HTTP/2 In Action
Second Review Author Feedback Summary

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Overview

12 reviews were received from a variety of people, all of whom seems to fit the intended reader. There was a wide range in how the reviewers categorized their expertise from 2 to 8, with an average of 5.75. So most were aware of the technology with more than a few veering towards the expert end of the scale. This was very similar to the first review though the total number of reviews were down from 17 to 12.

The "How many stars would you give it on Amazon" rating is showing in below graph with 6 ratings of 4 and 6 of 5 to give an Average of 4.5 which is very positive and slightly up on the 1st review. Notably there were no 3 ratings this time.

10 of the reviewers were part of the first review. Most kept the same rating, through one dropped a point (5->4) and three improved (3->5, 3->4 and 4->5).

Review	Understanding of HTTP/2	Rating	Previous Rating	Difference	Comments
1	7	5	N/A	N/A	
2	6	5	5	0	
3	4	5	5	0	
4	7	4	5	-1	Seems confused. Loved it last time but lots of complaints this time. Caught on a bad day?
5	6	5	3	2	Much more enthusiastic. Main complaint last time was stuff we moved to Appendix
6	3	4	3	1	Was confused last time as to intention & audience. A bit of an improvement this time but still states it's "dry"
7	7	4	4	0	
8	5	5	N/A	N/A	
9	7	4	4	0	
10	7	4	4	0	
11	8	5	4	1	No real complaints last time, but definitely more enthusiastic this time
12	2	4	4	0	
		4.5	4.1	+3	

The one that went down was very positive last time ("Excellent book!!! The author explain http/2 really well. Even for beginner…"), but seems to disagree this time round ("The way to present the concept has to be improved. For me, it is too much text in this book.") even I don't think the style has changed from first review. Though there was plenty of positives too. Seems a bit confused to be honest.

For the improvers, it seems I addressed the issues from their first reviews and those were the main reasons holding them back from higher ratings last time. Two of them went to the full 5 stars stars and were very complimentary ("I am not kidding: When was the last time you said after reading a book that you finally get it.", "Great work and definitely deserves 5 stars.") though one improver (3->4) mentioned it was still "a bit dry"

What were the repeated themes for improvements?

Unlike the first review there were very few repeated themes this time. Most seemed happy with the book or had a few minor changes or suggestions. A few noted the moving of installation instructions to the Appendix and the improved graphics since first review and were pleased with that.

The only potential area of feedback was that a few commented that Chapter 4 was tough going for some, though many mentioned that "it just seems to be the nature of the material". Will review to see if we can improve it at all but will admit this is a bit referency. Chapter 7 risks being similar.

Pleasingly there were very few comments about passages requiring repeated reading to understand and most said the writing was interesting (though one reviewer mentioned it was "bit of dry read" and I needed to "add a bit of character to the writing"). I added some specific questions to the review this time asking for feedback on the level of technical detail (nearly all said it was "about right") and pacing (again nearly all said "about right").

I also asked about any topics which either were not covered already or did not look like they would be covered in the remaining chapters but there were very few suggestions here and those that were suggested seemed very specific to the reviewer. I have seen impact on JavaScript frameworks and AJAX calls mentioned a few times (here in this review and in other feedback I've received) so will look into adding this.

To Do list for each chapter

Chapter 1
- Review "Whatever happened to IPv5" sidebar. *Done*
- Fix typo "more than just HyperText document and could not" should be "could now". *Done*

Chapter 2
- Consider TCP/IP ACK/SYNC-ACK diagram?*.*

Chapter 3
- Improved HTTPS handshake explanation and relevance to text. *Done*

Chapter 4

- Review the second half detailing all the frames and see if I can make this less dry and painful.
- Consider moving 4.1.6 ("HTTP/2 or HTTP/2.0") to a sidebar. *Done*
- Fix typo on page 3 "older HTTP/2 messages" should be "older HTTP/1 messages". *Done*
- Fix Table 4.2 ("Currently 6 settings" when there are 8). *Done*

Chapter 5

- Correct Push Diagrams last line (Receive JavaScript). *Done.*
- Review wording on WebSockets sections. *Done*

Chapter 6

- Fix typos and review flow. It is the newest chapter so has received the least double checking. *Done*
- Consider adding section on JavaScript frameworks and/or AJAX? Appendix
- Add something about software versions when HTTP/2 support was added?
- Add nghttp2 install instructions? Probably not!

All

- Received detailed typo and grammar feedback on just about every page from reviewer 12. *Done*
- Review how diagrams will appear in print (black and white). For later.

Overall Assessment

Overall, I am again very pleased with these reviews and the book seems to be progressing on the right track. All the reviews were positive overall and some very positive.

Will make the above changes and drive on with Chapter 7 unless Kevin has spotted anything I missed or disagrees with above.