Extending In-Game Textures using CDNs for Call of Duty:MWII

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Talk Overview

- The problem we need to solve
- Modern Warfare's Proof of Concept
- Vanguard fully implemented approach
- Modern Warfare 2's improvements
- Questions

About Me

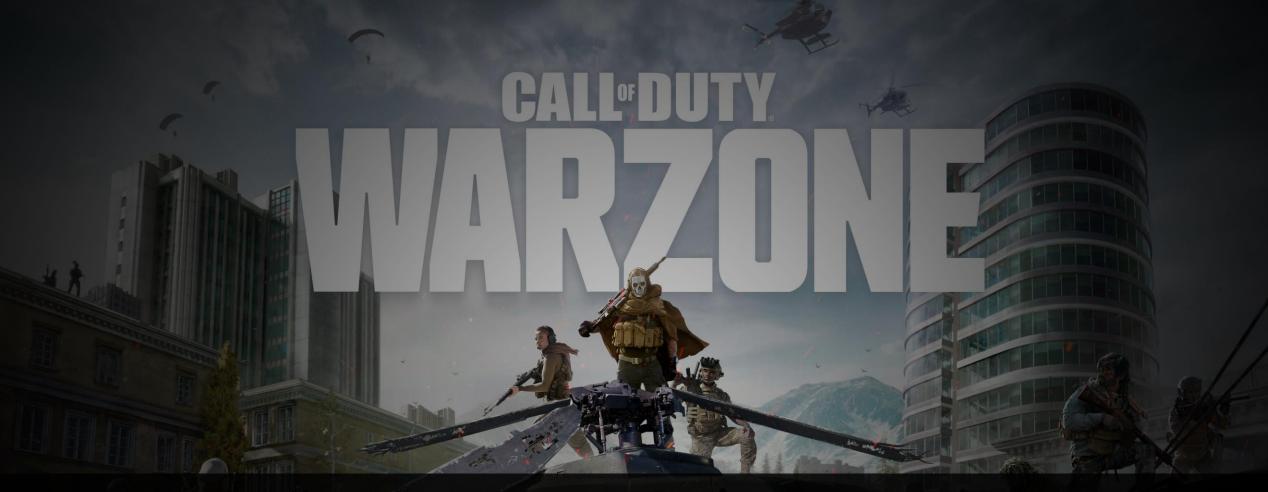
- Principal Engineer at Sledgehammer Games
- Over 20 years in the games industry
- Notable titles include:
 - Star Wars The Force Unleashed
 - Bioshock Infinite
 - Borderlands
 - Rainbow Six
 - Call Of Duty

Term Explanations

- Gen 8 is the 8th Generation consoles
- Gen 9 refers to the 9th Generation of Consoles

- Fast Files Resident Binary Blobs of data
- Xpaks Streamed Binary Blobs of data

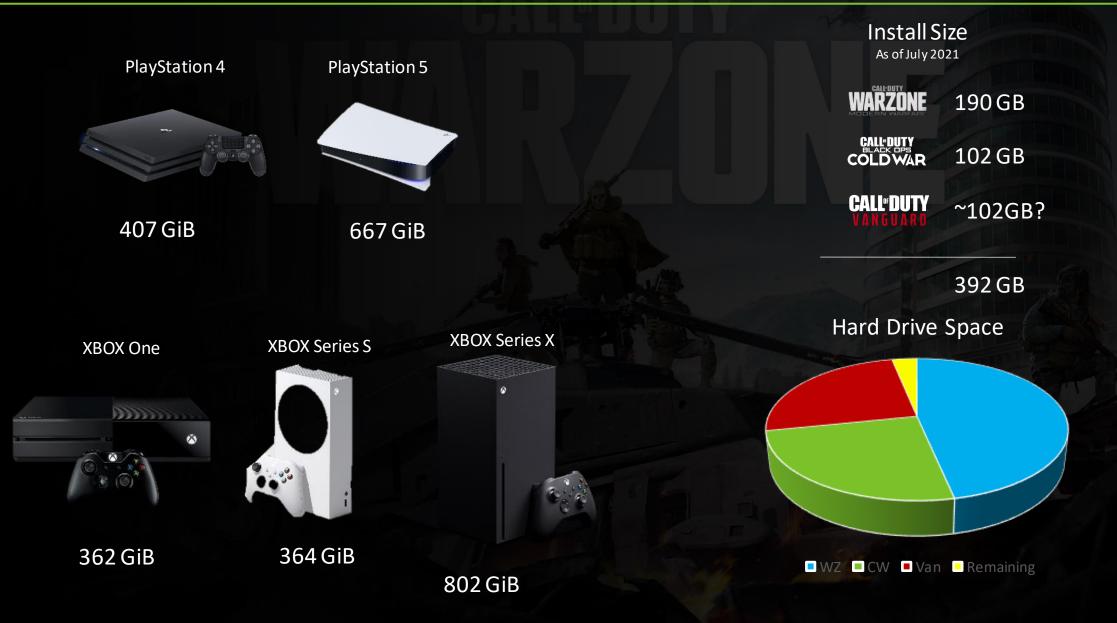
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- GB 1024 MB
- PB 1,048,576 GB



The Problem

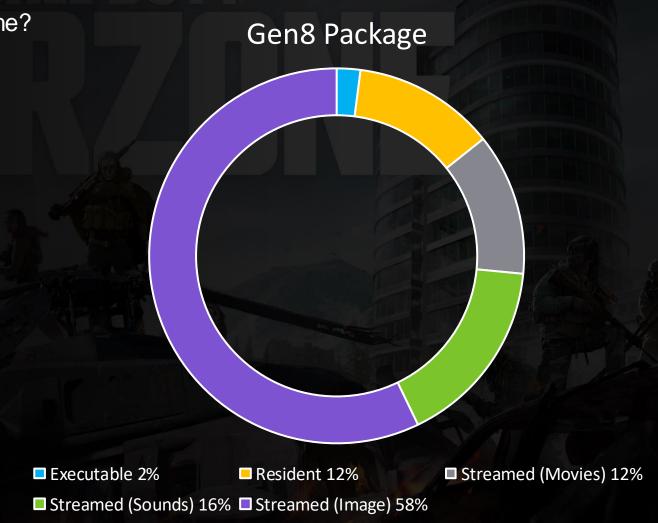


The Problem Usable Hard Drive Space

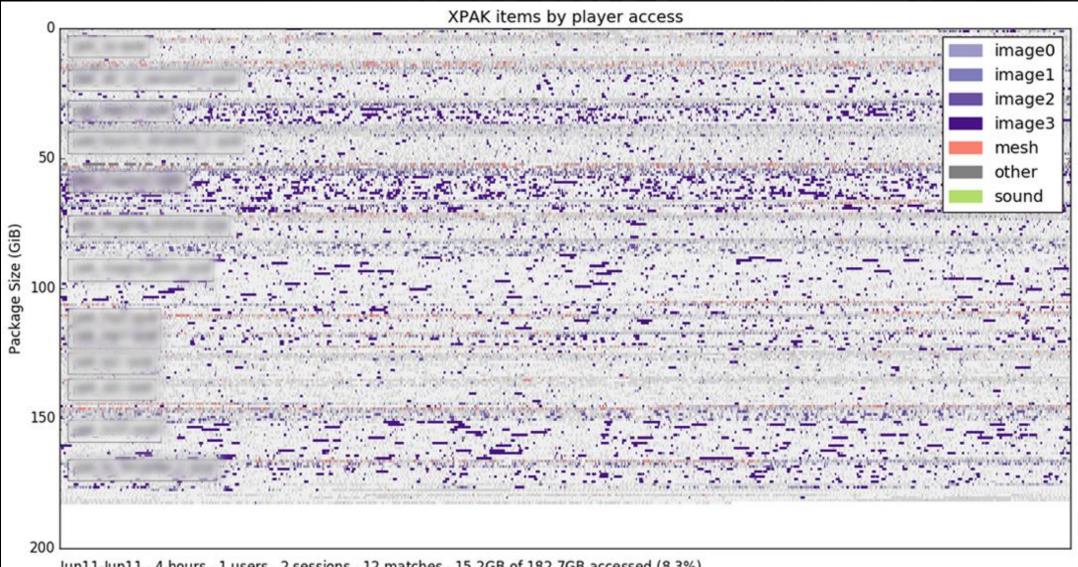




- What takes up space in a typical COD game?
 - Executable
 - Resident Binary Files
 - Movies
 - Streamed Binary Files

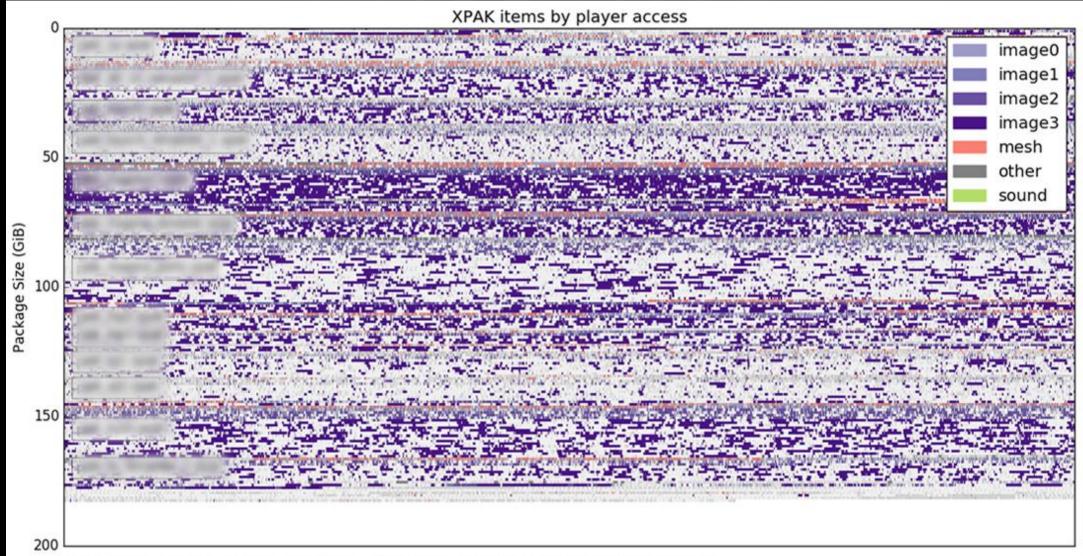


Data Accessed How much did people access of this data over time?



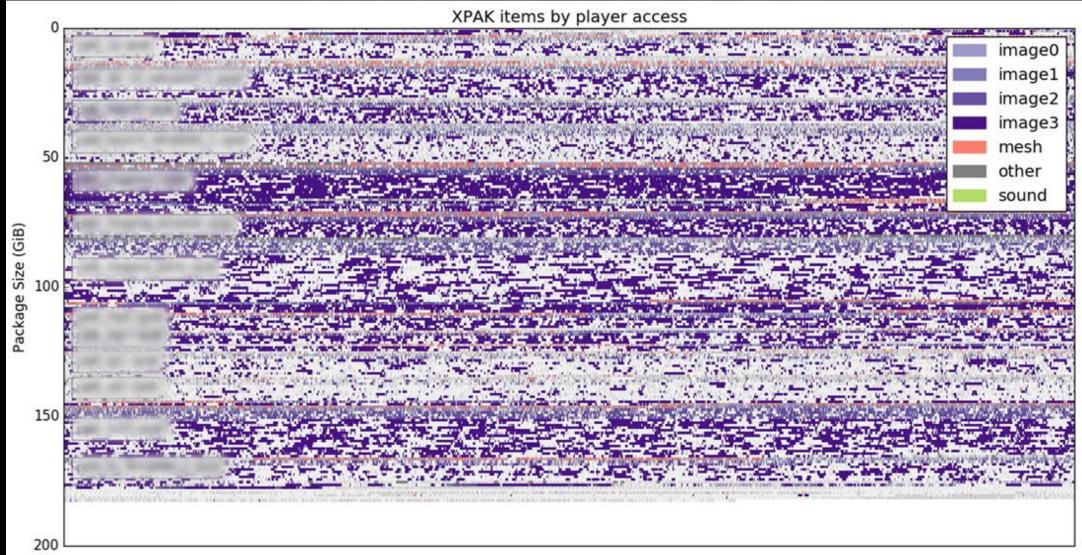
Jun11-Jun11 · 4 hours · 1 users · 2 sessions · 12 matches · 15.2GB of 182.7GB accessed (8.3%)

After 70 Matches



Jun11-Jun13 · 4 hours · 1 users · 7 sessions · 70 matches · 45.9GB of 182.7GB accessed (25.1%)

After 176 Matches



Jun11-Jun17 · 1 hours · 1 users · 12 sessions · 176 matches · 54.1GB of 182.7GB accessed (29.6%)

HA RUC **Proof of Concept**



EBOSWORTH Texture Streaming?

- Originally developed by Eli Bosworth
 - Extended Binary Object Storage With Opportunistic Remote Transfer via Http
 - EBOSWORTH!

ebosworth committed this change 2 years ago into //iw8/main-dev under Review 7758590

View Review

Allows streaming assets over HTTP.

[TU_Oscar] [PC Only]

The goal of these changes is to provide a proof of concept for the E.B.O.S.W.O.R.T.H feature, which stands for Extended Binary Object Storage With Opportunistic Remote Transfer via Http. This feature would enable us to shrink the package size of the game by allowing assets to be downloaded as needed over HTTP rather than shipping everything with the game. At a high level the way this works is that when the streamer attempts to load an asset, if it finds that the asset is not stored in local xpaks, it triggers a download of that asset. When the asset is downloaded it is loaded into streamer memory and cached on disk. The cache is a set of xpak files that new assets are appended to.

• Sadly the name didn't stick...

CDN Texture Streaming

- We call it **On Demand Texture Streaming** or CDN Texture Streaming.
- CDN Content Delivery Network
- Download on Demand





Weapons and Operators *per se* are not streamed Component <u>textures</u> are streamed

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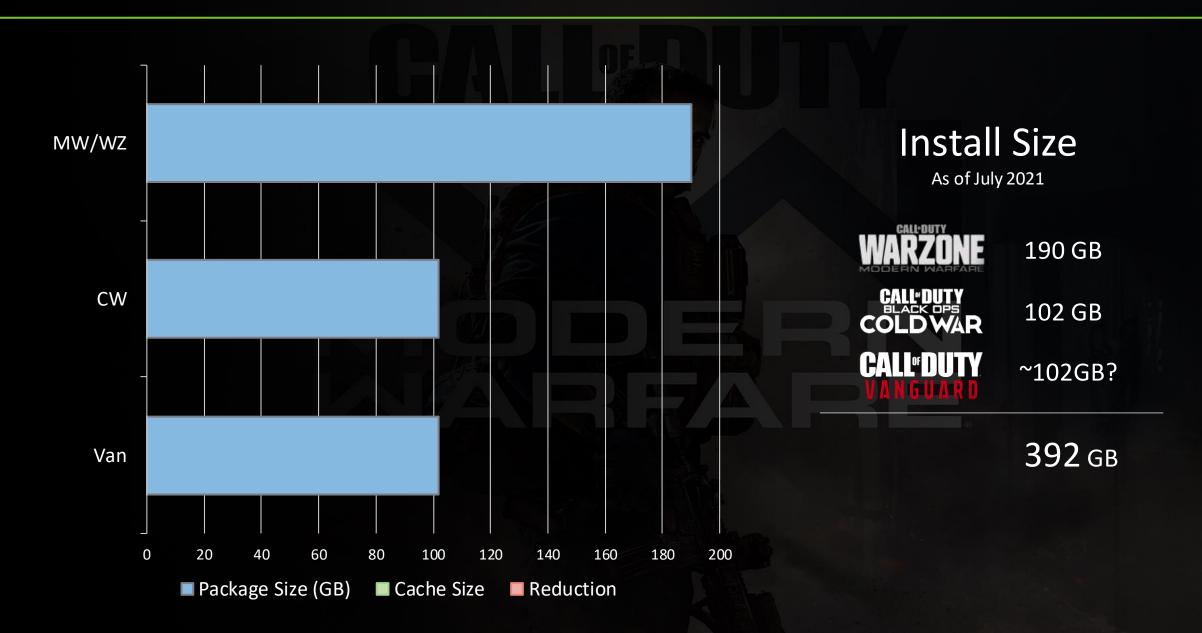
Customised Equipment

Every object made of up 10's or 100's of individual textures of different size / popularity

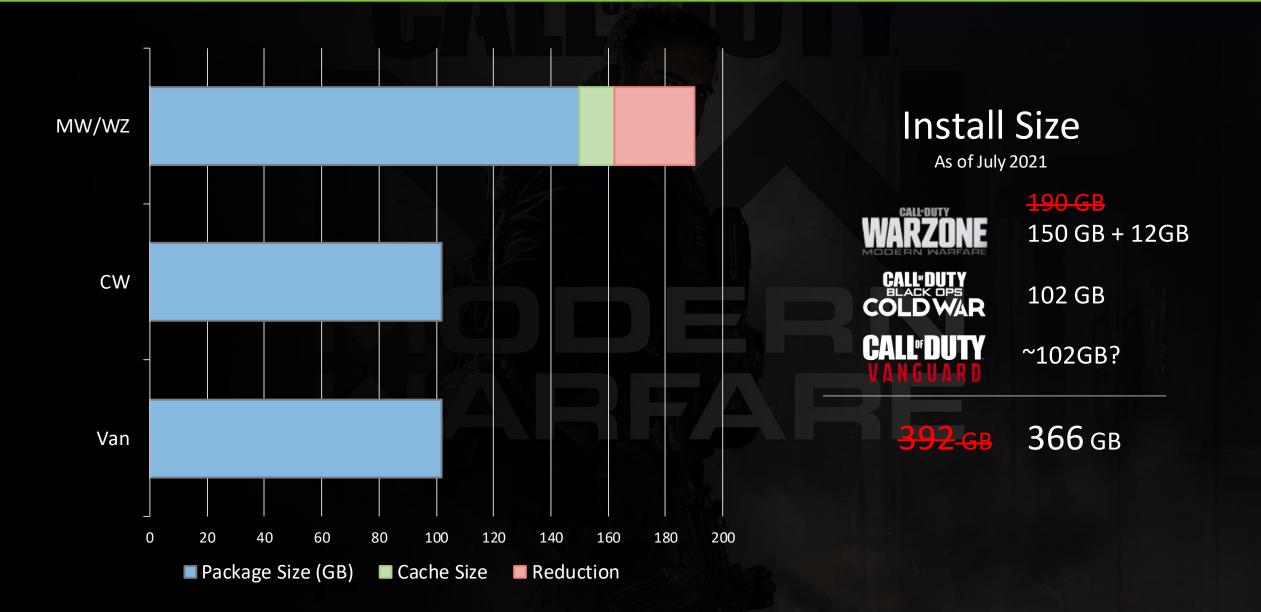
Weapon skins

Operator Skins

Reminder - The Problem



Proof Of Concept a good start



CALL^{of} DUTY. VANGUARD

Complete High Res Streaming

Success Criteria

• No "low res" textures or missing images.

• Multiplayer must never be negatively affected by extra network traffic.

• Reduction of package size by at least 25%.

What is an image part?



Frequency Bias

- We implemented Frequency Bias which analyses the "noise of an image"
 - Low Frequency images have less change in them





Low Frequency

High Frequency

Image Part breakdown

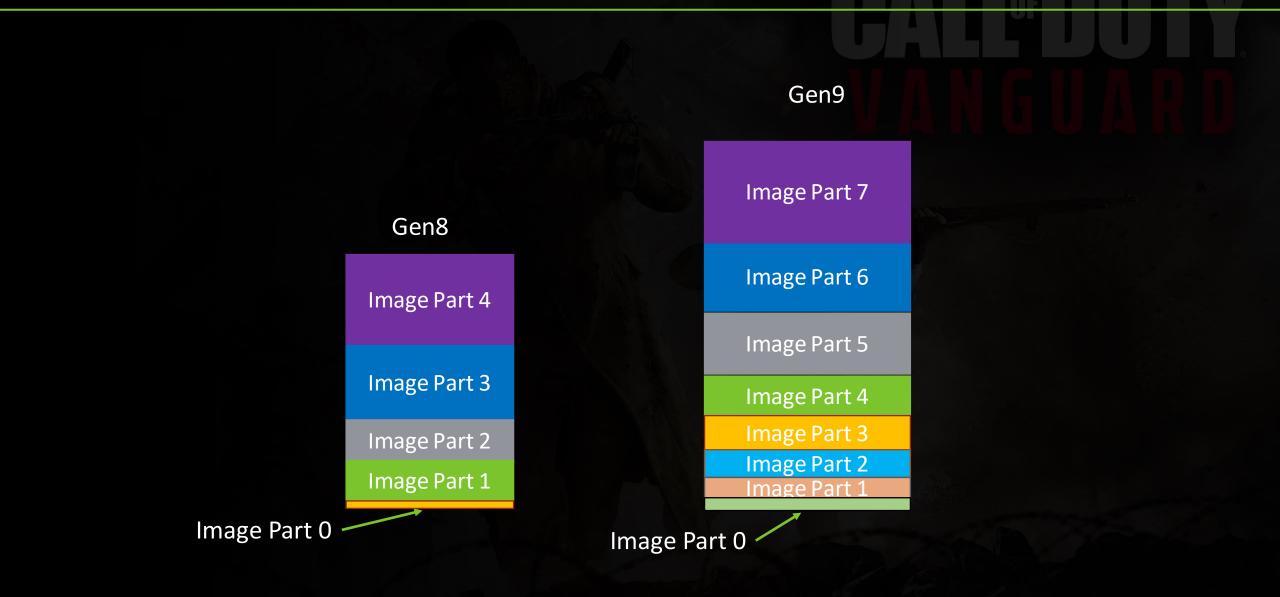
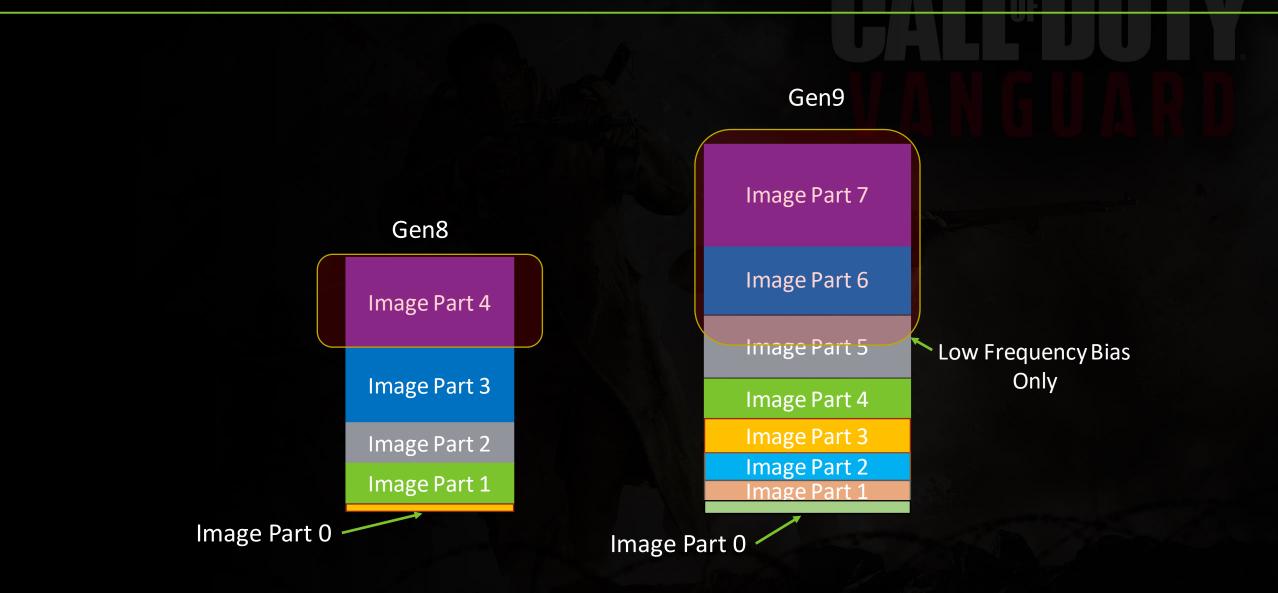


Image Parts removed from Package



So Where do we store this data?

- Reserve space on the consoles
 - 12 GB by default
 - Grows over time
- When full, discard LRU slice

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How do we tell the game to use them?

- Every map generates its own streaming data it requires
- Qualified Image parts are tagged with CDN.
- We combine the maps into groups and run deduplication over them
- The game loads the cdn stub xpaks so it knows what data can be downloaded

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This helps Development too!

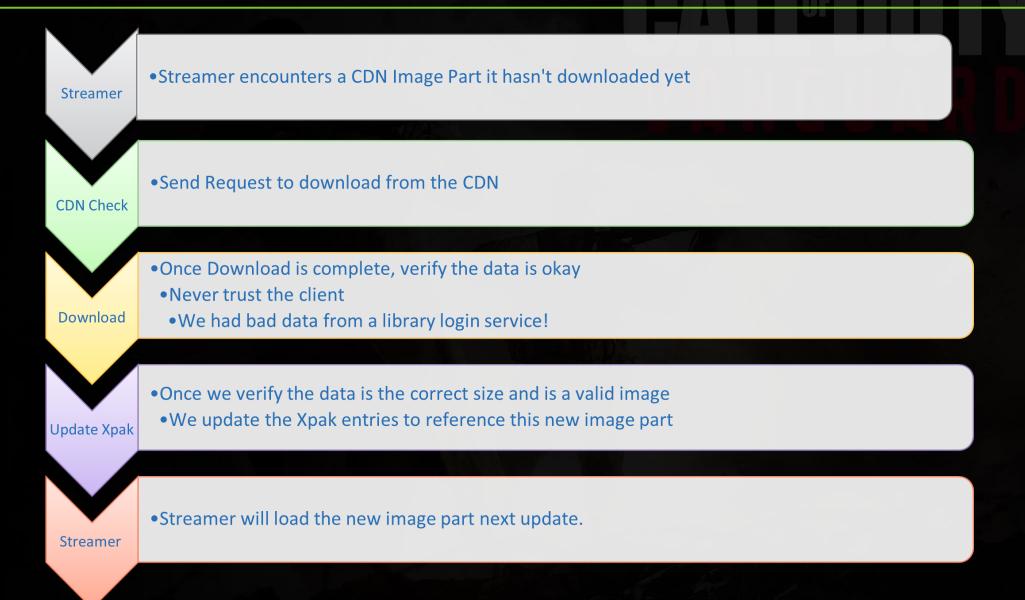
• All stub xpaks are used by devs during development as well.

• Also means locally developed content will interact as CDN content.

• All images are hashed based on name size and compression type.

• Content creators can opt out of using CDN stubs as well.

How do we select what to download?



Challenge – Save Game

• We had a random crash during single player.

• We were able to discover the issue was that save games were not given priority on the HDD.

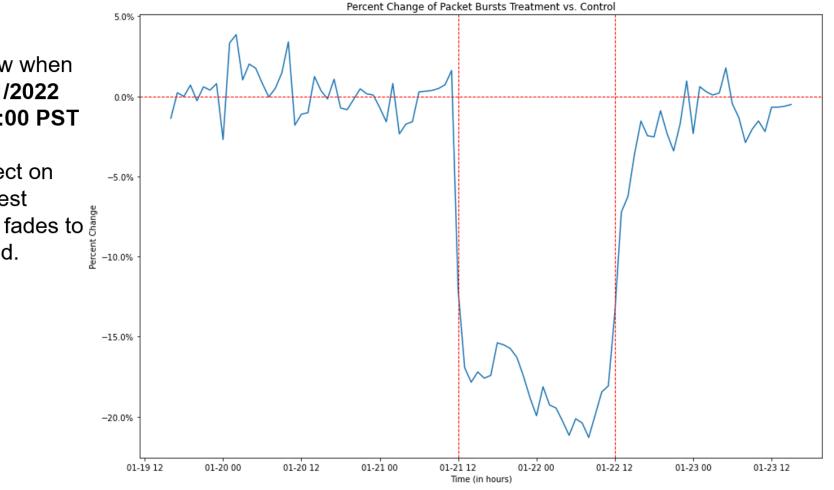
• To resolve this, we pause all CDN downloads while saves are active.

• The bug was resolved in a future release of the platforms SDK.

Biggest Challenge – Packet Burst

HOURLY % CHANGE IN PACKET BURSTS

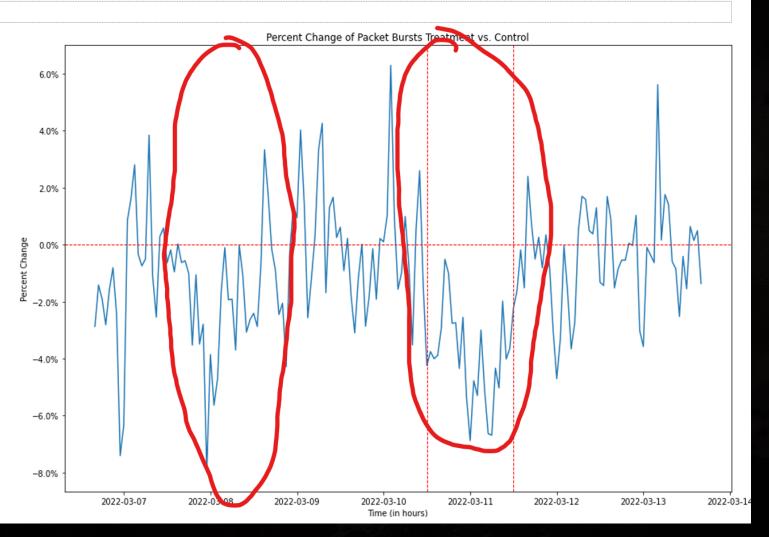
- Red vertical lines show when the test ran from: 1/21/2022
 12:00 – 1/22/2022 12:00 PST
 - We clearly see an effect on packet bursts as the test begins, and the effect fades to zero quickly at test end.



Packet Burst – Solution

HOURLY% CHANGE IN PACKET BURSTS

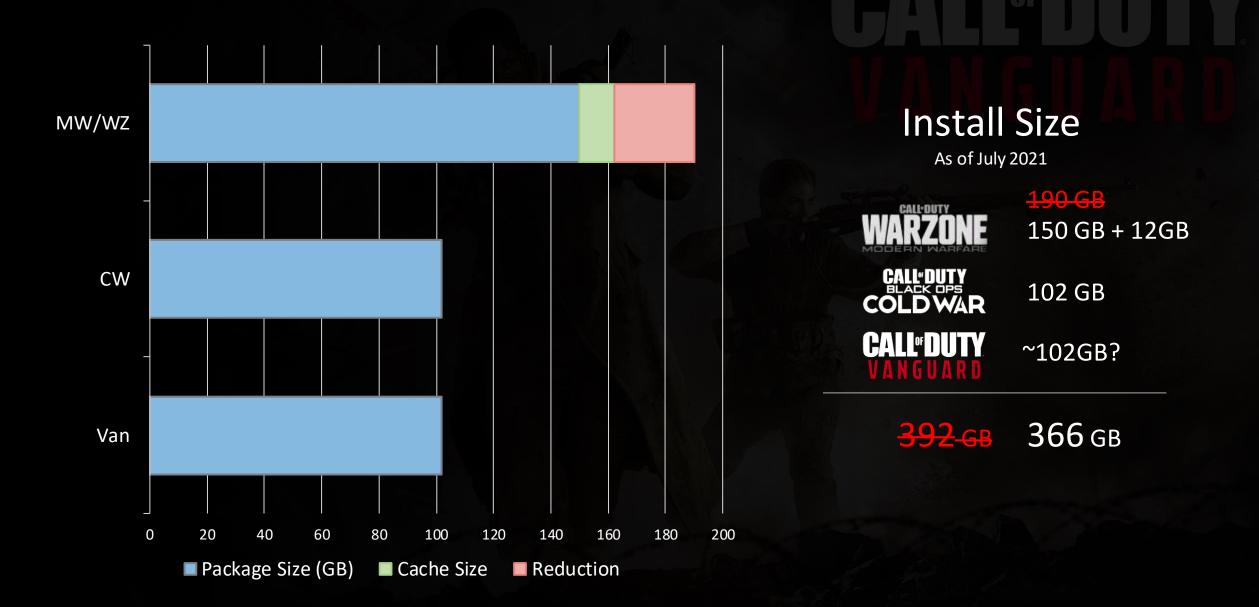
- Red vertical lines show when the test ran from: 3/10/2022
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- Slight decline during test period when comparing treatment vs. control.
- However, this decline is insignificant based on our testing, and can be observed in periods preceding the test.



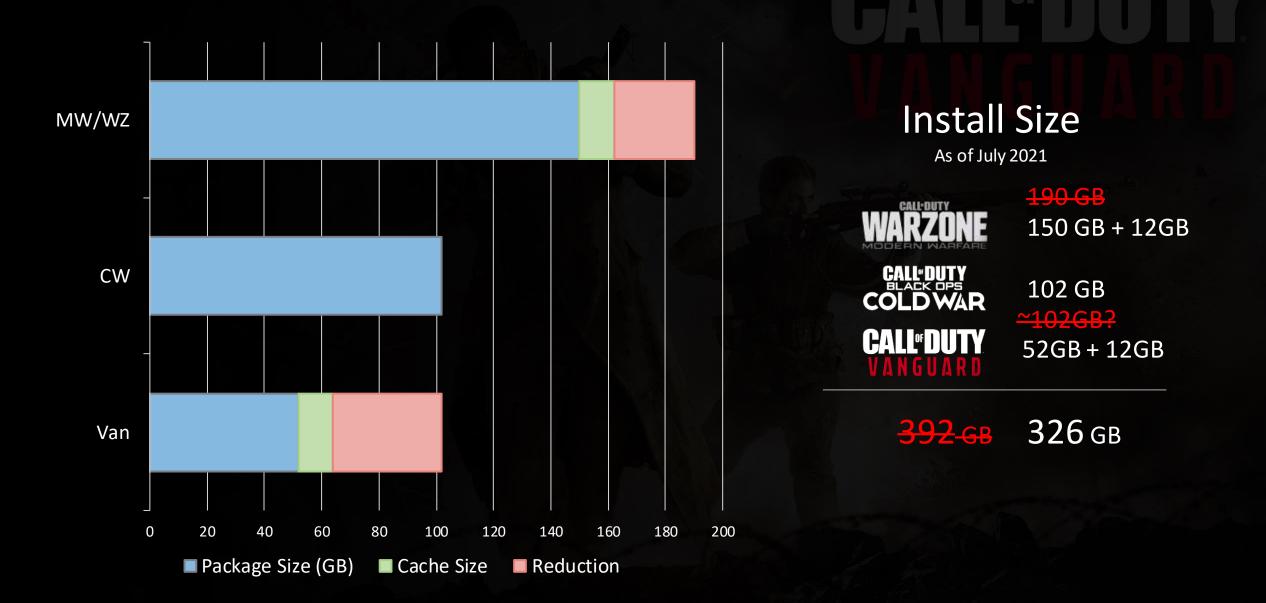
CDN In Action! (In Vanguard)

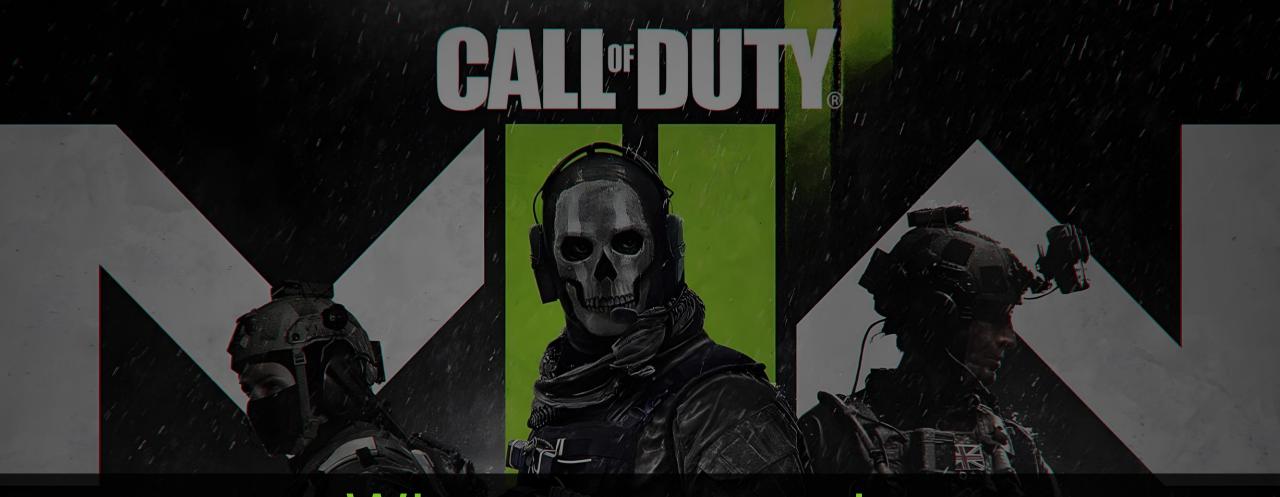


So How did we do?



50% reduction in package size!





Where we are today

Multiplayer Speed Limiting

Constantly monitor Latency and packet loss.

 Streamer Quality: 1.0000 Transient Pressure: false

 Throttle speed: 1280 Safe max speed: 1228,

 Network Health Stats Active/Inactive (Ping: 37 / 37) (PacketLoss: 0 / 0) (Speed: 1305 KB/S)

 Kill switch: false Soft kill switch: false

 Image Parts: [5] 164 = 100.5MB (1KB < 627KB > 1918KB) [6] 88 = 180.8MB (731KB < 2103KB > 4094K

Download speeds set using a trickle approach

• We Monitor with 50ms intervals and adjust over time.

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• If burst detected, interrupt the users downloads and put the CDN into a rest mode.

Multiplayer Debugging

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Increasing the CDN Speeds

- Increase the CDN speeds for single player content.
- By specifying the receive buffer sizes explicitly.

Implemented our own socket interface between CDN and the console.

• On Gen8 the limiting factor was I/O pressure.

• On Gen9 the only limiting factor was SSD write limits.

Write speed limiting for Gen9

• Gen9 SSD's have write caps.

- Both have limits to how much you can write.
- We track these limits and adjust our single player speeds accordingly.

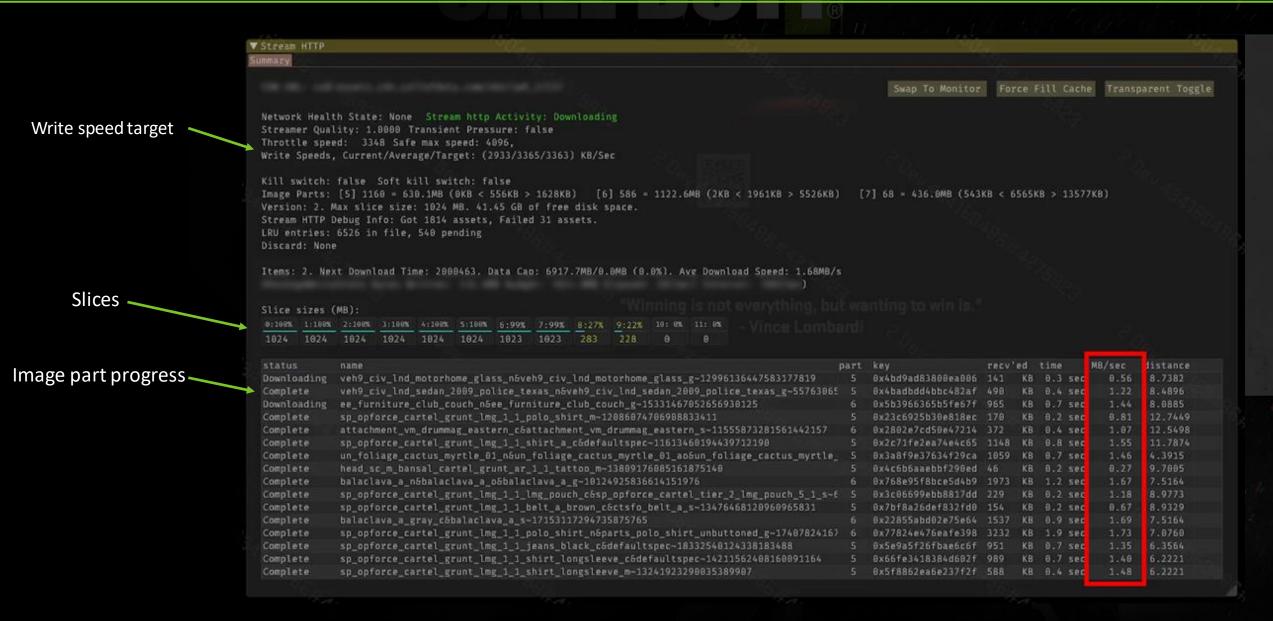
File I/O Control for Gen8

• Track the "Streamer Quality" metric.

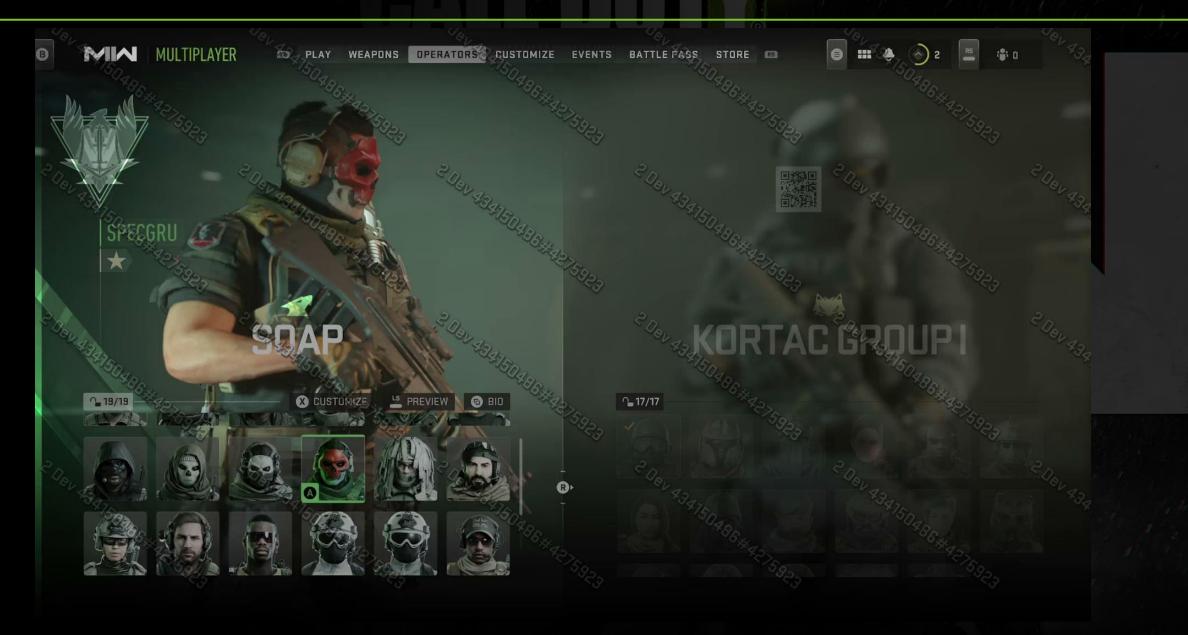
- If it goes below an acceptable value we pause the CDN downloads.
- We also monitor "Transient Pressure".

HDD Cooldown Active For : 1 seconds Streamer Quality: 0.9563 Transient Pressure: true Throttle speed: 128 Safe max speed: 1228, Network Health Stats Active/Inactive (Ping: 0 / 0) (PacketLoss: 0 / 0) (Speed: 0 KB/S)

Single Player Debugger



CDN Movies



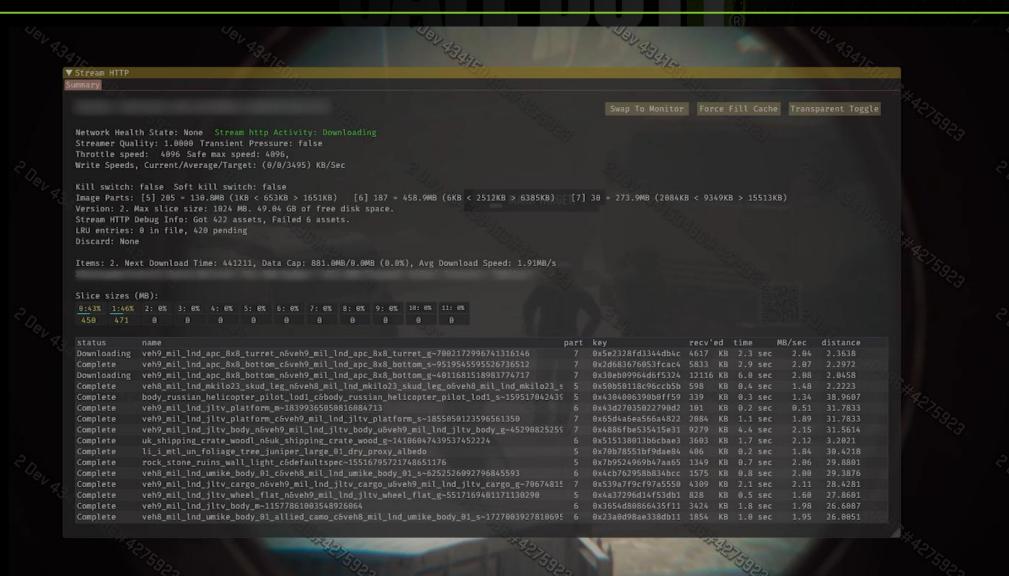
Handle Read errors

• We track read errors to the CDN Binary Data in the Cache.

• We record these events to study the causes.

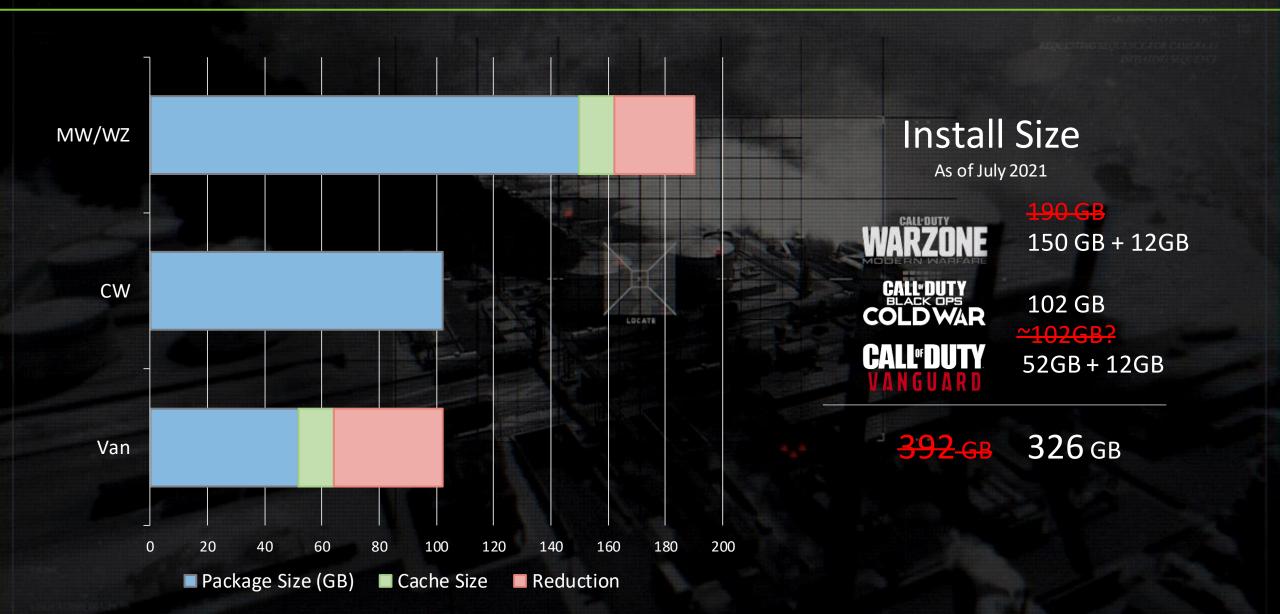


CDN In Action! (Modern Warfare 2)

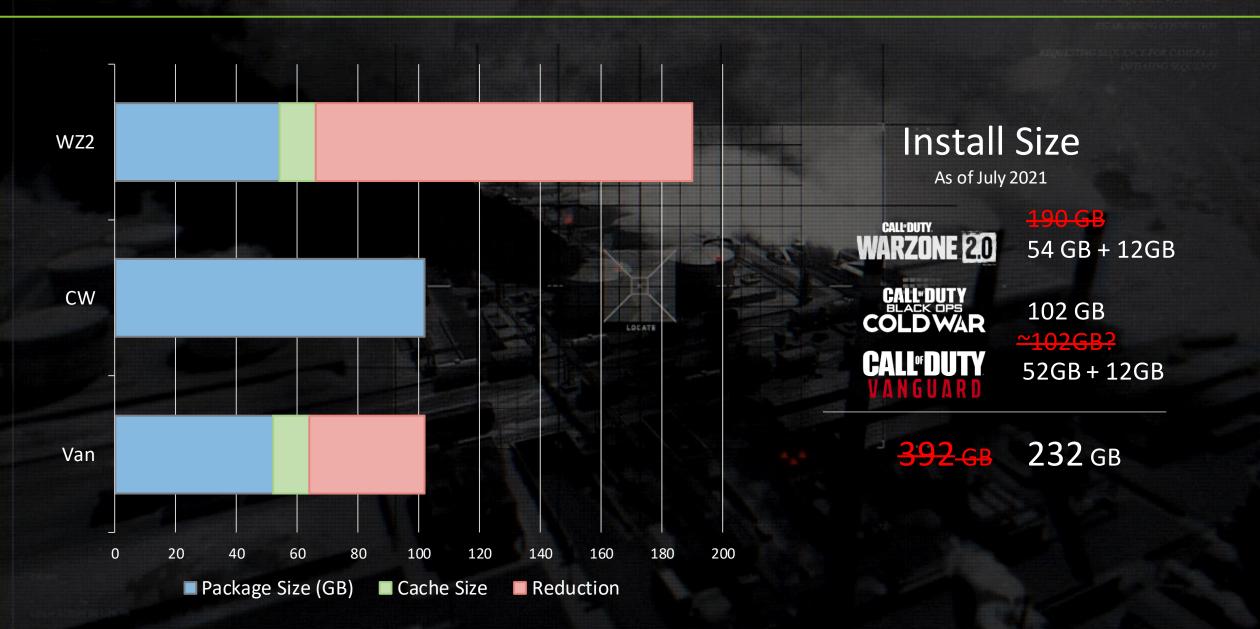


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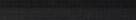




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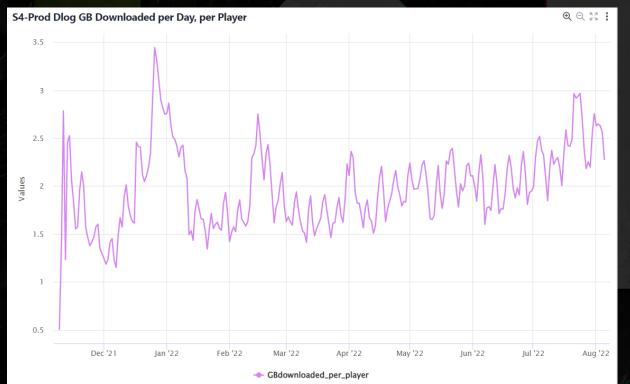
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Stats

- Modern Warfare
 - Total Data downloaded to date: 220PB
 - ~5GB average downloaded per user total
- Vanguard
 - 31GB average downloaded per user total
 - Total data downloaded to date: 628PB
- Modern Warfare 2
 - 14.5GB average downloaded per user total
 - Total data downloaded to date: 812.5PB



Potential Areas to explore

- Increasing the Image Parts dropped to the CDN for Gen8.
- HTTP2 Implementation.
- Prime your CDN cache.
- High Resolution Movie streaming via CDN.
- Improve Cache discarding.
- Always open to new ideas?

Summary

- Discussed how CDN works
 - What was it supposed to achieve?
- Modern Warfare
 - Proof of concept successful.
- Vanguard
 - 50% package size achieved!
 - Save game issue resolved.
 - Packet Burst issues addressed.

- Modern Warfare 2
 - ~100 GB drop in package size!
 - Movies added to CDN.
 - Better throttling.
 - Better error control.

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