

draft-hoffman-dispatch-dns-over-https

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# Purpose of the draft

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- H2 is a more reliable transport for DNS queries and answers than DNS
- Web apps currently can't do real DNS queries; with this protocol, they could
- Make DNS information available to HTTP clients
  - Full DNS semantics, not just “give me the addresses of this host”
  - For example, DNSSEC

# Best practice HTTP semantics

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- Uses normal HTTP content negotiation mechanisms for selecting variants
- Purposely aligns itself with HTTP features such as caching, proxying, redirects, authentication, multiplexing, push, existing status codes and compression
- Default media formatting types for requests and responses

# Non-requirements for the draft

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- Supporting network-specific DNS64
- Supporting other network-specific inferences from plaintext DNS queries
- Supporting insecure HTTP
- Supporting legacy HTTP versions

# How it looks (today)

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- Uses DNS wire format, so the H2 client needs to have at least a simple marshaller
  - But protocol supports full DNS, including any extension
- Current draft shows GET and POST, which each has their own merits
  - WG may want to pick one or the other or both

# GET

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- :method = GET  
:scheme = https  
:authority = dnsserver.example.net  
:path = /.well-known/dns-query?  
content-type=application/dns-udpwireformat&  
body=q80BAAABAAAAAAAAAAAAA3d3dwdleGFtc  
GxIA2NvbQAAAQAB  
accept = application/dns-udpwireformat,  
application/simpledns+json

# POST

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- :method = POST  
:scheme = https  
:authority = dnsserver.example.net  
:path = /.well-known/dns-query  
accept = application/dns-udpwireformat,  
application/simpledns+json  
content-type = application/dns-udpwireformat  
content-length = 33

<33 bytes represented by the following hex encoding>

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abcd 0100 0001 0000 0000 0000 0377  
77770765 7861 6d70 6c65 0363 6f6d 0000  
010001
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# The response

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- :status = 200

content-type = application/dns-udpwireformat

content-length = 64

cache-control = max-age=128

<64 bytes represented by the following hex encoding>

abcd 8180 0001 0001 0000 0000 0377

77770765 7861 6d70 6c65 0363 6f6d 0000

01000103 7777 7707 6578 616d 706c 6503

636f6d00 0001 0001 0000 0080 0004 5db8 d822

# Can also do different content-types

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- Content negotiation is native to this model
- For example, JSON for the web apps
  - draft-hoffman-simplifiedjson
  - Query: { "name": str, "type": str }
  - Response: { "code": int,  
"v4": [ zero or more addresses as strs ],  
"v6": [ zero or more addresses as strs ] }

# Why DISPATCH

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- There are enough interrelated parts that getting a variety of folks' attention would be good
- Should be easy to charter, finish, and test