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Overview: Summarise the most recent evolutions in how end-device DNS resolution is being done (~past 5 years)

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Goal today is to bring awareness to this audience of fast moving changes: **The good, the bad and the ugly....**

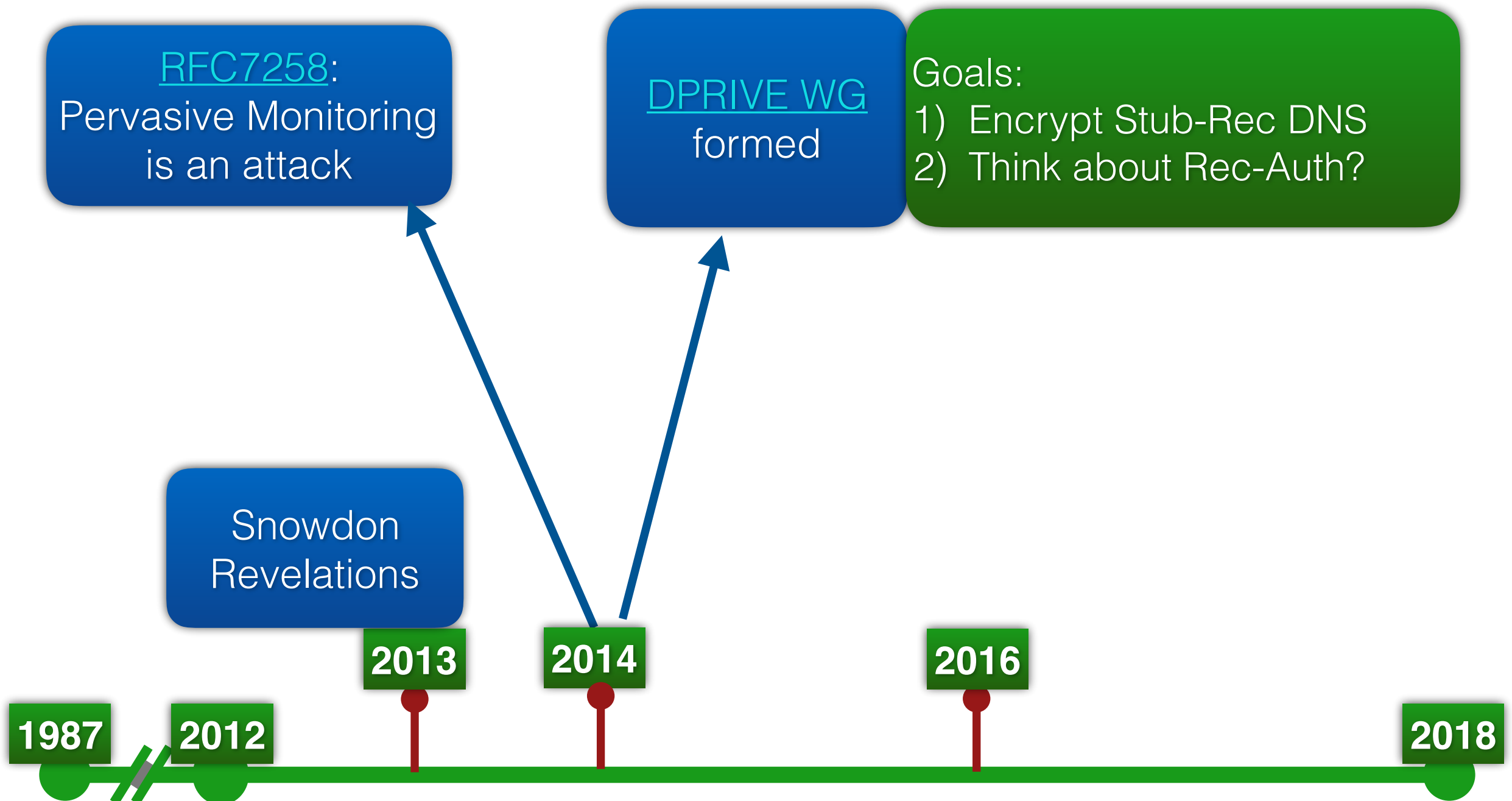
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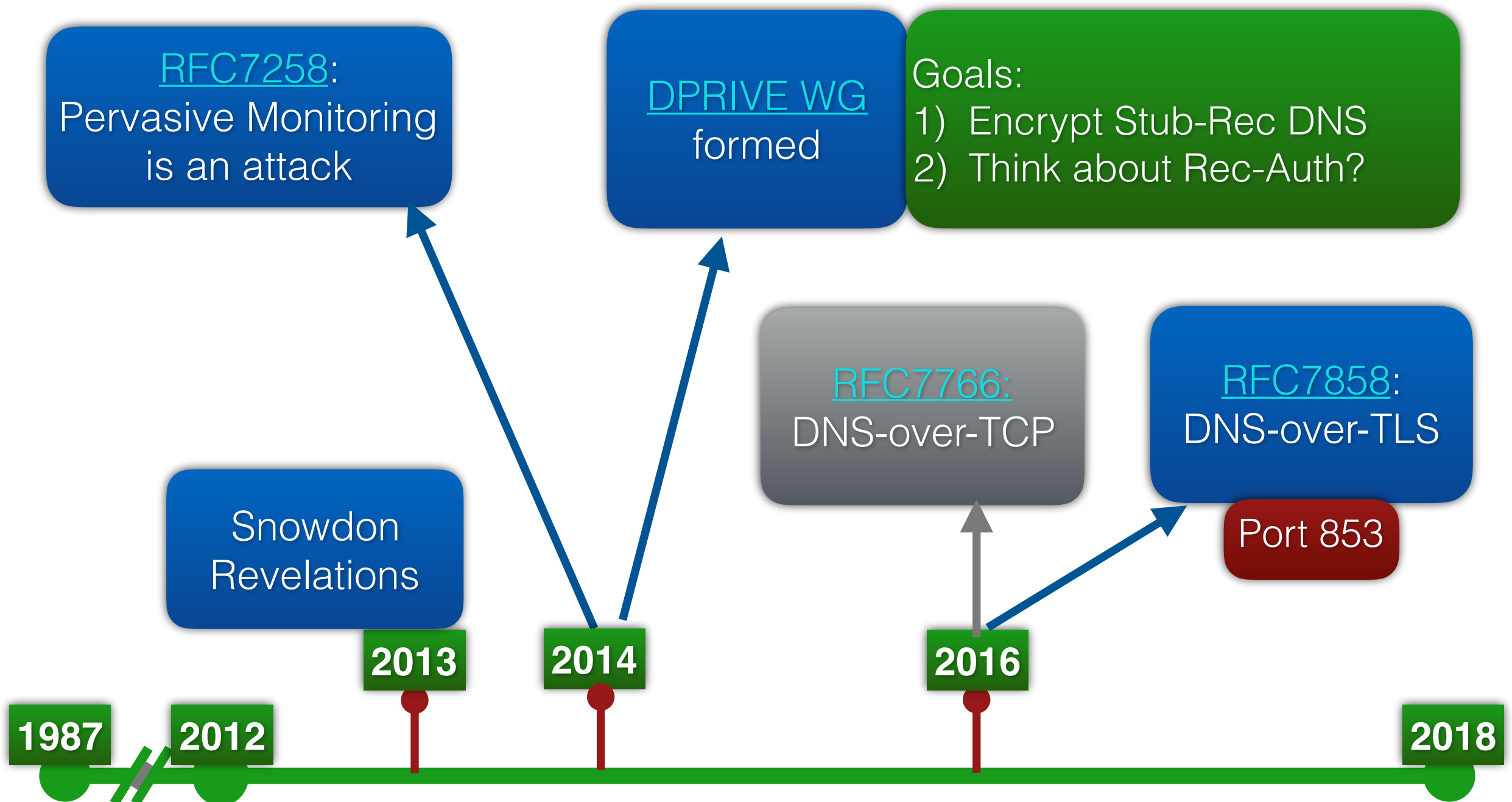
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No Security or Privacy in the original design!

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2018





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The diagram illustrates the timeline of events and their dependencies. A red box labeled 'System stub resolvers: Need native Windows & macOS/iOS support' has a red arrow pointing to the 'Clients Servers' event in the 2015-2018 period. Two green boxes, both labeled 'Easy to run a DoT server', have green arrows pointing to the 'Set of 20 test DoT servers' event, which spans from 2015 to the present.



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Strict DoT: need
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**For DoT, seen as
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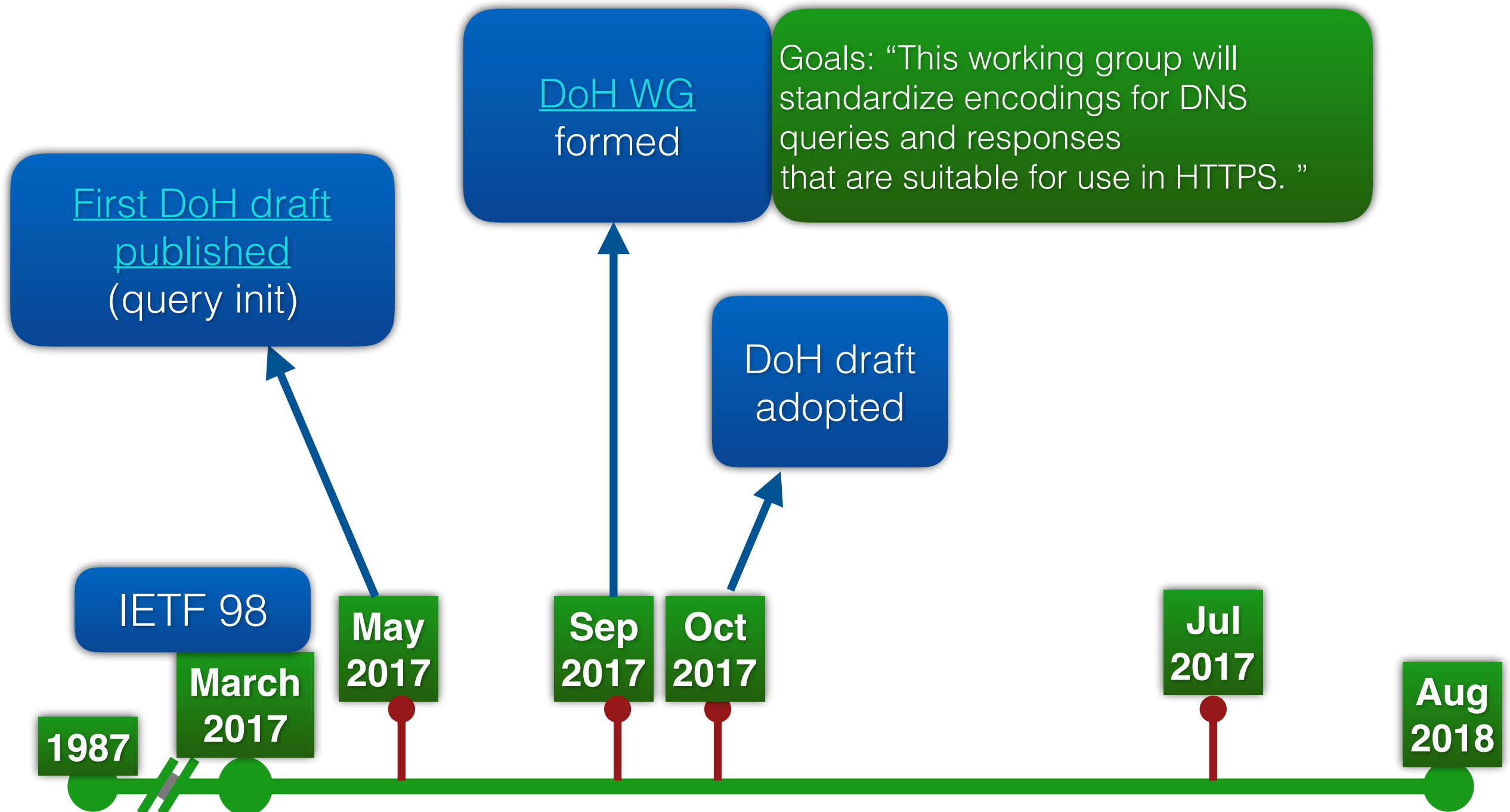
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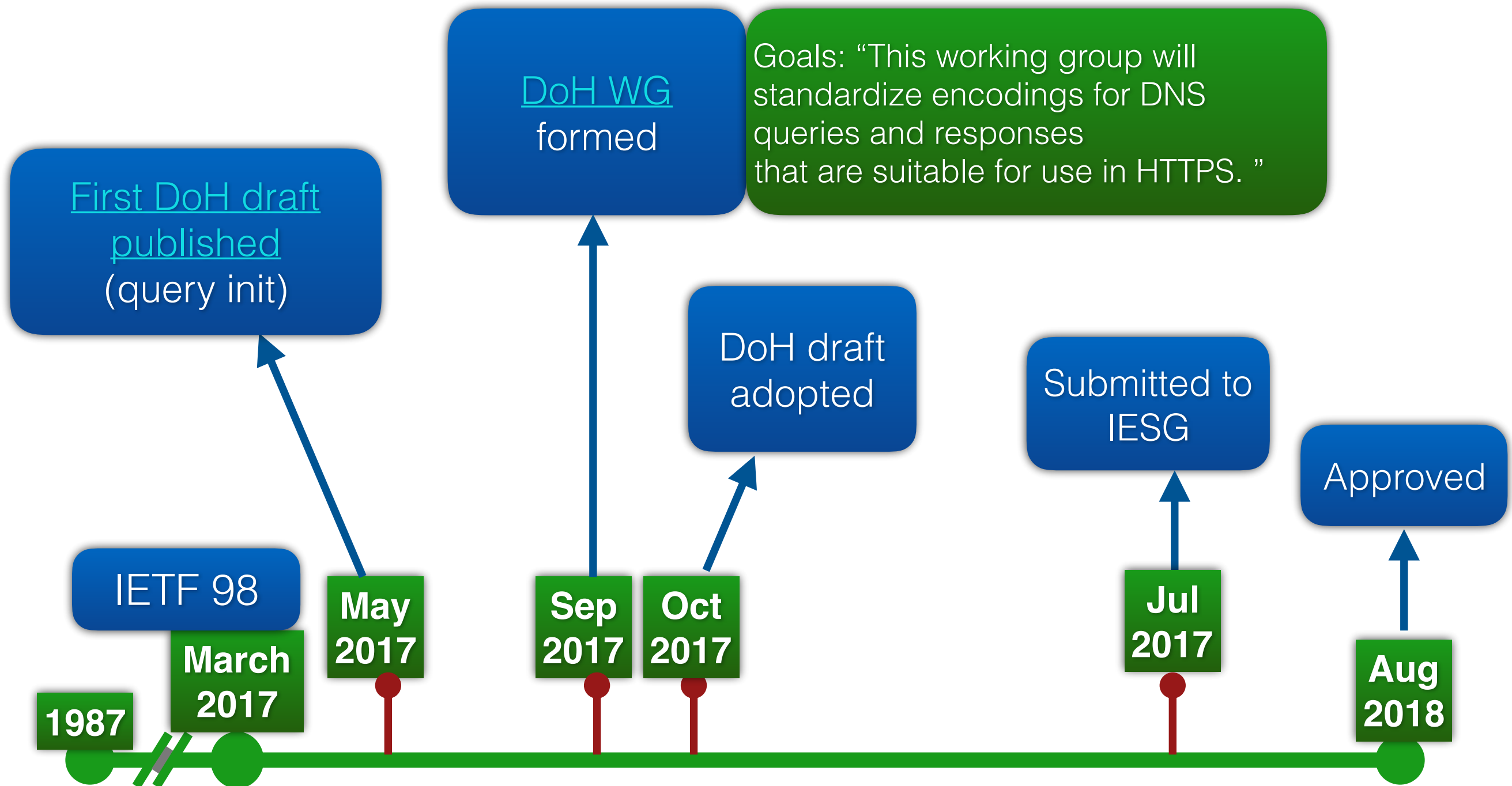
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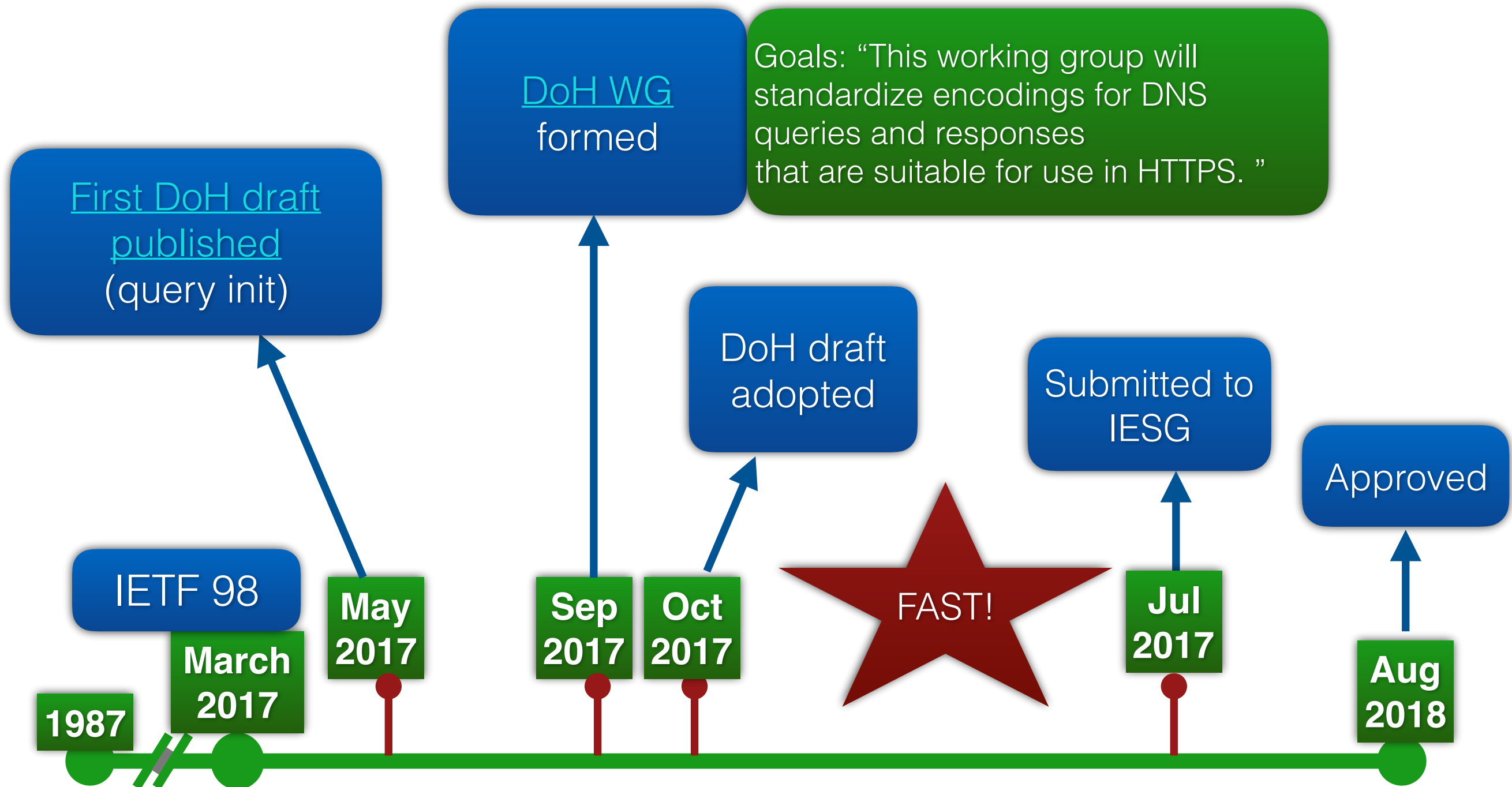
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.....to their own chosen cloud resolver service!







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Browser vendors control the client and update frequently.

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“With this [agreement], we have a resolver that we can trust to protect users’ privacy. This means **Firefox can ignore the resolver that the network provides** and just go straight to Cloudflare.”



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RESULTS: 6ms performance overhead is acceptable
“**We’re committed long term to building a larger ecosystem of trusted DoH providers that live up to a high standard of data handling.**”

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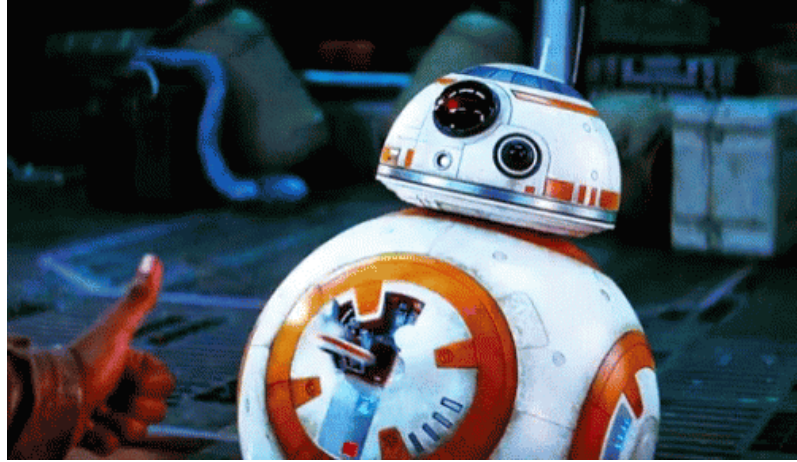
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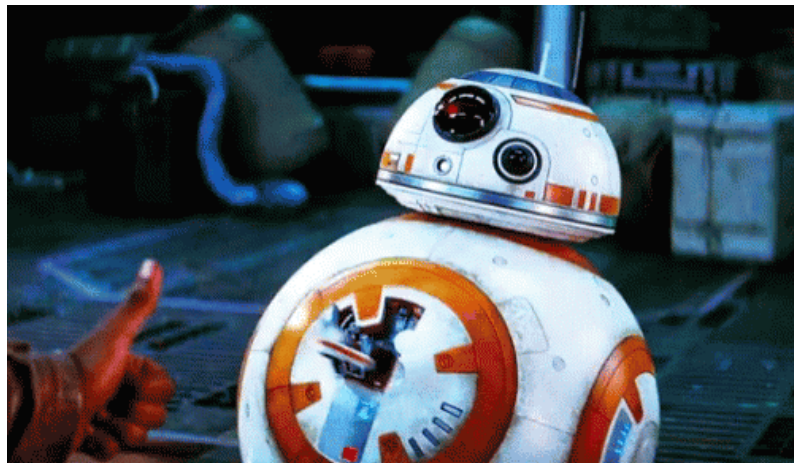
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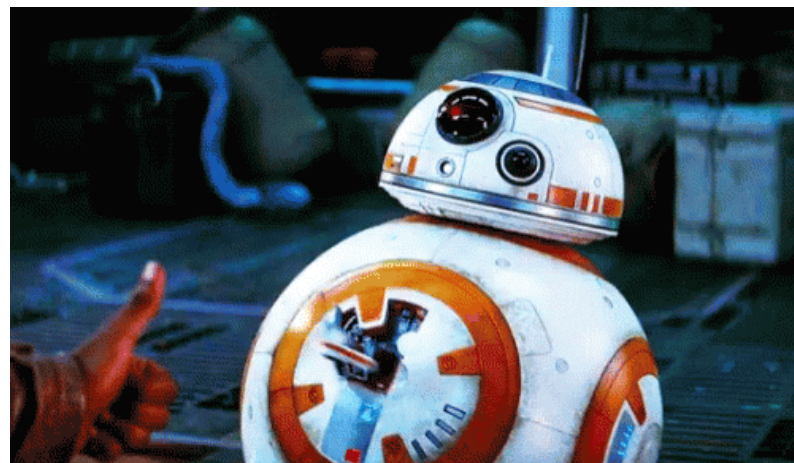
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Potential **centralisation** of DNS resolution to a few providers?







Soon, DoH+TRR in this browser will be fully operational!



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