

# {QUIC, Hello} from OpenSSL

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## History of QUIC in OpenSSL

- 3.2, 2023, client side
- 3.3, 2024, [SSL\\_poll\(\) arrives](#)
  - spring 24, Hugo Landau leaves OpenSSL
- 3.5, 2025, server side + handshake layer API for 3rd party QUIC stacks ([BoringSSL-like](#))

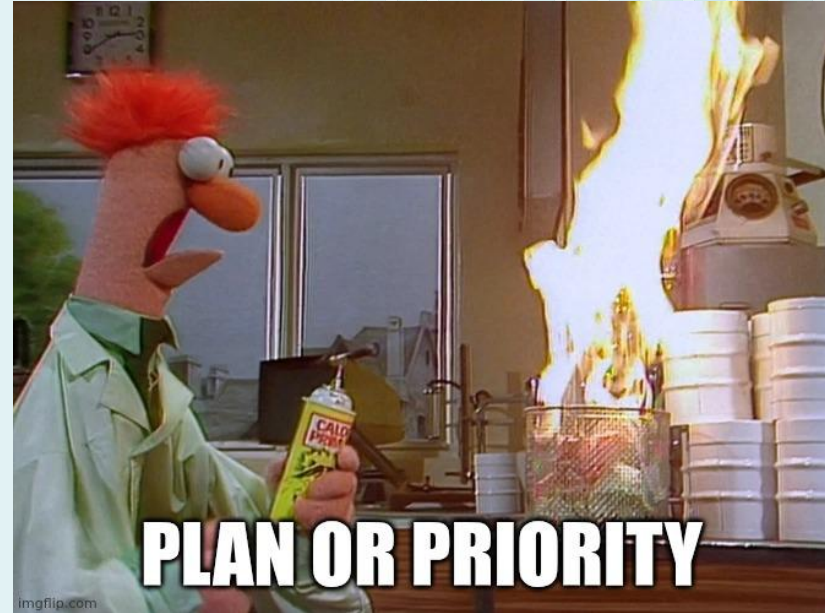
### ?TODO?

- 0-RTT, connection migration, ?no-copy I/O API? (offer alternative to SSL\_poll())
- Make QUIC stack more robust
- Improve testing story



## What next

- Improve testing, I wish QUIC in scapy
  - The current practice is to derive malicious QUIC stack from existing implementation
  - The goal is to trigger various corner cases such as holes in recv window, deliberately delaying ACK... to determine DOS conditions and verify mitigations are effective
- Subscription I/O to unleash zero-copy



## Can OpenSSL/QUIC get curl ride again?

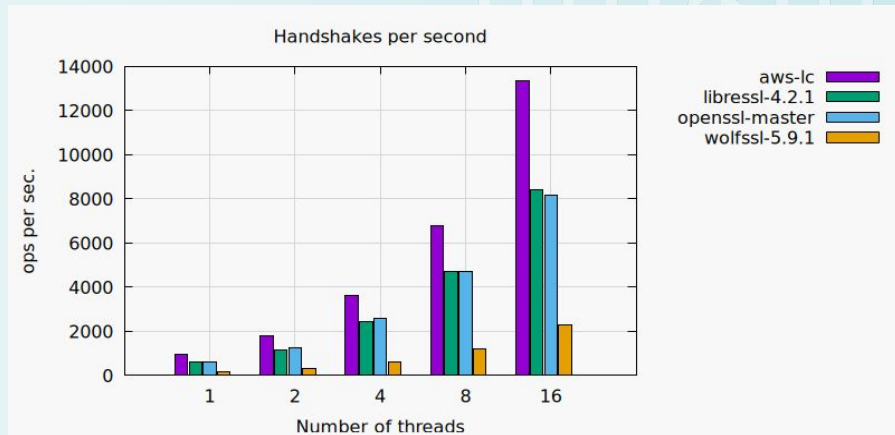
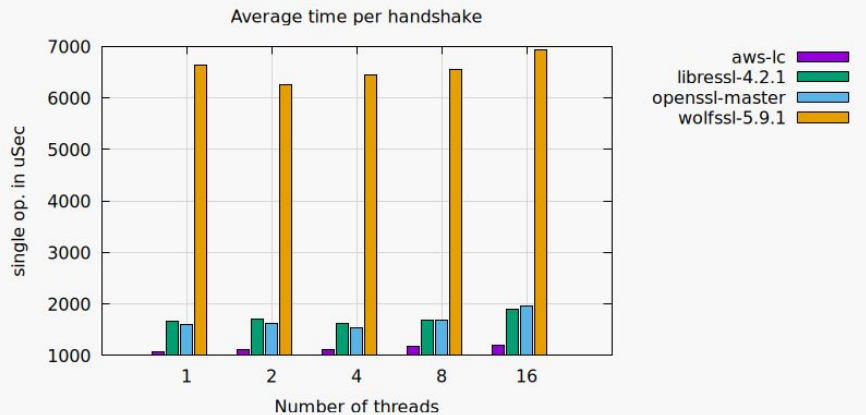
- Jan 2024 [#0535f6e](#) by icing adds OpenSSL QUIC stack to curl
- Jan 2026 [#6aaac9d](#) by badger removes OpenSSL QUIC stack from curl
  - Looks like friction comes from interfacing OpenSSL I/O (SSL\_read()/SSL\_write()) with libhttp3



## What else is on now

- Still sorting out mem/perf Issues
  - [#31143 \(dropping method store refcount\)](#)
  - [#29117 \(making ASN1 strings opaque\)](#)
  - [#31184 \(caching parsed certs\)](#)
  - Side channel mitigation (const. Time math)
- regular [benchmarks](#) (openssl vs. openssl)
  - The cross library benchmark is still work in progress (see next slide)





Charts from [handshake](#) tools from OpenSSL project. [openssl-bench](#) supports openssl/boring/rust I have not looked at it yet to add support for other SSL libraries.

