Hidden Universes of Information on the Internet – Part 2





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Course Outline



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Online Web page= http://navigators.com/opensource.html (Look under Hidden Universes-Part 2)

Many country resources are online

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Assess popularity of resources using analytics (alexa.com/siteinfo, urlm.co, similarweb.com)

If necessary use site: and cached_text_only









Phone books

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Most Countries Sell Their Domains

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REGISTERING THE WORLD'S DOMAINS SHOPPING CART 🖥 nukeplanner.com \$24.95 1 yr. 🗃 nukeplanner.org 1 yr. \$24.95 🖥 nukeplanner.info 1 yr. \$7.95 🗃 nukeplanner.us 1 yr. \$24.95 🖥 nukeplanner.name 1 yr. \$24.95 🗃 nukeplanner.ca 1 yr. 🔻 \$20.00 🗃 nukeplanner.cc 1 yr. 🔻 \$59.95 🗃 nukeplanner.tv 1 yr. 🔻 \$50 🗃 nukeplanner.de \$39.99 1 yr. 🔻 🖥 nukeplanner.md 1 yr. 🔻 \$129.95 🖥 nukeplanner.biz 1 yr. \$24.95 🗃 nukeplanner.bz 1 yr. \$50.00 🖥 nukeplanner.ws 2 yr. 💌 \$70.00 🗃 nukeplanner.it \$39.99 1 yr. 🔻 🗃 nukeplanner.nu 2 yr. \$100.00 🗃 nukeplanner.nl 1 yr. 🔻 \$49.99 🗃 nukeplanner.dk 1 yr. 🔻 \$39.99 🗃 nukeplanner.fr 1 yr. 🔻 \$99.99 🗃 nukeplanner.ch 1 yr. 🔻 \$119.99 🗃 nukeplanner.be 1 yr. 🔻 \$39.99 🗃 nukeplanner.cn 1 yr. 🔻 \$35.00

- These were just some of the country domains available for sale
- "All Domains" happens to be a licensed "registrar" for these countries
- Most countries who sell their domain names to "anyone"

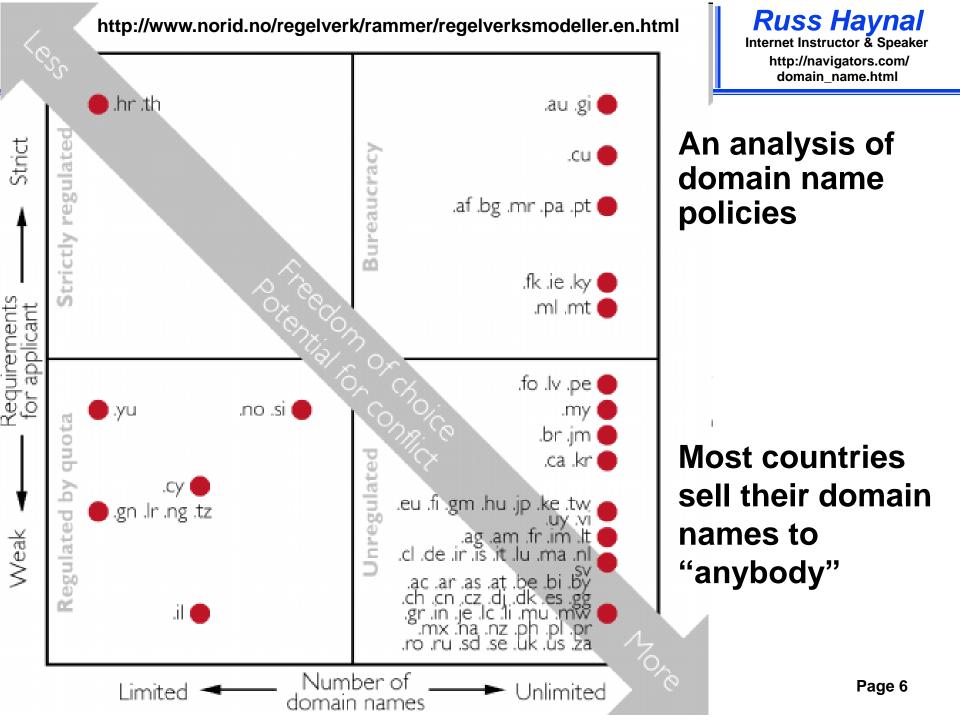


Total: \$1077.53

Learn About the 2-letter code



- Visit your county's domain name registrar
 - iana.org/domains/root/dbOR
- norid.no/en/om-domenenavn/domreg
- What is the policy for getting a domain name? (citizenship, trademark, local presence, money)
 - -What is the cost to register a domain name?
 - –Are there any censorship clauses?
- Does the registrar require any proof of identity? (drivers license, passport, business license)
- Is there a whois service? (make a bookmark)



Domain Names for Sale

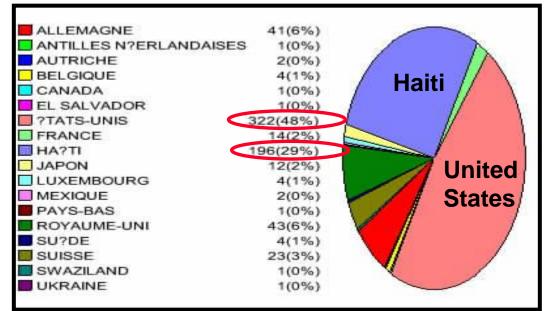
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1000+ new domains!

- Only 29% .HT domain names were registered to people with a Haitian address
- 48% of Haiti's Domain names were registered to U.S addresses
- When you see a .ht website...
 is it necessarily foreign?

Postal address for .HT Domain Owners



Domains New Generic Top-Level

ICANN

<u>Domain</u>	# registered
COM	115,260,124
<u>NET</u>	15,050,572
<u>ORG</u>	10,482,829
<u>INFO</u>	5,496,888
<u>BIZ</u>	2,399,522
<u>US</u>	1,771,180
<u>MOBI</u>	845,357
<u>XYZ</u>	726,850
<u>ASIA</u>	277,132
BERLIN	153,816
NAME	147,920
<u>CLUB</u>	142,281
<u>TEL</u>	133,434
<u>PRO</u>	110,096
XXX	104,044
REALTOR	88,065

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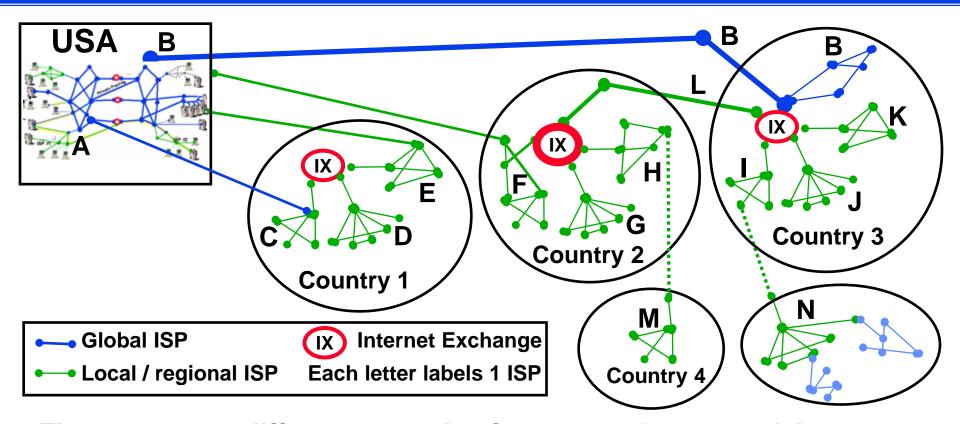
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Country-Specific Infrastructure

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- There are many different scenarios for a county's connectivity
- A "clear picture" will emerge after many inter-country traceroutes
 - Initiate traceroutes in both directions (inbound & outbound)
- Routing rules can be determined by finance, politics, regulations, market pressures, personalities, and possibly technical efficiency

US-Centric Traceroutes

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Example: South Africa to Russia via US

3 csir.uni.net.za 7 48NA 209.sdn.net.za 8 wash-jhb.sdn.net.za 9 co-za-gw.digex.net 11 dca.atlas.digex.net 13 iad.atlas.digex.net 14 mae-e.icp.net 17 bb2-dc.icp.net 19 bb11-pen.icp.net 21 usnyk105.ebone.net 22 gblon504.ebone.net 24 bebru203.ebone.net

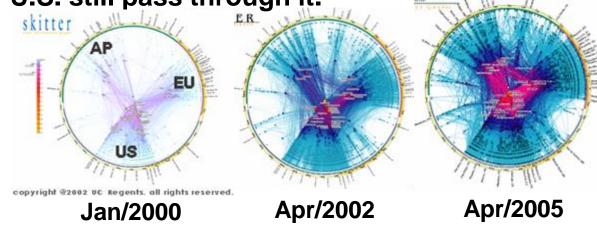
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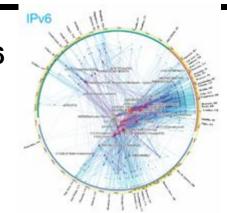
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30 195.158.226.54

- 2000 CAIDA Study: "Measurements of the Internet topology in the Asia-Pacific Region"
- The U.S. was the major Internet transit intermediary for the rest of the world: 71% of traces that neither start nor end in the U.S. still pass through it.

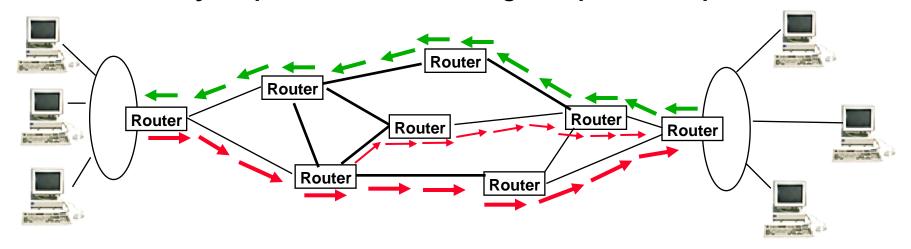


A mapping of IPV6 shows Europe as the new "center" (As of Aug 2010)



How Does it Work?

- Every Internet connection has a network address consisting of 4 numbers
- Each number has a range of 0-255 (e.g. 198.211.16.134)
- Internet Protocol (IP) numbers are allocated through a hierarchy
 - IANA → ARIN / RIPE / APNIC / LACNIC / AFRINIC → ISP/company/country
- Routers direct your packets of traffic along the "preferred" path



Note: The next version of IP address space (IPV6) is LARGE 3,911,873,538,269,506,102 IP #'s per square meter of the Earth's surface 4,500,000,000,000,000 IP #'s for every observable star in the universe

Asymmetric Routing

www.helios.de ← → registro.fapesp.br



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Germany -> Brasil Via New York, Atlanta, Miami

1 cishelios2.helios.de (193.141.98.1) 3 ms 2 pop-hannover.de (193.98.1.212) 6 ms 3 pop2-hannover.de (193.98.1.213) 7 ms 4 ar3.haj.de.colt.net (213.61.144.17) 6 ms 5 213.61.232.45 (213.61.232.45) 6 ms 6 pos1.NYC.router.COLT.NET (212.74.74.169) 107 ms 7 so.nycmny1-hcr3.bbnplanet.net (4.25.133.37) 107 ms 8 xnycmny4-uunet.bbnplanet.net (4.0.2.42) 108 ms 9 so.XL2.NYC4 ALTER.NET (152.63.21.82) 108 ms 10 so.TL2.NYC8.ALTER.NET (152.63.0.185) 112 ms 11 so.T. 2.ATL5.ALTER.NET (152.63.146.41) 126 ms 12 so.XL2.MIA4. LTER.NET (152.63.86.193) 142 ms 13 POS7.MIA4.ALTER.NET (152.63.85.29) 142 ms 14 POS2.MIA4.ALTER.NET (65.208.80.142) 147 ms 15 MIAMI-STM1.metrored.net (200.49.77.14) 148 ms 16 BRASIL-STM1-.metrored.net (200.49.77.6) 259 ms 17 rjo.metrored.net.br (200.225.72.214) 261 ms 18 spo.metrored.net.br (200.225.76.221) 268 ms 19 .metrored.net.br (200.142.94.158) 267 ms 20 bb.registro.br (200.160.0.226) 268 ms 21 registro.br (200.160.2.3) 267 ms

Germany ← Brazil Via Miami, Washington, London

1 bb (200.160.2.1) 0.254 ms 2 gw01 (200.160.0.228) 0.435 ms 3 200.142.94.157.metrored.net.br 3.991 ms 4 rbcor2-atm.rjo.metrored.net.br (200.225.76.222) 6ms 5 rbcor1-atm.rjo.metrored.net.br (200.225.72.213) 8ms 6 BRASIL-STM1-pm-pacor.metrored.net 118 ms 7 bar3-serial.Miami.cw.net (208.173.80.201) 118 ms 8 acr2-loopback.Miami.cw.net (208.172.98.62) 123 ms 9 -loopback.Washington.cw.net (206.24.226.103) 147 ms 10 dcr1-so.Washington.cw.net (206.24.238.57) 147 ms 11 bcr2 Thamesside.cw.net (166.63.210.62) 238 ms 12 zcr2-loopback.LondonInt.cw.net (166.63.210.19) 239 ms 13 oscar.LON.router.COLT.NET (212.74.64.217) 231 ms 14 ar3.haj.de.colt.net (213.61.232.42) 260 ms 15 213.61.144.18 (213.61.144.18) 261 ms 16 pop-hannover.de (193.98.1.212) 263 ms 17 cishelios2.helios.de (193.141.98.1) 268 ms 18 proxy.helios.de (193.141.98.37) 268 ms

You can try this with any two sites listed at traceroute.org

Some Definitions...

- Telco Company that owns networking infrastructure (fiber in the ground, switches, etc.)
 A Telco is often regulated by their country's government
- "Real ISP" ISP directly operates it's IP network (routers, data circuits) Data circuits may be obtained from the local telco (long term lease)
- "misc ISP" ISP depends on the "real ISP's" for their existence. A "misc ISP" may be a very small localized ISP who depends on a "real ISP" for connectivity to the rest of the Internet. A "misc ISP" may also be a reseller of the "real ISP's" services
- Many "telco's" and "real ISP's" are now part of the same company. Referred to as a "facilities-based ISP"

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"Country-Specific Infrastructure"

A top-down approach...

- Identify exchange points in a country or regional area
- Exchange points may list connected ISPs
- Exchange points may also mention telco providers, which provide infrastructure (fiber) to the ISPs
- Identify the ISPs which provide service in that country
- Examine the ISPs' backbone maps
- Watch for upstream providers, peering partners, and exchange points
- Initiate multiple traceroutes in/out of target country

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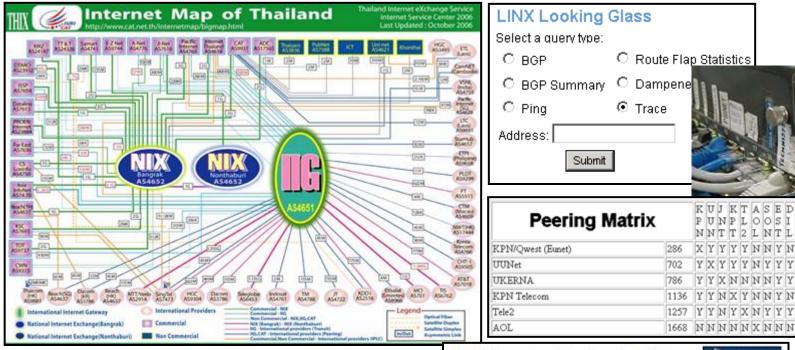
Exchange Points

- Research exchange points in your "area"
- Who operates the exchange point?
- Look for the address of the exchange point
- Look for telcos that provide circuits to the exchange point
 - May be described under FAQ's or "how to connect"
- Look for membership list of ISPs that are connected
 may also include content providers
 - Do they provide a traceroute or a "looking glass" page?
 - -Look under "tools" or "support"

An Exchange Point can contain a wealth of information

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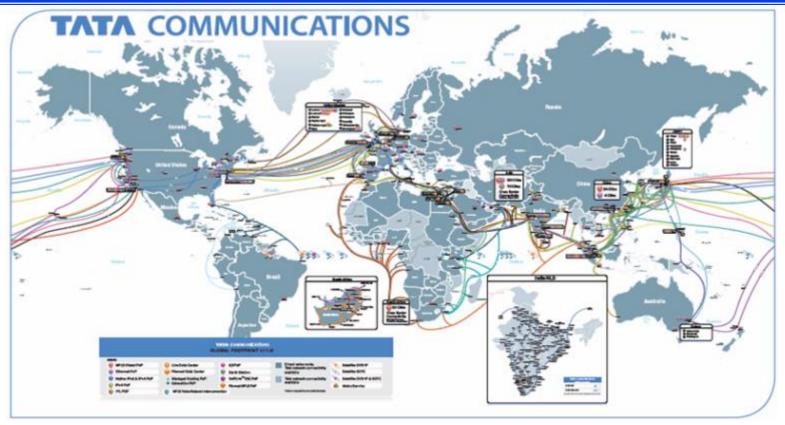


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O Telehouse Docklands Coriander Avenue London E14 2AA Building Specifications View Map		
Total Ara:	13,470 sq metres	
On-Site Carriers:	Multiple carrier choice from the UK,European and Global Carriers	
Site Monitoring:	24×7×365	
Security:	Proximity Card Reader Access Control, Video Surveillance	
General Fuel Reserve:	24 Hours at full load	
Fire Protection Unit:	Dry Fill Sprinkler System, FM 200	
Floors:	Raised Flooring throughout	

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Global Carriers



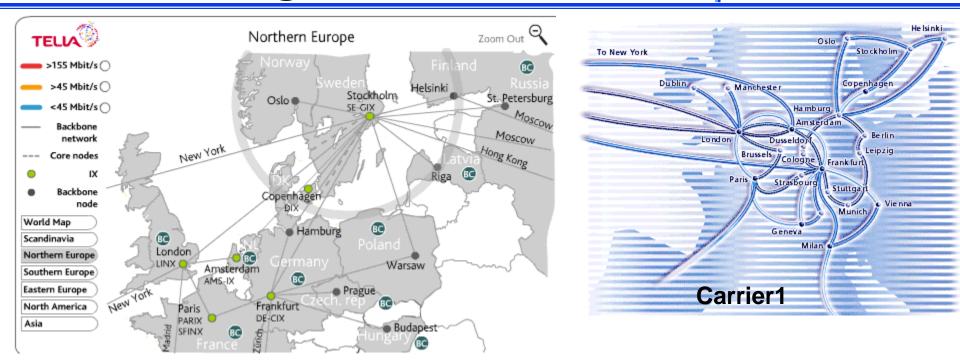
- Carriers such as AT&T, Sprint, Tata Communications, etc. are part of a core set of Telcos which partner to build infrastructure
- Many ISP's will get their international connections through these handful of carriers

More cable maps: www.submarinecablemap.com www.subtelforum.com

Regional ISPs

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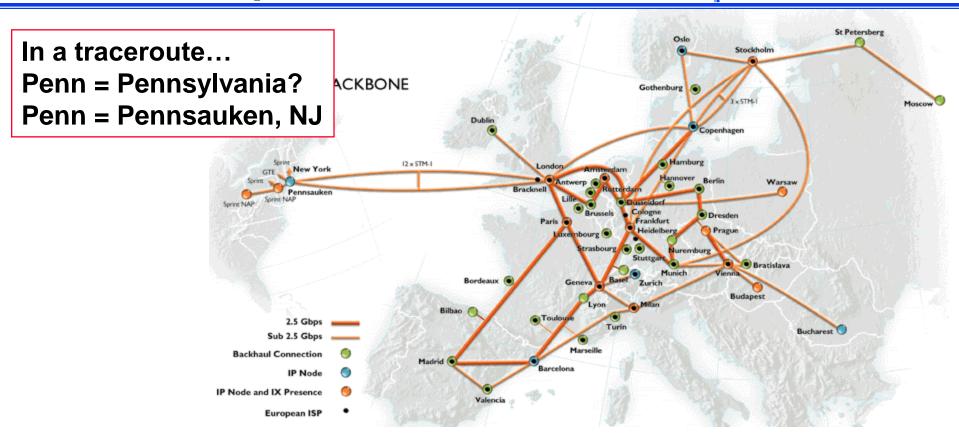


- Notice how these regional ISP's inter-connect with many **Exchange Points**
- You would expect intra-county traffic to not criss-cross the Atlantic through the U.S.

European Backbone

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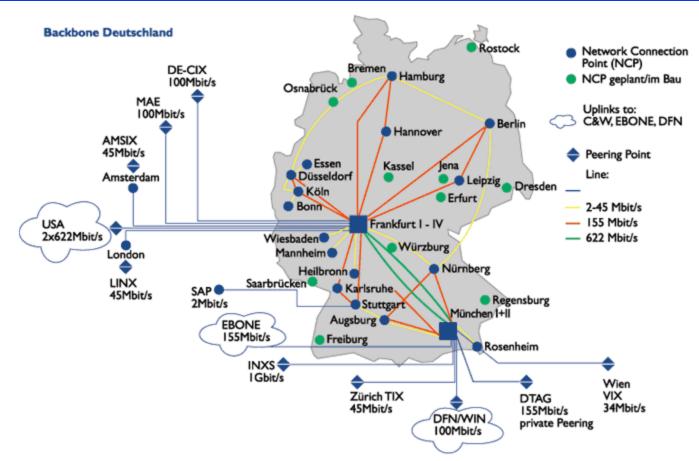


- This regional backbone extends across to the U.S.
- Ebone shows that they have U.S Connections at the Sprint NAP, and also with GTE, Sprint

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Country-Specific Backbone



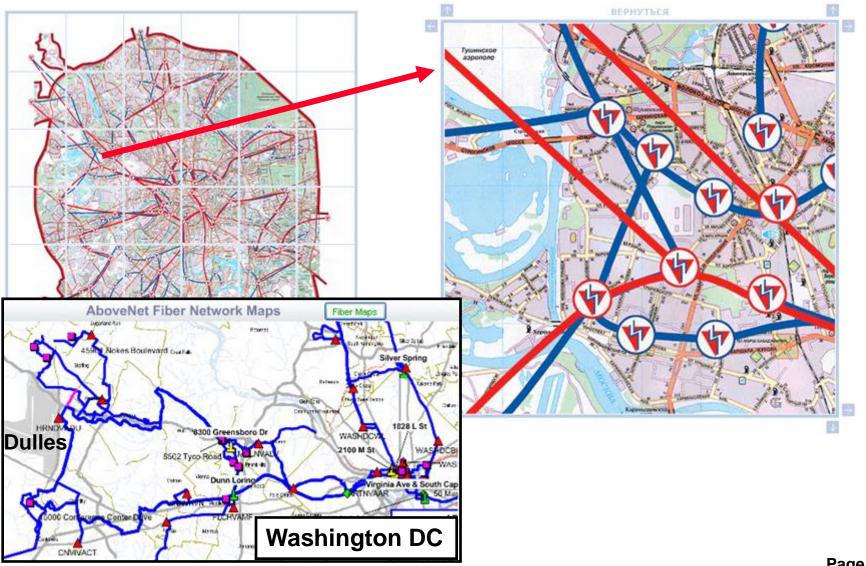
- Shows the ISP's network within one country
- Note the links outward to numerous peering points
- Note the "uplinks" outward to C&W, Ebone, DFN

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City-Specific Infrastructure

City-wide Map of Fiber Network in Moscow → close-ups reveal access points



Vendors Reveal Details...

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A telco's press announcements may tell you which vendors helped build their infrastructure

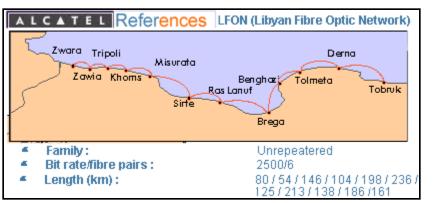
Submarine Cable Systems

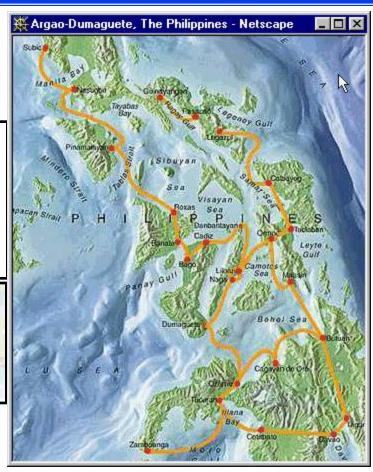
The mission of the Submarine Cable System group of **NSW** is to be the most innovative and competitive player in the field of

Non-repeatered Submarine Cable Systems Worldwide

Argao-Dumaguete, The Philippines

The Philippines world's first MINISUB cable with a diameter of 8 mm containing 6 fibres was installed over a span length of 100 km without first and final splices.





Still looking for ISPs?

- Use a county-specific search tool
 - www.iranyellowpages.net
- Traceroute towards websites hosted within the country
 - Sites within country = homepages of universities, governments, Exchange Points, traceroute servers at traceroute.org
- Surf Upstream from several country ISPs

Course Exercise - "Real" ISP's

- Visit the web site for each ISP connected to the exchange points in your area.
- Look for backbone map (look under: "about company", "our services", "our network", investors, Google: site:ispname.com network map)
- Do they also provide webhosting? (Where is their web hosting data center)
- Do they have a traceroute page
 - Look under technical support, network status
- Make bookmarks for any major ISPs

Web Hosting Datacenters

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 Hosting environment that is secure, server-friendly and well-connected

Can provide complete services including content

development, server management

 Others offer "rack-space" and utilities for co-location of user-supplied equipment

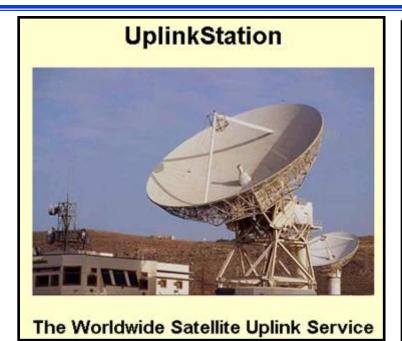


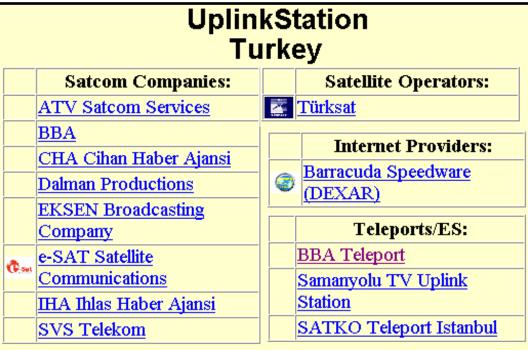
see: datacentermap.com

Third-party Sites Filled with Resources

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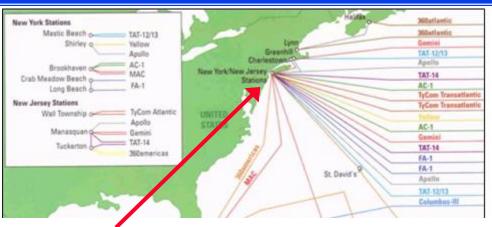






Several Open Sources can be Combined to Build a Complete Picture

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15 25 15 25



Satellite imagery follows cable

Start with a simple cable map

Nautical charts show exact cable locations

FCC Filings, Building Permits, etc. provide additional details:

fcc.gov filings: "12. C&W USA states that the Apollo Cable landing stations in the United States will be located in New York and New Jersey. In New York, the cable landing station will be located in Tritec Park, Brookhaven Technology Center, Shirley, New York, at coordinates 40° 50 minutes 30 seconds north and 72° 53 minutes 4 seconds west."

Newspaper / Building Permit Section: "USA Apollo Cable Landing Station, Ramsay Rd. and Precision Dr., site plan-land division station, construct 25,573-square-foot one-story building to house computer equipment for a fiber optic cable landing station on one lot of a two-lot land division in Phase 1. External generators and associated above-ground vaulted diesel fuel tanks to be installed in Phase II. Cable & Wireless USA, Shirley."



Here is the cable landing station

Reference: http://cryptome.org/eyeball/cable/cable-eyeball.htm

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Use a Swiss Army Knife...

- There are many websites that enable you to do traceroute, whois, DNS look-up, etc.
- Some website will limit how many queries you can do (from a single IP address)





robtex.com







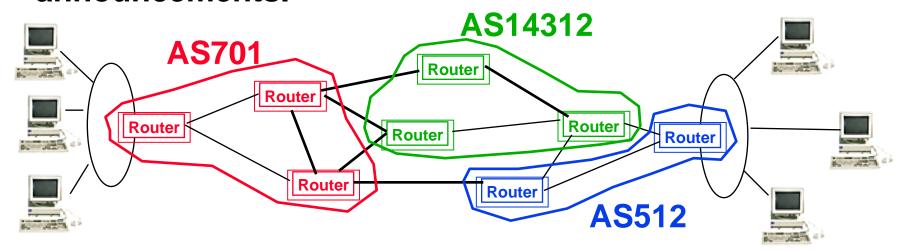
Looking in the neighborhood

- Reverse DNS lookup - Enter IP #, and it identifies associated domain name (if defined)
- Some tools will do this for a series of IP numbers
- example search for neighbors of www.gov.ru

194.226.80.66 ipaccess.gov.ru	194.226.80.164 kazak.adm.gov.ru
194.226.80.77 ns.gov.ru	194.226.80.165 lib.adm.gov.ru
194.226.80.78 www.council.gov.ru	194.226.80.166 orgdiv.adm.gov.ru
194.226.80.88 apparat.gov.ru	194.226.80.167 protocol.adm.gov.ru
194.226.80.129 apollo.gov.ru	194.226.80.168 udprf.gov.ru
194.226.80.145 ns.vpk.gov.ru	194.226.80.169 Msu.gov.ru
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194.226.80.147 ia.vpk.gov.ru	194.226.80.171 www.youth.gov.ru
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194.226.80.163 award.adm.gov.ru	194.226.80.187 mylex.gov.ru

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- Most Internet providers have an Autonomous System Number
- ASN's are part of the announcement of "routing policies" between ISP's. BGP= Border Gateway Protocol
- Global internet routing tables contain "all" such announcements.

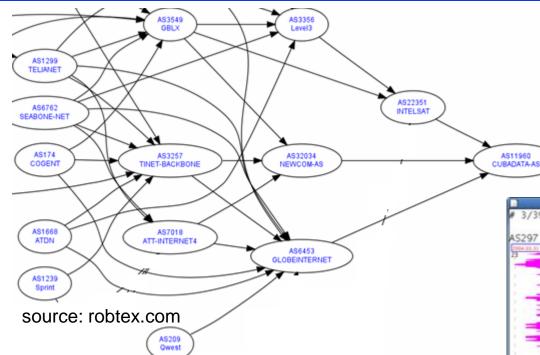


Traceroute = a path at individual router level AS Mapping = paths at ISP level of detail

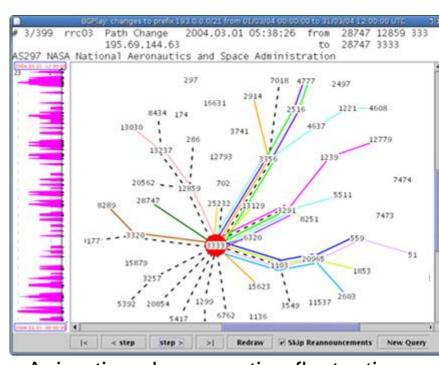
Mappings of Autonomous Systems

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- Maps routes towards specific AS
- Many of these tools require Java
- Fixedorbit.com has text interface



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Animation shows routing fluctuations source: http://bgplay.routeviews.org/Page 33

Final exercise; traceroute.org

- Initiate traceroutes towards websites hosted within your country (target pages= ISP's, Exchange Point, Country Registrar, Other Traceroute Servers, etc.)
- Initiate traceroutes from diverse geographic starting points
- If possible, Initiate traceroutes from within the country, heading outward (try traceroute.org)
- Are there key ISP's / exchange points that appear in most of these traceroutes?
- Enter <u>only</u> the "name" of the server: www.target.com NOT http://www.target.com/folder

Try different starting points for Traceroutes

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Starting from Arizona University

1 128.196.128.253 0 ms

2 192.80.43.25 0 ms

3 192.80.43.58 1 ms

4 207.250.65.133 5 ms

5 core-02-ge.phnx.twtelecom.net 5 ms

6 core-02-so.chcg.twtelecom.net 46 ms

7 peer-01-ge.chcg.twtelecom.net 46 ms

8 aads.verio.net 47 ms

9 chcgil01.us.bb.verio.net 47 ms

10 chcqil06.us.bb.verio.net 47 ms

11 dllstx01.us.bb.verio.net 47 ms

13 stngva01.us.bb.verio.net 82 ms

17 navigators.com 82 ms

Times are real-time <u>round trip</u> measurements from step 1 to step #_

Starting From University of Maryland

1 Vlan5.css-core-r1.net.umd.edu 0.53 ms

2 128.8.1.222 0.43 ms

3 qwest-bdr.net.umd.edu 1.49 ms

4 63-237-64-1.cust.qwest.net 1.38 ms

6 dca-brdr.inet.qwest.net 1.48 ms

7 qwest.stngva01.us.bb.verio.net 2.45 ms

9 ge.stngva01.us.verio.net 3.09 ms

10 stngva01.us.verio.net 2.75 ms

11 navigators.com 2.48 ms

The speed of light can serve as a yardstick in traceroutes

Speed of light:

186,000 miles/sec (in vacuum)

120,000 miles/sec (in glass fiber)

= 120 miles/ms (in glass fiber)

Navigators.com "must" be near University of Maryland's server 2.48 x 120 / 2 = ~150 miles

Note: <u>Each</u> hop via geostationary satellite must take at least 240 ms Low-earth satellites have low latencies that compete with fiber cables

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Study the traceroutes, line by line

10 so.IR2.DCA4.Alter.Net (146.188.13.46) 1 ms

11 so.TR1.STK2.Alter.Net (146.188.7.30) 116 ms

12 so.XR1.OSL2.Alter.Net (146.188.15.62) 128 ms

13 POS.GW2.OSL1.Alter.Net (146.188.12.42) 211 ms

14 Taide-gw.customer.ALTER.NET (146.188.32.26) 117 ms

15 NO-NIT-TN.taide.net (193.219.193.134) 125 ms

16 taide-gw.sovam.net.ua (212.82.192.114) 390 ms

17 taide-lgw.sovam.net.ua (212.82.192.113) 395 ms

18 web01.sputnikmedia.net (212.82.212.197) 390 ms

Notice the time difference: 390-125 = 275 ms (could be satellite)

Be persistent to understand each line of the traceroute

- Lines 10-14... visit www.alter.net = UUNET/Verizon (look at their map)
- Line 15... visit www.taide.net They indicate a teleport in Oslo, Norway
- Line 16...www.sovam.net.ua Their website includes an icon for a satellite



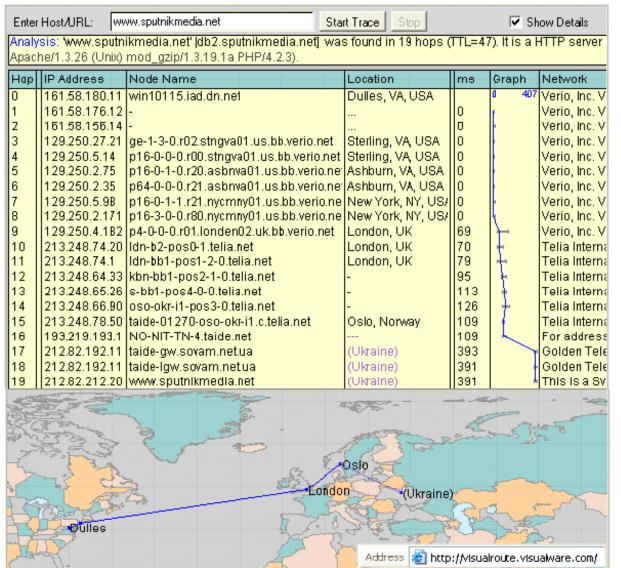




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http://navigators.com/ traceroute.html

Traceroutes on a Map?



- Software attempts to associate latitude/ longitude locations with router
- Such associations may not be accurate
- Limited ability to control your starting point
- With practice, you can more accurately interpret most traceroutes



Whois IP Numbers?

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- Every IP# originates from IANA
- IANA allocations are made to five regional registrars
- Further allocations are then made to ISP's and other companies.
- You can "WHOIS" an IP # at the regional registrars
 - You have to "guess" which registrar to use
 - The address shown is probably for the headquarters of the company, NOT the location of that single router
- Shows the allocation heritage of that IP number
- Shows how large a block of numbers was allocated
- The ISP may own other IP blocks as well

- Internet's information space continues to grow in value
- Specialized search tools can <u>sometimes</u> help locate and identify sources of information.
- "Go native"; learn local search tools, domain name policies, infrastructure providers.
- Over time, you will become familiar with these resources

The Future is Clear...

Master the Information Superhighway

or

Become Roadkill

