

French Tennis Federation selects EfficientIP's security solutions to help with DNS performance

- French Open used EfficientIP to secure DNS availability for 2016 tournament

PARIS -- September 6, 2016 -- EfficientIP, a leading provider of DDI (DNS, DHCP, IPAM) today announced the French Tennis Federation (FFT) has selected its SOLIDserverTM DDI solution to manage its DNS network services.

The FFT hosts and supports large tournaments such as the Grand Chelem Roland-Garros - also known as the French Open. During the 2015 Roland-Garros tournament, the external DNS services experienced a high volume of traffic in a short period of time - resulting in long DNS resolution times and slow Internet access. This prompted the FFT to consider an alternative in-house solution to achieve increased network reliability and security, whilst also being cost-effective.

A solution was needed that was easy to implement, would bring a single point of management to the team, and facilitate the transition smoothly. EfficientIP's SOLIDserver operating system allows the FFT to simply manage and deploy cost-effective DNS services, and ensure high availability across core network services.

Franck Labat, CTO at the FFT, said: "During the tournament there are billions of DNS requests that have to be served; we have more than 3000 journalists, photographers, VIPs, players and coaches using our network services. Therefore, we cannot afford any interruptions and it's vital we can provide good availability –quite simply, the quality of these services are key to the reputation of Roland-Garros." He continued, "The use of many personal devices to access the network also places a large demand on our network, which if left unmanaged could lead to all manner of security issues – including the loss of sensitive data."

Labat concluded, "There was no other solution available on the market that was able to compete with SOLIDserver in terms of DNS performance. We wanted an appliance that could easily be integrated into our existing IT environment and be user-friendly."

As part of the SOLIDserver implementation, the FFT deployed DNS Blast to ensure performance of DNS resolution and the absorption of large amounts of traffic. Not only did this help during the tournament, but the company will now always be able to answer legitimate traffic. DNS Guardian was also deployed to monitor and analyze DNS traffic with suspicious behavior; the FFT was unable to monitor all devices connected to the network before - but it can now detect DDoS attacks, data exfiltration and much more.

David Williamson, CEO of EfficientIP, said: "The boom in personal devices connecting to networks has upped the demand for organizations to ensure they maintain reliability and security. Roland-Garros' experience at the 2015 tournament shows just how important DNS server security is. If a DNS server crashes it can have disastrous consequences for an organization, yet most are still leaving themselves vulnerable to attack." He added, "As a French company ourselves, we are very proud to be supporting the French Tennis Federation, and we look forward to continuing to work with them to ensure they no longer face any DNS issues."

After a seamless SOLIDserver deployment, the 2016 French Open took place from May 16 to June 5 with no DNS issues for the FFT or its internal users, even during peak periods.

About Roland-Garros -- Both committed sports fans and the general public alike have come to love Roland-Garros. Some 463,328 spectators flocked to the highly prestigious French Open in 2015, and the tournament was also broadcast in 224 territories across the world, making it an event of truly global significance. Roland-Garros is run by the French Tennis Federation and held every year at the Porte d'Auteuil in Paris. It is the only Grand Slam to be played on clay – one of the oldest and most noble surfaces in the history of tennis.

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As one of the world's fastest growing DDI vendors, EfficientIP helps organizations drive business efficiency through agile, secure and reliable network infrastructures. Its unified management framework for DNS-DHCP-IPAM (DDI) and network configurations ensures end-to-end visibility, consistency control and advanced automation. Additionally, its unique 360° DNS security solution protects data confidentiality and application access from anywhere at any time. Companies rely on EfficientIP to help control the risks and reduce the complexity of challenges they face with modern key IT initiatives such as cloud applications, virtualization, and mobility.

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