

# Designing Network Security for ICMP

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# Agenda



**Stateless firewall basics**

**Watching traceroute fail**

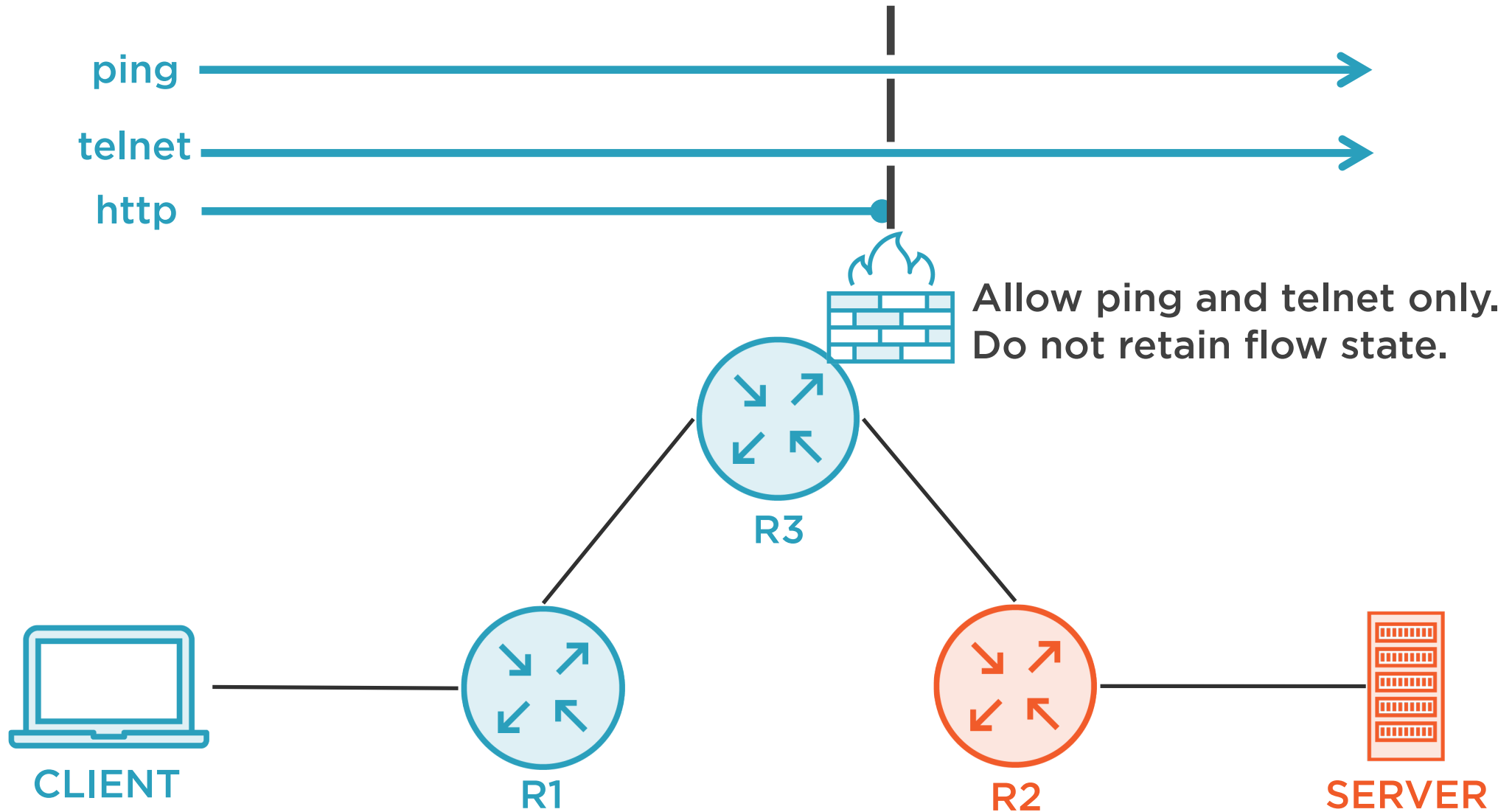
**High Level ICMP firewall design**

**Report firewall drops with ICMP**

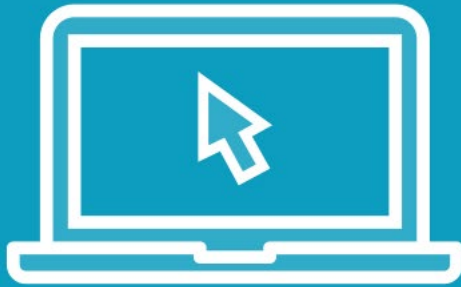
**Packet analysis**



# Stateless Firewall Operation



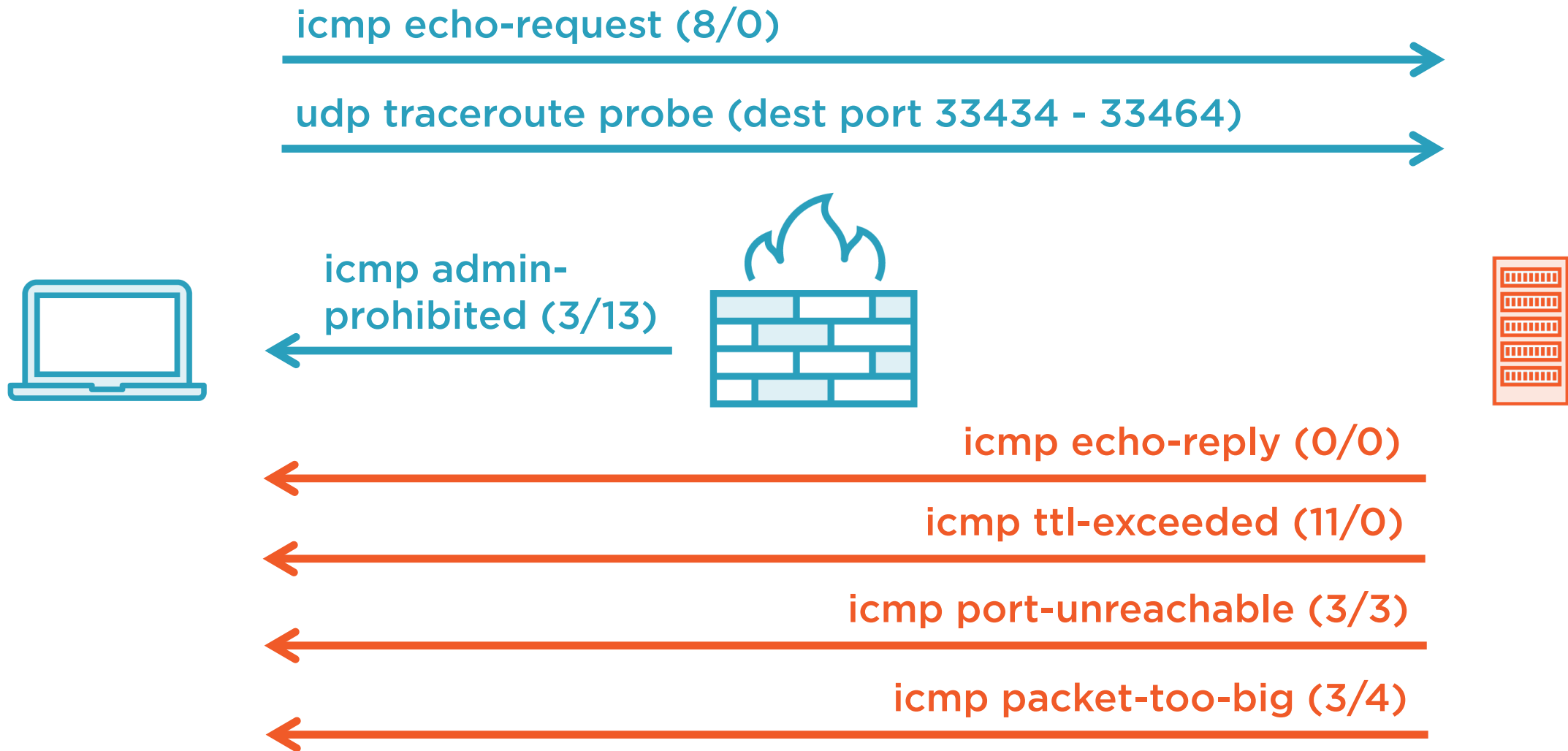
Demo



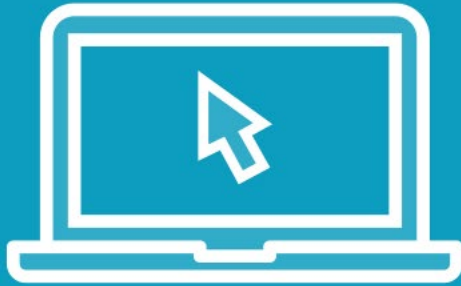
Watching traceroute fail



# Firewall Design for ICMP



# Demo



**Let's test our firewall policy!**



# ICMP "Admin-prohibited"

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info
1	0.000000	10.1.4.4	10.2.5.5	TCP	26876 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=4128 Len=0 MSS=536
2	0.000902	10.1.3.3	10.1.4.4	ICMP	Destination unreachable (Communication administratively filtered)

- ▶ Frame 2: 70 bytes on wire (560 bits), 70 bytes captured (560 bits) on interface 0
- ▶ Ethernet II, Src: 00:00:a6:16:00:01, Dst: 00:00:a6:16:00:04
- ▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.1.3.3, Dst: 10.1.4.4
- ▼ Internet Control Message Protocol

Type: 3 (Destination unreachable)  
Code: 13 (Communication administratively filtered)  
Checksum: 0x5a61 [correct]  
[Checksum Status: Good]  
Unused: 00000000



Type 3 is "unreachable"  
Code 13 is "traffic denied"

- ▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.1.4.4, Dst: 10.2.5.5
- ▶ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 26876, Dst Port: 80



Encapsulates original packet



# Less Common ICMP Permits to Consider

**Redirect**  
Type 5

All codes

**Time-exceeded**  
Type 11

**Frag reassembly**  
Code 1

**Timestamp**  
Type 12

**Timestamp-reply**  
Type 13





# ICMP Security Design Recap

**Permit some ICMP  
messages**

**Start with the  
basic design**

**ICMP for IPv4  
complete!**

