Level 8: NAPT



* If the PC @ 10.0.0.7 wants to start a connection with stackoverflow @ 151.101.1.69 either through a proxy or a transparent proxy or a NAPT translator.
  + The number of TCP connections between any PC on the subnet to stackoverflow is equal to the number of possible port numbers (65536)
  + Each new TCP connection between a PC on the subnet to a public IP address adds a new NAPT rule
  + A NAPT rule is garbage-collected either when a TCP connection is closed or the rule has not been used for a while
* However, what happens if stackoverflow @ 151.101.1.69 wants to start a connection with the PC @ 10.0.0.7? Or how to allow PC @ 10.0.0.7 to host a file server?
  + The dumbest way: have file servers on the public internet that are not behind NAPT, and upload any files to those public servers for sharing

Level 9a: P2P networking via public server

* Use one public server to hold the files between PCs behind NAPTs
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* How to achieve this without having the server to hold on to some files?

Level 9b: P2P networking via public proxy/relay/ TURN (Traversal Using Relays around NAPT)

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* What could we do if we don’t want to connect through any kind of relay server in between?

Level 9c: P2P networking via explicit NAPT rules (port forwarding)

* Why can’t two PCs talk to each other when they are both behind NAPT?
  + Their IP addresses are not meaningful on the public Internet
* Why can’t one PC connect to the NAPT on the other side?
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* If we add the NAPT rule to the NAPT @ 24.9.3.7 before the TCP Connection is started, then a direct TCP Connection can be established between the two PC behind NAPTs.

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There was some confusions around how the private src and public dst are set in a NAPT rule, and this is decided by the NAT implementations defined here: <https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc3489#section-5>.

Say PC @ 10.0.0.7: 6101 starts a TCP connection to PC @ 24.9.3.7:1234 by sending a packet, the rule established would be:

* Full Cone

| private: | public : |
| --- | --- |
| src: \* : \* | src: 18.17.4.19: 2012 |
| dst: 10.0.0.7 : 6101 | dst: \* : \* |

* Restricted Cone

| private: | public : |
| --- | --- |
| src: \* : \* | src: 18.17.4.19: 2012 |
| dst: 10.0.0.7 : 6101 | dst: 24.9.3.7: \* |

* Port Restricted Cone

| private: | public : |
| --- | --- |
| src: \* : \* | src: 18.17.4.19: 2012 |
| dst: 10.0.0.7 : 6101 | dst: 24.9.3.7: 1234 |

* Symmetric

| private: | public : |
| --- | --- |
| src: 24.9.3.7: 1234 | src: 18.17.4.19: 2012 |
| dst: 10.0.0.7: 6101 | dst: 24.9.3.7: 1234 |

Level 9d: P2P networking via NAT traversal



* “cone” NAPT rule
  + Any connection that goes to 18.241.9.7: 2222 would be reroute to 10.0.0.7:9876
* What would be needed to make this TCPConnection happen?
  + Step 1: PC @ 10.0.0.7 needs to know its public IP address
    - STUN Server @ 3.9.0.5 (STUN Servers are stateless)



* Step 2: PC @ 10.0.0.7 wants to tell its peer about its public address: Rendezvous server
  + A rendezvous server is similar to a chat room, and the rendezvous server itself doesn’t have to have any persistent mapping between user names and public addresses
  + When one user is trying to talk to another users, the rendezvous server checks whether the other party is logged in on the server, and if true send the message
  + Rendezvous servers are often run by applications (e.g. Minecraft, or Bittorrent) since rendezvous servers are cheaper than TURN servers, and TURN servers would be needed if P2P connections cannot be established

