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Q1 2017 executive summary

Akamai's globally distributed Intelligent Platform™ allows us to gather enormous amounts of data on many metrics, including internet connection speeds, network connectivity/availability issues, and IPv6 adoption progress, as well as traffic patterns across leading web properties and digital media providers. Each quarter, Akamai publishes the *State of the Internet Report* based on this data.

This quarter's report includes data gathered from across the Akamai Intelligent Platform during the first quarter of 2017, covering internet connection speeds and broadband adoption metrics across both fixed and mobile networks, as well as trends seen in this data over time. In addition, the report includes insight into the state of IPv4 exhaustion and IPv6 adoption, Internet events and disruptions that occurred during the quarter, and observations from Akamai partner Ericsson regarding data and voice-traffic growth on mobile networks.

Data on attack traffic seen across the Akamai platform, and insights into high-profile security vulnerabilities and attacks are now published in a separate *State of the Internet / Security Report*. The quarterly security report provides timely information about the origins, tactics, types, and targets of cyberattacks, including quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year attack traffic trends as well as case studies highlighting emerging cybersecurity issues. *The State of the Internet / Security Report* can be found at <http://www.akamai.com/stateoftheinternet-security>.

INTERNET CONNECTIVITY / In the first quarter of 2017, Akamai observed a 0.9% quarterly increase in the number of unique IPv4 addresses connecting to the Akamai Intelligent Platform, rising to just over 814 million — about 7.6 million more than in the fourth quarter of 2016. In all, approximately 5 million IPv4 addresses were depleted from available pools at the Regional Internet Registries in the first quarter, leaving approximately 39 million addresses remaining. Belgium remained the clear global leader in IPv6 adoption with 38% of its connections to Akamai for dual-stacked content happening over IPv6, down 19% from the previous quarter.

	Country/Region	Q1 2017 IPv6 %	QoQ Change
1	Belgium	38%	-19%
2	Greece	25%	-16%
3	United States	22%	-15%
4	Switzerland	21%	-22%
5	Trinidad and Tobago	21%	-4.8%
6	Germany	20%	-20%
7	India	17%	21%
8	Estonia	16%	-10%
9	Brazil	13%	29%
10	United Kingdom	13%	-4.8%

IPv6 Traffic Percentage, Top Countries/Regions

CONNECTION SPEEDS & BROADBAND ADOPTION / The global average connection speed increased 2.3% quarter-over-quarter to 7.2 Mbps, a 15% increase compared with one year prior. At a country/region level, South Korea continued to have the highest average connection speed in the world at 28.6 Mbps—a 9.3% increase compared to the fourth quarter of 2016, while Singapore maintained its position as the country with the highest average peak connection speed at 184.5 Mbps.

	Country/Region	Q1 2017 Avg. Mbps	QoQ Change	YoY Change
–	Global	7.2	2.3%	15%
1	South Korea	28.6	9.3%	-1.7%
2	Norway	23.5	-0.4%	10%
3	Sweden	22.5	-1.3%	9.2%
4	Hong Kong	21.9	-0.2%	10%
5	Switzerland	21.7	2.1%	16%
6	Finland	20.5	-0.7%	15%
7	Singapore	20.3	0.8%	23%
8	Japan	20.2	3.1%	11%
9	Denmark	20.1	-2.9%	17%
10	United States	18.7	8.8%	22%

Average Connection Speed (IPv4) by Country/Region IPv6 Traffic Percentage, Top Countries/Regions

Globally, 4 Mbps broadband adoption was 82% in the first quarter, up 3.3% from the previous quarter, with Guernsey and South Korea seeing the highest levels of adoption worldwide at 98% each. The worldwide 10 Mbps, 15 Mbps, and 25 Mbps broadband adoption rates all saw robust quarter-over-quarter growth, increasing 9.0%, 11%, and 16% to adoption levels of 45%, 28%, and 12%, respectively. As it has for many quarters, South Korea continued to lead the world in all three broadband tiers, with adoption rates of 85%, 69%, and 40% respectively, after quarterly increases of 3.1%, 7.8%, and 16%.

MOBILE / In the first quarter of 2017, average mobile connection speeds (aggregated at a country/region level) ranged from a high of 26.0 Mbps in the United Kingdom to a low of 2.8 Mbps in Venezuela. Based on traffic data collected by Ericsson, the volume of mobile data traffic grew by nearly 12% over the previous quarter.

Country/Region	Q1 2017 Avg. Mbps	Country/Region	Q1 2017 Avg. Mbps
AMERICAS		ASIA PACIFIC	
Argentina	5.1	Australia	15.7
Bolivia	4.0	China	9.3
Brazil	5.2	Hong Kong	6.8
Canada	10.3	India	4.9
Chile	7.2	Indonesia	12.8
Colombia	6.7	Japan	15.6
Costa Rica *	3.7	Malaysia	4.4
Ecuador *	4.5	New Zealand	13.0
Mexico *	7.5	Philippines *	8.7
Panama	4.2	Singapore	8.6
Paraguay	7.5	South Korea	11.8
Peru	8.3	Sri Lanka	6.9
United States	10.7	Taiwan	13.0
Uruguay	4.6	Thailand	8.6
Venezuela	2.8	Vietnam	5.3

Country/Region	Q1 2017 Avg. Mbps
EUROPE	
Austria	13.5
Belgium	16.2
Bulgaria *	9.5
Croatia	9.4
Cyprus *	24.2
Czech Republic	7.4
Denmark	16.6
Estonia	11.1
Finland	21.6
France	17.4
Germany	24.1
Greece	11.4
Hungary	12.0
Ireland	13.2
Italy	12.4
Latvia *	14.8
Lithuania	9.8
Luxembourg *	10.4
Malta *	8.5
Netherlands	15.0
Norway	17.3
Poland	9.5

Average Connection Speeds (IPv4) for Mobile Connections by Country/Region

Country/Region	Q1 2017 Avg. Mbps
Portugal	6.9
Romania	15.9
Russia	9.9
Slovakia	14.0
Slovenia	11.3
Spain	13.8
Sweden	13.2
Switzerland *	22.4
United Kingdom	26.0
MIDDLE EAST / AFRICA	
Egypt	12.2
Iran	7.5
Israel	9.2
Kenya	13.7
Kuwait	10.2
Morocco	5.3
Namibia	3.8
Nigeria *	3.9
Qatar *	13.6
Saudi Arabia	6.0
South Africa	6.9
Turkey	10.3
United Arab Emirates	10.0

* Fewer than 25,000 unique IPv4 addresses classified as mobile observed in Q1 2017

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