CDN PANEL: WHAT SHOULD NINA DO?

# DISTRIBUTED SCALABLE EDGE DELIVERY HOSTING

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## ME ME ME

- I'm representing an individual opinion, my views are my own.
- I've bought and sold transit and colo.
- I've bought, sold, used, and built CDN-like services.
- I've built things with servers, as well as rented time on servers.
- I've built things with and without backbones or peering.
- SO, I'd like to believe that I represent a blended perspective. ;)

# DON'T WORRY!

#### I PROMISE NOT TO MENTION:

#### cloud |kloud|

#### noun

1 a visible mass of condensed water vapor floating in the atmosphere, typically high above the ground: *the sun had disappeared behind a cloud* | *the full moon, hidden by veils of cloud*.

#### OR

a version of the <u>Internet Protocol</u> (IP) intended to succeed <u>IPv4</u>

## COMPUTING EVOLUTION

- Companies (of any sort) used to mostly purchase hardware deployed into custom topologies, and are increasingly using hosted-solutions/services.
- Custom CDN's are sprouting all over, in lieu of buying traditional CDN service, or in combination with buying.
- Sites/Networks are becoming edge aware, are deploying geographically, and desire proximity to the last-mile.
- Software is starting to transcend hardware topology.

# THE PROBLEM?

Edge networks...

... sit on the valuable real-estate.

... host \*some\* CDNs.

... are forced to omit many CDNs.

... try to build their own CDNs (and fail).

... lose efficiency hosting heterogenous deployments run by different companies.

#### A SOLUTION...

## The edge network should:

- Build scalable compute+storage+network farms.
- Offer "few" variants of bare metal optimized for a mutually beneficial compromise.
- Reduce heterogenous deployments.
- Scale with demand.
- Unlock more participants.

### OTHER THOUGHTS...

- There will always be the gorillas who need their own cage... fine, whatever.
- The edge network can manage power, network, build-out, and hardware failure in one homogenous fashion thats compatible with their existence.
- Participants can enable rapidly, scale rapidly, and enable in far more places.
- The edge network can vastly increase the number of participants while reducing total operational overhead.

# THANK YOU

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