

Game Over IPv4

The need of IPv6 for the future of games



Round Table Workshop

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Panelists

- Antonio Marcos Moreiras (NIC.br)
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Round Table Workshop

- Agenda (90 minutes)
 - 10 minutes Introduction
 - 1st part 25 minutes (up to 5 minutes each panelist) self introduction and their points of view about the problem
 - 15 minutes open microphone
 - 2nd part 25 minutes (up to 5 minutes each panelist) to discuss solutions and possibilities for collaboration
 - 15 minutes open microphone and wrap up

Motivation

- Many Brazilian Internet Service Providers (ISPs) have reported connectivity problems with online games.
- Our IPv6.br team did some research with the most famous online games
 - Many of them don't use IPv6.
 - Games require good connectivity.
 - Some games require incoming connections.

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Talking about the problem

- Internet Service Providers' point of view
 - Some can not receive any more IPv4 addresses. Others can buy them but they are usually too expensive.
 - Many ISPs uses CGNAT which doesn't allow incoming connections.
 - Many ISPs have difficulty finding the right proportion between Client X Ports.

Solving the problem

- The best solution: IPv6!
 - Faster than IPv4
 - Allows end-to-end connectivity
 - Each user has their own public IPv6 address

BUT both sides (ISPs and Online game companies) must deploy it!



Debating the problem

- While IPv6 is not widely deployed, let's try to discover what problems there are with IPv4 and games
 - Do game companies use Blacklist?
 - How many ports should a client receive?
 - Do online games usually require incoming connections?
 - How worse is a double NAT connection?



Debating the problem

Let's hear our specialists talk about the problem!



Solutions and possibilities for collaboration

Policy questions

- 1. What are the overall impacts of the IPv6 transition on the future of Online Games and gamers?
- 2. What issues might we face if IPv6 is not deployed or if this transition takes too long to happen?
- 3. What are the overall challenges of IPv6 deployment on ISPs and Gaming Companies?
- 4. What opportunities for collaboration and solutions exist?

GAME OVER IPv4 Thank you for playing!

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