RTCWEB Generic Identity Service

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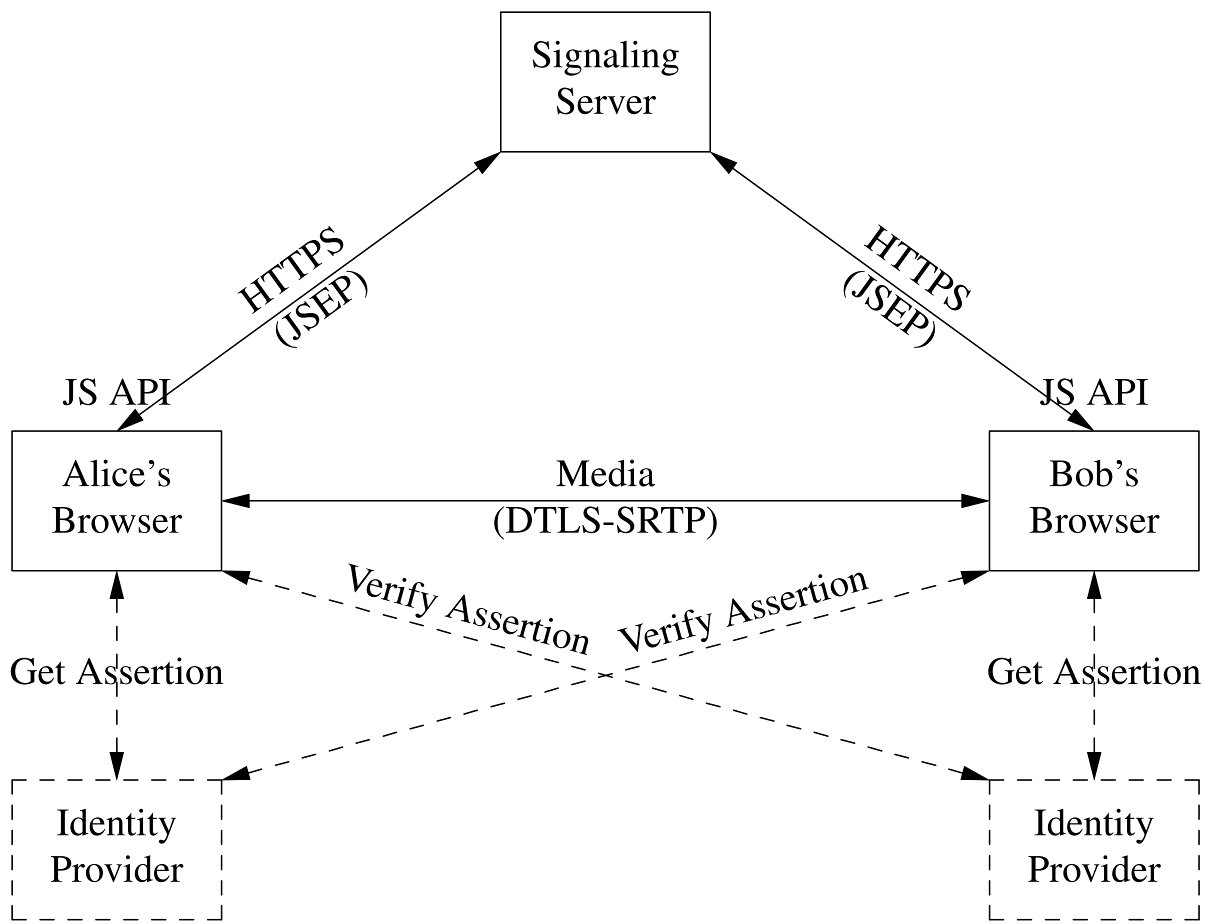
What are we trying to accomplish?

- Allow Alice and Bob to have a secure call
  - Authenticated with their identity providers
  - On any site
    - Even untrusted/partially trusted ones
- Advantages
  - Use one identity on any calling site
  - Security against active attack by calling site
  - Support for federated cases

Topology


Signaling Server
HTTPS (JSEP)
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JS API
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Alice's Browser
Media (DTLS-SRTP)
Bob's Browser
Verify Assertion
Verify Assertion
Get Assertion
Get Assertion
Identity Provider
Identity Provider

Terminology

Authenticating Party (AP): The entity which is trying to establish its identity.

Identity Provider (IdP): The entity which is vouching for the AP's identity.

Relying Party (RP): The entity which is trying to verify the AP's identity.

Types of IdP

Authoritative: Attests for identities within their own namespace

- Often multiple Authoritatives IdPs exist with different scopes
- Examples: DNSSEC, RFC 4474, Facebook Connect (for the Facebook ID)

Third-party: Attests for identities in a name-space they don't control

- Often multiple Third-Party IdPs share the same space
- Can attest to real-world identities
- Examples: SSL/TLS certificates, the State of California (driver's licenses)

Authoritative vs. Third-Party IdPs: Trust Relationship

- No need to explicitly trust authoritative IdPs
  - `ekr@example.com` is whoever `example.com` says it is
  - The problem is authenticating `example.com`
- Third-party IdPs need to be explicitly trusted
  - Example: how do I know GoDaddy is a legitimate CA?
  - Answer: the browser manufacturer vetted them
  - They are allowed to attest to *any* domain name
  - Inherently problematic as discussed at plenary

User Relationships with IdPs

- Authenticating Party
  - Has some account with the IdP
  - May have established their identity
    - Especially for third-party IdPs
  - Can authenticate to the IdP in the future (e.g., with a password)
- Relying party
  - Doesn't have any account relationship with the IdP*
  - Must be able to verify the IdP's identity
  - Needs to trust third-party IdPs

*Note: privacy issues.

Web-based IdP Systems

- Facebook Connect
- Google login
- OAuth
- OpenID
- BrowserID

Example: Facebook Connect (sorta OAuth)

- AP is a user with a Facebook account
  - They may or may not be logged in at the moment
  - (Where *logged in* $==$ cookies)
- RP is a Web server
  - Idea is to bootstrap Facebook authentication
  - ... rather than have your own account system
  - RP registers with Facebook and gets an application key
    - Facebook wants to control authentication experience

Facebook Connect Call Flow (not logged in) 1

Alice

RP
`www.example.com`

Facebook

`GET /...`

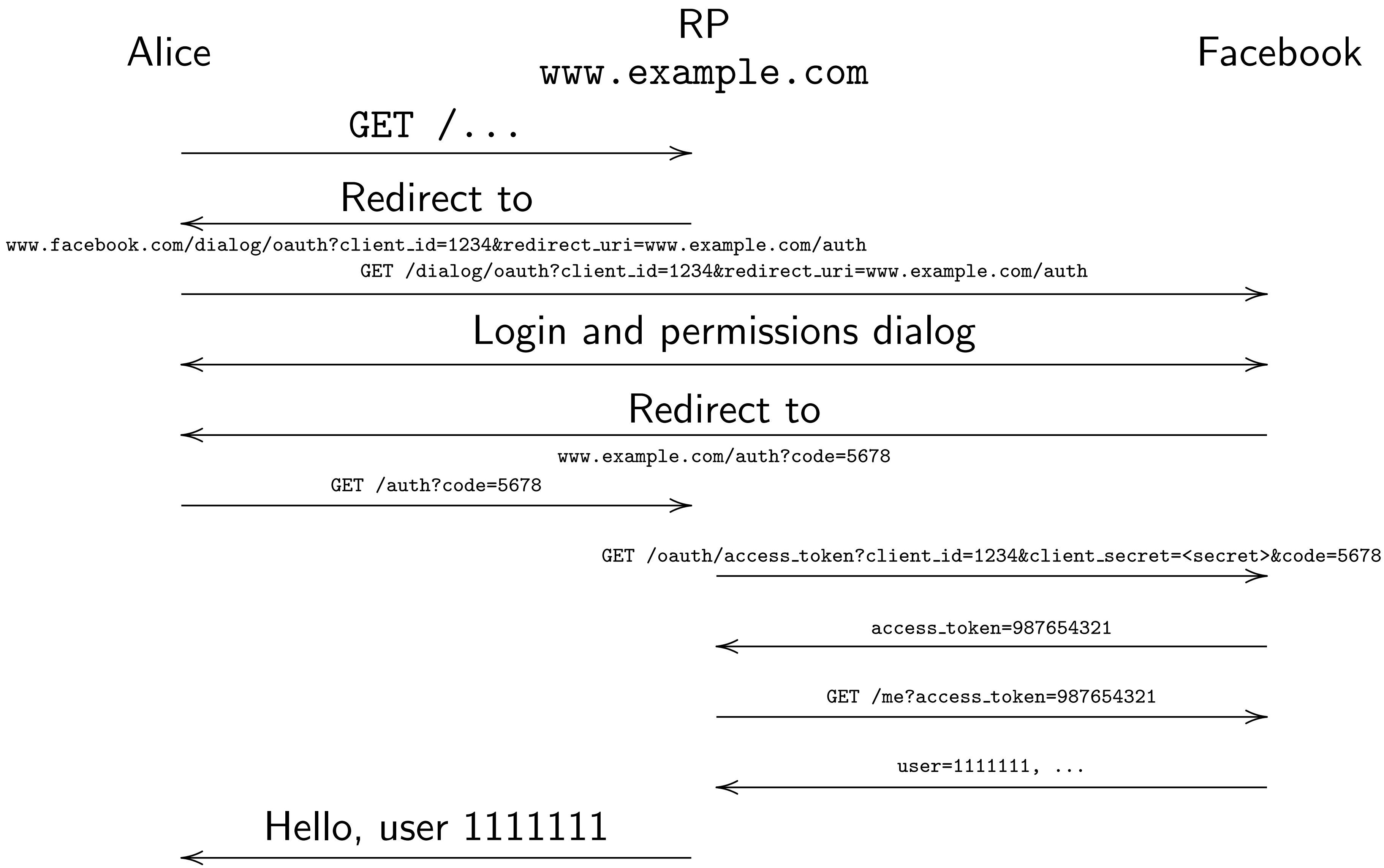
Redirect to

`www.facebook.com/dialog/oauth?client_id=1234&redirect_uri=www.example.com/auth`

`GET /dialog/oauth?client_id=1234&redirect_uri=www.example.com/auth`

Login and permissions dialog

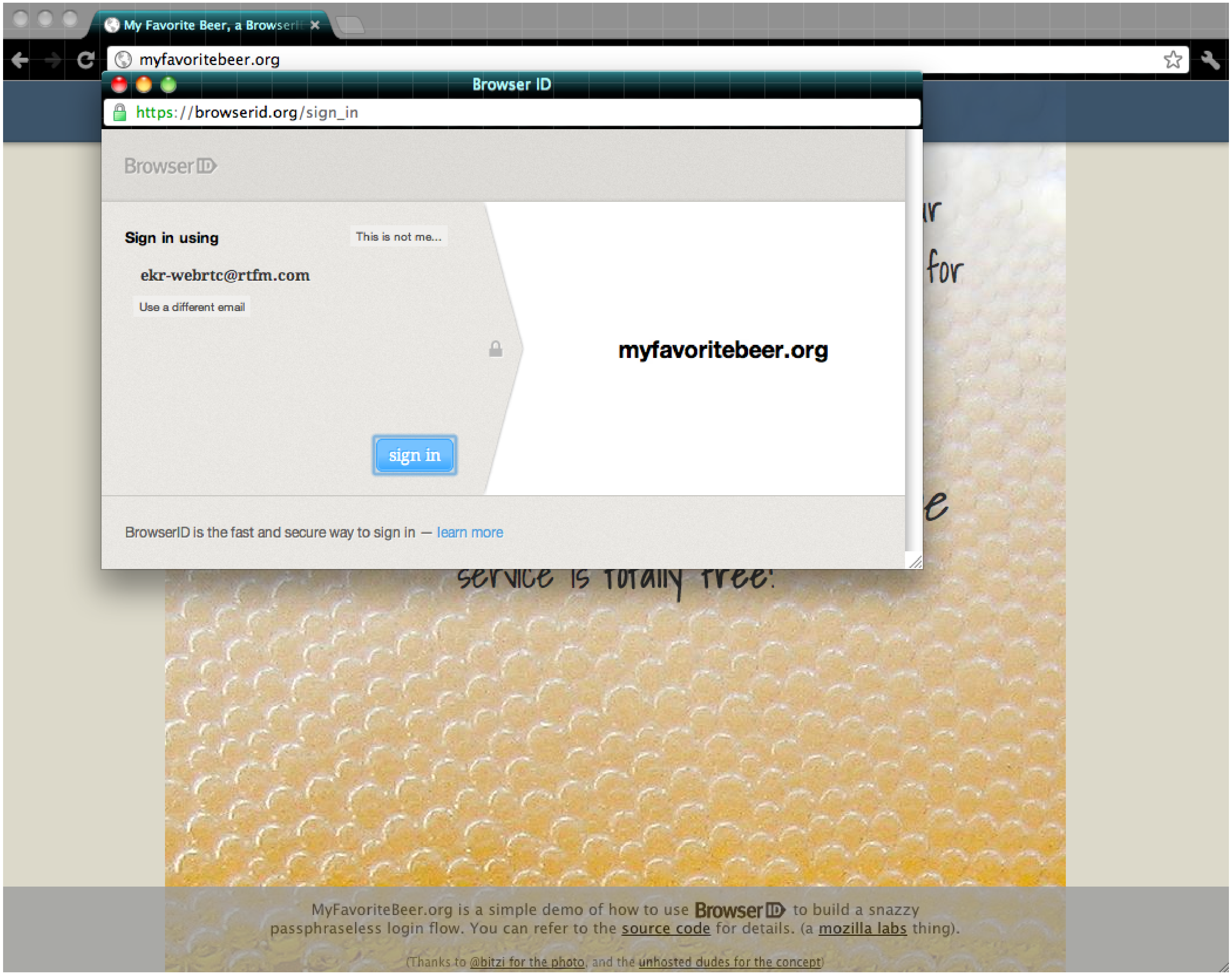
Facebook Connect Call Flow (not logged in) 2



Example: BrowserID

- Effectively client-side certificates
  - But user not exposed to certificates
- Why this example?
  - Easy to understand
  - Familiar-looking technology
  - Less need to wrap your head around redirects, etc.

BrowserID (no key pair)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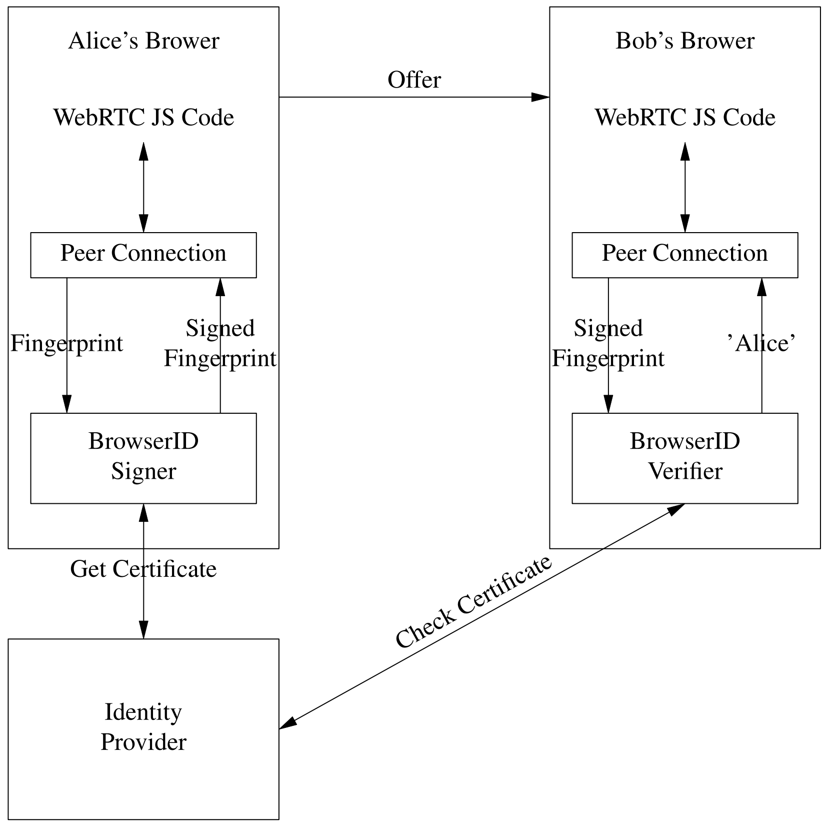
service is totally free!
MyFavoriteBeer.org is a simple demo of how to use BrowserID to build a snazzy passphraseless login flow. You can refer to the source code for details. (a mozilla labs thing).
(Thanks to @bitzi for the photo, and the unhosted dudes for the concept)

What are we trying to accomplish?

- Repurpose existing identity infrastructure for user-to-user authentication

- Requirements/objectives
  - Use existing accounts
  - Minimal (preferably no) changes to IdP
  - Easy to support at calling site
    - Better if no change
  - Generic support in browser
    - Single downward interface between PeerConnection object and IdP
    - Should be able to support new IdPs/protocols without changing browser

Example IdP Interaction: BrowserID



Example JSEP TransportInfo with BrowserID

```
 "ufrag":"8hhy",
 "fingerprint":{
    "algorithm":"sha-1",
    "value":"4AADB9B13F82183B540212DF3E5D496B19E57CAB",
 },
 "candidates:[
   ...
 ],
 "identity":{
      "idp":{     // Standardized
         "domain":"browserid.org",
         "method":"default"
      },
      "assertion":   // Contents are browserid-specific
        "\"assertion\": {
          \"digest\":\"<hash of the contents from the browser>\",
          \"audience\": \"[TBD]\"
          \"valid-until\": 1308859352261,
         },
         \"certificate\": {
           \"email\": \"rescorla@example.org\",
           \"public-key\": \"<ekrs-public-key>\",
           \"valid-until\": 1308860561861,
         }" // certificate is signed by example.org
      }
}
```

Example JSEP TransportInfo with Facebook Connect (Or any private identity service)


```
{
        "pwd":"asd88fgpdd777uzjYhagZg",
        "ufrag":"8hhy",
        "fingerprint":{
           "algorithm":"sha-1",
           "value":"4AADB9B13F82183B540212DF3E5D496B19E57CAB",
        },
        "candidates:[
          ...
        ],
        "identity":{
          "idp":{
             "domain": "example.org"
             "protocol": "bogus"
           },
           "assertion":\"{\"identity\":\"bob@example.org\",
                          \"contents\":\"abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwyz\",
                          \"signature\":\"010203040506\"}"
        }
}
```


* Assumption here is that we have changed JSEP to emit transport-infos

But we want it to be generic...

- This means defined interfaces
- ... that work for any IdP

What needs to be defined

- Information from the signaling message that is authenticated [IETF]
  - Minimally: DTLS-SRTP fingerprint
  - Generic carrier for identity assertion
  - Depends on signaling protocol
- Interface from PeerConnection to the IdP [IETF]
  - A specific set of messages to exchange
  - Sent via `postMessage()` or WebIntents
- JavaScript calling interfaces to PeerConnection [W3C]
  - Specify the IdP
  - Interrogate the connection identity information

What needs to be tied to user identity?

- Only data which is verifiably bound is trustworthy
  - Need to assume attacker has modified anything else
- Initial analysis (depends on protocol)
  - Fingerprint (MUST)
  - ICE candidates
  - Media parameters

Security Properties of ICE Candidates

- Effect of modifying ICE candidates
  - Advertise candidates to route media through attacker
    - Makes a MITM attack easier
    - Mostly irrelevant if DTLS keying used
  - Route to `/dev/null` (DoS)
    - Silly if you are in signaling path!
- Signaling service can affect ICE candidates anyway
  - Provide a malicious TURN server
  - Return blackhole server reflexive addresses
  - This drives data through signaling service
- General conclusion from last meeting: don't protect ICE parameters

Security Properties of Media Parameters

- Which media flows
  - Calling service has control of this anyway
  - But the UI needs to show what is being used
    - For consent reasons
- Which codecs
  - Calling service can influence these
  - Might be nice to secure them
  - But too limiting
  - SRTP should provide security regardless of codec selection

Generic Structure for Identity Assertions

```
"identity":{
     "idp":{     // Standardized
        "domain":"idp.example.org", // Identity domain
        "method":"default"          // Domain-specific method
     },
     "assertion": "..."             // IdP-specific
}
```

Generic Downward Interface (Implemented by PeerConnection)

- Instantiate "IdP Proxy" with JS from IdP
  - Probably invisible IFRAME
  - Maybe a WebIntent (more later)
- Send (standardized) messages to IdP proxy via `postMessage()`
  - "`SIGN`" to get assertion
  - "`VERIFY`" to verify assertion
- IdP proxy responds
  - "`SUCCESS`" with answer
  - "`ERROR`" with error

Where is the IdP JS fetched from?

- Deterministically constructed from IdP domain name and method

  `https://<idp-domain>/.well-known/idp-proxy/<protocol>`

- Why in `/.well-known`?
  - Trust-relationship derives from control of the domain
  - Must not be possible for non-administrative users of domain to impersonate IdP

How does PeerConnection know IdP domain?

- Authenticating Party
  - IdP domain configured into browser
    - User "logs into" browser via UI
    - WebIntents again
  - Specified by the calling site
    - "Authenticate this call with Facebook connect"
    - Need a new API point for this
- Relying party
  - Carried in the generic part of the identity assertion

Generic Message Structure

```
{
  "type": "...",      // "SIGN","VERIFY","SUCCESS", ...
  "id": "1",          // used for correlation
}
```

Incoming Message Checks (IdP Proxy)

- Messages MUST come from `rtcweb://.../`
- This prevents ordinary JS from instantiating IdP proxy
  - Remember, it's just an IFRAME
  - But you can't set your origin to arbitrary values
- Messages MUST come from parent window
  - Prevents confusion about which proxy

Incoming Message Checks (PeerConnection)

- Messages MUST come from IdP origin domain
  - Prevents navigation by attackers in other windows
- Messages MUST come from IdP proxy window
  - Prevents confusion about which proxy

Signature process

```
PeerConnection -> IdP proxy:
  {
    "type":"SIGN",
     "id":1,
     "message":"abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwyz"
  }

IdPProxy -> PeerConnection:
  {
    "type":"SUCCESS",
    "id":1,
    "message": {
      "idp":{
        "domain": "example.org"
        "protocol": "bogus"
      },
      "assertion":\"{\"identity\":\"bob@example.org\",
                     \"contents\":\"abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwyz\",
                     \"signature\":\"010203040506\"}"
    }
  }
```

Verification Process

```
PeerConnection -> IdP Proxy:
  {
    "type":"VERIFY",
    "id":2,
    "message":\"{\"identity\":\"bob@example.org\",
                 \"contents\":\"abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwyz\",
                 \"signature\":\"010203040506\"}"
  }

IdP Proxy -> PeerConnection:
  {
   "type":"SUCCESS",
   "id":2,
   "message": {
     "identity" : {
       "name" : "bob@example.org",
       "displayname" : "Bob"
     },
     "contents":"abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwyz"
   }
  }
```

Meaning of Successful Verification

- IdP has verified assertion
  - Identity is given in “identity”
  - “name” is the actual identity (RFC822 format)
  - “displayname” is a human-readable string
- Contents is the original message the AP passed in

Processing Successful Verifications

- Authoritative IdPs
  - RHS of `identity.name` matches IdP domain
  - No more checks needed
- Third-party IdPs
  - RHS of `identity.name` does not match IdP domain
  - IdP MUST be trusted by policy
- These checks performed by PeerConnection

How do I stand up a new IdP?

1. Get some users (the hard part)
2. Implement handlers for `SIGN` and `VERIFY` messages
   - Probably < 100 lines of JS
3. Put the right JS at `/.well-known/idp-proxy`
4. Profit

Integrated IdP Support

- Things work fine with no browser-side IdP support
- But specialized support is nice too
  - "Sign-in to browser" in Chrome
  - BrowserID in Firefox
  - Better UI/performance properties
- Still specify IdP by URL
  - IdP JS detects that the browser has built-in support
  - Calls go directly to the browser code (polyfill)

Do you need to use identity all the time?

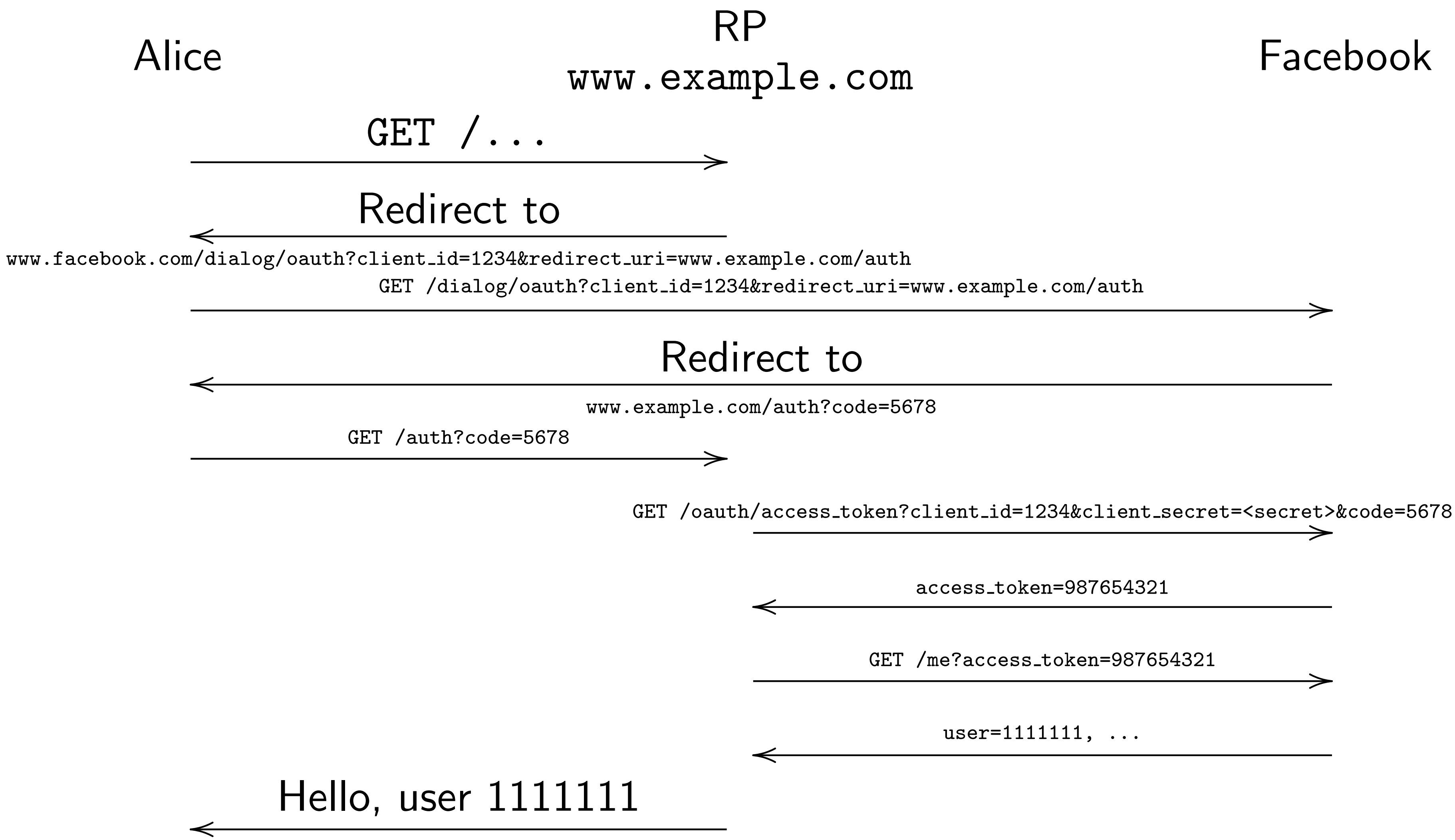
- Not everyone will have an IdP account
  - Not all calls should be authenticated (e.g., whistle-blowers)
- System degrades gracefully
  - One-sided identity calls are secure from the other side's perspective
  - Unauthenticated calls can be checked via clumsier mechanisms (fingerprints, etc.)
- UI challenges to display to the user what has happened
  - Tighter browser innovation (e.g., with address book or social features) allows a better job

Big open issues

- Should we allow third-party IdPs or not?
- Better mechanisms for talking to the IdP
  - This "get service from other site" problem exists in a number of contexts
  - WebIntents?
- Interop with SIP (see, e.g., `draft-wing-identity-media`)
- Where does this go in JSEP?

Questions?

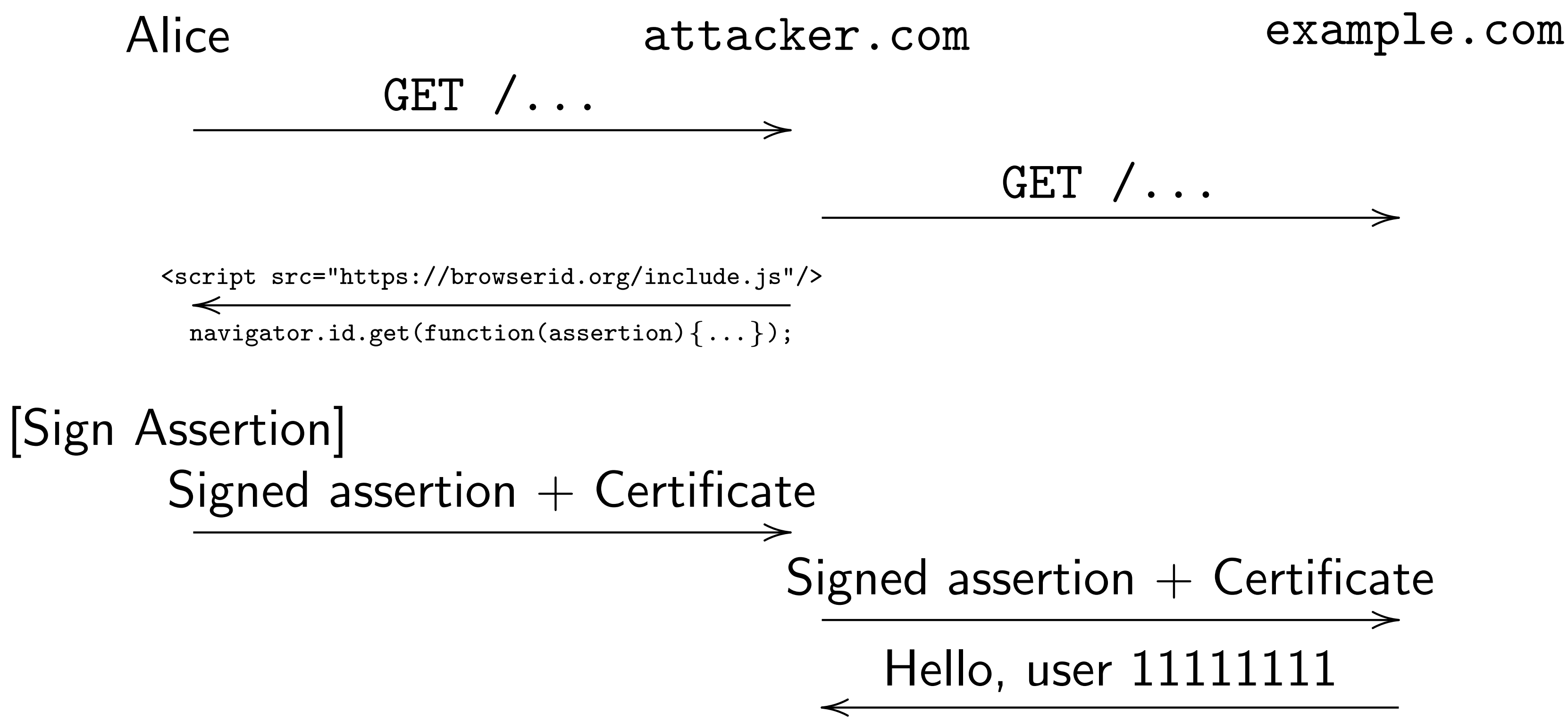
Facebook Connect Call Flow (logged in)



Facebook Connect Privacy Features

- RP needs to register with Facebook
- User approves policy separately for each RP
  - Including which user information to share
- Facebook learns about every authentication transaction
  - Including user/RP pair

BrowserID: Why no MITM Attacks?



BrowserID: Audience Parameter

Preventing assertion forwarding

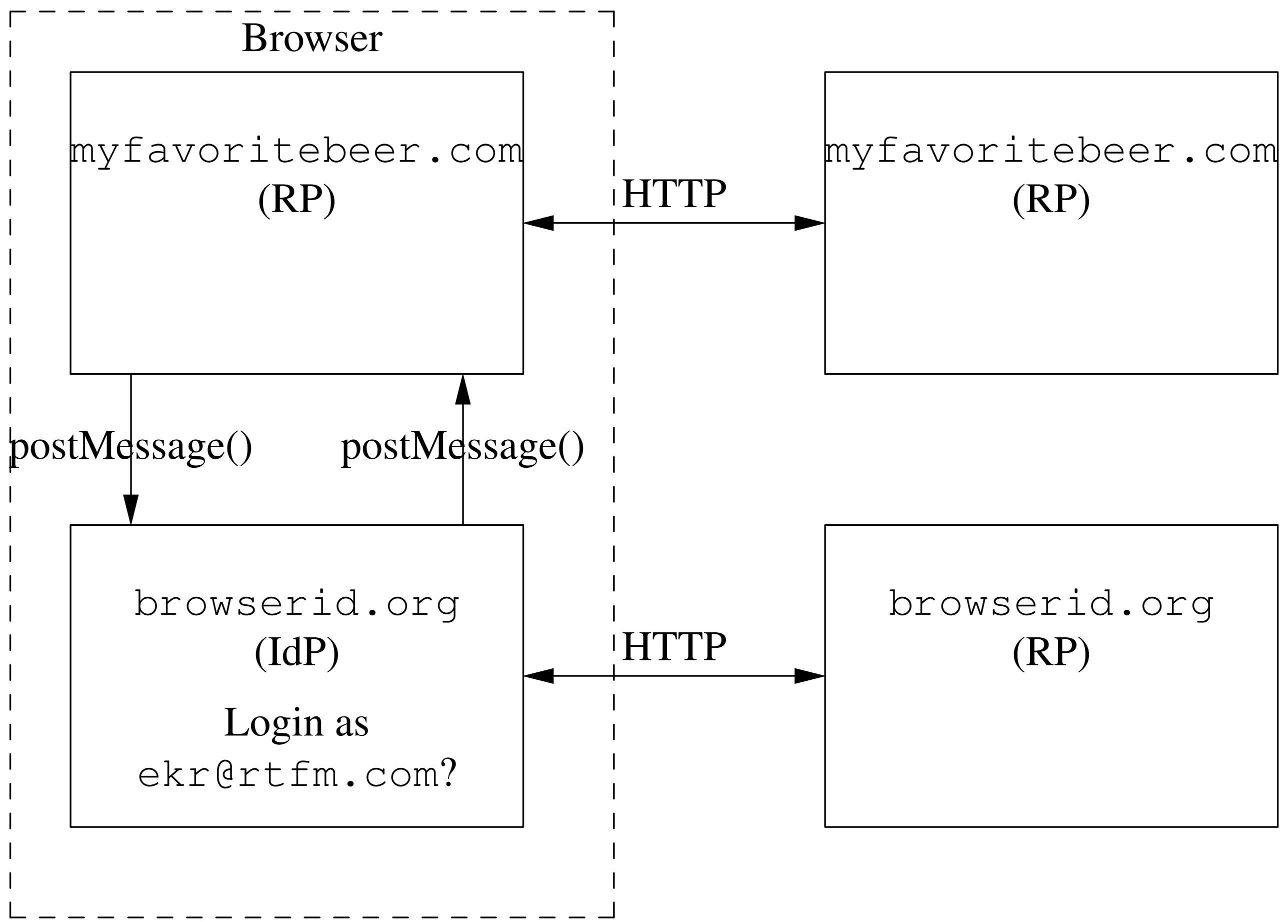
- BrowserID assertions are scoped to origin (audience parameter)
  - RPs check that the origin in the assertion matches their domain
  - This prevents assertion forwarding
- Why does this work?
  - BrowserID JS is part of the TCB
  - Browser enforces origin of requests from the calling site
  - RP transitively trusts origin/audience because it trusts BrowserID.org

Browser-ID Privacy Features

- Client generates a key pair
  - Idp signs a binding between key pair and user ID
- Client generates assertions based on key pair
  - Sends along certificate
- RP fetches IdP public key
  - This need only happen once
- IdP never learns where you are visiting
  - No relationship between RP and IdP

Example: BrowserID (existing key pair)

BrowserID Security Architecture



PostMessage: Sender

```
otherWindow.postMessage(message, targetOrigin);
```

`otherWindow`: the window to send the message to

`message`: the message to send

`targetOrigin`: the expected origin of the other window

Why do we need `targetOrigin`?

- Malicious pages can navigate other windows
  - This creates a race condition
- RP creates the new window to IdP with `w = createWindow()`
- Attacker navigates `w` to his own site
- RP does `w.postMessage(secret,...)`
- Attacker gets the secret
- `targetOrigin` stops this

PostMessage: receiver

```
window.addEventListener('message',
                        function(event) {
                          ...
                        });
```

- Event properties:

  `data`: the message passed by the sender

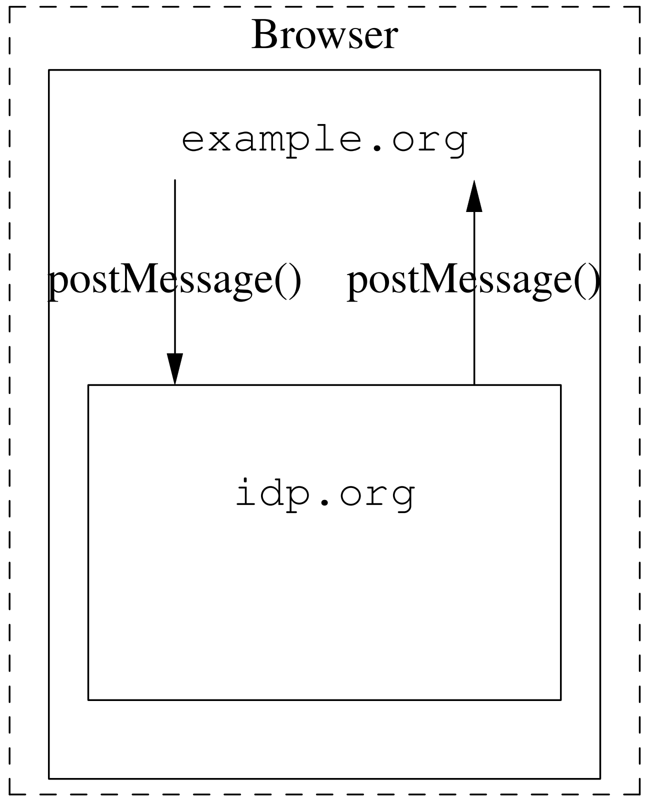
  `origin`: the sender's origin

  `source`: the sender's window

- Important: `origin` value can be trusted
  - Enforced by the browser
  - May not be the current origin of `source`, however

IFRAMEs

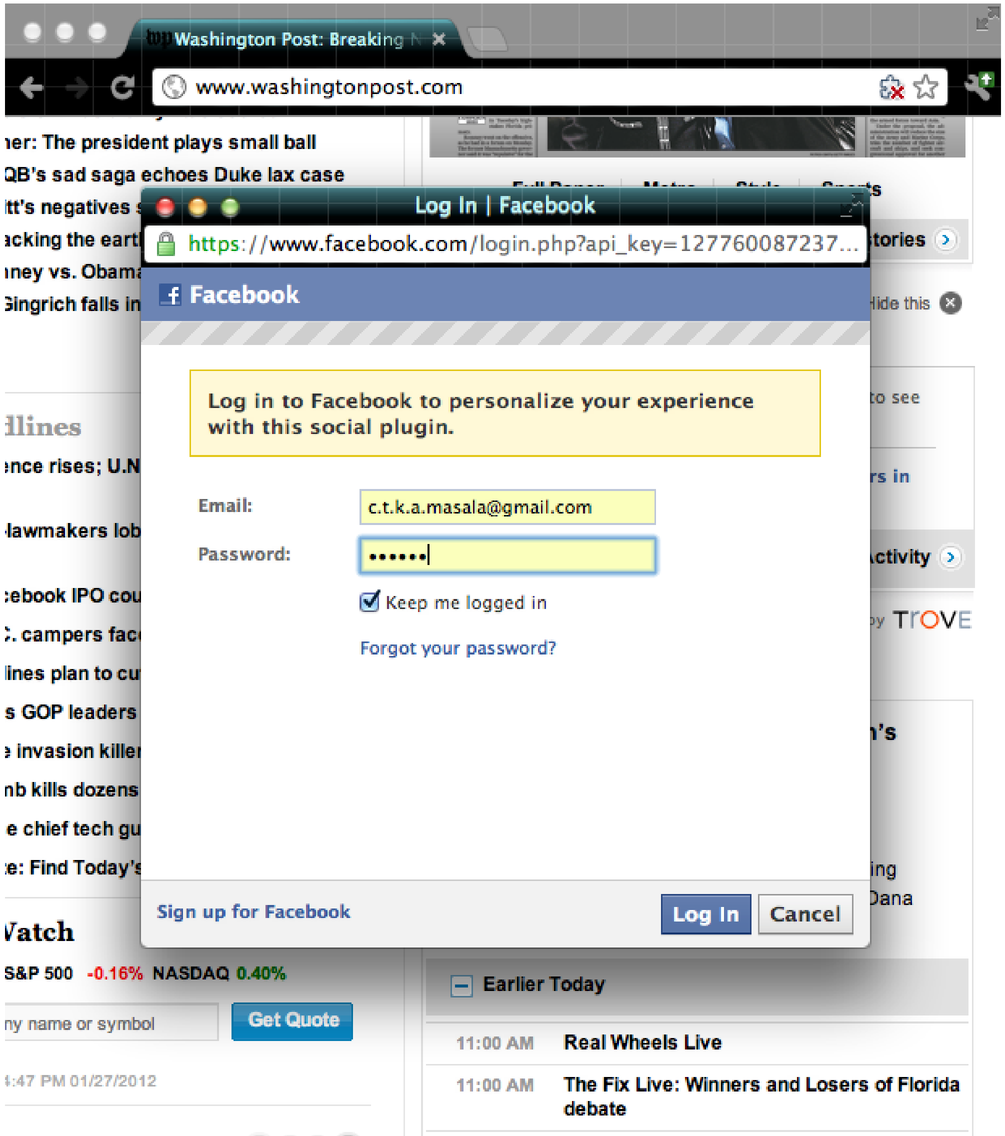
- What if I don't want another window to open?
  - Solution: IFRAMEs



IFRAME Security Properties

- Isolated from the main page
  - More or less the same rules as a separate window
- Can be easily navigated by the main page
- Can be invisible (both good and bad)

Logins generally done in separate windows



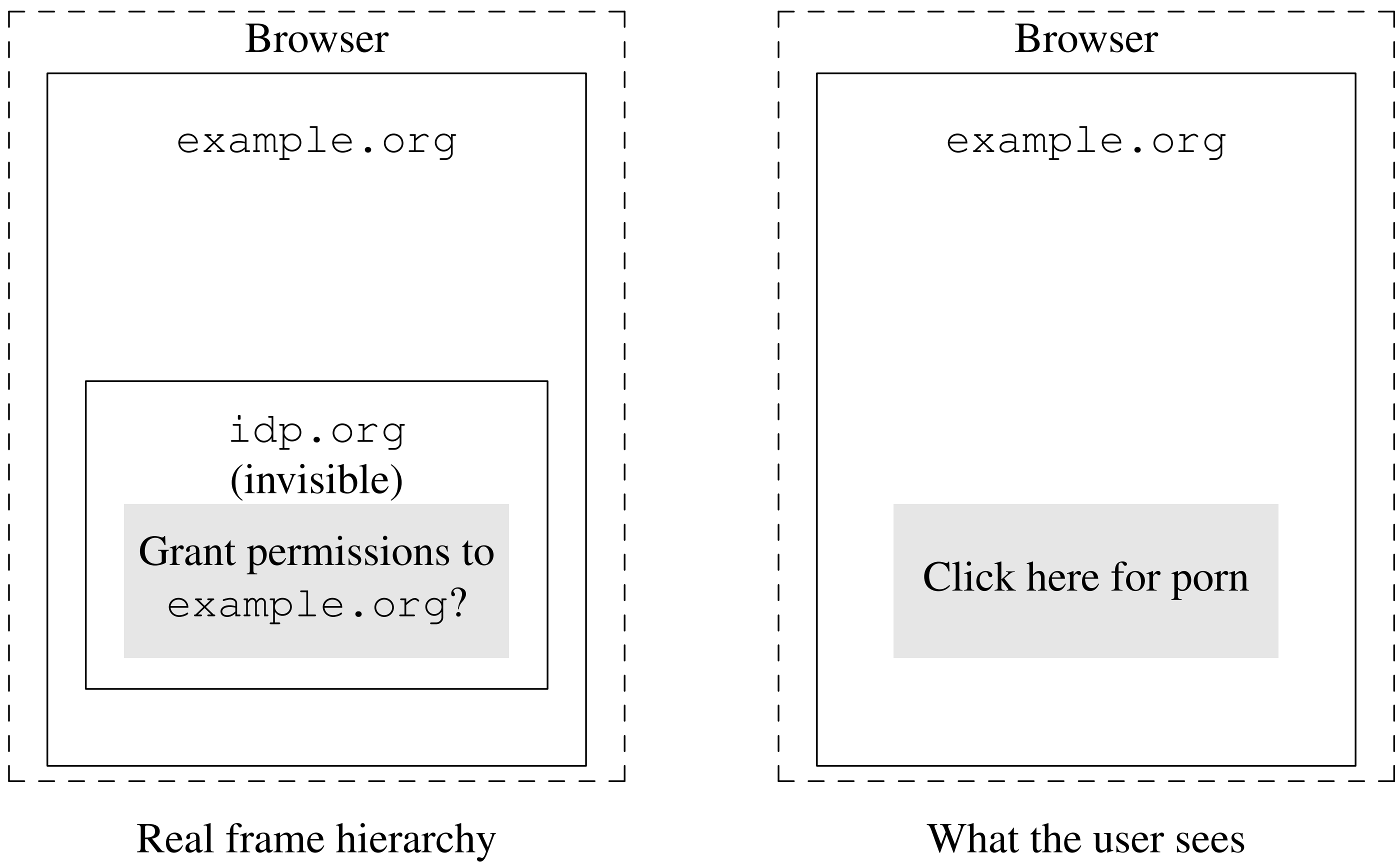
Why aren't logins done in IFRAMEs?

- Scenario: you are on `example.org`
  - `example.org` wants to log you in with `idp.org`
- Both Facebook Connect and BrowserID use a separate window
- Why?
  - IdP is soliciting the user's password
  - User needs to know they are using the right IdP
  - A separate window means they can examine the URL bar
  - Also concerns about clickjacking/redressing
- Other option is to navigate the entire page to an interstitial page

How Clickjacking Works

- Attacker embeds the victim site's page in an IFRAME
  - IFRAME is in front but marked transparent
  - The attacker's page shows through
- Attacker gets the victim to click on "his" page
  - Really the victim site's page
- Victim has just taken action on the victim site

IFRAMEs, Clickjacking, and Permissions Grants



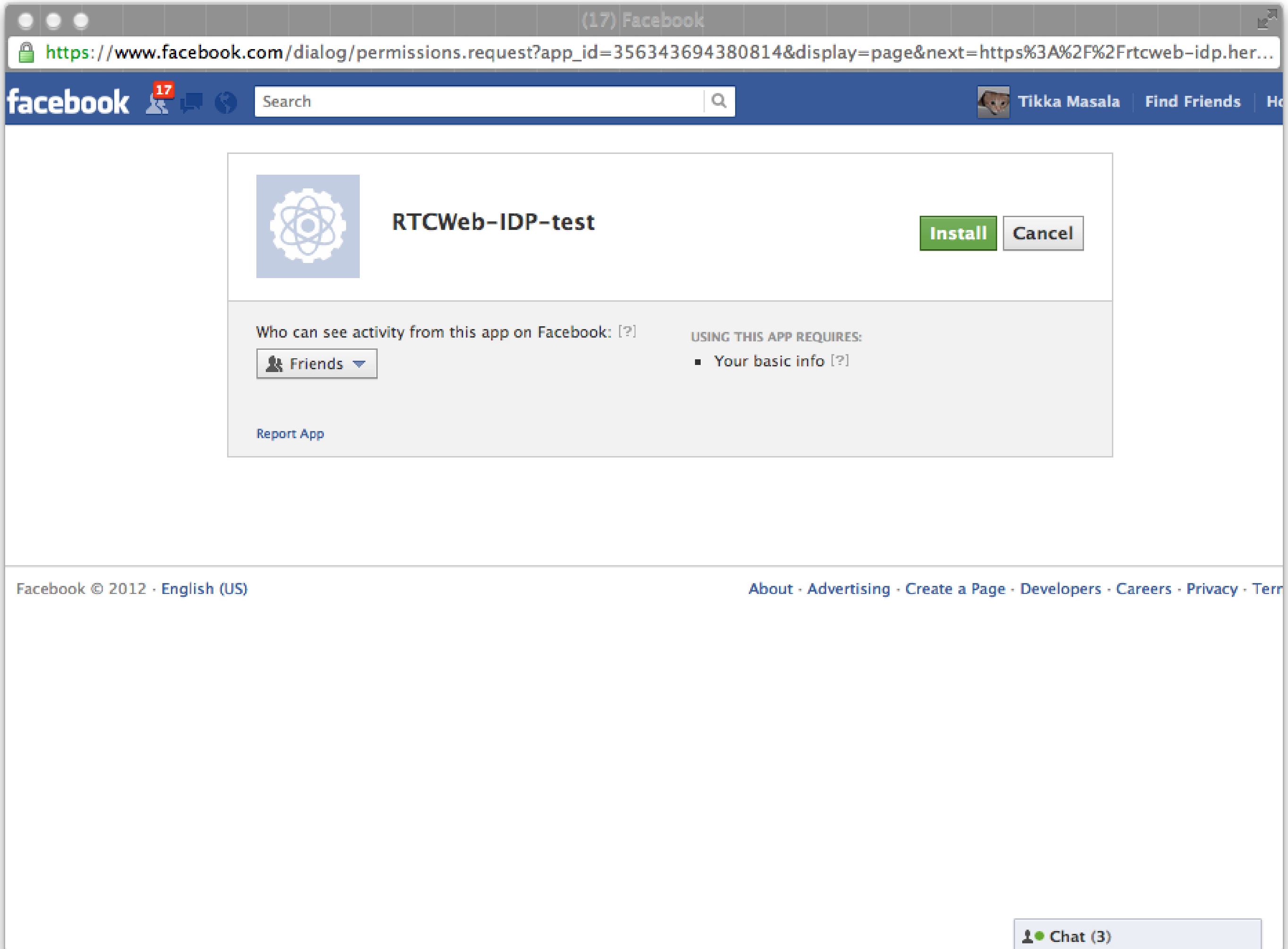
Preventing Framing

- IdP policy is to have the login page be top-level
  - Good RPs comply with this policy
  - But we're concerned about malicious RPs
- IdPs use "framebusting" JavaScript to prevent being framed
  - This is harder than it sounds
  - ... but standard procedure

IFRAMEs don't have to be visible

```
idp = document.createElement('IFRAME');
$(idp).hide();
```

- This takes up no space on the screen
  - It's just JS from the IFRAME source running on the page
  - Can still `postMessage()` to and from it
- Invisible IFRAMEs are a very important tool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Web-based IdP Objectives: User Perspective

- Single-sign on
  - No need to make a new account for each service
  - Don't need to remember lots of passwords
- Privacy
  - Avoid creating a super-cookie
    - Only authenticate to sites I have approved
    - Control exposure of my personal information

Web-based IdP Objectives: Site Perspective

- Low friction
  - Avoid the need for account creation
  - ... the source of a lot of user rolloff
- Leverage existing user information
  - E.g., information you've stored in your FB account