



Software Defined Network Address Translator

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What is a Network Address Translator (NAT)?

- Component of data networking equipment
- Standard and integral equipment for Internet Service Provider (ISP) data networks
- If high performance is needed – a specially designed device is used **which costs a lot**

A typical high-performance NAT device
looks like this



The problem

A high-performance NAT costs a lot:

**Around \$6000 per 10G packet per second
at minimum**

How can we make it cheaper?



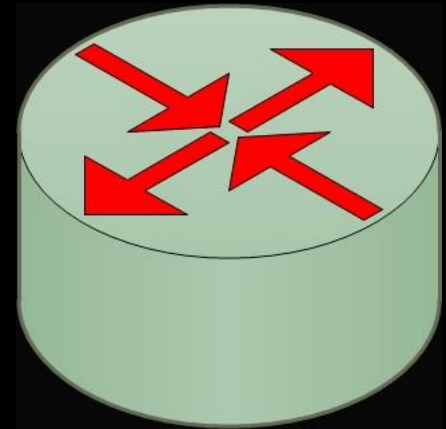
A cheap regular server

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Our software package

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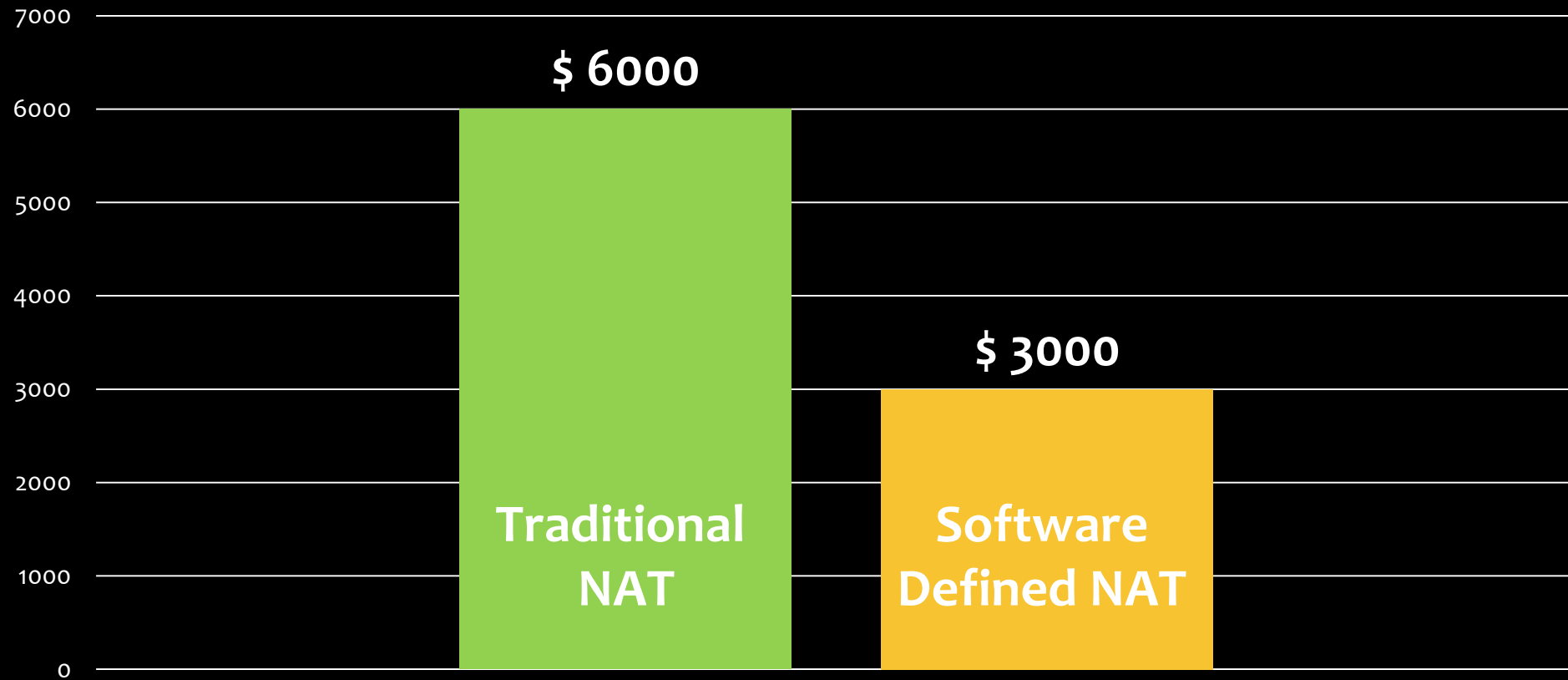
Software Defined NAT

Which will look like this

...and will cost
around \$1800



Market Price Comparison



Our Software Defined NAT costs 50% less than a traditional NAT

Benefits of using a Software Defined NAT?

- Costs 50% less than a traditional NAT, but has the same performance characteristics
- Easily upgradable
- Easily maintainable
- More performance on upcoming processors

THANK YOU !

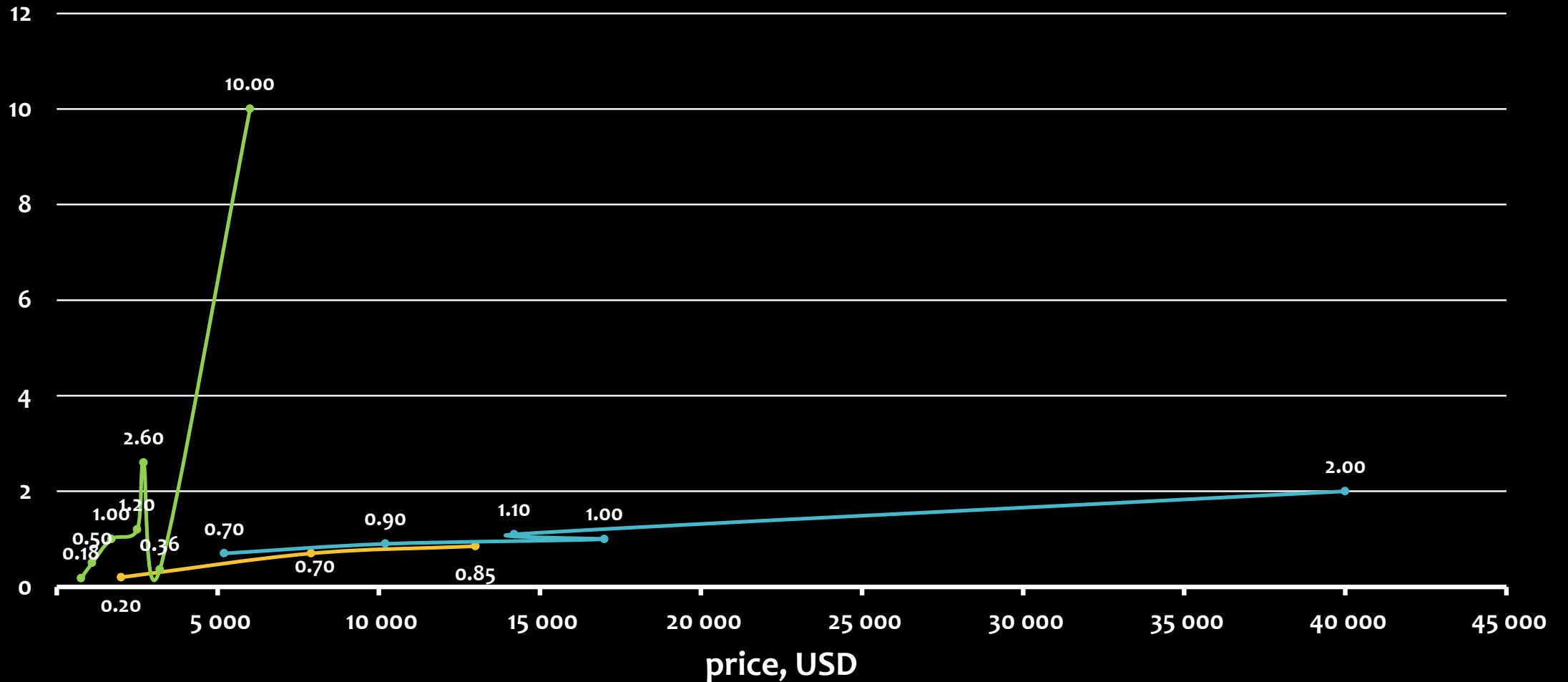
Traditional NAT prices

Performance/price

routers with NAT

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Juniper HP Cisco



Software Defined NAT Target Characteristics

- Throughput: 10G bits per sec
- Packet processing rate: 10M packets per sec
- Connection setup rate: 3M sessions per sec
- Concurrent session support: 65.5M sessions

What makes our software work so fast?

- High-performance software design principles
- Specially designed for fast processing of packet data
- Parallel computations
- Intel© DPDK framework

Software Defined NAT cost estimation

Component name	Model	Price, \$
Processor	Intel Core i5-4690	220
RAM Modules	SiliconPower SP016GXLYU16ANDA x2	320
Motherboard	SuperMicro X10SLL-S (Intel C222)	200
Hard Disk	Intel DC S3610	275
Network Interface Card	Lenovo 10Gb X540-T2	600
System Unit	SuperMicro CSE-732D2-500B	200

TOTAL: \$1815

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