About RIPE

RIPE (Réseaux IP Européens) is a collaborative organisation open to all European Internet service providers. The objective of RIPE is to ensure the necessary administrative and technical coordination to allow the operation of a pan-European IP network. RIPE does *not* operate a network of its own.

RIPE has been functioning since 1989. Currently more than 60 organisations participate in the work. The result of the RIPE coordination effort is that the individual end-user is presented on his desktop with a uniform IP service irrespective of the particular network his or her workstation is attached to. In November 1993 more than 500,000 hosts throughout Europe are reachable via networks coordinated by RIPE. The total number of systems reachable worldwide is estimated at more than two million.

About the RIPE NCC

The RIPE *Network Coordination Centre* supports all those RIPE activities which cannot be effectively performed by volunteers from the participating organisations. Besides supporting RIPE activities in general the NCC provides the following services to network operators:

- o **network management database** containing information about IP networks, DNS domains, IP routing policies and contact information

- o **delegated Internet registry**, a clearing house distributing IP numbers

- o **domain name system (DNS) coordination**

- o **graphical maps of IP networks**

- o **repository for network operations software**

- o **RIPE document store**

- o **Interactive Information Service**

The RIPE NCC is located in Amsterdam. The RARE association provides the formal framework for the NCC. Funding for the operation of the NCC is provided by all European Internet service providers.

To learn more about the RIPE NCC and its services you can consult the appropriate leaflet, the interactive information server or contact the NCC by electronic mail, telephone or fax.

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RIPE NCC Interactive Information Service

Information about RIPE and RIPE NCC services can also be obtained using the Interactive Information Service. This menu-driven service allows browsing through the RIPE document store, reading documents and sending them by electronic mail. It can be reached by telnetting to host `info.ripe.net`. The service is available via the public X.25 networks at 0204129004331.

Access to the RIPE Document Store

All RIPE documents and Internet RFCs are available via anonymous FTP from host `ftp.ripe.net`. The same documents are also available via a "gopher" server at `gopher.ripe.net`, a "WAIS" server at `wais.ripe.net` and via a "World Wide Web" server at `http://www.ripe/ripe/default.html`.
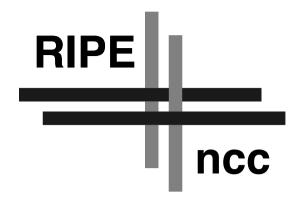
Access to the RIPE Database

The RIPE network management database can be accessed via the whois (RFC 954) server running on host `whois.ripe.net`. The database can also be accessed via the RIPE NCC interactive information service, described above.

Mailserver

Documents can also be retrieved from the RIPE document store using a mailserver program. For more information on how to use the program, send email to `mail-server@ripe.net` with "`send HELP`" in the body text.

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