## Design of a Simulation Framework for MASQUE-Proxies

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## **Motivation**

Existing proxying technology comes with drawbacks. SOCKS is unencrypted and HTTP CON-NECT is currently limited to proxying of TCP data. The MASQUE working group of IETF [1] plans to extend the current HTTP CONNECT with capabilities for proxying UDP and even IP-



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layer traffic. They focus on HTTP/3 which runs on top of the new transport protocol QUIC, which offers improved performance, embedded security and multiplexing. This technology has already attracted the attention of research [2], with its biggest current use case being Apple's iCloud Private Relay [3]. With many more possible use cases [4], performance and challenges of different scenarios need to be measured and identified. The main goal of this thesis is to design a simulation framework running on top of our high-precision timestamping hardware which simulates different static scenarios for MASQUE proxies.

## **Your Task**

- Familiarize yourself with our hardware and the MASQUE documents
- Find or identify different use case scenarios for MASQUE proxies
- Implement and set them up on our hardware

[1] https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/masque/about/

Identify and measure differnet challenges and performance factors

References

[2] https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3488660.3493806
[3] https://www.apple.com/icloud/docs/iCloud\_Private\_Relay\_Overview\_Dec2021.pdf
[4] https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3472305.3472320

## Requirements

Familiarity with GNU/Linux and network protocols, basic research skills.



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