

Are your Sites Truly Isolated?

Automatically Detecting Logic Bugs in Site Isolation Implementations

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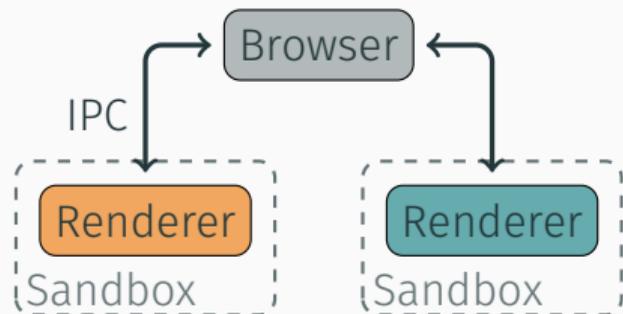
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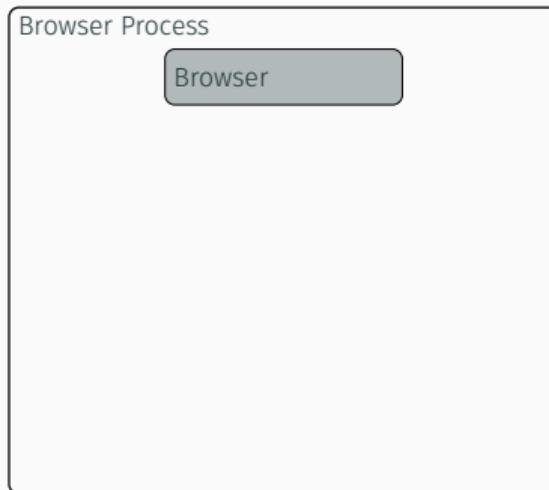
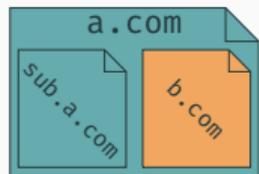
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- 1 renderer process per site¹
- site = scheme + eTLD+1
- inter-process communication (IPC)

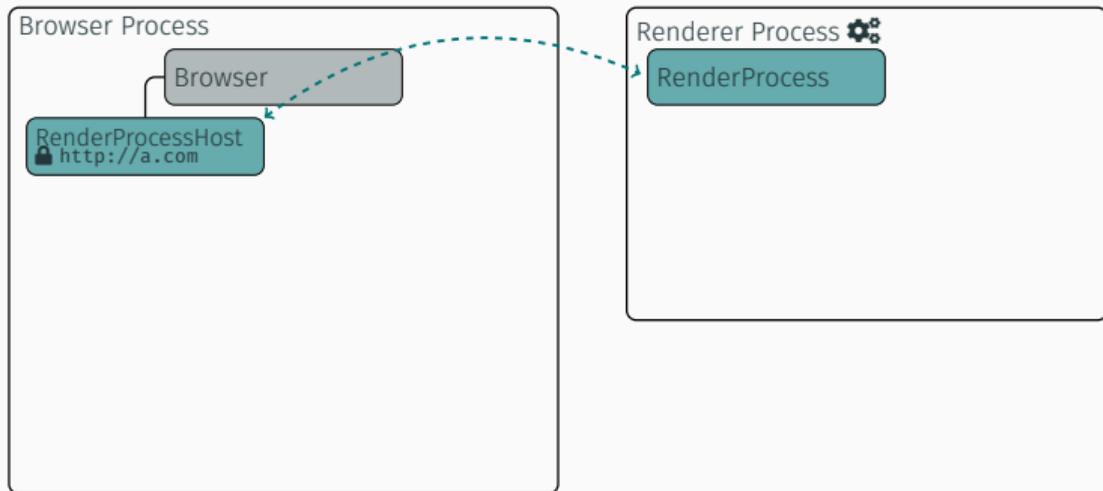
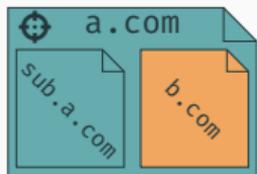


¹Reis, Moshchuk, and Oskov, "Site Isolation: Process Separation for Web Sites within the Browser."

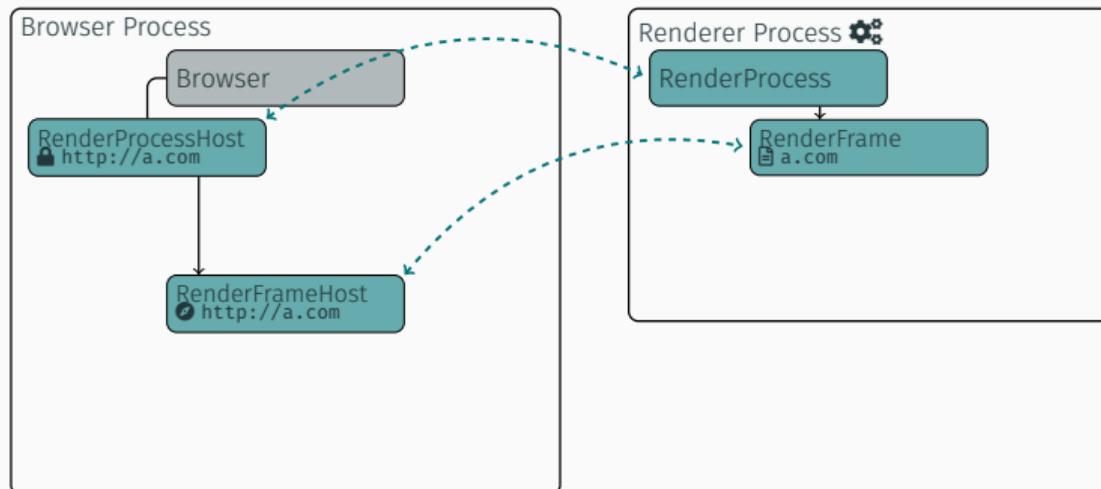
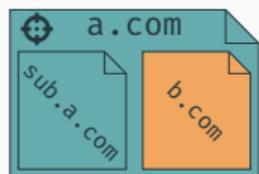
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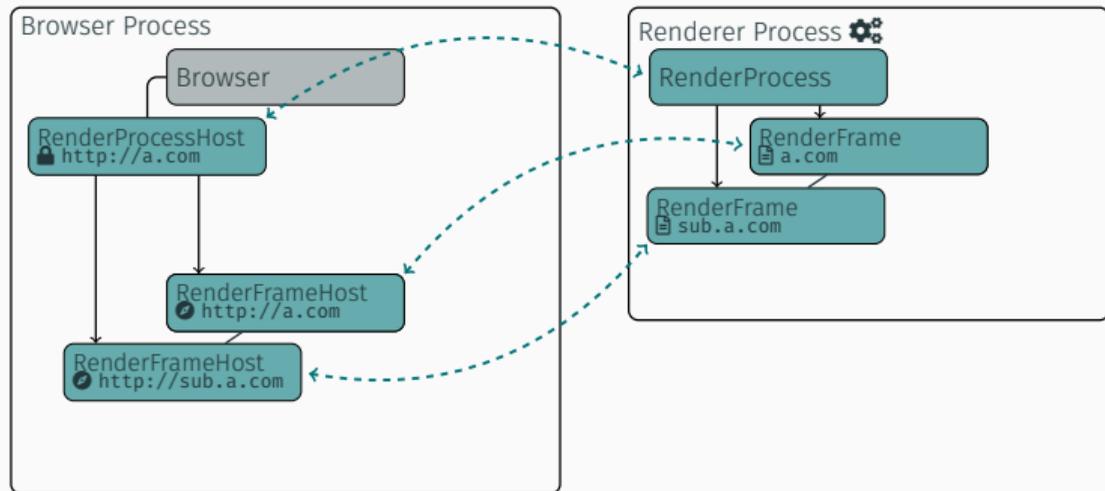
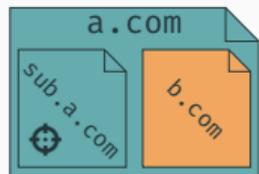
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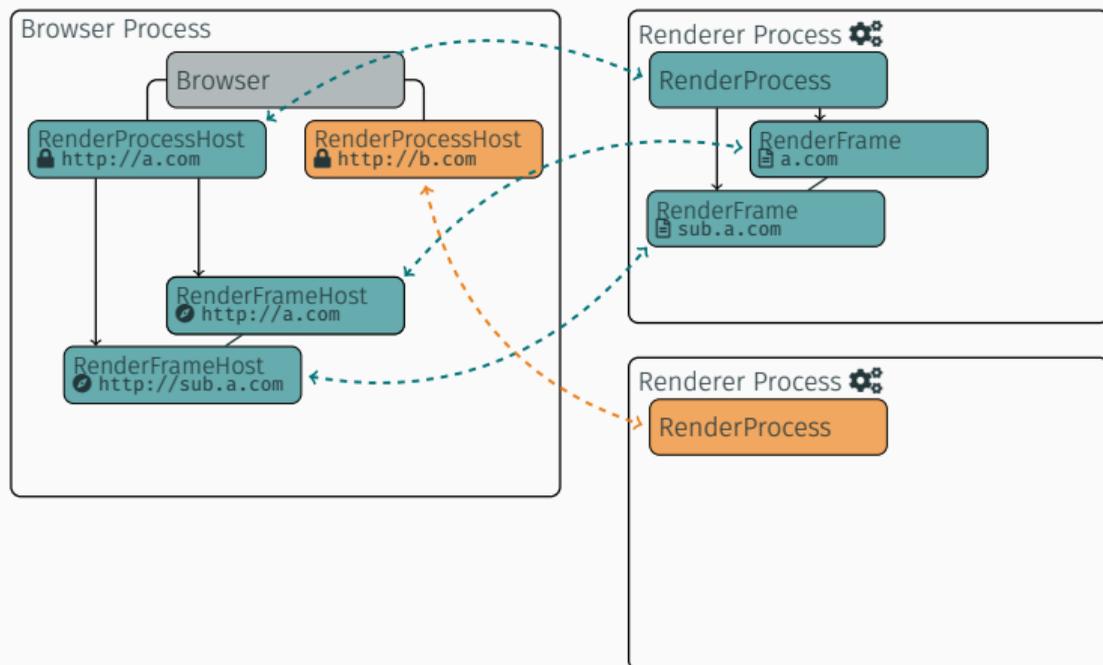
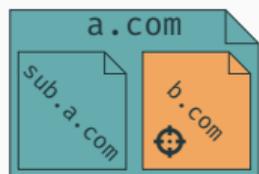
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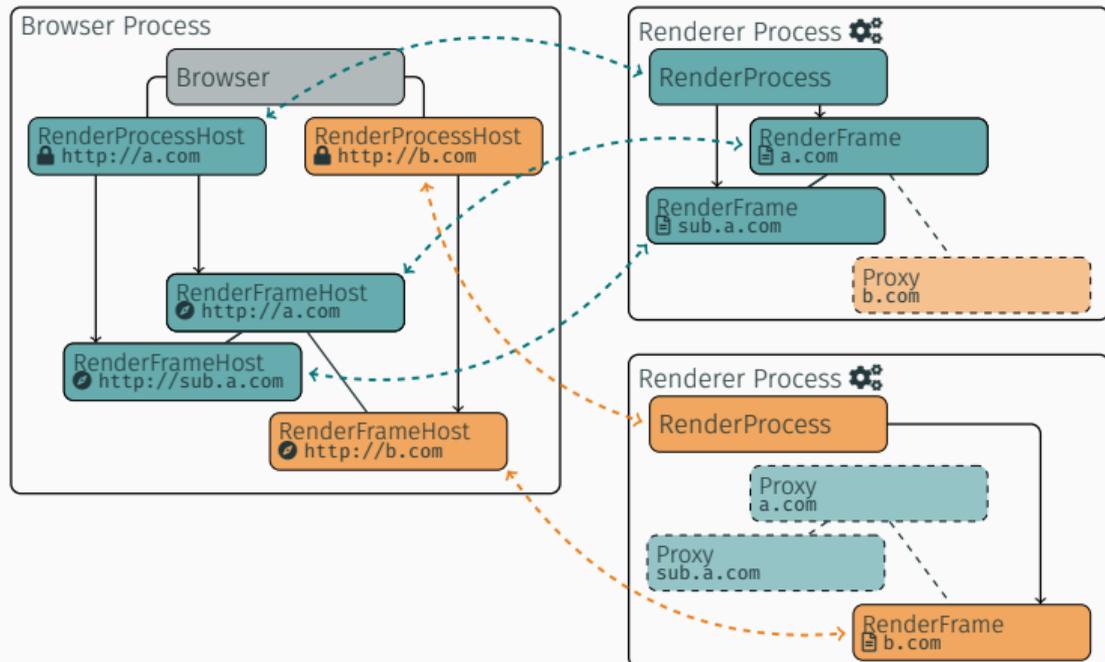
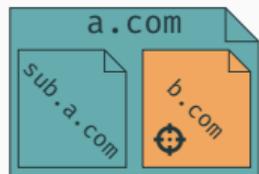
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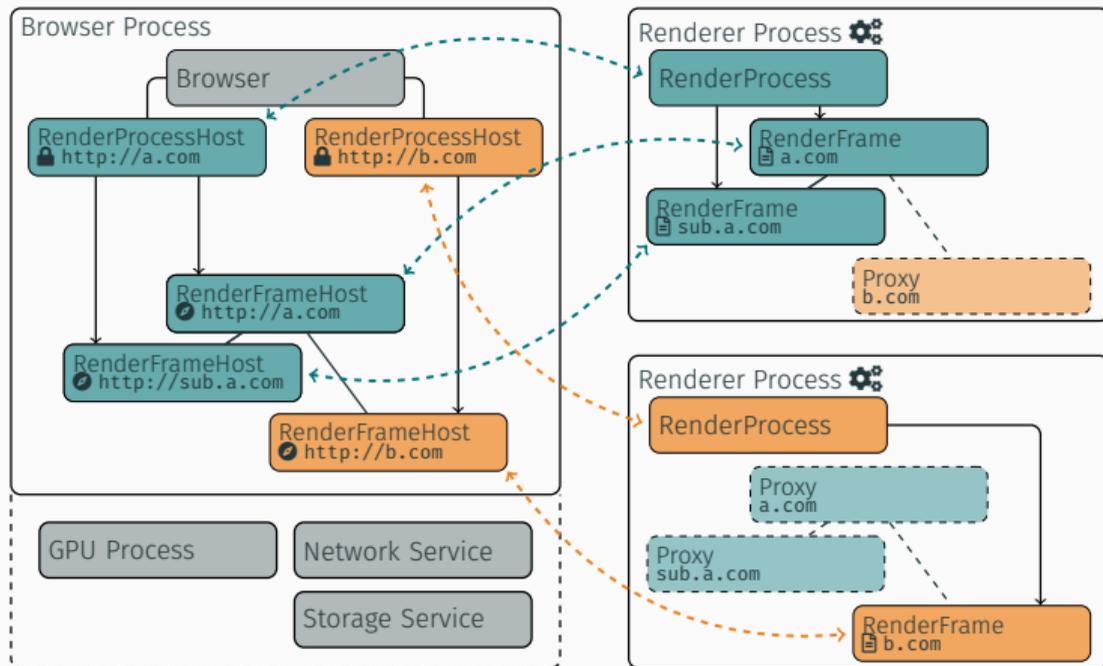
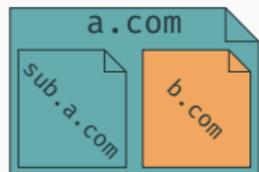
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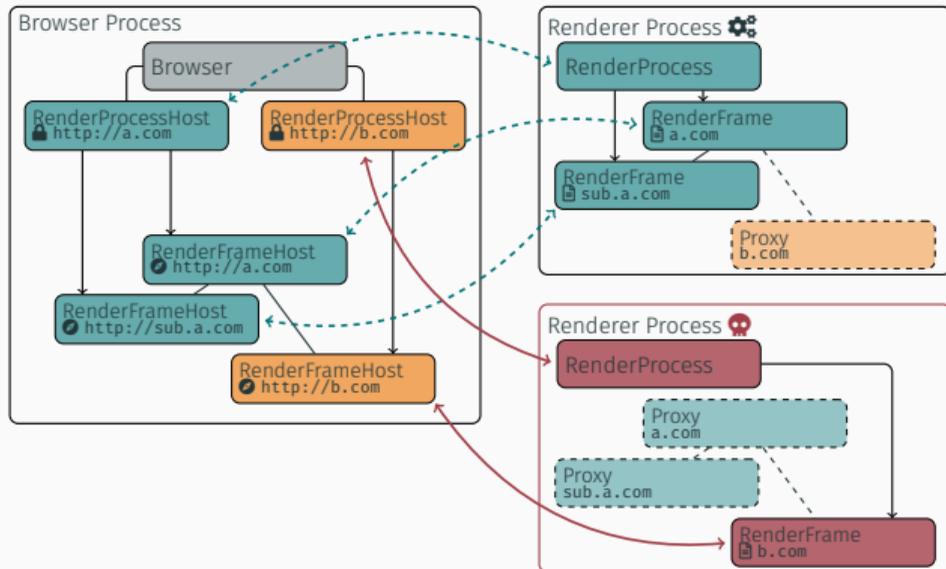


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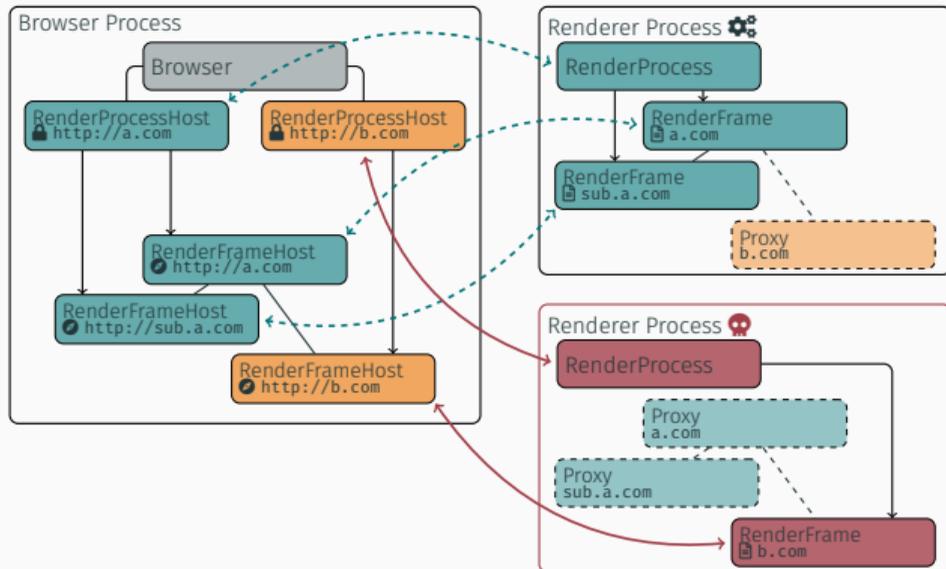


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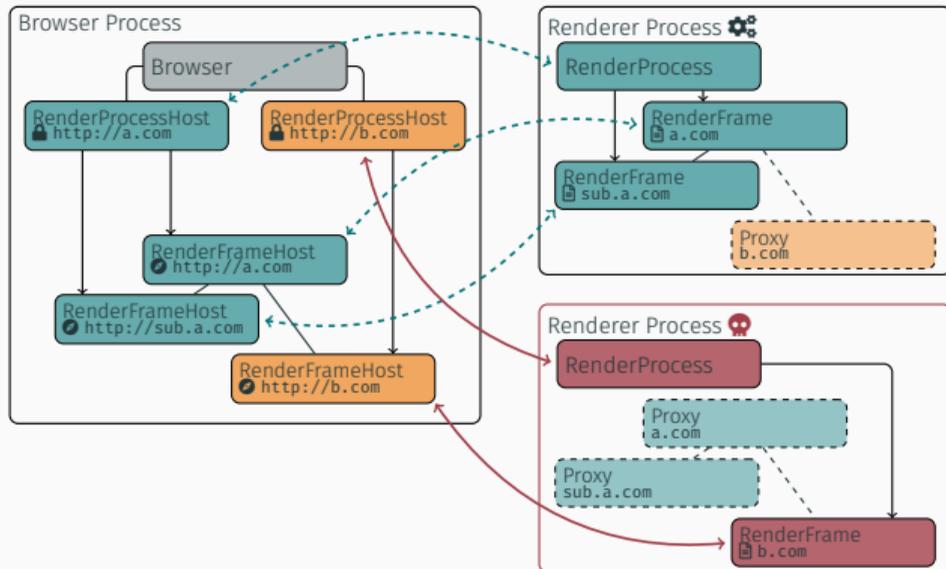


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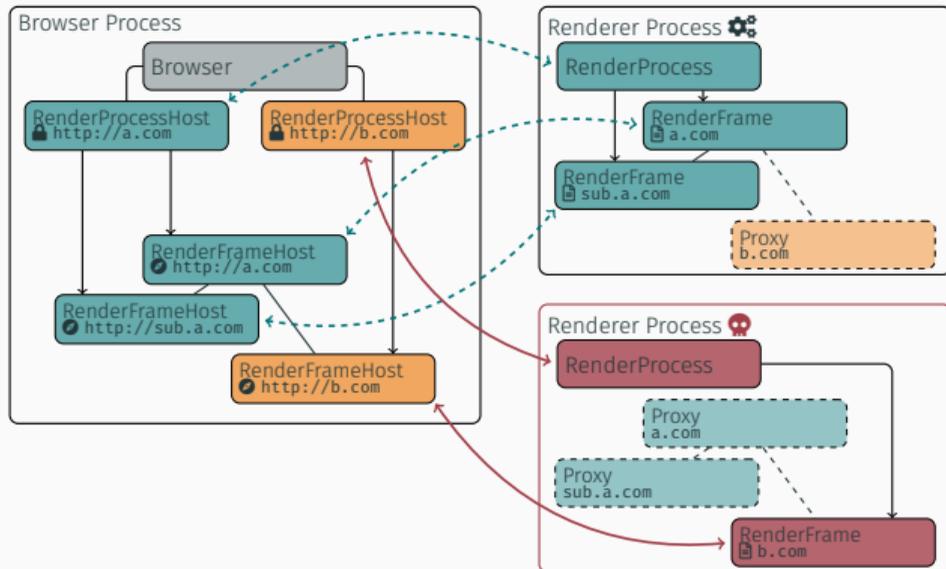


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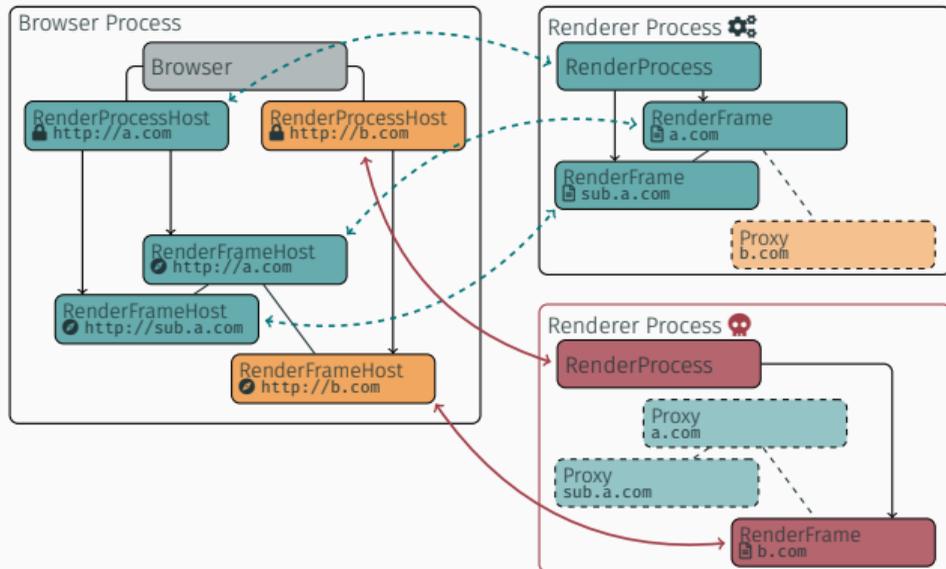


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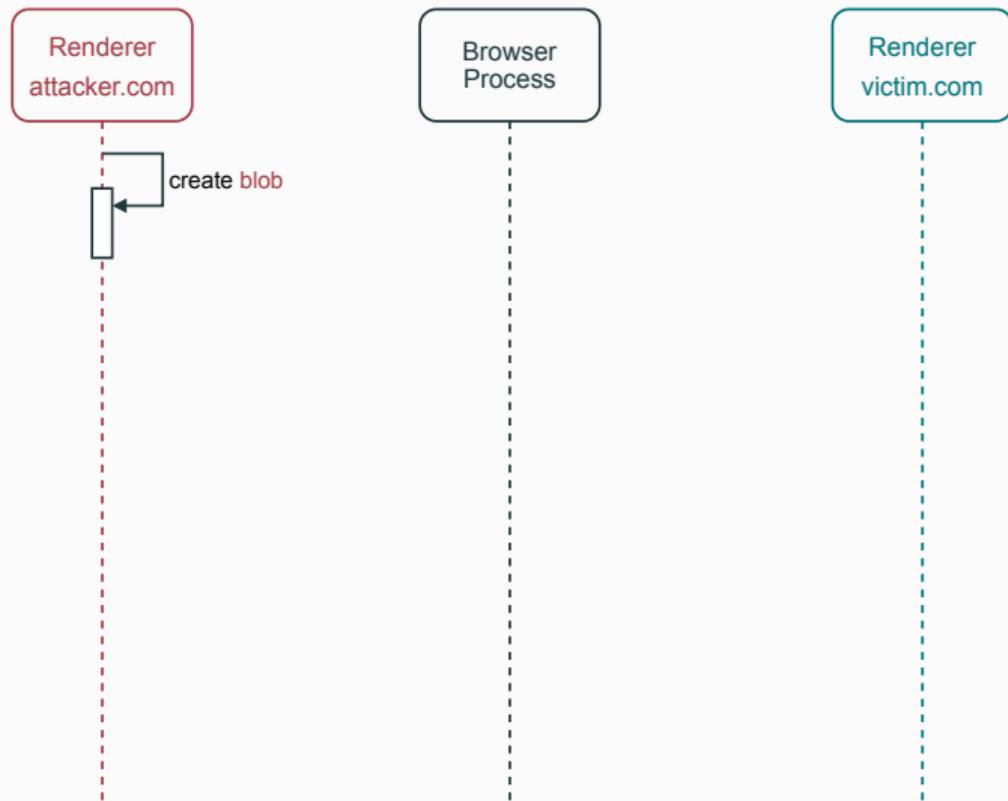
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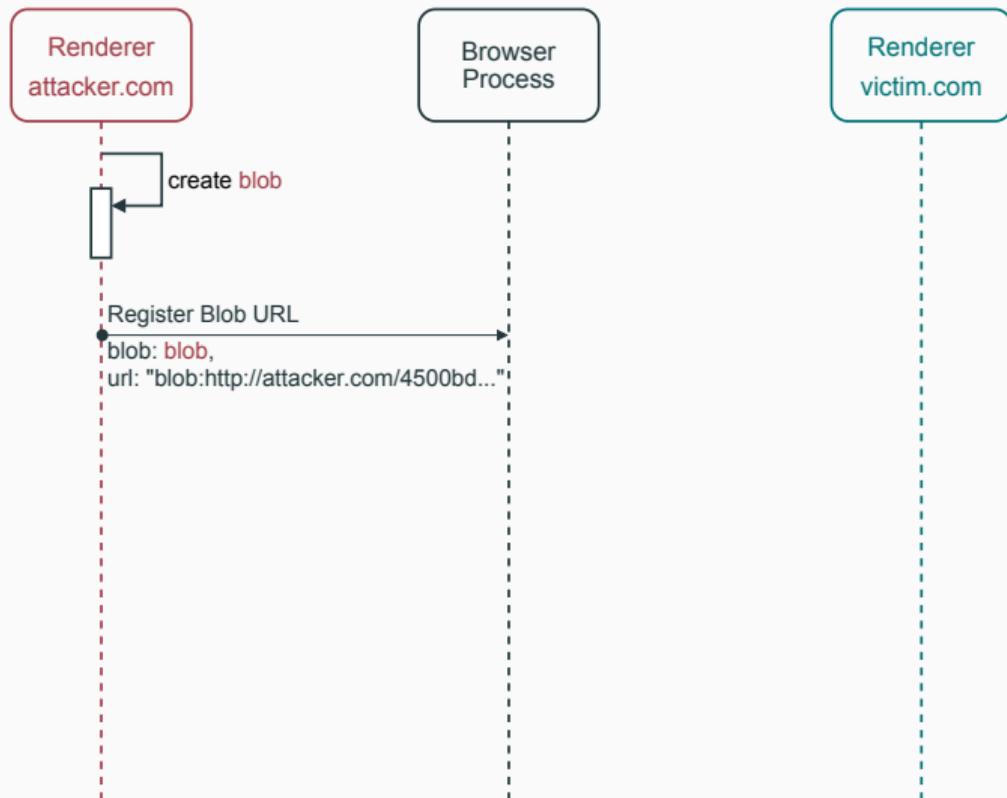
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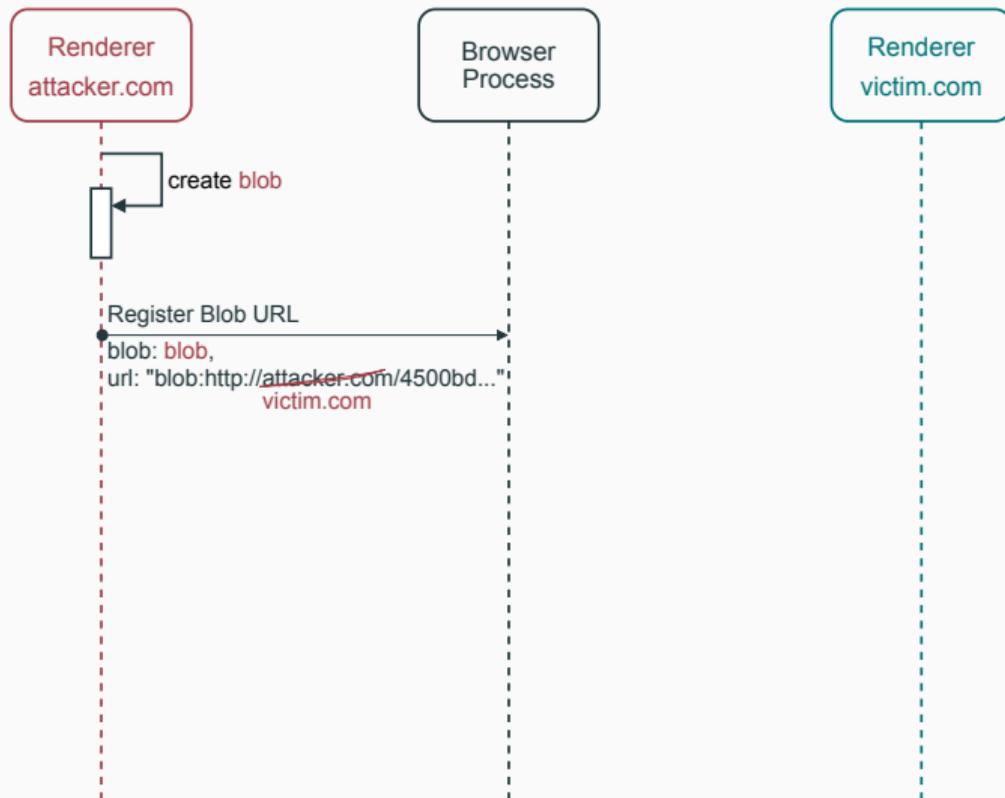
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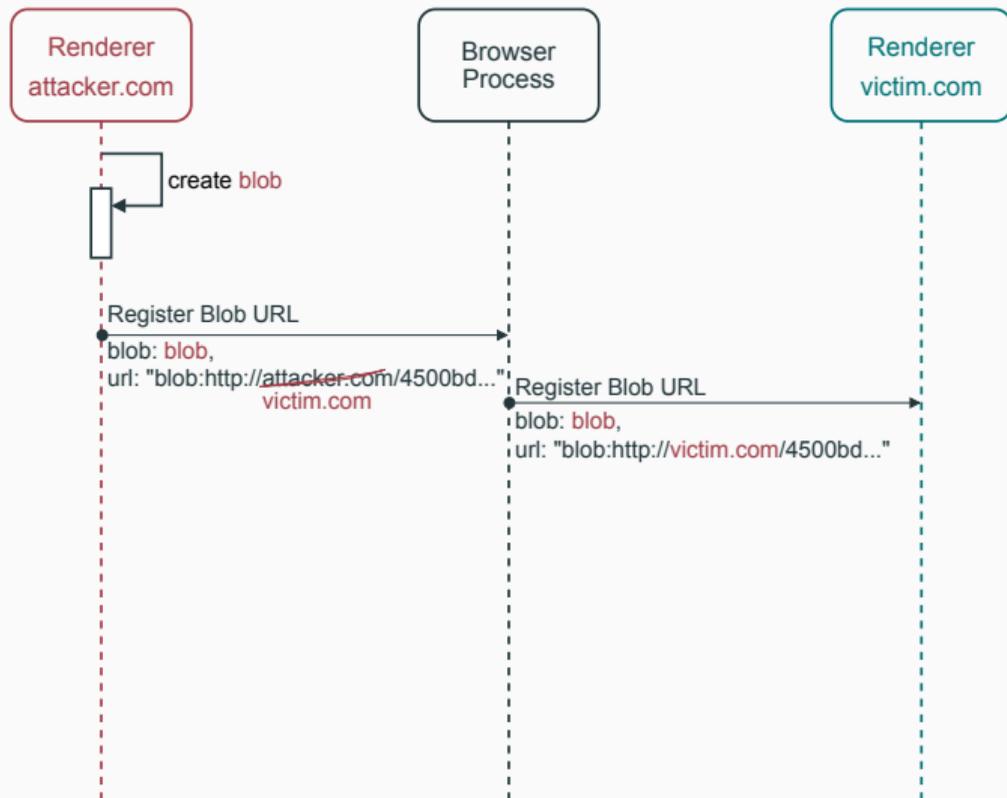
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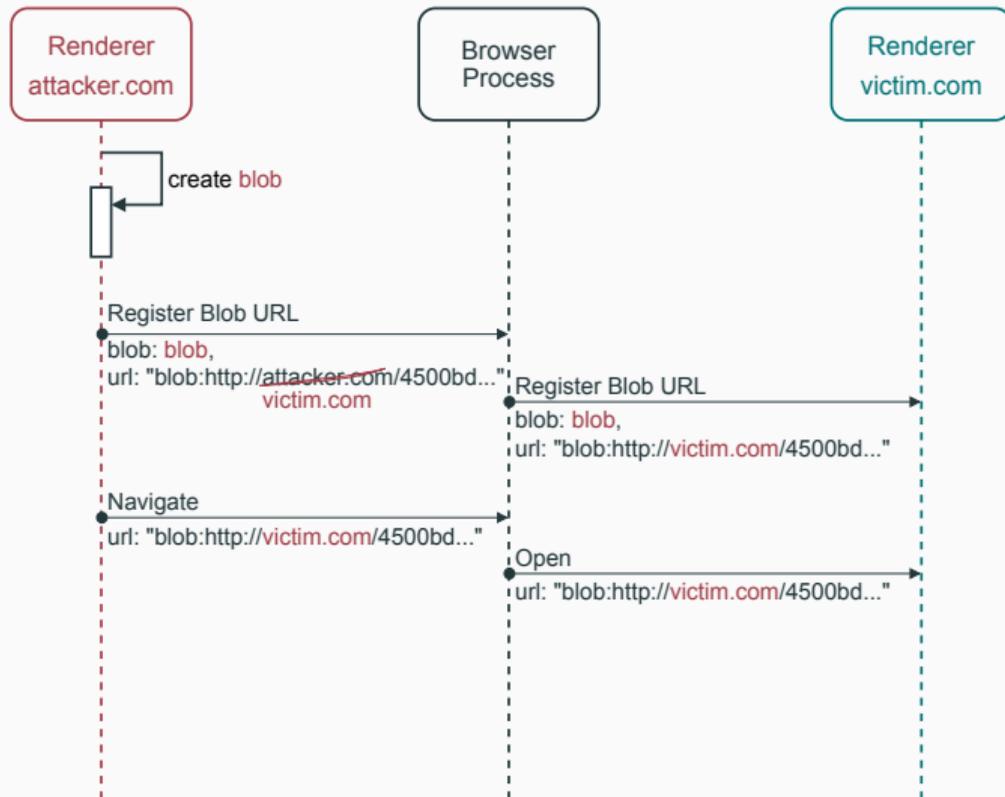
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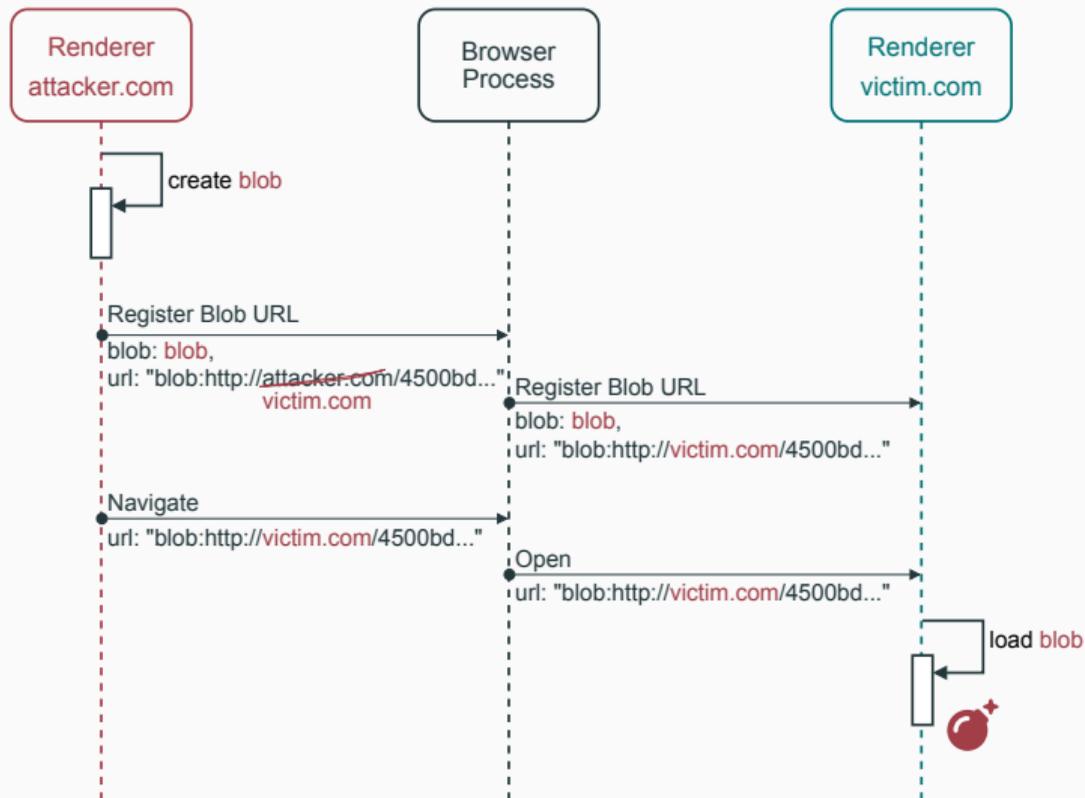
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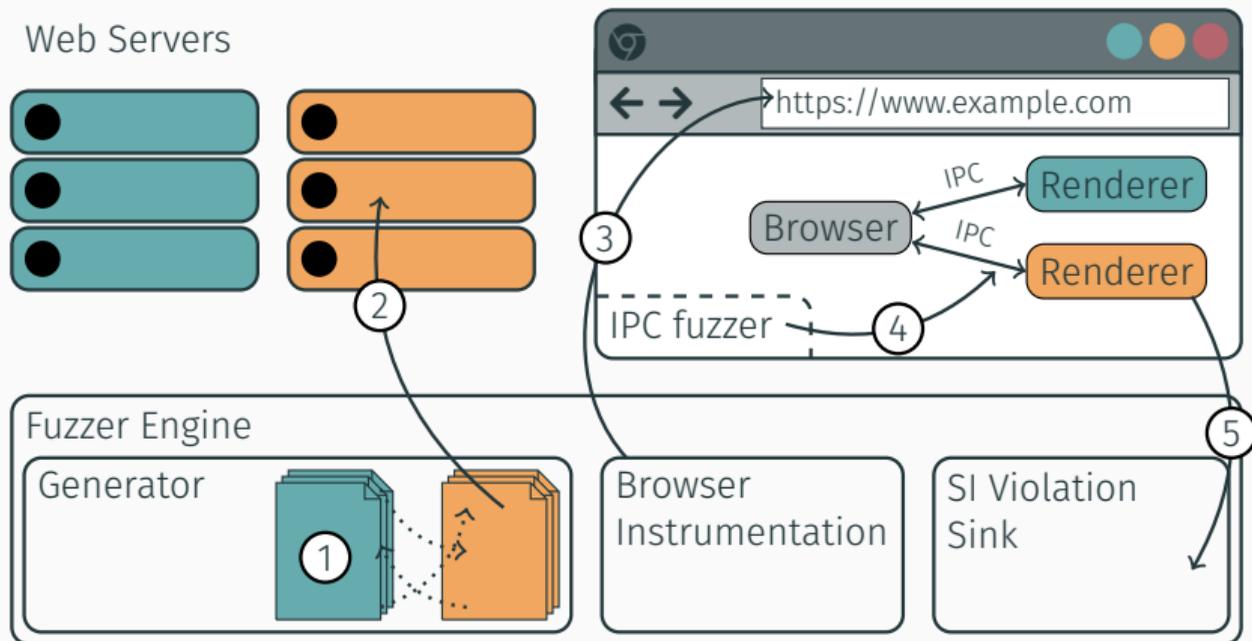
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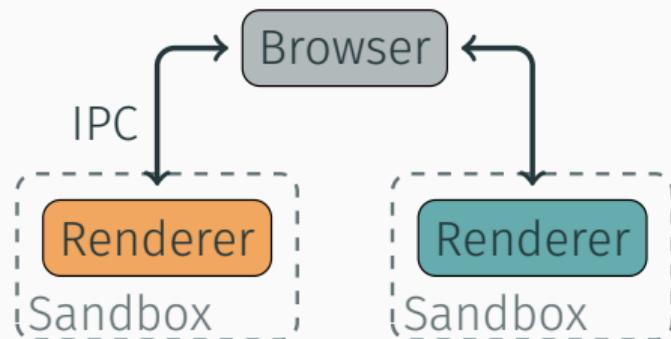
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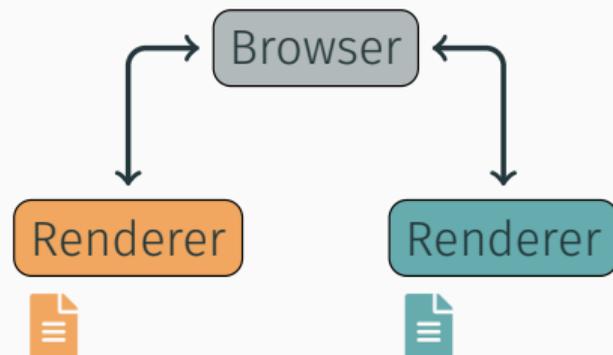
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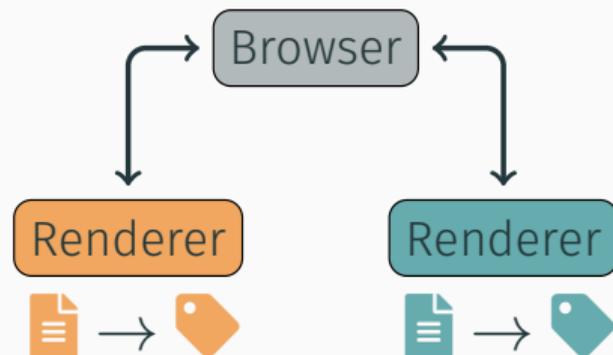
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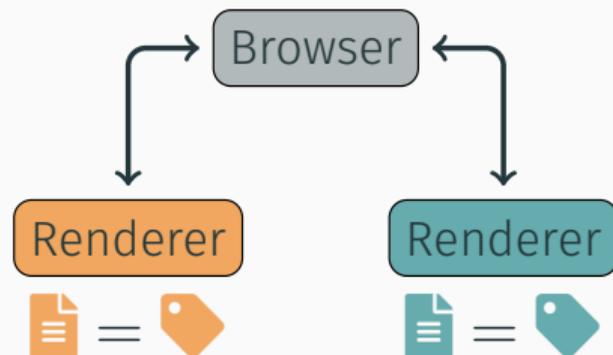
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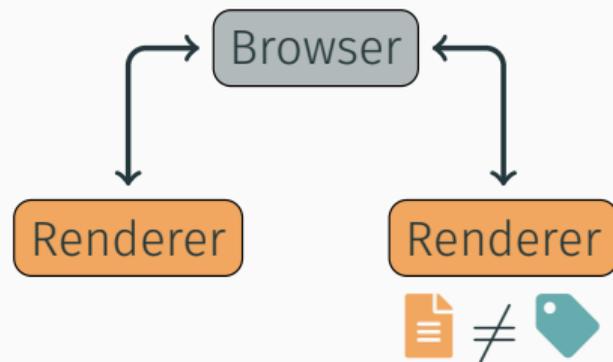
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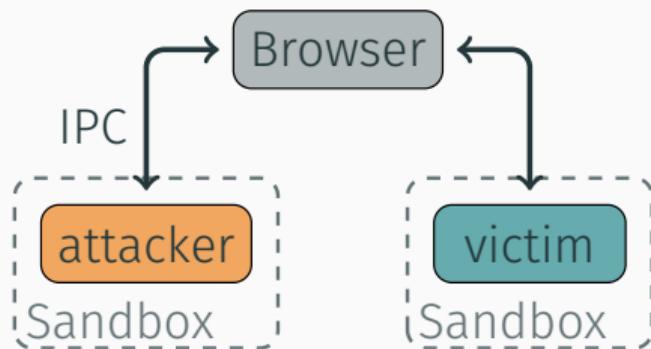
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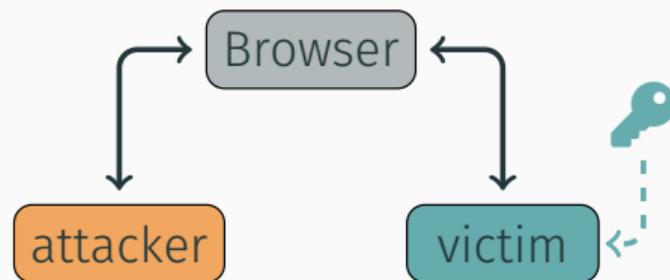
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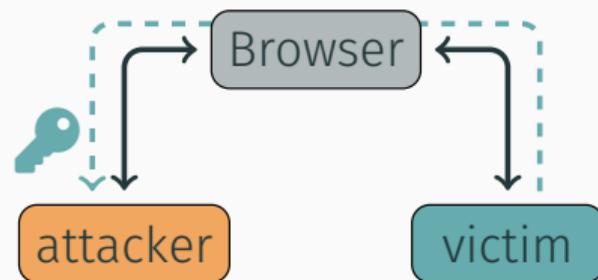
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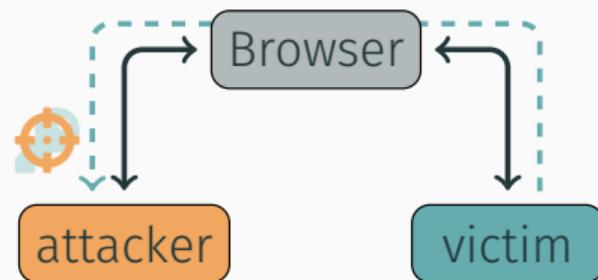
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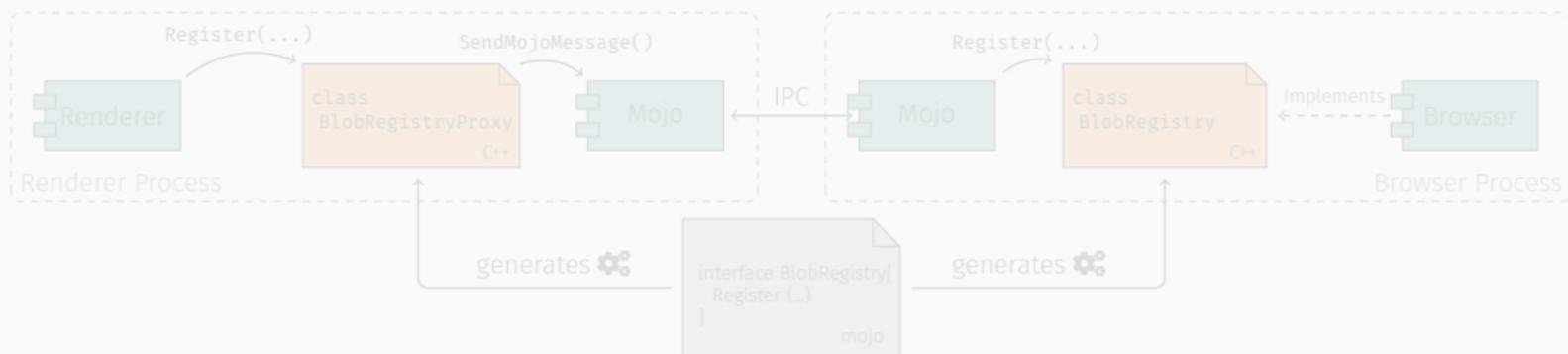
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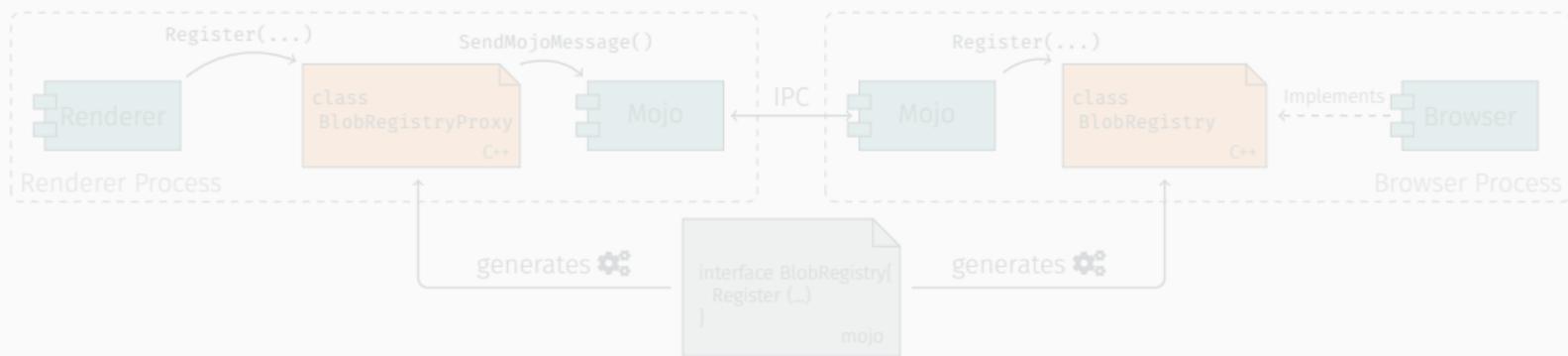


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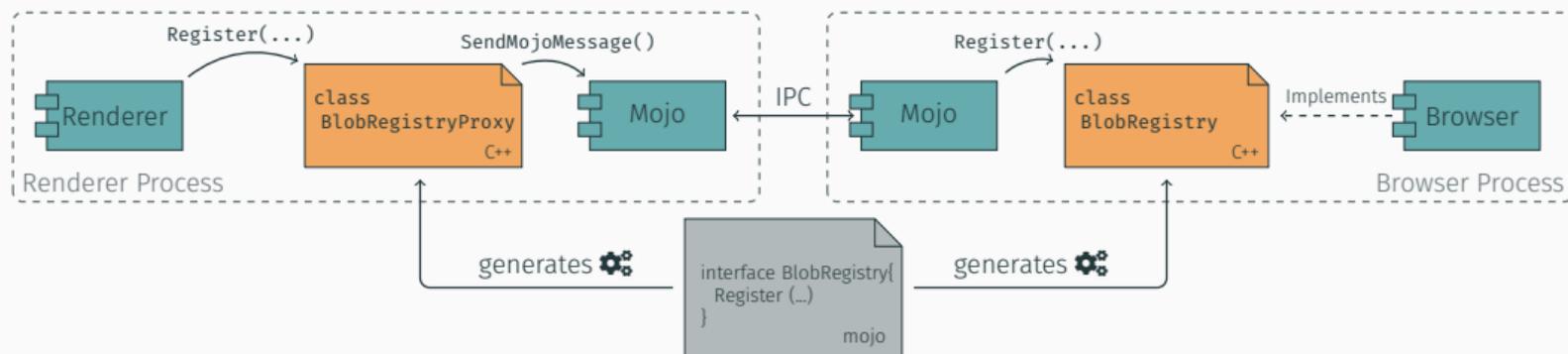


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location.href = url;
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Findings

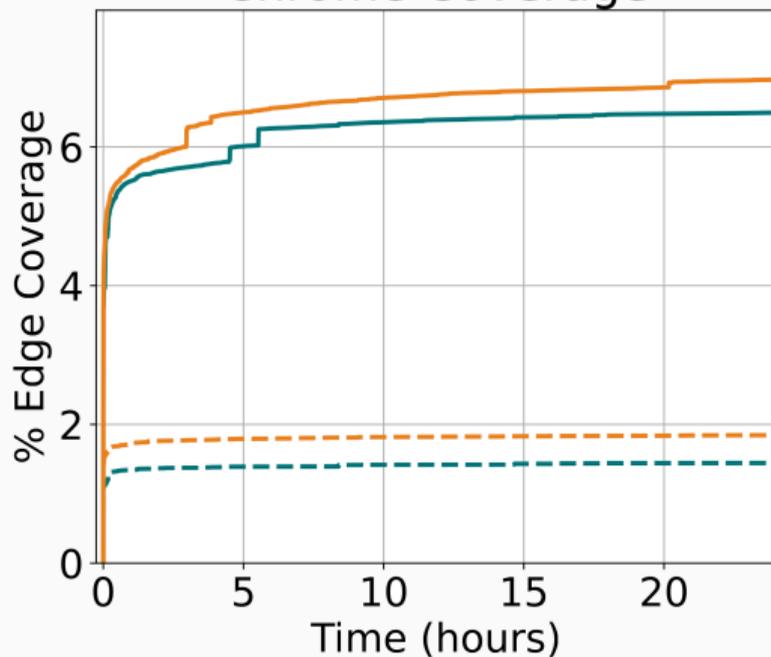
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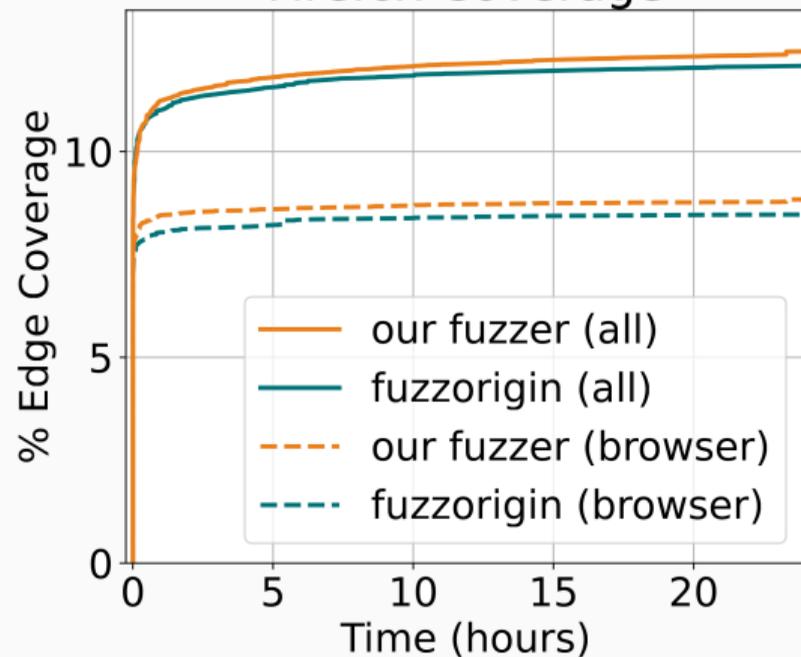
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Coverage Evaluation

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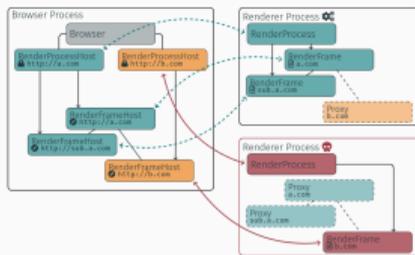
Firefox Coverage



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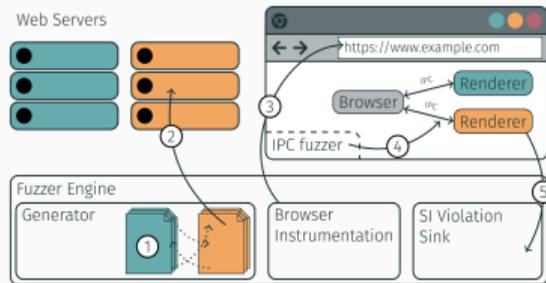


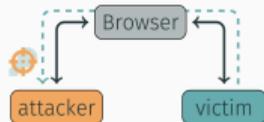
Figure 2: SI Bypass Fuzzer Architecture

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Leak Sanitizer

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References



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```
IPCfuzzer.activate_leak_sanitizer();  
IPCfuzzer.mutate_url("http://127.0.0.2:8080/victim.html");  
window.history.replaceState("foo", "", null);  
window.location.reload();
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Proof-of-Concept for Firefox History Confusion

Reproduction on known vulnerabilities

Vulnerability	Chrome Version		Class	Reproduction Time
	Vulnerable	Evaluated		
CVE-2022-1637	< 101.0.4951.64	99.0.4844.84	3	14 minutes
CVE-2019-5856	< 76.0.3809.87	67.0.3396.99	1	1 minute
CVE-2018-18345	< 71.0.3578.80	67.0.3396.99	1	11.4 hours

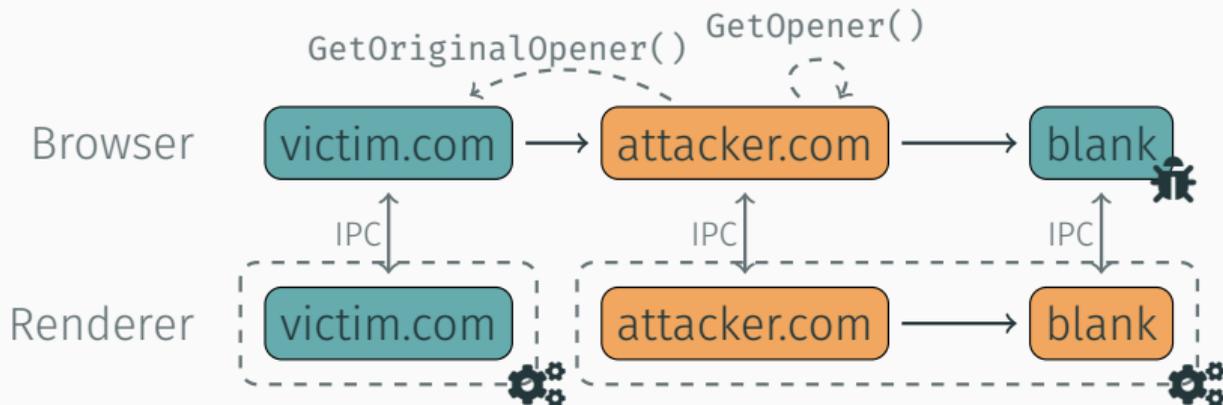
- Add sanitizer to vulnerable browser
- Test if sanitizer detects the PoC exploit

Oracle Evaluation on known PoC's

ID	Class	LeakSan	ProcessSan
CVE-2018-16074	3	○	●
CVE-2019-5773	1	●	○
#40093844	2	●	○
CVE-2024-1671	3	●	○
CVE-2022-3044	1	○	○

SI Bypass Example: CVE-2022-1637

```
let win = window.open('data:,hello', '_blank');  
// manipulate IPC message  
console.log('Exfiltrated cookies: ' + win.document.cookie);
```



Chrome SI bypass caused by Origin Confusion

Known SI Bypass Vulnerabilities

ID	Description	Class	In Scope
CVE-2024-1671	Origin confusion in session history leaks URL of srcdoc iframe	3	●
CVE-2022-4913	Compromised renderer can access extension storage	1	●
CVE-2022-3661	Compromised renderer can message any extension content script	1	●
CVE-2022-3044	No access checks for clipboard interface	1	●
CVE-2022-1637	Cross-origin iframe can spoof the hostname of top-frame by opening new window with <code>javascript:</code> URI and <code>target_blank</code>	3	●
CVE-2022-0305	Hidden bug report for Service Worker	?	?
CVE-2022-0294	No checks in PushMessaging interface that verify if the referenced ServiceWorker belongs to the same origin as the renderer	1	●
CVE-2022-0292	Fenced frame can open textttfile: URLs	1	●
CVE-2022-0291	Hidden bug report for storage	?	?
#40060671	Compromised renderer can spoof PortContext and claim to be WorkerContext of arbitrary extension	1	●
CVE-2021-38010	URLLoader leaked to ServiceWorker, compromised renderer can read the response of redirected cross-origin requests	1	○
CVE-2021-30507	Compromised renderer can spoof textttX-Chrome-offline header to read arbitrary file	1	○
CVE-2021-21222	TOCTOU bug in GeneratedCodeCache : compromised renderer can change value after the hash computation	2	○
CVE-2021-21175	X-Frame-Options error of cross-origin iframe is leaked to parent	1	●
#40054801	Compromised renderer that outlives state in the browser process can bypass security checks to spoof origin	2	●
CVE-2020-6435	Compromised renderer can spoof sender id to extension	1	●
CVE-2020-6385	Origin checks in BlobURLStoreImpl::Register skipped if renderer process simulates detachment	2	●
CVE-2020-6380	Compromised renderer can spoof origin, message any extension	1	●
CVE-2019-13763	Compromised renderer can spoof origin and leak data from textttPaymentManager	1	●
CVE-2019-13738	Sandboxed iframe shares execution context with initial non-sandboxed about:blank frame	3	●
CVE-2019-13727	Compromised renderer can create WebSocket to arbitrary URL and leak the response headers	1	●
CVE-2019-13682	Spoofing origin in protocol handler registration leads to SI bypass	1	●
CVE-2019-5865	CORS bypass: compromised renderer can set Host header during redirect	1	○
CVE-2019-5862	Compromised renderer can spoof document_url_ and register arbitrary files from victims site in AppCache	1	○
CVE-2019-5856	Missing browser-side checks, compromised renderer can access filesystem of other origins	1	●
CVE-2019-5773	Compromised renderer can spoof origin when accessing IndexedDB	1	●
#40093845	Compromised renderer can spoof origin and access code cache of other site	1	●
#40093844	Invalid checks on textttws: URLs, compromised renderer can leak cookies	2	●
CVE-2018-18345	BlobURLRegistry::RegisterURL access check based on renderer provided host and public_url	1	●
CVE-2018-16074	BlobURLs created from different opaque origins have opaque origin but are all handled in the same process	3	●
CVE-2018-16073	Data URL in iframe is loaded in same process if embedding page is loaded from cache	3	●
CVE-2018-6165	Refresh during navigation triggers origin confusion	3	●
CVE-2018-6121	Compromised renderer can commit url of extension	1	●
#40092826	Cookies leaked to cross-site renderer in presence of DevTools	1	●
#40092525	Compromised renderer can spoof origin during filesystem url creation	1	●

Mojo IDL Example

```
module blink.mojom;

import "mojo/public/mojom/base/unguessable_token.mojom";
import "services/network/public/mojom/url_loader_factory.mojom";
import "third_party/blink/public/mojom/blob/blob.mojom";
import "url/mojom/url.mojom";

interface BlobURLStore {
  // TODO(https://crbug.com/1376126): This should probably create and return a
  // new blob: URL rather than letting the caller in the renderer provide one.
  [Sync] Register(
    pending_remote<blink.mojom.Blob> blob,
    url.mojom.Url url) => ();

  Revoke(url.mojom.Url url);

  ResolveAsURLLoaderFactory(
    url.mojom.Url url,
    pending_receiver<network.mojom.URLLoaderFactory> factory);

  ResolveAsBlobURLToken(url.mojom.Url url,
    pending_receiver<BlobURLToken> token,
    bool is_top_level_navigation);
};
```

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```
struct BlobURLRegistrationData
{
    nsCString url;
    IPCBlob blob;
    nsIPrincipal principal;
    nsCString partitionKey;
    bool revoked;
};

sync protocol PContent
{
parent:
    async StoreAndBroadcastBlobURLRegistration(nsCString url, IPCBlob blob,
                                                nullable nsIPrincipal principal, nsCString aPartitionKey);

child:
    async BlobURLRegistration(nsCString aURI, IPCBlob aBlob,
                              nullable nsIPrincipal aPrincipal, nsCString aPartitionKey);
}
```

Excerpt of PContent.ipdl