

Performance Analysis of Fast Address Search Algorithm of NAT-PT

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ABSTRACT

The limited size and structure of the Internet address spaces of IPv4 have caused difficulties in coping with fast growing number of Internet users. IPv6 is a feasible solution for the problems identified with IPv4. It not only provides larger address spaces but also support security, mobility, and quality of service. However, before a complete deployment of IPv6 become reality, two network protocols IPv4 and IPv6 will co-exist and inter-working between them is important. The transition from IPv4 to IPv6 will be lengthy, while network devices supporting both protocols are required. NAT-PT is designed for these devices that allows IPv6 network to communicate with IPv4 network. In this thesis, a fast address search algorithm is proposed. The algorithm improves the efficiency of searching mapping table entries. Compared to the original NAT-PT reference design, the proposed new method is faster and flexible.

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