



#### TCP Goes to Hollywood

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## **Multimedia Applications**

- Significant and growing percentage of all Internet traffic
- Sensitive to latency, as well as loss
- Must use either TCP or UDP, and TCP when UDP not available



# TCP adds latency

- In-order delivery means buffering out-of-order segments, waiting for the delivery of earlier data — head-of-line blocking
- Reliability involves detecting that a segment has been lost, and retransmitting it
- Both of these mechanisms add latency, making TCP a poor choice for real-time multimedia applications

# Introducing TCP Hollywood

- Uses TCP as a substrate, to overcome ossification, but modified to reduce latency
- Message-oriented to allow application data units to be sent
- Unordered delivery of messages, given independent utility
- Partially reliable based on time and dependency information



























When are inconsistent retransmissions useful?























# Deployability

- Inconsistent retransmissions are the only wire-visible modification vs. standard TCP — same TCP sequence number, different payload
- Middleboxes performing payload inspection may interpret the behaviour as an attack — man on the side
- Experiments between TCP Hollywood server, and 14 UK clients
- 8 fixed-line ISPs, 4 cellular operators all major UK ISPs

## TCP Hollywood is deployable

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O segments cached by middlebox, so original delivered instead performance no worse than standard TCP

 Safe failure mode for TCP Hollywood

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# TCP Hollywood

- Unordered, partially reliable message-oriented transport protocol
- Wire-compatible with TCP
- Analysis shows when TCP Hollywood helps applications
- Deployable across all major
  UK fixed-line and cellular
  ISPs



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# TCP Hollywood

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- "TCP Hollywood: An Unordered, Time-Lined, TCP for Networked Multimedia Applications" IFIP Networking 2016
- "Implementing Real-Time Transport Services over an Ossified Network" Applied Networking Research Workshop 2016

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