

World IPv6 Day: Great Success?

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The Internet Society declares yesterday's IPv6 day was a success, and thus "demonstrates global readiness for IPv6", and thus the move towards a global IPv6-enabled internet.

World IPv6 Day involved the first test (under controlled conditions) for the new internet protocol, with more than 1000 websites and 400 organisations, including the likes of Facebook, Google, Yahoo, Akamai and Limelight Networks. The coordinated "test flight" itself went on for 24 hours-- and appeared to go smoothly on the whole, with the Internet Society saying "the vast majority of users were able to access services as usual, but in rare cases, users experienced impaired access to participating websites during the trial."

The next step? That organisations across the industry (ISPs, hardware manufacturers, OS vendors, web companies) accelerate their transitions, before IPv4's addresses run out-- which should this year.

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