

Building Customer Support and Loyalty

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- Real gameplay for social platforms
- Deep, engaging games
- Rapid iteration with big changes
- Long relationship with players



- No hard paywalls
- Regular game events
- Strong social competition
 - "We monetize revenge." Will Harbin, CEO

- 20x higher ARPDAU (\$0.80) than other popular social games (\$0.04)
- 30 min+ gameplay sessions, 90+ per day
- KIXEYE has been profitable for 4 years

Our games















- MMORTS with tower defense elements
- KIXEYE.com, Facebook
- 3 years since launch
- Real-time PvP, PvE combat
- Immense world map
- Extensively customizable bases and fleets







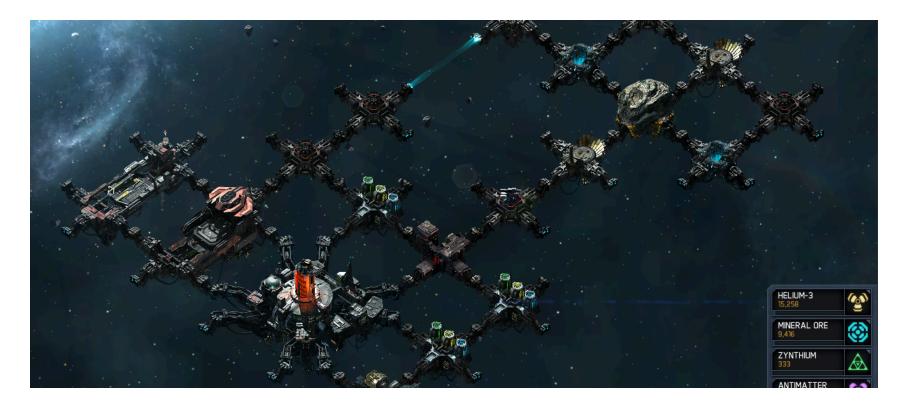


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- KIXEYE.com, Facebook
- Nearly 3 years since launch
- Real-time PvP, PvE combat
- Tactical control of dozens of units
- Strategic gameplay on the world map











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- Real-time PvP, PvE combat
- Strategic view of entire planetary systems
- Server-side logic



Backyard Monsters: Unleashed



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- MMO tower defense strategy
- KIXEYE's first mobile game
- iOS (iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch)
- Launched Q4 2013
- 4th year of the Backyard Monsters series

Support and retention

- Easier to keep good players than get new ones
- Customer support (CS): last line of defense
 - About 60 CS agents at KIXEYE
- Players who write tickets care

Support and retention

"Please look at my payment history and see that I am a serious player. ... I do not want to quit this game. I love it and the friends I have made. Please fix the problems."

"I tried all of your suggestions and am still not able to play **my most favorite game**, any other help you can give please send it."

Support and retention

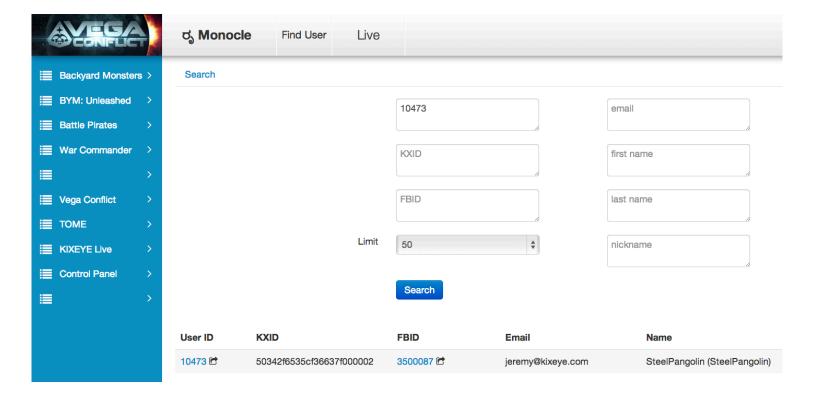
- Ticket volume for 2013:
 - 1,093,347 total
 - **337,763** from whales
- Ticket volume so far, 2014 Q1:
 - **238,397** total
 - **66,336** from whales

- One-stop tool for changing game data
- Provides services on top of games
- Player-centric interface
- Loosely linked to CS ticketing system
- Completely separate from game code

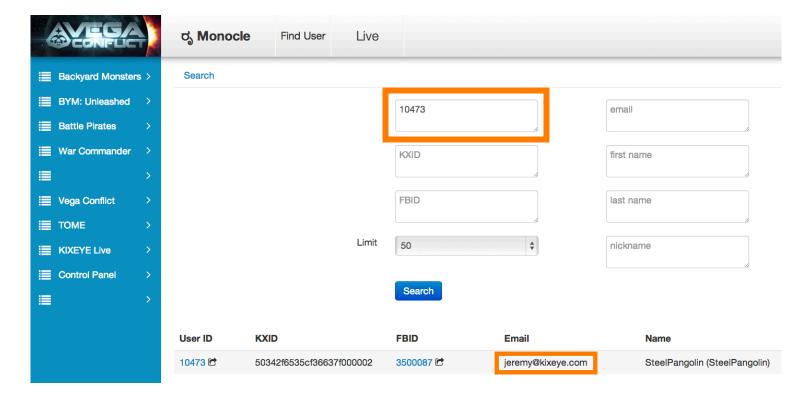
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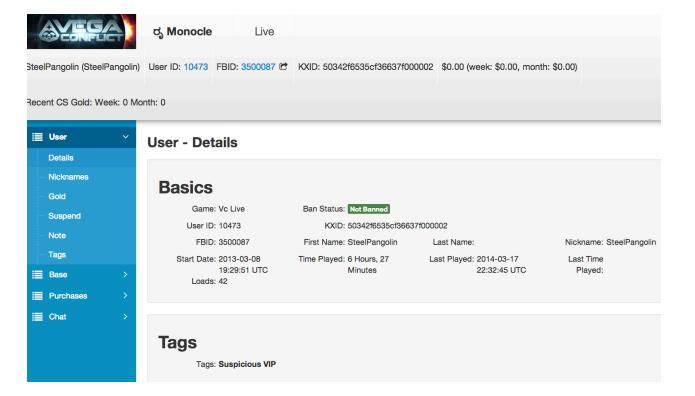
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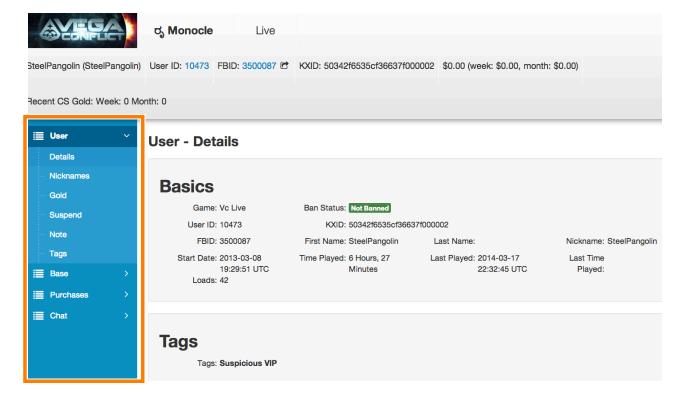
Monocle: player search

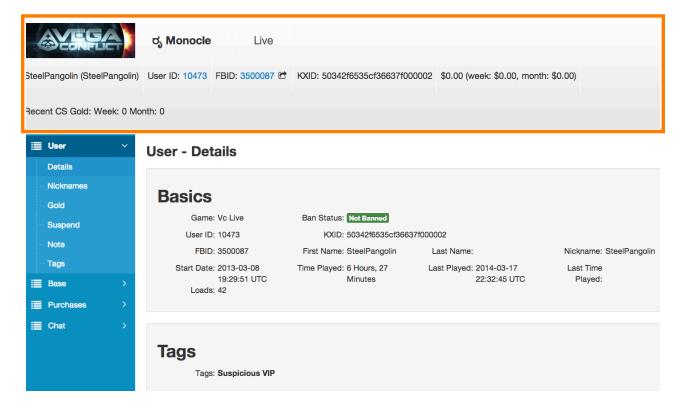


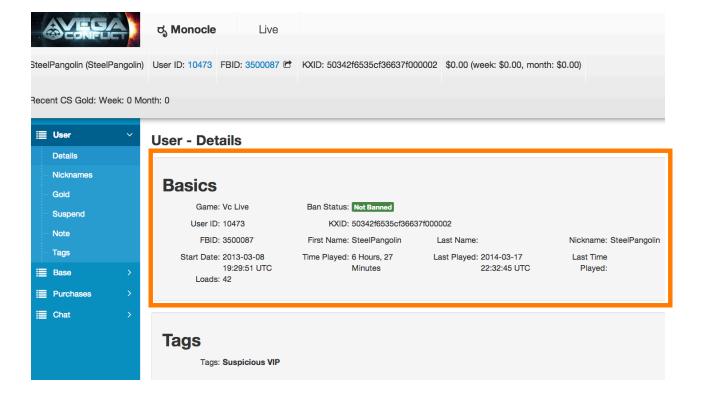
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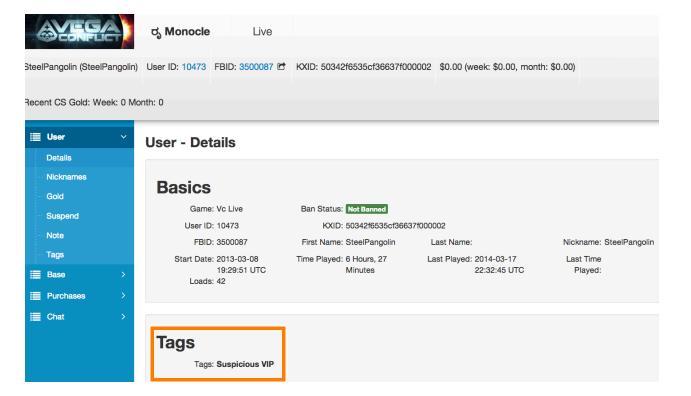






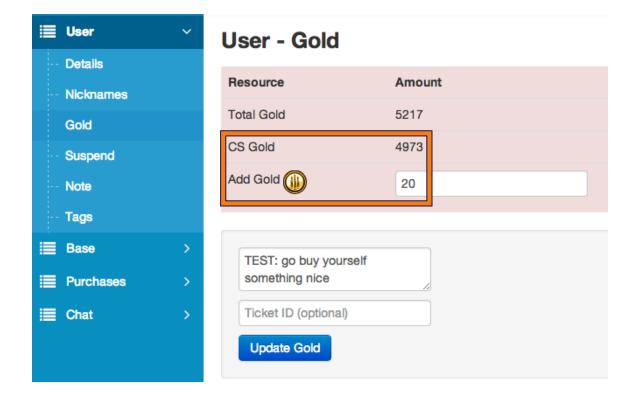




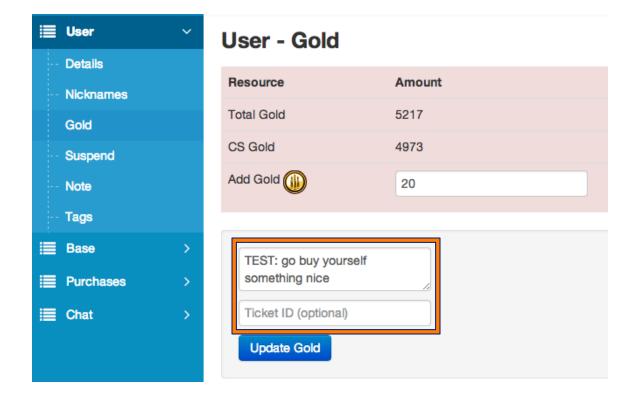


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Monocle: gold



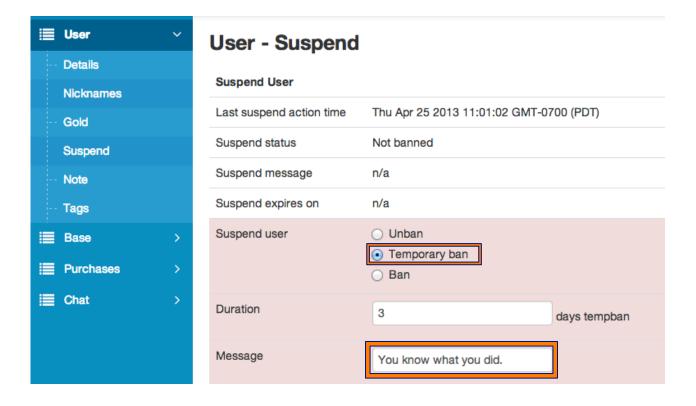
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Monocle

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Monocle: bans



Monocle: admin log

Admin Logs iOvation Information

Time	Game	Description	Туре	Admin	Reason
"2014-01-16T17:11:06.000Z"	vc	Add Note		ixeye.com	fb diag looked good, ask f
"2014-01-16T17:10:30.000Z"	vc	Set gold amounts. Chang		ixeye.com	repairs, vip
"2014-01-12T23:15:30.000Z"	vc	Set gold amounts. Chang		ixeye.com	Contest
"2013-12-21T21:08:17.000Z"	vc	Set gold amounts. Chang		ixeye.com	latency, VIP, requested F
"2013-09-03T23:26:21.000Z"	Vc	Set gold amounts. Set cu		@kixeye.com	lbc
"2013-08-26T23:18:34.000Z"	Unk	Set Tags, kxp 506b8e483		@kixeye.com	
"2013-08-26T23:18:33.000Z"	Unk	Set Tags, kxp 506b8e483		@kixeye.com	vip
"2013-04-09T17:25:53.000Z"	Вр	Add Credits: -1		⊉kixeye.com	I have issued a warning t
"2013-04-09T17:25:53.000Z"	Вр	Add Credits: 1		⊉kixeye.com	I have issued a warning t

Users

in-house CS

external CS

developers



Fair Play



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Monocle frontend



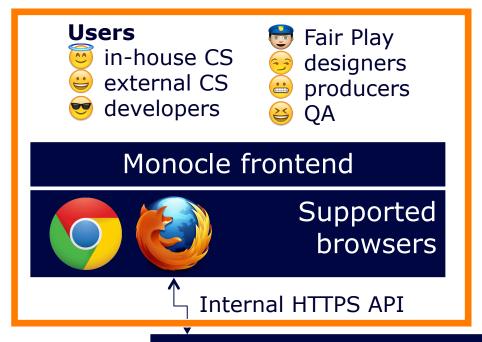
Supported browsers

Internal HTTPS API

Automated tools from other KIXEYE departments

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Monocle backend servers

Monocle frontend

- Open source tech
 - AngularJS
 - Bootstrap
 - Lo-Dash





Lessons Learned

- Why go with a webapp?
 - Cross-platform
 - Easy to publish
 - Easy to update

- Stick to Chrome and Firefox
 - Others lag in features, standards, tools

Monocle backend

- Gateway between frontend and games
- Storage for logs about players
- Arbiter of user permissions

Monocle backend

- Open source tech
 - Linux (Ubuntu LTS)
 - Apache
 - MySQL
 - Python with Flask

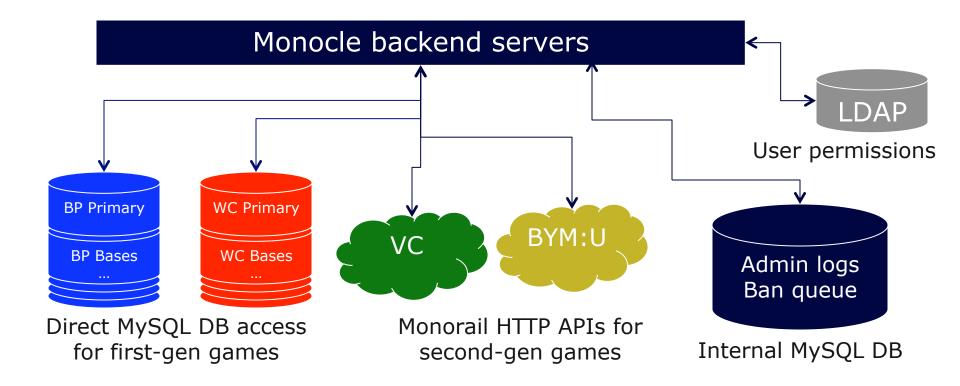






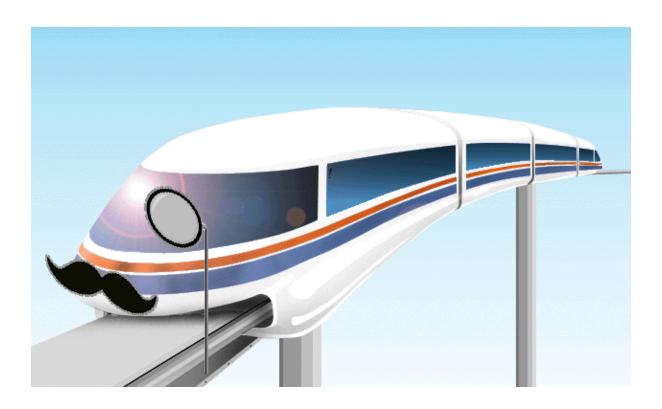






Lessons Learned

- Direct DB access is bad
 - Violates information hiding principle
 - Game teams need to iterate quickly
 - Multiple tech stacks at KIXEYE

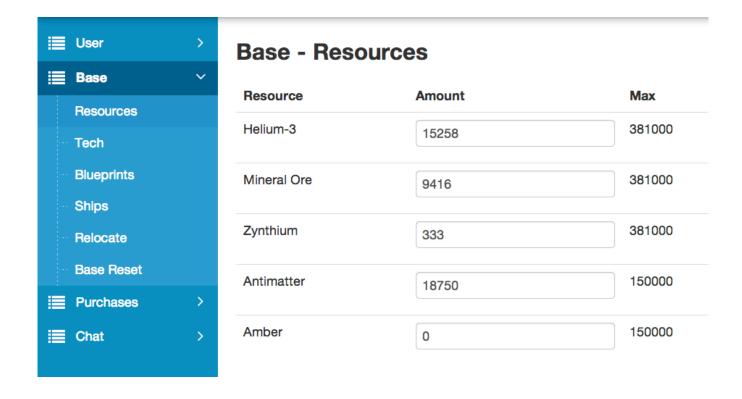


- Specified APIs are good
 - Contract between Monocle and game
 - Purpose-built for non-game use
 - Testable from both sides

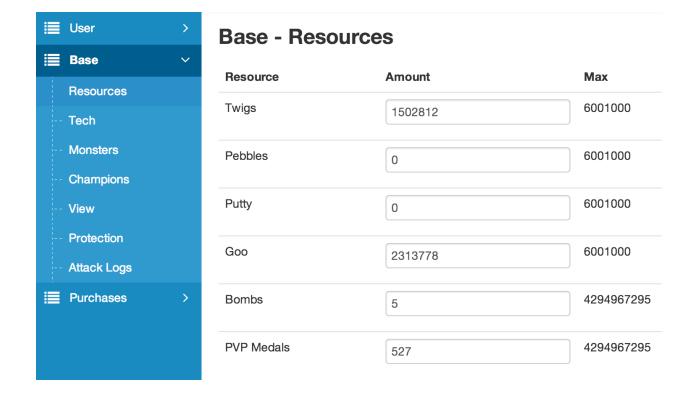
- RESTful HTTP API
 - JSON wire format
 - Mandatory TLS encryption
 - HTTP error codes
 - HTTP basic auth

- Standard data model across games
 - Players
 - Gold
 - Bans
 - Bases
 - Resources
 - ...

Monocle: resource editor



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Lessons Learned

- Use strings from games
 - "Siege Mortar D75-B" instead of "1299000"
 - "Battle Barge 1" instead of "hull 50"
- Use art assets too!







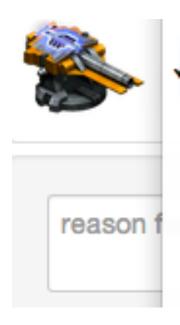
Battle Pirates inventory: in-game



	Item									
Reason:										
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4411	3696 (remove)	5676604641	20	012-10-19	04:53:32	2012-10-19	04:54:43			
4432	2556 (remove)	5676604641	20	012-10-20	06:59:02	2012-10-20	07:28:37			
2330	9816 (remove)	5676604110100	0 20	012-05-25	21:56:32	1970-01-01	00:00:00			
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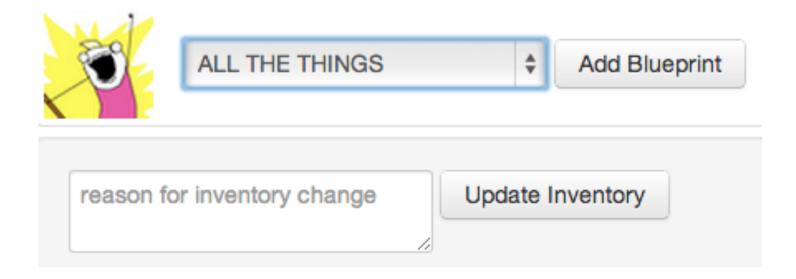
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Halo Missile Javelin Railgun Priority Targeting Sentinel Missiles V Vulture Missiles Turret - Salvage Ballistic Platform Bombard Platform





Lessons Learned

- Explore player connections
 - Battles
 - Alliances
 - Friends
 - IP addresses
 - Gifts

Time	Туре	Location	Attacker	Defender	Result		Details
2014-02-28 13:41:06 PST	Depos	it 425,332	Cos Sorin	will	Deposit C	aptured	Report Details
			MOTOROXA APPELL	<u>Harbin</u>			Infamy
2014-02-28 10:51:57 PST	Platoo	n 419,330	Andy Kiser	will	Platoon D	estroyed	Report Details
			6x Mega Tank	<u>Harbin</u>			Infamy
2014-02-28	Base	Base 50 (Now located at	See Assessed	S S ACH	Loot:		Report Details
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					Thorium:	um: 70	46s: Attacker killed 1 Elite Hellfire.
			14x Elite Gatling				46s: Attacker killed 1 Elite Hellfire.
	Truck				46s: Attacker destroyed 1 Watchtower.		
							49s: Attacker destroyed 1 Laser.
							49s: Attacker destroyed 1 Defense Platform.

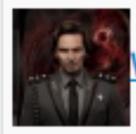


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Will Harbin

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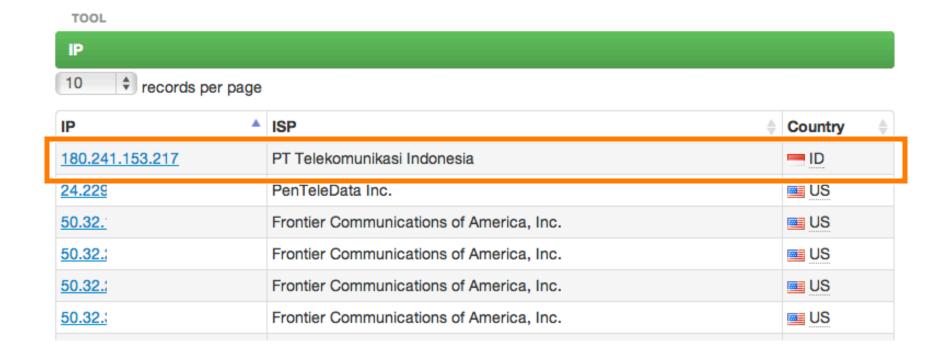
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49s: Defender killed 1 Elite Suicide Bomber.



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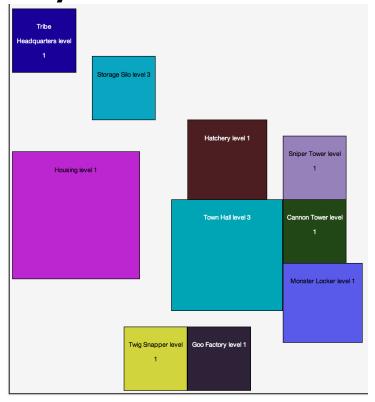
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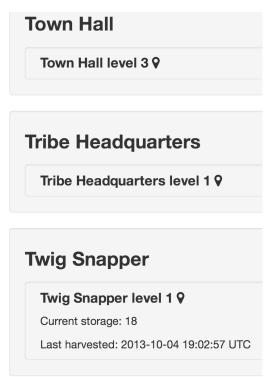
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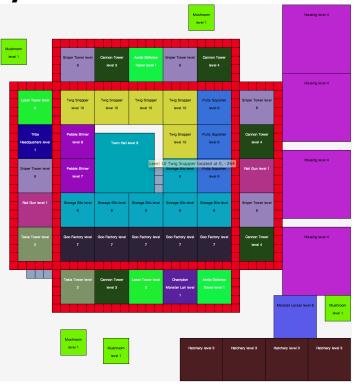
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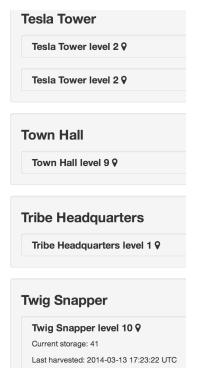
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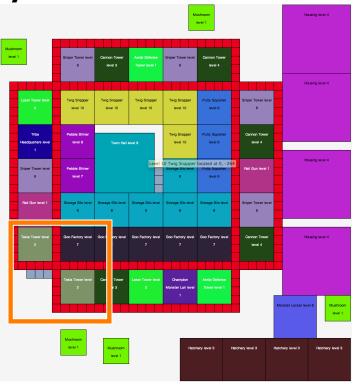


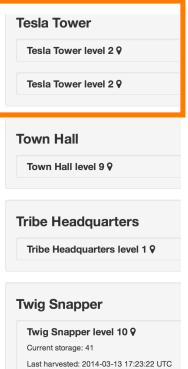
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Support and retention (reprise)

"The problem was fixed the next day."

"you helped getting my evalks working again"

"can you get more people like Cassi to work for ya she helped me out nice with my issue i had with a shockwave retrofit"

"keep up the good work for your games!"

Support and retention (reprise)

"Hey I just want to tell you Thank You for the 50 gold, little things like that mean a lot to the people who play the game and we do notice the effort you have all been doing to improve the game, also I would like to compliment you on your quick responses and fairness when issues do occur. You have always treated me fairly and I appreciate it."

Support and retention (reprise)

"I have been playing this game for a long time now and a couple of things have happened recently that I had to submit tickets for.

I will put my hands up, in the past I have been critical of and frustrated with Kixeye support. However, on these two occasions Kixeye dealt with both matters quickly and resolved both issues to my satisfaction.

So instead of the usual threads of whingeing, complaints and moaning, I would like to say thank you Kixeye - on both occasions job well done"