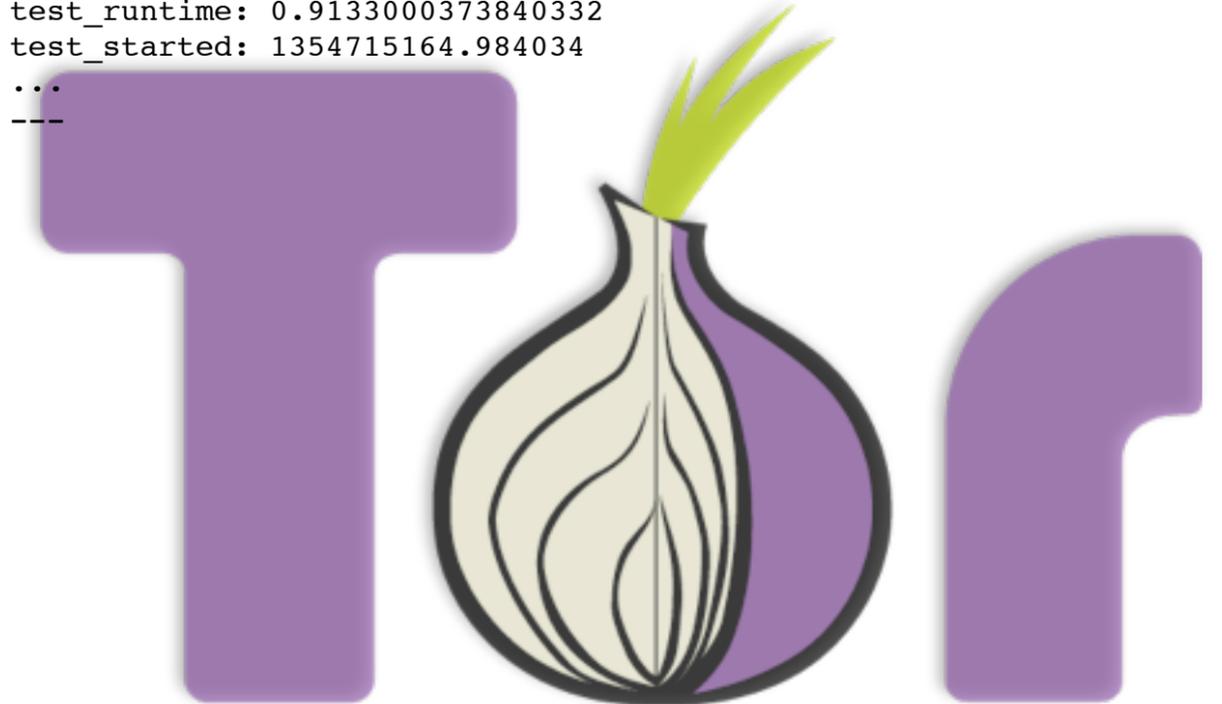
**Middle East crisis**

**Q&A: UN bid New Palestinian powers?**

# Real world use cases: Burma

- [https://ooni.torproject.org/reports/0.1/MM/report\\_http\\_header\\_field\\_manipulation\\_05\\_December\\_2012\\_13-45-16.yaml](https://ooni.torproject.org/reports/0.1/MM/report_http_header_field_manipulation_05_December_2012_13-45-16.yaml)
- We were able to detect the presence of Bluecoat devices inside of Burma. Automatically!

```
"request_line":  
  "get / HTTP/1.1", "request_headers": [{"accept-Language", "en-US,e  
  ["accept-ENCODING", "gzip,deflate,sdch"], ["aCCepT", "text/html,ap  
+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8"],  
  ["uSER-AGENT", "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1;  
  1.1.4322; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506.30)], ["accept-c  
  "ISO-8859-1;q=0.8,*/*;q=0.7,*/*;q=0.3"], [{"hoST", "DQtxPDR9h8HY7wn.com"}  
  [{"conNectioN", "Keep-Alive"}, [{"X-BlueCoat-Via", "2.9470ded1c7803d"}]]}'  
headers:  
  - - Date  
    - ['Wed, 05 Dec 2012 13:36:11 GMT']  
  - - Connection  
    - [close]  
socksproxy: null  
tampering:  
  header_field_name: true  
  header_field_number: false  
  header_field_value: false  
  header_name_capitalization: false  
  header_name_diff: [X-BlueCoat-Via]  
  request_line_capitalization: false  
  total: false  
test_name: test_get_random_capitalization  
test_runtime: 0.9133000373840332  
test_started: 1354715164.984034  
...  
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```



# Real world use cases: Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan

- <https://ooni.torproject.org/reports/0.1/UZ/>
- <https://ooni.torproject.org/reports/0.1/TM/>
- We discovered how to bypass the filter by adding tabs to the end of HTTP Requests



# Current project status

- Currently you need to be a developer to run ooniprobe
- I can help you set up ooniprobe tomorrow
- Bugs are everywhere, let's hunt them down!



# How can I help?

- Come and hack with us!
  - #ooni irc.oftc.net
  - <https://gitweb.torproject.org/ooni-probe.git>
- Run ooniprobe!
  - <https://gitweb.torproject.org/ooni-probe.git/blob/HEAD:/README.md>
- Come talk to me!



# Learn more

- Website:  
<https://ooni.torproject.org/>
- Developer Documentation:  
<https://ooni.torproject.org/docs/>
- Reports:  
<https://ooni.torproject.org/reports/>
- Test documentation:  
<https://ooni.torproject.org/docs/tests/>
- Code:  
<https://gitweb.torproject.org/ooni-probe.git>



# Thank you for your attention!

## Questions?

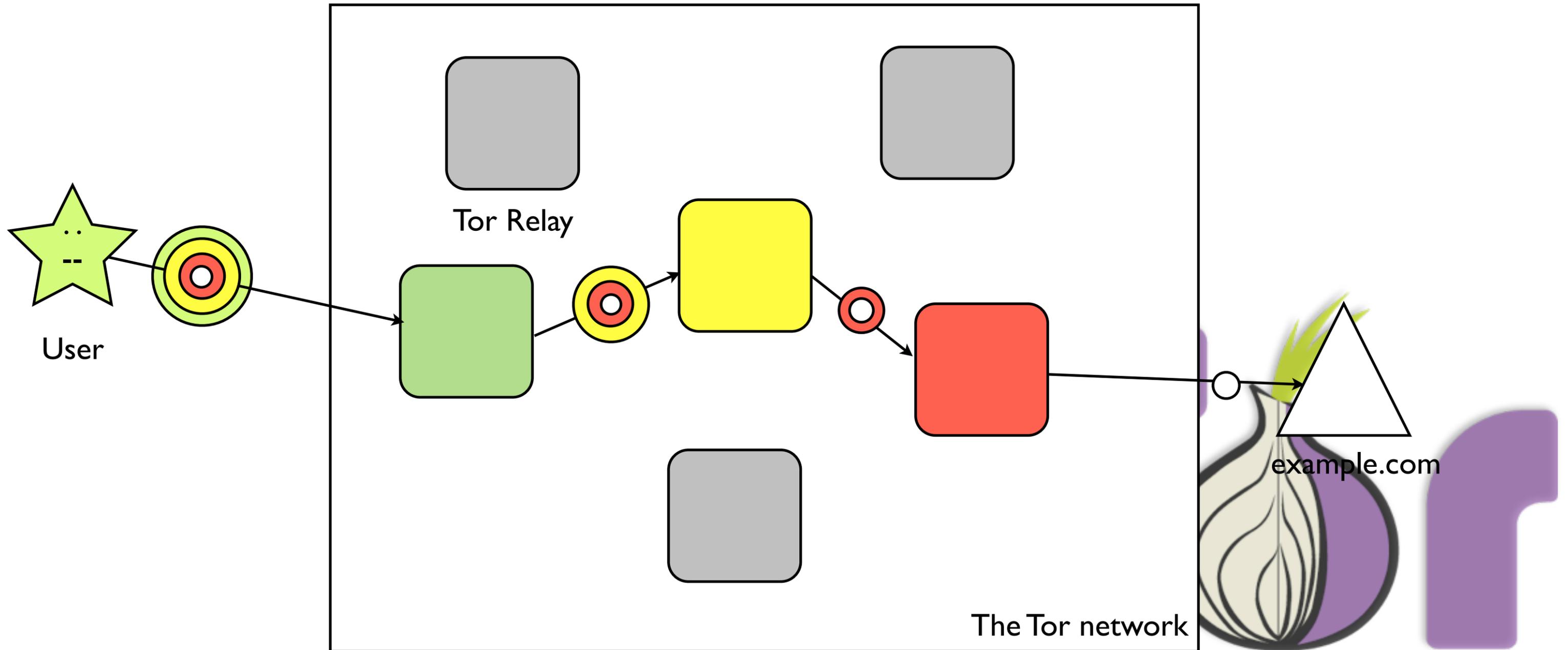


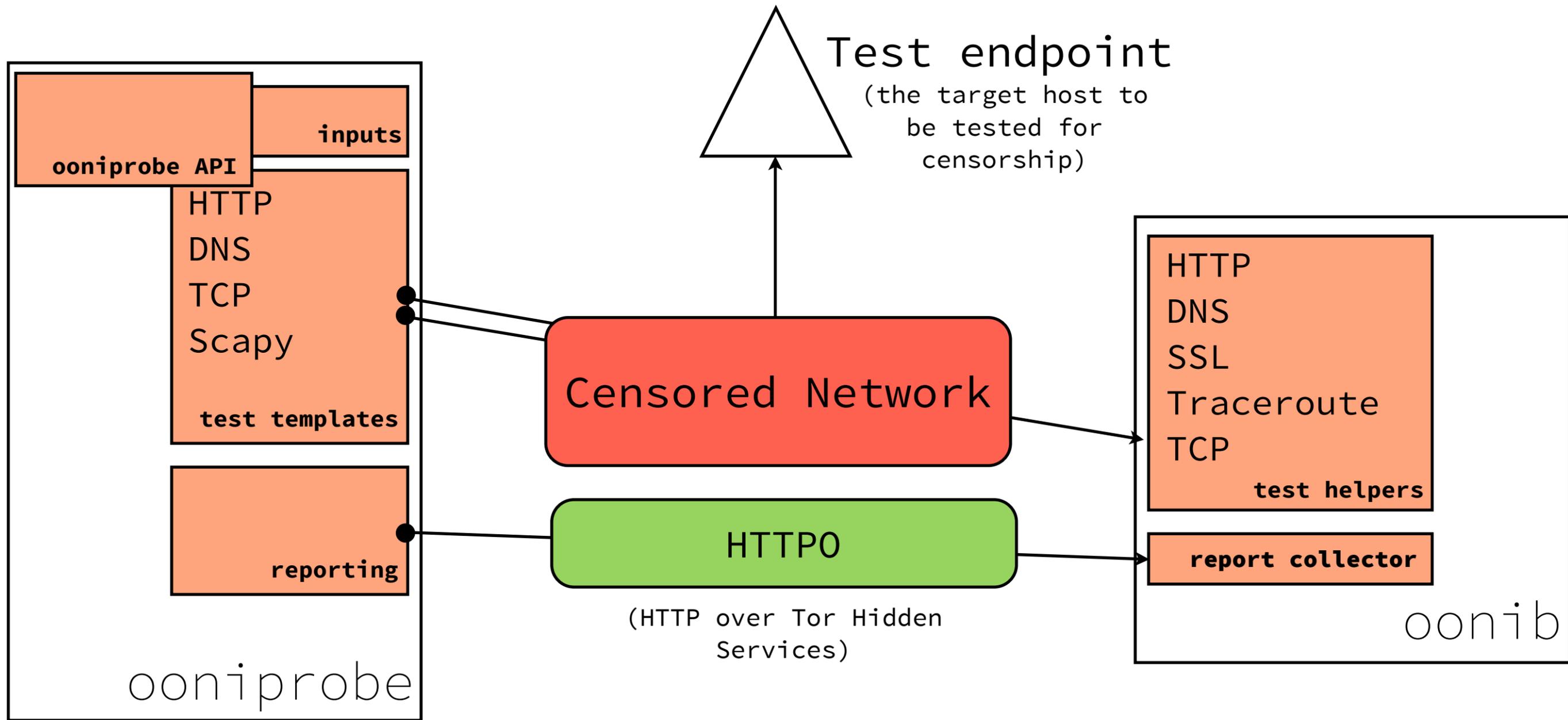
# Tor: The Onion Router

- Tor allows people to access internet services anonymously
- Censorship circumvention is a counter-effect



# How Tor works

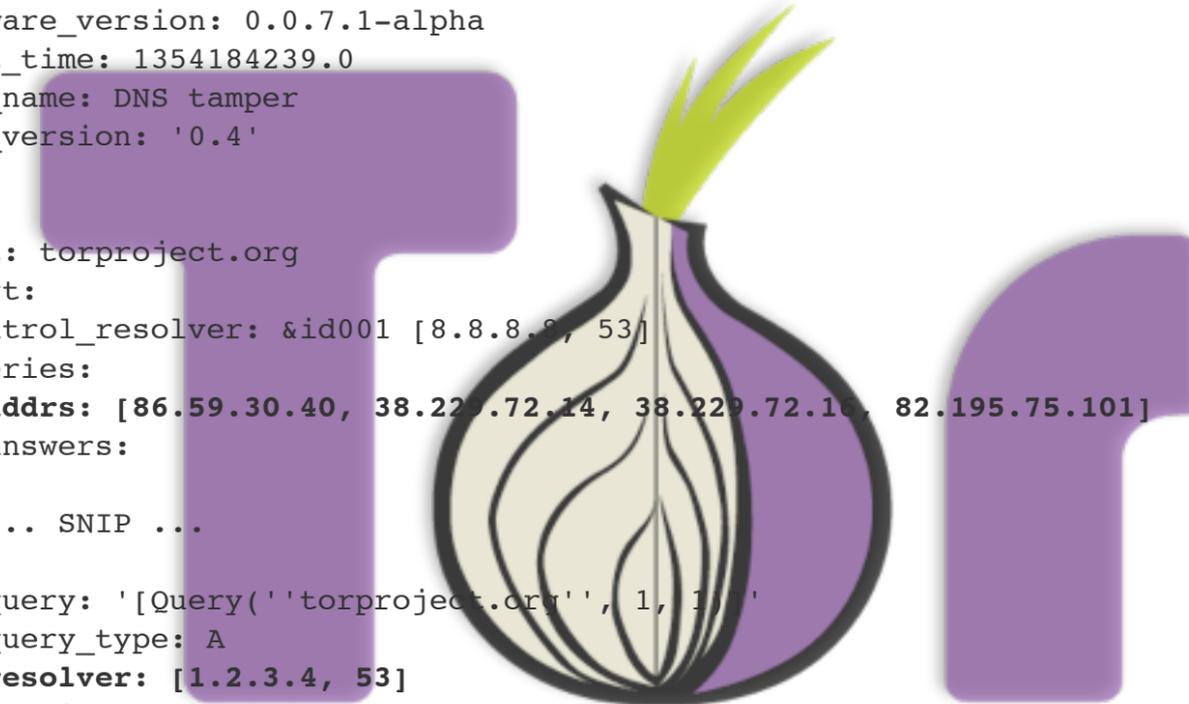




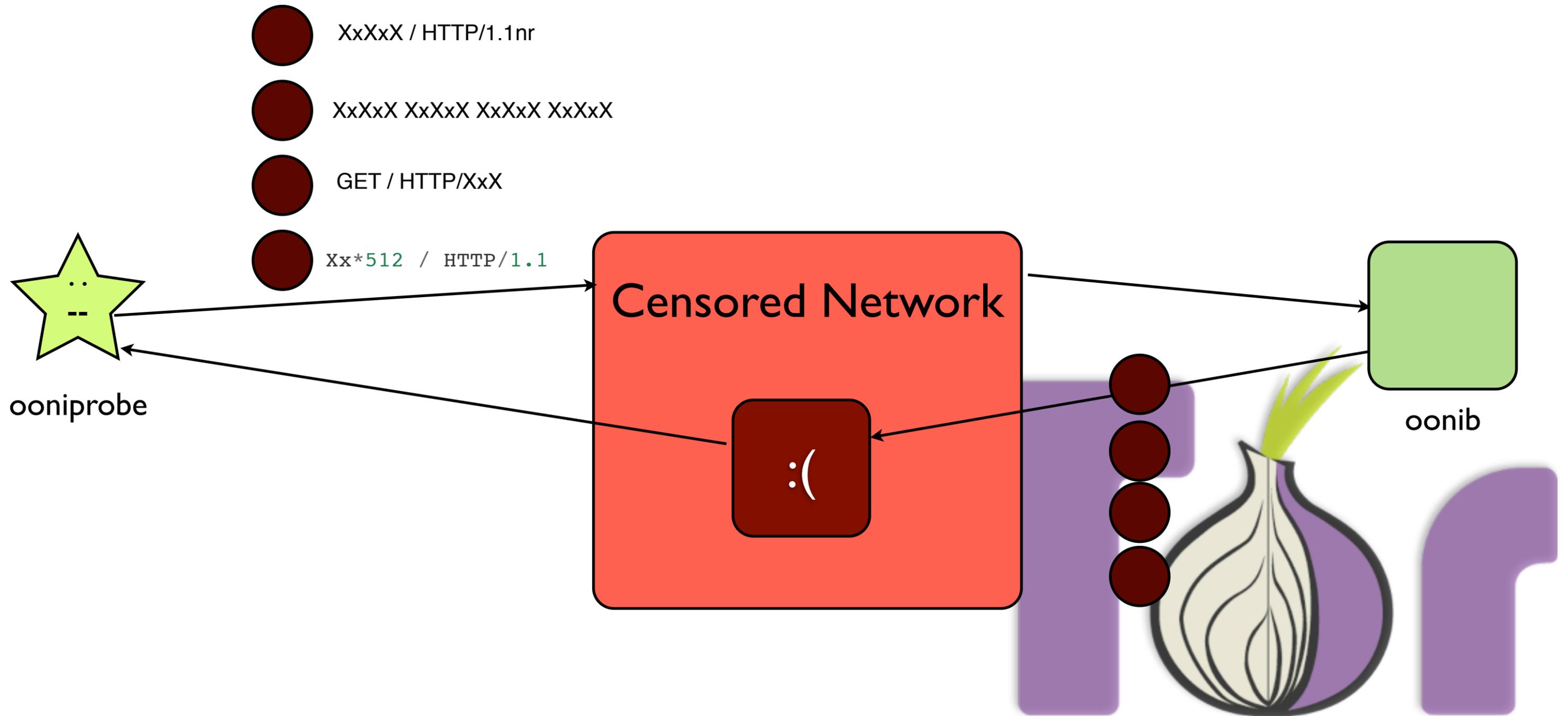
# Reporting format

- Uses YAML
- Every test follows a test template
- More info: <https://ooni.torproject.org/docs/reports.html>

```
#####
# OONI Probe Report for DNS tamper test
# Thu Nov 29 12:17:19 2012
#####
---
options:
  collector: null
  help: 0
  logfile: null
  pcapfile: null
  reportfile: null
  resume: 0
  subargs: [-t, XXXXX, -f, test_input]
  test: nettests/blocking/dnstamper.py
probe_asn: AS6762
probe_cc: IT
probe_ip: 127.0.0.1
software_name: ooniprobe
software_version: 0.0.7.1-alpha
start_time: 1354184239.0
test_name: DNS tamper
test_version: '0.4'
...
---
input: torproject.org
report:
  control_resolver: &id001 [8.8.8.8, 53]
  queries:
  - addrs: [86.59.30.40, 38.229.72.14, 38.229.72.16, 82.195.75.101]
    answers:
    ... SNIP ...
    query: '[Query('torproject.org', 1, 1)]'
    query_type: A
    resolver: [1.2.3.4, 53]
    tampering: {1.2.3.4: false}
  test_name: test_a_lookup
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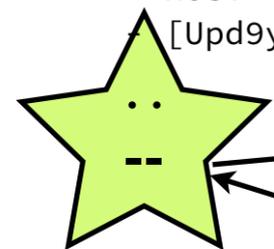


# Tests: HTTP Invalid Request Line

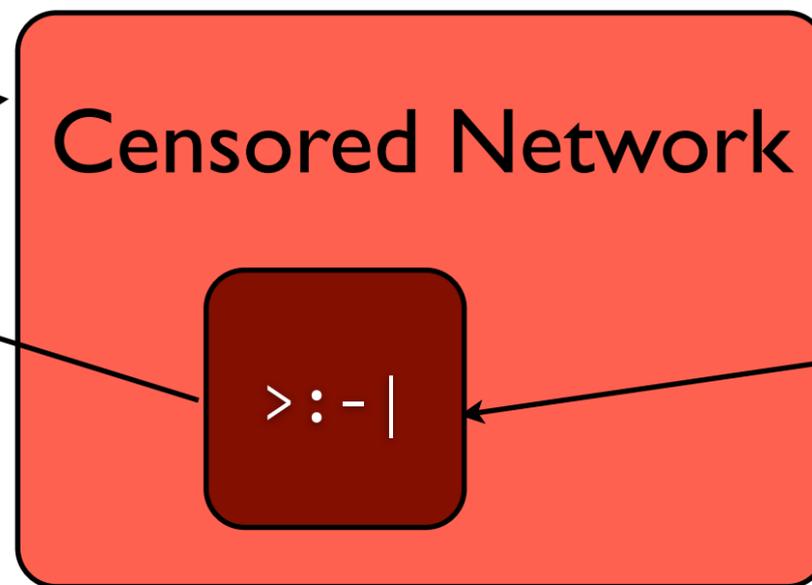


# Tests: HTTP Header Field Manipulation

```
headers:
  - - Accept-laNguagE
  - ['en-US,en;q=0.8']
  - - aCcEpt-EnCODIng
  - ['gzip,deflate,sdch']
  - - acCePt
  - ['text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8']
  - - uSer-AGeNT
  - [Opera/9.00 (Windows NT 5.1; U; en)]
  - - aCcept-CHARSET
  - ['ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,*;q=0.3']
  - - HoST
  - [Upd9yWpA0TMhUua.com]
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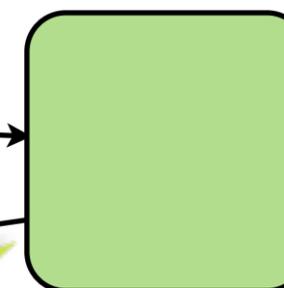
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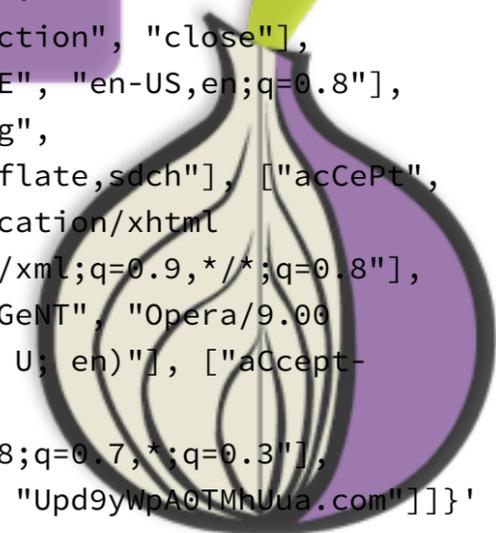
Censored Network

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```
body: '{"headers_dict": {"Accept-laNguagE": ["en-US,en;q=0.8"], "aCcEpt-EnCODIng": ["gzip,deflate,sdch"], "HoST": ["Upd9yWpA0TMhUua.com"], "acCePt": ["text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8"], "uSer-AGeNT": ["Opera/9.00 (Windows NT 5.1; U; en)"], "aCcept-CHARSET": ["ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,*;q=0.3"], "Connection": ["close"]}, "request_line": "GET / HTTP/1.1", "request_headers": [{"Connection", "close"}, {"Accept-laNguagE", "en-US,en;q=0.8"}, {"aCcEpt-EnCODIng", "gzip,deflate,sdch"}, {"acCePt", "text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8"}, {"uSer-AGeNT", "Opera/9.00 (Windows NT 5.1; U; en)"], {"aCcept-CHARSET", "ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,*;q=0.3"}, {"HoST", "Upd9yWpA0TMhUua.com"}]}'
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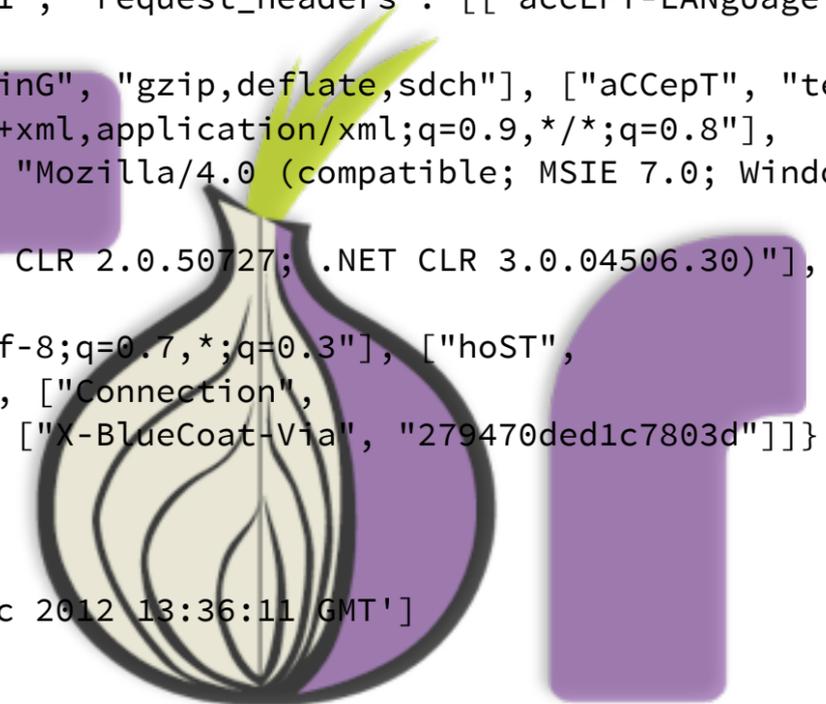


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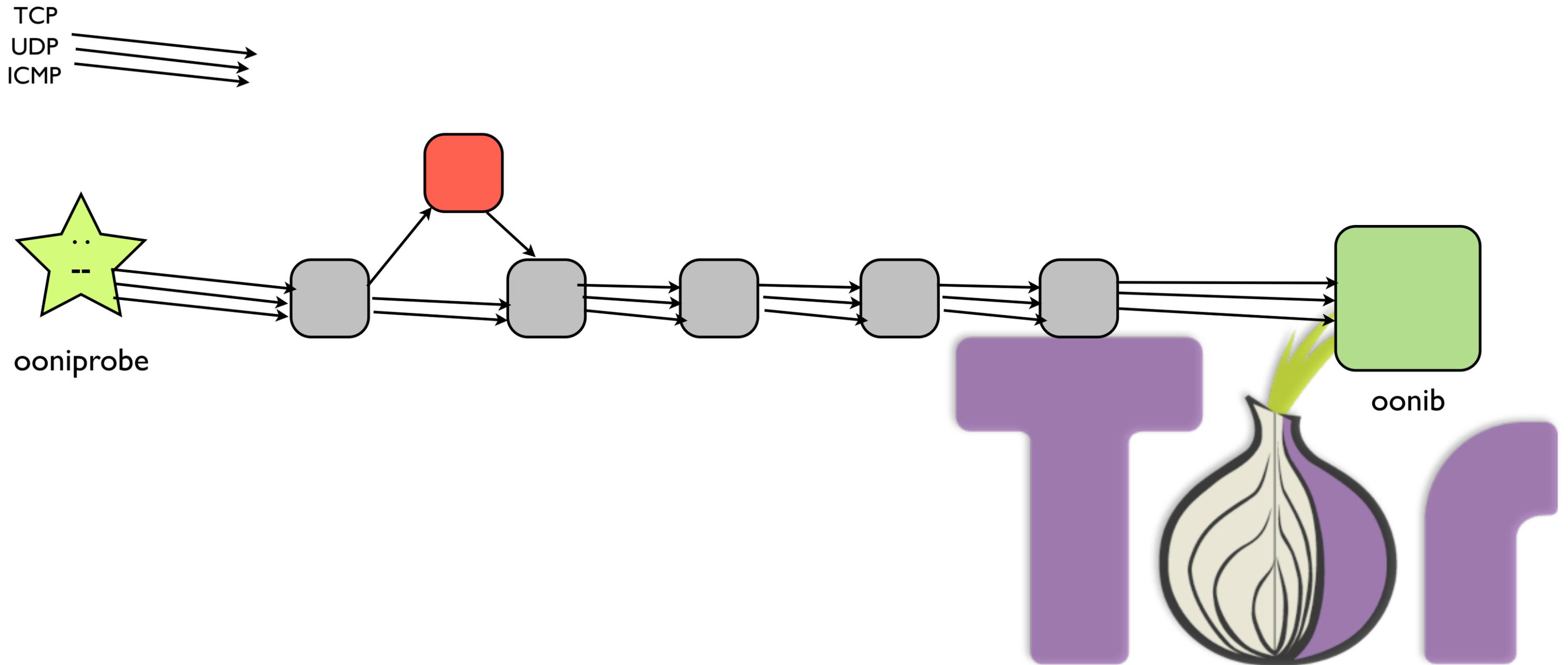


# Tests: HTTP Header Field Manipulation

```
requests:
- request:
  body: null
  headers:
  - - accePT-LANgUage
    - ['en-US,en;q=0.8']
  - - accePt-ENcODinG
    - ['gzip,deflate,sdch']
  - - aCCepT
    - ['text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8']
  - - uSEr-AGent
    - [Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1; .NET CLR 1.1.4322; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506.30)]
  - - accePT-charSeT
    - ['ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,*;q=0.3']
  - - hoST
    - [DQtxPDR9h8HY7wn.com]
  method: gEt
  tampering:
  header_field_name: true
  header_field_number: false
  header_field_value: false
  header_name_capitalization: false
  header_name_diff: [X-BlueCoat-Via]
  request_line_capitalization: false
  total: false
  test_name: test_get_random_capitalization
  test_runtime: 0.9133000373840332
  test_started: 1354715164.984034
response:
  body: '{"headers_dict": {"accePT-LANgUage": ["en-US,en;q=0.8"], "accePt-ENcODinG": ["gzip,deflate,sdch"], "X-BlueCoat-Via": ["279470ded1c7803d"], "Connection": ["Keep-Alive"], "aCCepT": ["text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8"], "uSEr-AGent": ["Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1; .NET CLR 1.1.4322; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506.30)"], "accePT-charSeT": ["ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,*;q=0.3"], "hoST": ["DQtxPDR9h8HY7wn.com"]}}, "request_line": "gEt / HTTP/1.1", "request_headers": [{"accePT-LANgUage", "en-US,en;q=0.8"}, {"accePt-ENcODinG", "gzip,deflate,sdch"}, {"aCCepT", "text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8"}, {"uSEr-AGent", "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1; .NET CLR 1.1.4322; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506.30)"}, {"accePT-charSeT", "ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,*;q=0.3"}, {"hoST", "DQtxPDR9h8HY7wn.com"}, {"Connection", "Keep-Alive"}, {"X-BlueCoat-Via", "279470ded1c7803d"}]}'
  code: 200
  headers:
  - - Date
    - ['Wed, 05 Dec 2012 13:36:11 GMT']
  - - Connection
    - [close]
  socksproxy: null
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# Tests: Multi protocol traceroute



# Tests: Daphne

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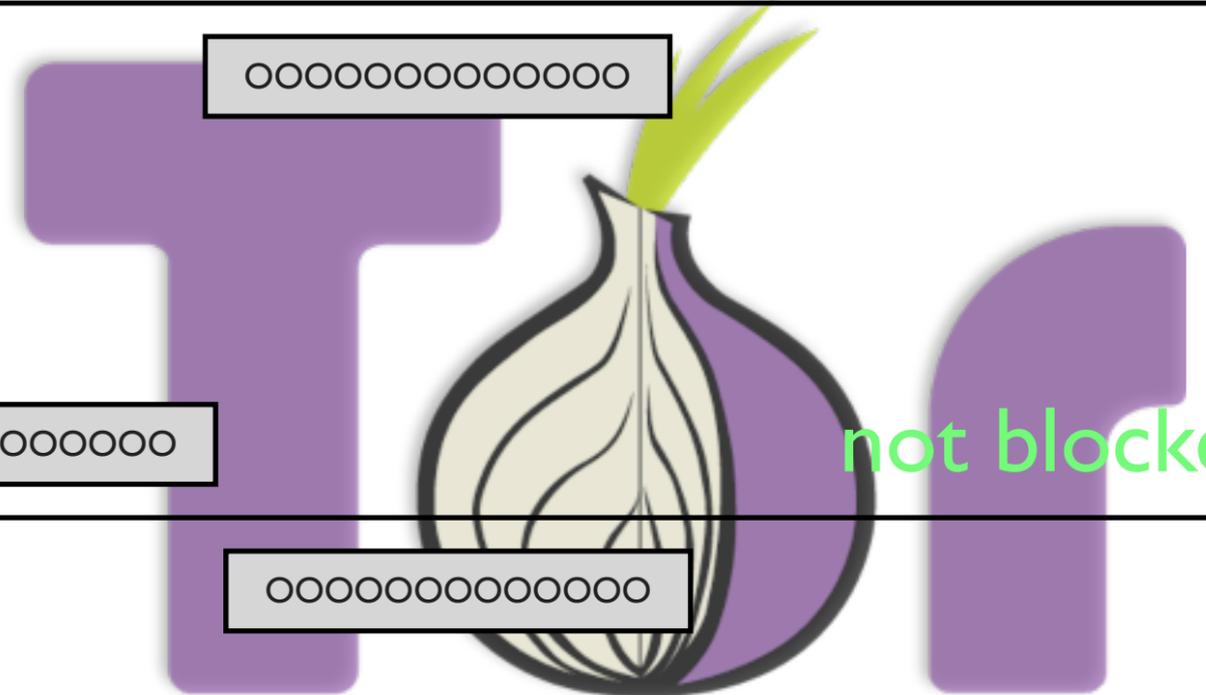
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# 4 teh geekz

- ooniprobe is based on Twisted and Scapy
- We include a non blocking Scapy super socket implementation
- Test templates facilitate the writing of tests
- <https://ooni.torproject.org/docs/api/ooni.templates.htm>

