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Introduction

 > Who is Pim van Pelt ?
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Dbit TTM and Open Source (1)

>TTM code base observations

- Developped with community resources
- Closed source, available on request
- Not tested for multiplatform
- Source/design documentation availability

Dbit TTM and Open Source (2)

Suggestion: OpenUp™

- Cleanup/review (parts of) code
- Establish portability (BSDs, Solaris, Linux)
- Choose suitable license (BSD, GPL, ...)
- Import into public CVS rep (SourceForge)
- Explicitly share code with the community
 - Install, readme, changelog, howto's, ...



'Problem' with TTM

> What if a party ...

- Wants a specific test or tests done,
- Does not want a specific test or tests done,
- Does not need the ttm-wg expertise,
- Does not want their data to be public,
- Wants to validate the assessments of NCC ?

They may not need/want to be part of the RIPE TTM deployment



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3rd party software (1)

Is there a need for:

- external testing ?
 - Tunnel detection
 - pMTU testing
 - Throughput testing (IPv6!)
 - Monitoring of own (name)servers
- external validation ?
 - Plots, data, internet



3rd party software (2)

Suggestion: guidelines for 3rd parties

- Enables a clear interface to the TTM system
- Enables programmers to write
 - Measurement software
 - Data validation software

Makes TTM platform more versatile

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Why this benefits TTM

Increased input from the community
Improvements and suggestions
Community efforts can save money
NCC has © and CVS r/w access

- Accept what the userbase wants
- TTM boxes' tests can be expanded

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Dbit Why this does not harm TTM

RIPE NCC deployment already has:

> Mass

- Approx 65 machines up and running
- Widespread geopolitical presence
- > A cluestick (expertise)
 - Customers turn to NCC folks for interpretation
 - Community benefits from Incident Reports
- > An established public forum
 - Several interactive mailinglist
 - Regular IRL meetings



Discussion

Does this make any sense ?Are there any suggested tests ?

