

Application testing and exchange of information
(MultiAdvancedFlow)

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1 Introduction

In this section, we will test our multimedia servers, focusing on two notable cases. The first involves uploading a video to our streaming platform and then playing it back — in other words, we will perform video on demand. In the second case, we will use a mobile phone with the well-known Larix Broadcaster app to simulate real-time video streaming. Finally, to push our device to its limits, we will establish two sessions on our server to implement both previous cases simultaneously

Through this analysis, we Will be able to know how our application will respond under different networking conditions and configurations.

1.1 Tools for testing

Nowadays, we have many tools available to accurately measure our network environments. In this specific case, we have chosen to use the Node Server's own application, as well as Wireshark.

Under idle conditions, our server shows the following characteristics across its various components.

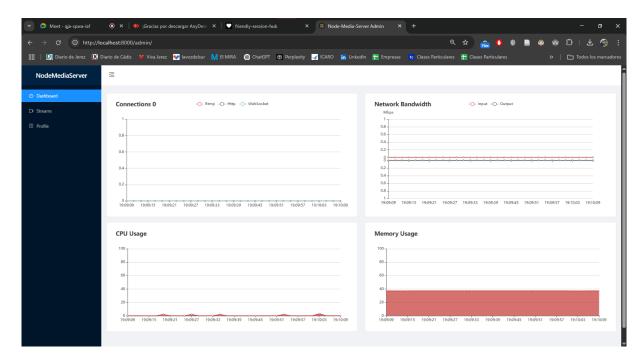


Figure 1-1 server statistics

2 Video On-demand

Frist of all, we must transmit a new video to make a stream in order to check our video ondemand server

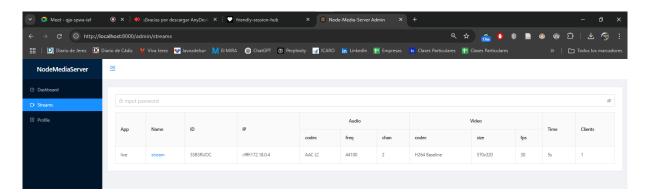


Figure 2-1 streams available on the server

As a result, when checking the "streams" section on the Node Media Server web page, we can see that a live stream named "stream" has been created — this is the name we assigned to our stream.

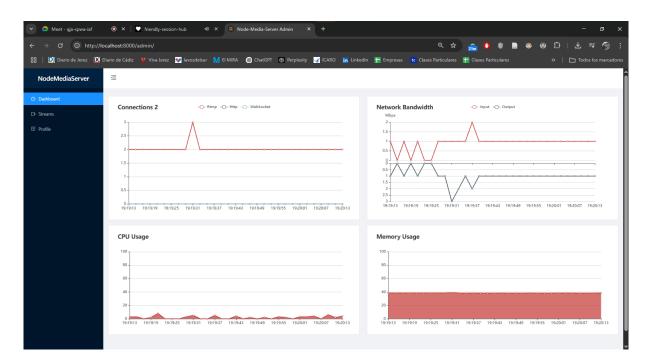


Figure 2-2 server statistics

It is also noticeable that there are two video channels: one for the incoming stream and another for the default outgoing stream. On the server's main page, we can see two active connections, corresponding to the two channels mentioned earlier.

Using Wireshark, we confirmed that all HTTP requests sent to the server were successfully completed. Another thing to consider is when the communication just started, we can see all the sequences of the stream appear on the capture

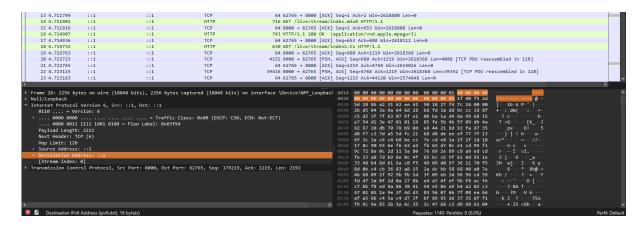


Figure 2-3 successful communication between client and server

If want go to in deeper in this point we can choose to count the http petitions during the whole capture

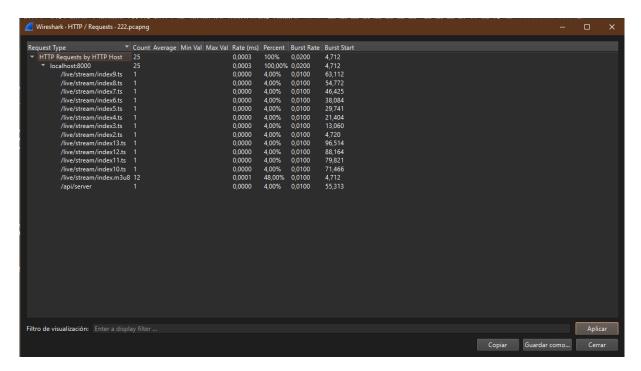


Figure 2-4 http requests

From the figure below, we can observe that the stream reception delay is 20 microseconds, which is relatively low since both the streaming server and the client are running on the same machine.

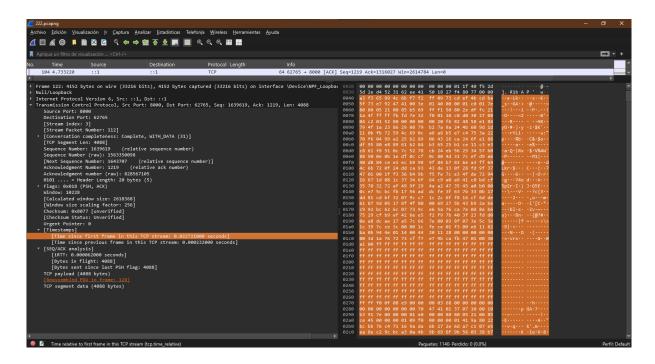


Figure 2-5 packet delay

From this point forward, our analysis will focus on scenarios involving the default FLV stream provided by NMS (Node Media Server). These scenarios involve accessing the FLV stream through HTTP requests, allowing us to explore its features and potential applications in greater depth.

3 Real time streaming

In the next phase of our project, we will simulate a real-time streaming environment by using the Larix Broadcaster application on a mobile device. This setup allows us to emulate a realistic live streaming scenario where the video content is captured and transmitted in real time over the network.

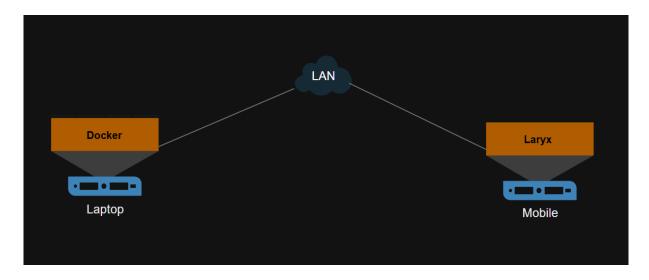


Figure 3-1 Scenario of real time streaming

The mobile phone will act as the source, streaming live video directly to our Node Media Server (NMS) instance. This simulation is crucial for evaluating the behaviour, stability, and performance of the server under conditions that closely resemble real-world usage, where latency, network fluctuations, and device performance can all influence the overall streaming experience. Through this test, we aim to observe how efficiently the server handles incoming live streams, how it manages resources when receiving data from an external device, and how responsive remains when serving the content to potential Additionally, capturing and analysing the traffic with Wireshark will provide further insights into protocol behaviour, network load, and the quality of the live transmission.

The first step will be to configure the Larix Broadcaster application on our mobile phone so that it can transmit the video stream to the IP address of the PC where our server is running. During the configuration process, it is important to assign a new, unique name to our live stream.

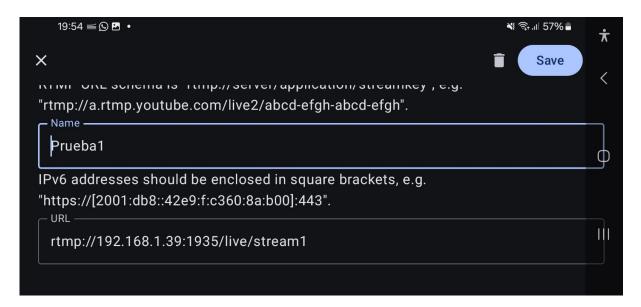


Figure 3-2 configuration of Larix Broadcaster

We must ensure that it is different from any previously used stream names to avoid conflicts on the server. If the same name were reused, it could cause errors or unstable behaviour during the session.

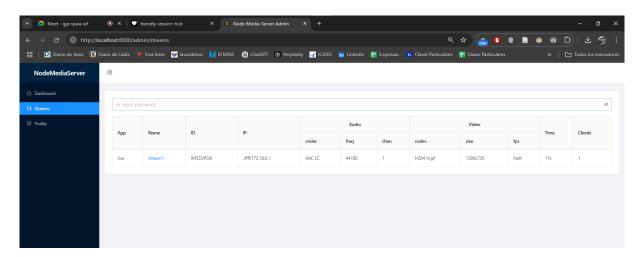


Figure 3-3 streams available on the server

Once the stream is set up and transmission begins, we can monitor the server statistics through the Node Media Server web interface. The server's statistics reflect the current state of the stream, including active connections, bitrate, and other performance indicators.

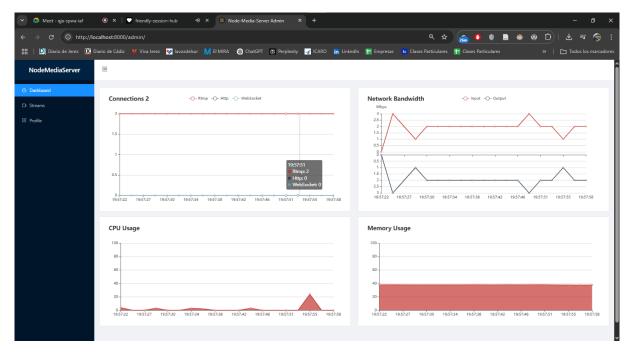


Figure 3-4 server statistics

Another important observation is the latency of the transmission. In this setup, we recorded the delay. This delay can be clearly seen in the figures provided below and is typical for real-time streaming

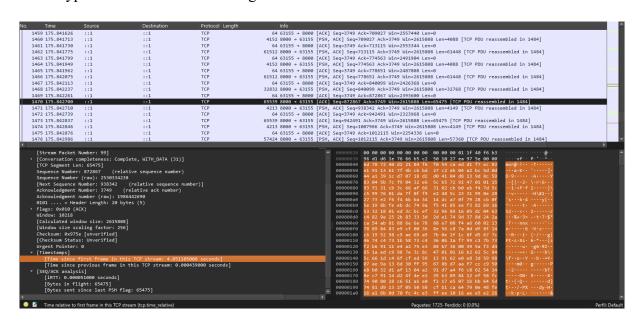


Figure 3-5 packets delay

In this real-time streaming scenario, the number of HTTP requests to the server significantly increases compared to previous video-on-demand tests. This rise in requests is mainly because we are now dealing with a continuous live feed, and, additionally, the server and client are operating on separate devices, leading to more network activity.

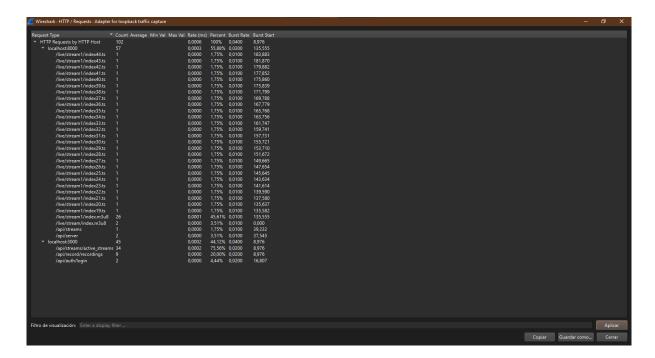


Figure 3-6 http requests

4 Real time streaming WAN

In the next stage of our analysis, we will focus on a more complex scenario where the streaming process will take place across different networks. To achieve this, we will set up a secure tunnel to connect both networks, allowing the mobile device and the server to communicate as if they were on the same local network. This approach simulates a more realistic situation where the broadcaster and the streaming server are not within the same local infrastructure, which is common in real-world applications.

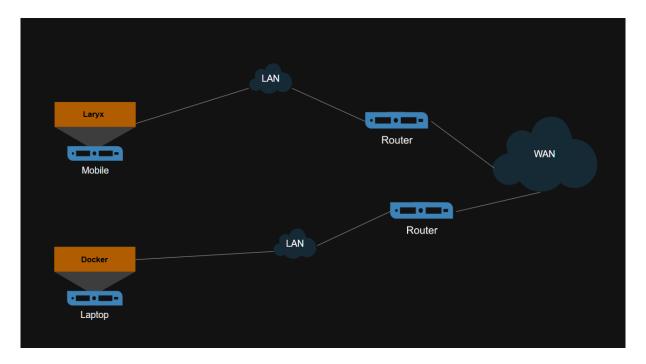


Figure 4-1 Scenario of real time streaming on WAN

As before, we will configure the Larix Broadcaster application to send the live stream, this time directing it to the server's IP address through the tunnel. We will again assign a unique name to the live transmission to avoid conflicts with previous sessions that could cause instability or connection issues.

By using separate networks connected through a tunnel, we anticipate a series of changes in the system's behaviour. Specifically, we expect an increase in transmission delay, additional network overhead due to the tunnelling protocol, and potentially more packet loss or retransmissions depending on the quality and stability of the underlying internet connections.

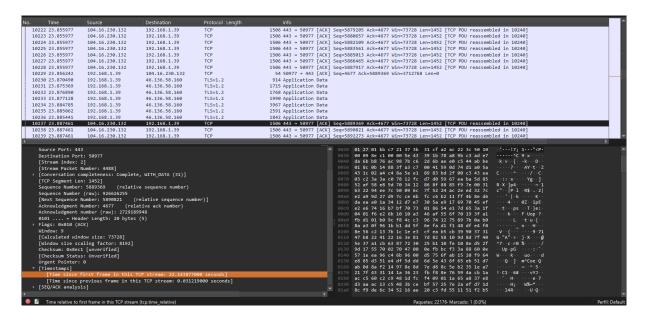


Figure 4-2 packets delay

Once the connection is established and streaming is active, we will monitor the server's statistics using the Node Media Server web interface. Given the network separation and tunnelling, it is expected that there won't be any HTTP requests and retransmissions as compared to the previous local network scenarios.

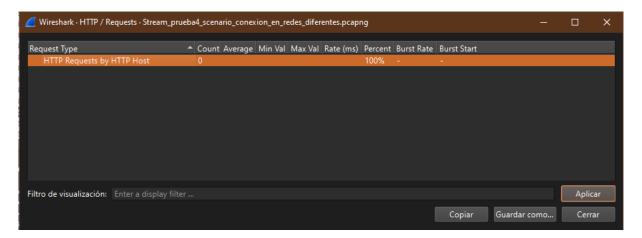


Figure 4-3 http requests

Finally, through packet capture with Wireshark and real-time observations, we will be able to accurately measure the impact of network distance and tunnelling on stream quality, delay, and overall server performance.

The figures and analysis provided below will offer a detailed view of how the server is going on with the traffic in the scenario.

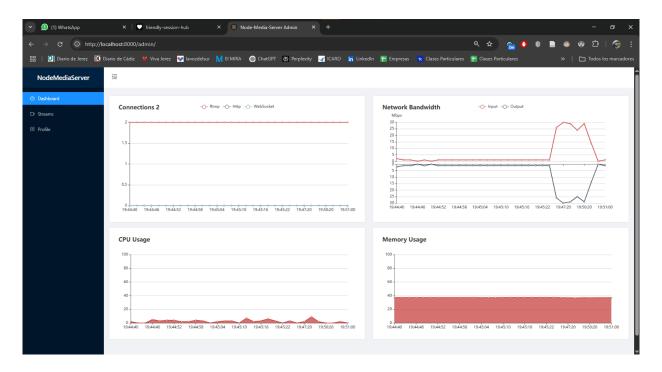


Figure 4-4 server statistics

4.1 Important changes

To make the streaming visible to users on the WAN side, it is necessary to apply a small modification to the Node Media Server's web server setup. Specifically, the code must be updated to point to the public URL provided by Cloudflare for both API calls and the playback URLs. As shown in the figure below, the URLs in the code are replaced with the public Cloudflare address:

API Endpoint Update: Instead of using the local server address, the anisette call must target the Cloudflare public endpoint

Streaming URL Update: Similarly, the stream playback URL should use the Cloudflare domain

```
:onst axios - require('axios');
:onst getActiveStreams = async () => {
 try {
   const nmsUri = process.env.NMS_URI: // Usar la variable de entorno
   const response = await axios.get https://bite-sue-creating-son.trycloudflare.com/api/streams^);
const streamsData = response.data.ii.e || ();
   // Convertir la respuesta en una lista de streams
   const streams = Object.keys(streamsData).map((streamName) => {
      const streamInfo = streamsData[streamName].publisher;
      return {
        name: streamName,
        clients: streamsData[streamName] subscribers length
       url: https://bite-sue-creating-son.trycloudflare.com/live/${streamName}/index.m3u8
        audio
        video: streamInfo.video,
     };
   });
   return streams;
 } catch (err) {
   console.error('Error obteniendo streamings:', err);
    return [];
nodule.exports = getActiveStreams;
```

Figure 4-5 Changes that must be applied

This modification ensures that any client on the WAN network can successfully retrieve and view the live streams hosted by the Node Media Server through the tunnel created with Cloudflare.