



RIPE Atlas Tutorial

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- Learn how to:
 - Use RIPE Atlas measurements for network monitoring and troubleshooting
 - Use API calls to create measurements
 - Integrate RIPE Atlas with existing monitoring systems
- Get your questions answered

- Who hosts a RIPE Atlas probe?
 - Who would like to host one?
- Who is a RIPE Atlas Ambassador?
- Who has created measurements with RIPE Atlas before?
- Who has programming experience?

- Introduction to RIPE Atlas
- RIPE Atlas Probes
- RIPE Atlas Measurements
- Finding public measurements & analysing results
- Creating measurements
- Integration with network monitoring systems
- Real-time performance monitoring
- Take part in the RIPE Atlas community

Introduction to RIPE Atlas



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- RIPE Atlas is a global active measurements platform
- Goal: Improve Internet through measurements
- Probes hosted by volunteers
- Data publicly available

RIPE Atlas Coverage

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<https://atlas.ripe.net/results/maps/network-coverage/>

- Regular probes (version 1,2,3)
 - Small form factor boxes



- RIPE Atlas anchors
 - 1U servers (Soekris)
- Future: virtual machine probes?
 - Interested?



- Ongoing global measurements
 - Towards DNS root name servers and RIPE Atlas infrastructure
 - Visualised as Internet maps
- Ongoing regional measurements
 - Towards RIPE Atlas anchors
- Users can run customised measurements
 - ping, traceroute, DNS, SSL/TLS and NTP

- Everything has a primary identification number
- RIPE Atlas probes: probe ID
 - Example:
 - Probe ID: 6040
 - URL: <https://atlas.ripe.net/probes/6040/>
- RIPE Atlas measurements: measurement ID
 - Example:
 - Measurement ID: 1004005
 - URL: <https://atlas.ripe.net/measurements/1004005/>

RIPE Atlas Probes



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- Logged-in user:
 - Go to “My Atlas” > “Probes”
- Direct URL: <https://atlas.ripe.net/probes/>

The screenshot shows the RIPE Atlas Probes page. At the top, there is a search bar with placeholder text "Filter by id/asn/location/country/descript" and dropdown menus for "Connected" (set to "Connected"), "IPv4/v6" (set to "IPv4/v6"), and "Any Country". Below the search bar is a table titled "Probes" with a "Public" tab selected. The table has columns: Id, ASN v4, ASN v6, Country, Description, and Connection Status. The data in the table is as follows:

Id	ASN v4	ASN v6	Country	Description	Connection Status
27472	28840				1 week
27465	3217			Ultramarine	2 days, 21 hours
27450	39811				1 day, 19 hours
27437	49893			gpon from bitrce telecom	2 hours, 39 minutes
27411	2609			http://probev3.ripe.net	11 minutes
24450	1267	200630		PRE DC Galitello PROBE #1	2 days, 13 hours
24428	44858			AS44858 - PROXSYS	3 days, 18 hours
24411	15895				12 hours, 13 minutes
23774	15595			Skyline Telecom Ltd.	1 day, 15 hours
23762	35382	35382		Oy Capnova Ltd	2 days, 3 hours
23755	50195	50195			1 week, 3 days
23752	5603	5603		vr17	9 hours, 3 minutes
23743	5603	5603		ARNES: AlexM	11 hours, 7 minutes

A large callout bubble labeled "Search box" points to the search bar at the top right. Another callout bubble labeled "Probe ID: click for details" points to the first row of the table, specifically the "Id" column.

- Search box



- Search by:
 - Probe ID
 - Autonomous System Number (ASN)
 - Country
 - Description
 - Status (connected/disconnected)

Example Search: Probes In India

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Probes

Filter by id/asn/location/country/descript Connected IPv6 India (51)  

Public

ID	ASN v4	ASN v6	Country	Description	Connection Status	
22793	45528			MUM2	 2 days, 2 hours	
21518	24560			adav-Germany	 7 hours, 20 minutes	
20814	24560			Airtel DSL Gurgaon	 3 hours, 1 minute	
20254	55577			Sandeep's Probe -Hyd	 13 hours, 19 minutes	
17590	24560			DD	 1 day	
17011	9829			Ripe Probe	 20 minutes	
13602	24560			Prashant	 1 day, 5 hours	
11832	24560			Lucknow	 10 hours, 33 minutes	
4913	2697	2697		EIB-BLR	 1 day, 3 hours	
1083	45942	45942		Gomti Broadband Services	 2 hours, 15 minutes	



Find Probe Details

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- In probe search result:
 - Click on probe ID
- Direct URL: https://atlas.ripe.net/probes/<probe_id>

xs4all adsl 52/5 IPv6

General Network Built-in Measurements User-defined Measurements

General Information

Id	4
Architecture	probev1
Firmware	4700
Version	
Router Type	FritzBox AVM 7360
Shared Publicly	Yes

User Tags: DSL, Home, NAT, Native IPv6, iwantbcpc38compliancetesting

System Tags: V1, Resolves A Correctly, Resolves AAAA Correctly, IPv4 Works, IPv6 Works, IPv4 Capable, IPv6 Capable, IPv4 RFC1918

Connection & Traffic: Bits/s, Packets/s (3 weeks)

Connected Time: 3 weeks (June to July)

The displayed location is approximated to protect the probe host's privacy.

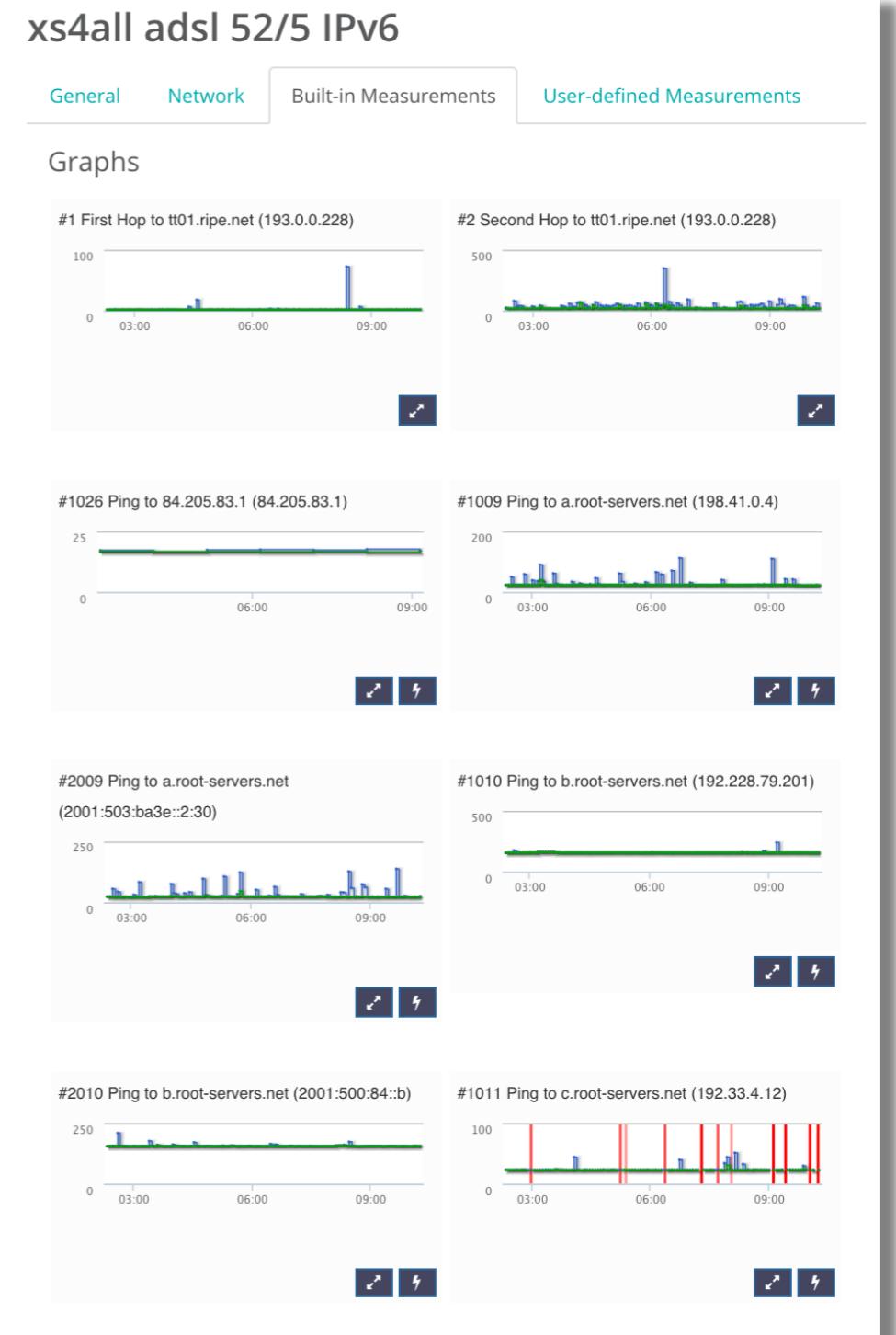
Map showing the location of the probe in the Netherlands, with major cities like Den Helder, Alkmaar, Haarlem, and Amsterdam labeled.

Probe tags

Probe Details (continued)

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- Built-in measurements
(more in next section)
- Shows RTT to fixed set of destinations
(mostly DNS root-servers)
- Red = packet loss



- “Super probes” and targets - 1U servers
- <https://atlas.ripe.net/anchors/list/>
- <https://atlas.ripe.net/anchors/map/>



Demo: Exploring Probes

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RIPE Atlas Measurements



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What is a RIPE Atlas Measurement?

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- A set of RIPE Atlas probes performing a specific type of measurement towards a single destination
- Destination can be IP or hostname
 - Hostname resolution by RIPE Atlas infrastructure (default) or on RIPE Atlas probe
- Single IP protocol: either IPv4 or IPv6
- Measurement types:
 - ping, traceroute, DNS, SSL, NTP, (HTTP)

- Built-in measurements:
 - Root name servers, RIPE Atlas infrastructure
 - <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/built-in/>
- Anchoring measurements:
 - Towards RIPE Atlas anchors
- User-defined measurements
 - You define the measurement
 - Lots of parameters:
 - Packet size, number of packets, resolve on probe
 - <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/udm/>

Finding Results of Public Measurements



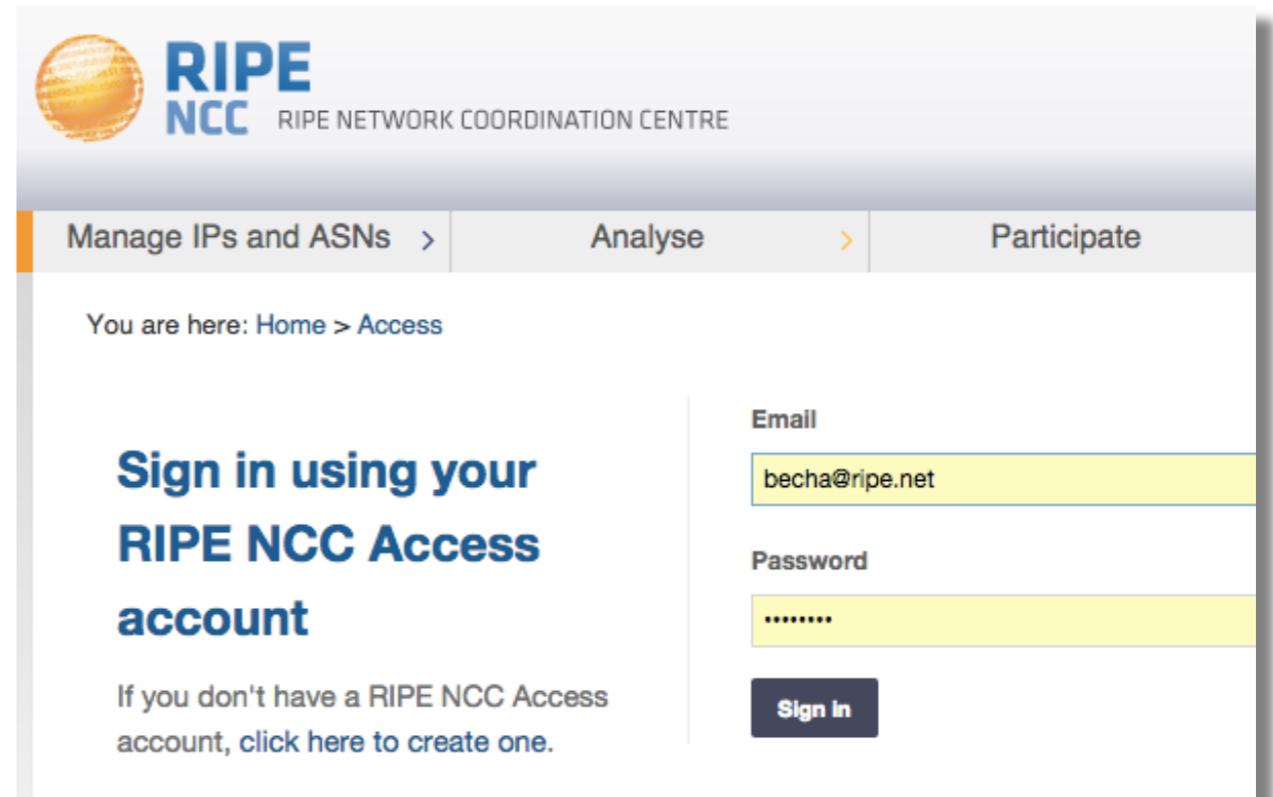
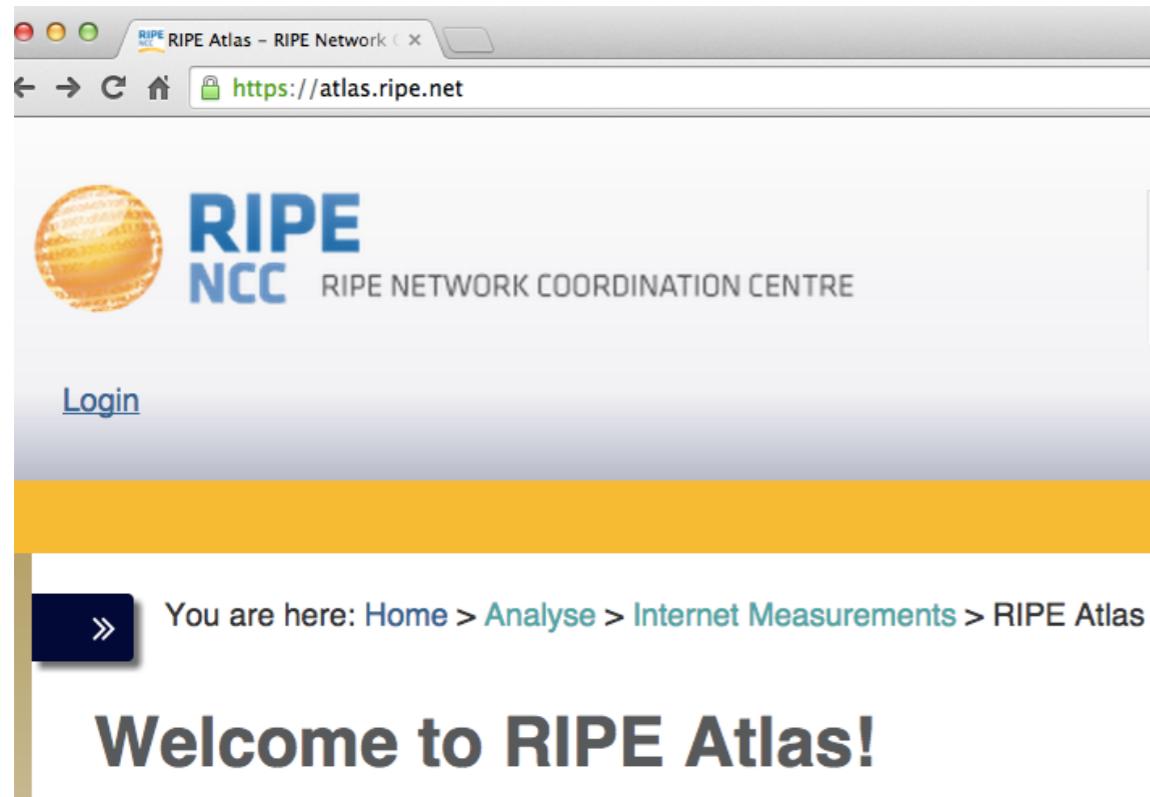
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- Apart from built-in measurements, users have created a lot of measurements already!
- Search for existing public measurements first
 - Even if you do not host a probe!
- Schedule your own measurement if you don't find what you're looking for
 - You'll need credits for this

Logging In (optional)

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- Log in to atlas.ripe.net
 - Use your RIPE NCC Access account
 - Create an account if you don't have one already



- Test login credits (only works today):
 - site: <https://atlas.ripe.net/>
 - user: ***testripeatlas@yahoo.com***
 - password: ***sanog2626***
- 1M credits
 - Who can create the most interesting measurement?

Looking Up Measurement Results

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- Direct URL: <https://atlas.ripe.net/measurements/>
- Go to “My Atlas” > “Measurements”

The screenshot shows the RIPE Atlas Measurements page. On the left, there's a sidebar with a navigation menu:

- RIPE Atlas
- About RIPE Atlas
- Get Involved
- Results
 - My Atlas** (selected, highlighted with a blue oval)
 - Probes
 - Measurements
 - Credits
- API Keys
- Messages (72 new)

The main content area has a search bar and a "Create a Measurement" button. Below that is a table of measurements. The table includes columns for Id, Type, Target, Description, Status, and UTC. One row is shown in detail:

Id	Type	Target	Description	Status	UTC
1965015	IPv4 ping	b92.net	Ping measurement to b92.net	49	2015-04-21 08:20

Three specific UI elements are highlighted with blue ovals:

- A dropdown menu for "Type" with "All types" selected.
- A "Filter by target and/or description" input field.
- The "My Atlas" item in the sidebar.

Available Visualisations: ping

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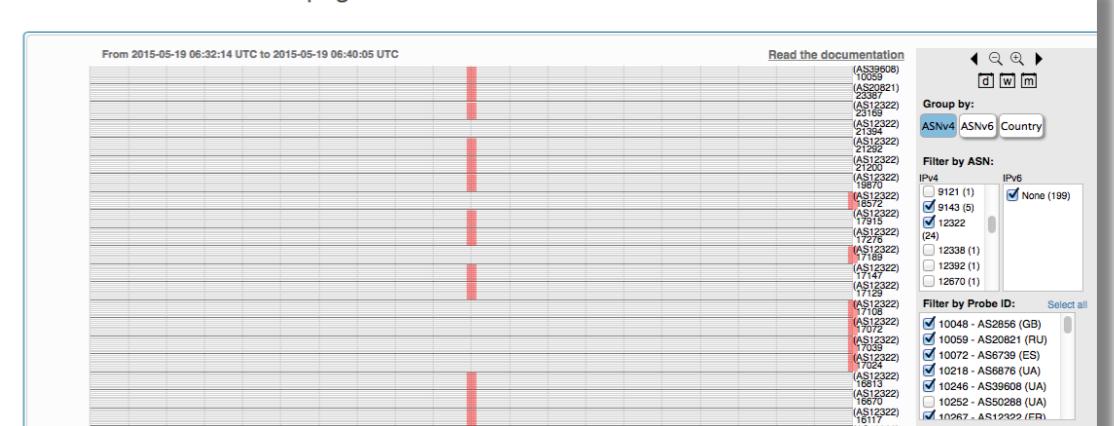
- List of probes: sortable by RTT

Probe	ASN (v4)	ASN (v6)			Time	RTT
6019	3333	3333	🇳🇱	☁️	2015-05-19 09:23	1.157
6069	59469	59469	🇩🇰	☁️	2015-05-19 09:23	15.253
6111	198068	198068	🇪🇪	☁️	2015-05-19 09:23	37.760
6112	197216	197216	🇧🇬	☁️	2015-05-19 09:23	35.494
10008	3851		🇺🇸	☁️	2015-05-19 09:23	24.664
10218	6876		🇺🇦	☁️	2015-05-19 09:23	37.952
10246	39608		🇺🇦	☁️	2015-05-19 09:23	36.313
10252	50288		🇺🇦	☁️	2015-05-19 09:23	62.441
10267	12322		🇫🇷	☁️	2015-05-19 09:23	31.498
10296	51214		🇺🇦	☁️	2015-05-19 09:23	✗ Unreachable

- Map: colour-coded by RTT

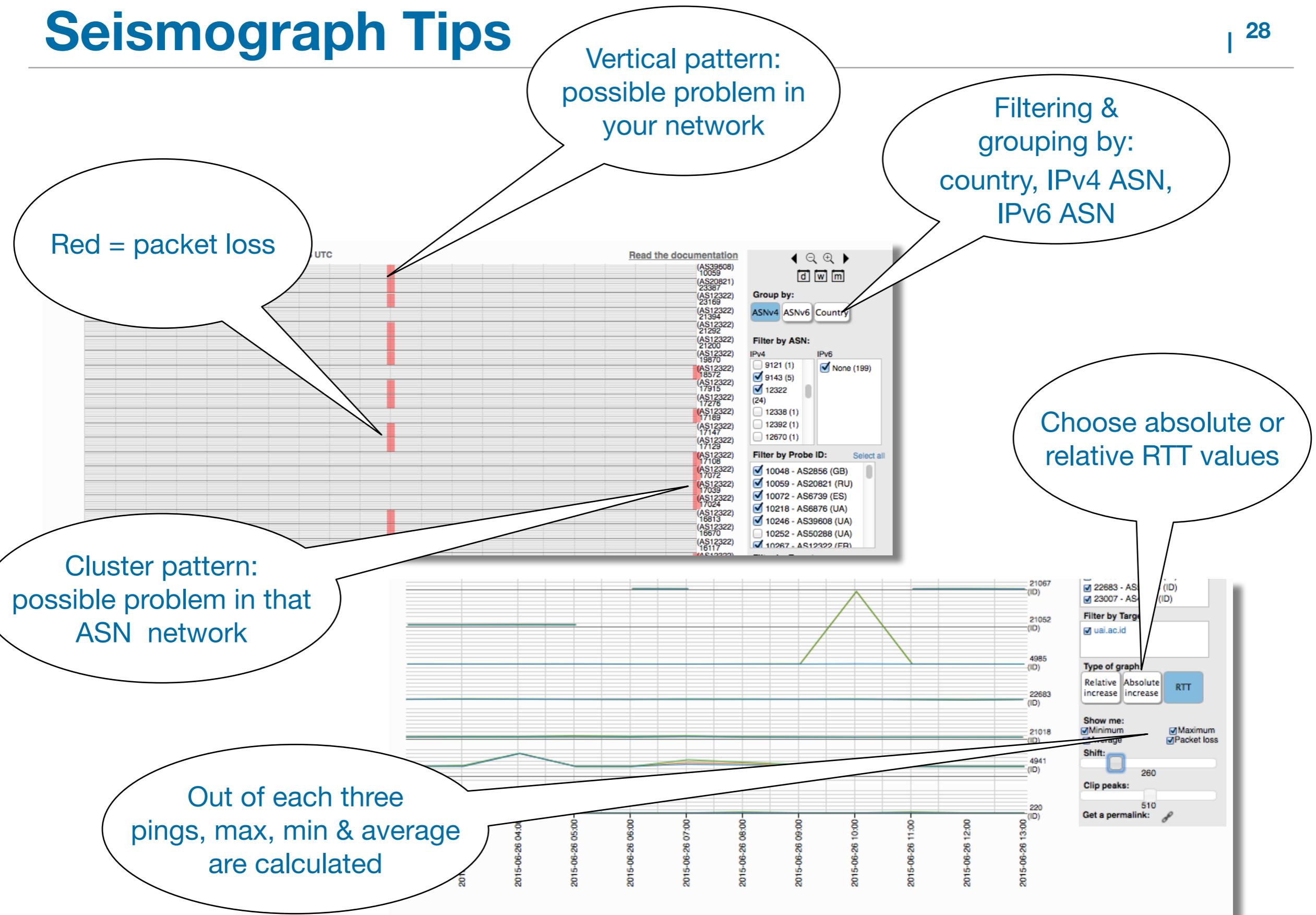


- Seismograph: stacked multiple pings with packet loss



Seismograph Tips

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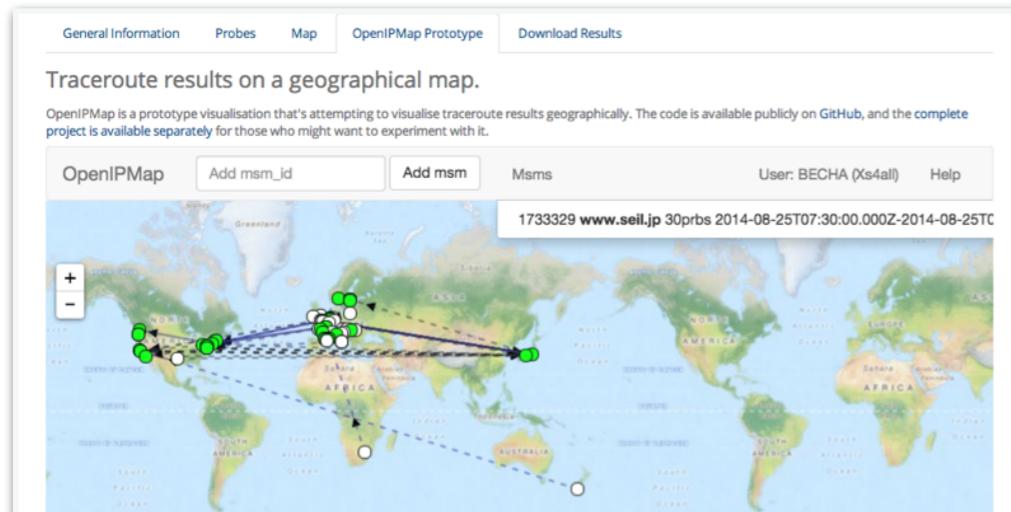
Available Visualisations: traceroute

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- Map
- List of probes, colour-coded number of hops

General Information	Probes	Map	OpenIPMap Prototype	Download Results
Probe	ASN (v4)	ASN (v6)	Time	RTT Hops
2043	3313	IT	2014-08-25 07:44	308.018 21
3246	41135	BE	2014-08-25 07:41	259.912 12
3389	3302	IT	2014-08-25 07:43	285.608 17
4092	37497	ZA	2014-08-25 07:40	452.889 19
4228	3269	IT	2014-08-25 07:41	329.862 20
10024	42353	GB	2014-08-25 07:44	x 1

- Traceroute paths map, geolocation using OpenIPMap



- <https://github.com/RIPE-Atlas-Community/openipmap>

Available visualisations: DNS

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- Map, colour-coded response time or diversity
- List of probes, sortable by response time



DNS measurement to ns1.optteamax.de

General Information		Probes	Map	Download Results	Modification Log
Probe	ASN (v4)	ASN (v6)	Time	Name	Response Time
17840	6327		2015-05-19 09:38	null	<div style="width: 362.009px;"></div> 362.009
18035	43030		2015-05-19 09:50	null	<div style="width: 347.39px;"></div> 347.39
18129	327805		2015-05-19 09:49	null	<div style="width: 207.743px;"></div> 207.743
15844	32098		2015-05-19 09:48	null	<div style="width: 184.237px;"></div> 184.237
17857	852		2015-05-19 09:37	null	<div style="width: 177.694px;"></div> 177.694
19894	6327		2015-05-19 09:36	null	<div style="width: 168.689px;"></div> 168.689
19204	21513		2015-05-19 09:50	null	<div style="width: 141.199px;"></div> 141.199
15922	30036		2015-05-19 09:47	null	<div style="width: 133.309px;"></div> 133.309

- Documentation for analysing measurements results:
 - <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/rest/>
 - <https://github.com/RIPE-NCC/ripe.atlas.sagan>
- More tools:
 - <https://github.com/RIPE-Atlas-Community>
 - <https://github.com/RIPE-Atlas-Community/ripe-atlas-community-contrib/blob/master/README.md>

Demo: Finding Measurements

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Exercise: Analyse Measurement Results



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- Download results of a specific public measurement
- Read the text of the result, to understand structure

Task 1: Download measurement results

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- Find the measurement
 - ping, IPv6 to google.com
 - msm-ID 1004005
- Click on measurement, then “Download”
 - Specify the time period (e.g. yesterday)
- Results in JSON

- Solution URL:
 - <https://atlas.ripe.net/api/v1/measurement/1004005/result/?start=1435104000&stop=1435276799&format=json>
- Save the measurement(s) locally

```
$ curl https://atlas.ripe.net/api/v1/measurement/1004005/result/?start=1435104000&stop=1435276799&format=json > measurement-test.json
```

Task 2: Look at the Result

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Reference
(msm ID)

```
[ {"af":6,"avg": 61.32,  
 "dst_addr":"2a00:1450:4004:802::1014","dst_name":"www.google.com",  
 "dup":0,  
 "from":"2001:8a0:7f00:b201:220:4aff:fec5:5b5b",  
 "fw":4660,"lts":411,  
 "max":62.148,"min":60.372,  
 "msm_id":1004005,"msm_name":"Ping",  
 "prb_id":722,"proto":"ICMP","rcvd":10,  
  
 "result":[{"rtt":62.148}, {"rtt":61.437}, {"rtt":61.444}, {"rtt":61.448},  
 {"rtt":61.794}, {"rtt":61.533}, {"rtt":60.372}, {"rtt":60.373}, {"rtt":  
 61.384}, {"rtt":61.267}],  
 "sent":10,"size":64,  
 "src_addr":"2001:8a0:7f00:b201:220:4aff:fec5:5b5b",  
 "step":240,"timestamp":1410220847,"ttl":54,"type":"ping"}]
```

Destination (IP
& name)

Source (probe
public IP address)

Packet loss:
difference between
sent & received!

https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/data_struct/#v4610_ping

Task 3: Analyse Results (optional)

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- Find out how many times RTT was above 60ms
 - Use Python or JavaScript or something else
- For the JavaScript solution, you can use this as a starting point:
 - https://stat.ripe.net/widgets/demo/script_me.html

Task 3: Code Examples

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Python:

Parse json and find total avg:

```
import json
f = open("measurement.json","r")
measurements = json.load(f)
for m in measurements:
    for r in m["result"]:
        rtt = r["rtt"]
    if rtt >60: i += 1
```

JavaScript:

```
<script>
var dataAPIUrl = "https://atlas.ripe.net/api/v1/
measurement/1004005/result/?start=1410220800";
jQuery.ajax({
    url: dataAPIUrl, error: function() {
        alert("error");
    },
    success: function( response ) { var i = 0;
        for ( var i = 0, n = response.length; i < n; i++ ) { var
        measurement = response[i];
        for ( var j = 0, m = measurement.result.length; j < m; j++ ) {
            var rtt = measurement.result[j].rtt;
            console.log(rtt);
            if (rtt > 60)
                i++;
        }
    }
    jQuery("p").html("The RTT has been above 60ms for " + i
    + " times");
},
dataType: "jsonp" });
</script>
```

Example of Traceroute Results

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```
{  
    "af": 6,  
    "dst_addr": "2001:7fd::1",  
    "dst_name": "2001:7fd::1",  
    "endtime": 1386596919,  
    "from": "2001:67c:2e8:13:220:4aff:fec6:cc9d",  
    "fw": 4570,  
    "msm_id": 6001,  
    "paris_id": 4,  
    "prb_id": 9,  
    "proto": "UDP",  
    "result": [  
        {  
            "hop": 1,  
            "result": [  
                {  
                    "from": "2001:67c:2e8:13::2",  
                    "rtt": 4.7960000000000003,  
                    "size": 88,  
                    "ttl": 64  
                },  
                {  
                }  
            ]  
        },  
        {  
            "size": 40,  
            "src_addr": "2001:67c:2e8:13:220:4aff:fec6:cc9d",  
            "timestamp": 1386596906,  
            "type": "traceroute"  
        }  
    ],  
    "hop": 2,  
    "msm_id": 6001,  
    "paris_id": 4,  
    "proto": "UDP",  
    "rtt": 4.7960000000000003,  
    "size": 88,  
    "src_addr": "2001:67c:2e8:13:220:4aff:fec6:cc9d",  
    "timestamp": 1386596906,  
    "type": "traceroute"  
}
```

https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/data_struct/#v4610_traceroute

Example of DNS Results

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- Use [ripe.atlas.sagan](#) library to parse abuf

```
{  
    "af": 6,  
    "dst_addr": "2001:7fd::1",  
    "from": "2001:67c:2e8:13:220:4aff:fec6:cd06",  
    "fw": 4460,  
    "msm_id": 11001,  
    "prb_id": 114,  
    "proto": "UDP",  
    "result": {  
        "ANCOUNT": 1,  
        "ARCOUNT": 13,  
        "ID": 14016,  
        "NSCOUNT": 13,  
        "QDCOUNT": 1,  
        "abuf": "NsCEAAABAAEADQANAAAG <LARGE BUFFER YOU HAVE TO DECODE HERE> ==",  
        "rt": 3.427999999999999,  
        "size": 493  
    },  
    "timestamp": 1339664565,  
    "type": "dns"  
}
```

https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/data_struct/#v4610_dns

Creating a Measurement



- A customer reports a problem: they cannot reach one of your servers
 - You can schedule pings or traceroutes from up to 500 RIPE Atlas probes from a particular region to check where the problem might be
- Measuring packet loss on a suspected “bad” link
- Testing anycast deployment

- Running your own measurements costs credits
 - ping = 3 credits, traceroute = 30, etc.
- Why? Fairness and to avoid overload
- Daily spending limit & max measurements user can create
- Hosting a RIPE Atlas probe earns credits
- Get extra credits by:
 - Being a RIPE NCC member
 - Hosting an anchor
 - Sponsoring probes
 - Credit transfers (ask me!)

- Test login credits (only works today):
 - user: ***testripeatlas@yahoo.com***
 - password: ***sanog2626***
- 1M credits
 - Who can create the most interesting measurement?

<https://atlas.ripe.net/user/credits/>

RIPE Atlas < About RIPE Atlas > Get Involved > Results > My Atlas ▾

Probes Measurements Credits API Keys Messages (72 new) Anchors Sponsorships Ambassador Probes LIR Benefits Claim 1 Million Credits IPv6 Connectivity Test Quick Look

Account Information

This is where you're able to view the history of your credit use. There are visualisations available, and you can also transfer credits to someone else.

[History](#) [Charts & Archives](#) [Transfer](#)

History

My Atlas > Credits

Give credits to someone

Account Balance
Daily account balance over time

Date	Balance (M)
January 2023	50M
July 2023	50M
August 2023	25M
September 2023	50M
October 2023	50M

- Log in to atlas.ripe.net
- “My Atlas” > “Measurements”
- Three methods:
 1. Quick & Easy
 - Measurement type
 - Target IP/hostname
 - Done! (Default values are used...)
 2. Advanced GUI usage
 3. CLI scripting using API

2: Using GUI to Schedule a Measurement

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- Default: periodic, long-term measurement
 - If just once, right away, choose “One-off”
- Choose type, target, frequency, # of probes, region...
 - Improved interactive interface helps you at each step
- You will spend credits

- Using command-line & scripting:

Application Programming Interface (API)

- <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/measurement-creation-api/>

- You will need “API keys”

- <https://atlas.ripe.net/keys/>
- To create measurements without logging in
- To securely share your measurement data

- API documentation:

- <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/measurement-creation-api/>
- <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/credits/>
- <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/udm/>
- <https://atlas.ripe.net/keys/>
- <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/keys/>

Exercise: Create a Measurement



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- Create a ping measurement:
 - Involving ten probes
 - To a target of your choice
 - From SANOG region (or not, you decide)
 - Duration of two days

1. Warm-up: Create a measurement using the GUI
2. Create API Key
3. Schedule a measurement using the API

Sub-task 1: Use Web Interface

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The screenshot shows the RIPE Atlas Measurements page. On the left, there's a sidebar with links like RIPE Atlas, About RIPE Atlas, Get Involved, Results, and My Atlas (which is selected). Below the sidebar are links for Probes, Measurements, Credits, API Keys, Messages (81 new), Anchors, and Sponsorships. The main area is titled "Measurements" and contains a table of measurements. The table has columns for Id, Type, Target, Description, Probes, Time (UTC), and Status. Two rows are visible:

Id	Type	Target	Description	Probes	Time (UTC)	Status
1965015	IPv4 ping	b92.net	Ping measurement to b92.net	49	2015-04-21 08:20 2015-04-21 08:30	
1940389	IPv4 sslicert	twitter.com	SSL measurement to twitter.com	104	2015-04-07 09:39 2015-04-07 09:45	

At the top right of the main area is a green button labeled "+ Create a Measurement" which is circled in blue.

- Useful hint: once you generate a measurement, copy “API Compatible Specification” to text file
- Note MSM-ID, too

The screenshot shows the "Create a New Measurement" wizard with three steps:

- Step 1 Definitions**: A section where you can select the type of measurement. It includes a list of measurement types: + Ping, + Traceroute, + DNS, + SSL, and + NTP.
- Step 2 Probe Selection**: A section where you can choose probe settings. It shows "Worldwide" and "50" probes selected. Below it are buttons for "+ New Set - wizard", "+ New Set - manual", "+ IDs List", and "+ Reuse a set from a measurement".
- Step 3 Timing**: A section where you can set the timing for the measurement. It includes fields for "This is a One-off:" (checkbox), "Start time:" (set to "As soon as possible"), and "Stop time:" (set to "Never").

At the bottom right of the wizard is a link "[Measurement API Compatible Specification](#)". At the very bottom right is a blue button labeled "Create My Measurement(s)".

Sub-task 2: Create API Key

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The screenshot shows the RIPE Atlas API Keys page. On the left, there's a sidebar with links: RIPE Atlas, About RIPE Atlas, Get Involved, Results, My Atlas (which is selected), Probes, Measurements, Credits, API Keys (which is also selected), Messages (81 new), and Anchors. The main area has a title 'API Keys' and a green button '+ Create an API key'. Below is a table with columns: Key, Created, Permission, Object, Label, Valid From, Valid To, and Enabled. There are three rows in the table:

Key	Created	Permission	Object	Label	Valid From	Valid To	Enabled
984a774c-33ce-4b97-9767-fb48efda6c12	2013-01-31 13:05 UTC	Download results of a user defined measurement	1002953 b.hosteddnsservice.com				✓
e5ba646b-abf1-4f01-8bf1-5267a9dd56ce	2013-01-31 12:52 UTC	Download results collected by a specific probe	13: k13				✓
9788b7e0-9d4b-4787-8a42-fce8f2f2e929	2013-01-11 14:53 UTC	Download results of a user defined measurement	1002676 www.google.com				✓

- Click on “Create an API Key”
- Choose type: “Create a new user-defined measurement”
- “Object” is not applicable (N/A) for this type
- Give it a label
- Give it a duration of validity (leave empty for defaults)
- “Key” value to be passed on to the API call (next step)

- Schedule a measurement using the API
 - Use the “key” you just generated
 - Hint: copy and past API call syntax from the measurement generated by the GUI
- Example:

```
$ curl -H "Content-Type: application/json" -H "Accept: application/json" -X  
POST -d '{ "definitions": [ { "target": "ripe.net", "description": "My First  
Measurement", "type": "ping", "af": 4 } ], "probes": [ { "requested": 10,  
"type": "country", "value": "RS" } ] }' https://atlas.ripe.net/api/v1/  
measurement/?key=YOUR\_API\_KEY
```

Demo: Creating Measurements

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- probe API
 - <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/rest/#probe>
- measurement API
 - <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/rest/#measurement>
- probe archive API (historic probe status)
 - <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/rest/#probe-archive>
- participation API (add probes to existing measurement)
 - <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/rest/#participation-request>

Integration of RIPE Atlas with Network Monitoring Systems



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- Network operators use tools for monitoring network health (e.g. Nagios and Icinga)
- These tools can receive input from RIPE Atlas via the API
- Benefits:
 - pings from 500 out of 8,000+ probes around the world
 - See your network from the outside
 - Plug into your existing practices

1. Create a RIPE Atlas ping measurement
2. Go to “Status Checks” URL
3. Add your alerts in Nagios or Icinga



- Status checks work via RIPE Atlas' RESTful API
 - [https://atlas.ripe.net/api/v1/status-checks/MEASUREMENT ID/](https://atlas.ripe.net/api/v1/status-checks/MEASUREMENT_ID/)
- You define the alert parameters, for example:
 - Threshold for percentage of probes that successfully received a reply
 - How many of the most recent measurements to base it on
 - Maximum packet loss acceptable
- Documentation:
 - <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/status-checks/>

- Community of operators contributed configuration code!
 - Making use of the built-in “check_http” plugin
- GitHub examples:
 - https://github.com/RIPE-Atlas-Community/ripe-atlas-community-contrib/blob/master/scripts_for_nagios_icinga_alerts
- Post on Icinga blog:
 - <https://www.icinga.org/2014/03/05/monitoring-ripe-atlas-status-with-icinga-2/>

Exercise: Setting up “Status Checks”



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- Set up and configure a “status check”
 - For an existing IPv6 ping msm to
in-bom-as33480.anchors.atlas.ripe.net
 - <https://atlas.ripe.net/api/v1/status-checks/1849608/>
- Configure the status check in such a way that
 - it will trigger an alert for this measurement
 - it will not trigger an alert for this measurement
- Optional: set-up status check for your own ping measurement!

- Useful parameters:

Argument	Default	Description
max_packet_loss	75	The acceptable percentage packet loss per probe
show_all	false	Show all RTT responses. The default is to only show all responses for alerting probes
permitted_total_alerts	0	The total number of probes you would permit to respond with an alert before a global alert is issued
lookback	1	The total number of measurement results to compare to generate a median RTT value.
median_rtt_threshold	N/A	The threshold at which an alert should be issued when you compare the latest RTT value to the median values (based on the lookback)

- Possible solution:

- <https://atlas.ripe.net/api/v1/status-checks/1849608/>
- https://atlas.ripe.net/api/v1/status-checks/1849608/?permitted_total_alerts=12

Example Application “eyeballtrace”



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- Idea: what if I could do a **traceroute** from all of the major “**eyeball**” networks in a country?
- Workflow:
 - Extract list of ASNs with > 1% market share (external API)
 - Find usable RIPE Atlas probes in these ASNs (probe API)
 - Create measurements from these probes (measurement API)
 - Fetch results (streaming API)
 - Provide text-based, annotated (host, ASN for hops) output (RIPEstat / OpenIPMap)

- <https://github.com/emileaben/eyeballtrace>
- command-line: eyeballtrace -c IN flipkart.com

```
## AS9829/BSNL-NIB - National Internet Backbone (23.6% of market in IN)
#prb:17011 dst:flipkart.com
1 () 10.10.10.1 [0.377, 0.4, 0.574]
2 () 192.168.1.1 [1.055, 1.142, 1.212]
3 (AS9829) 117.206.176.1 [22.017, 22.512, 22.771]
4 (AS9829) 218.248.171.158 [39.914, 142.812, 188.124]
5 (AS9829) 218.248.235.130 [29.958, 30.113, 31.221]
6 (AS9498) aes-static-233.134.23.125.airtel.in [101.072, 101.42, 102.495]
7 (AS9498) aes-static-021.37.144.59.airtel.in [97.964, 99.393, 117.358]
8 err:{u'x': u'*'}
8 (AS9498) aes-static-138.126.17.125.airtel.in [73.969]
9 (AS17439) 180.179.165.186 [74.373, 74.472, 76.232]
10 (AS17439) m200.flipkart.com [74.383, 74.604, 74.65]
11 (AS17439) m200.flipkart.com [75.563, 75.934, 141.835]
12 (AS9752) 163.53.76.21 [75.184, 75.495, 76.207]
```

```
## AS17813/MTNL-AP - Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (3.1% of market in IN)
NO RIPE Atlas coverage!!
If you are in a position to put a probe in this network: https://atlas.ripe.net/get-involved/become-a-host/
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Demo: Eyeballtrace

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Real-time Performance Monitoring



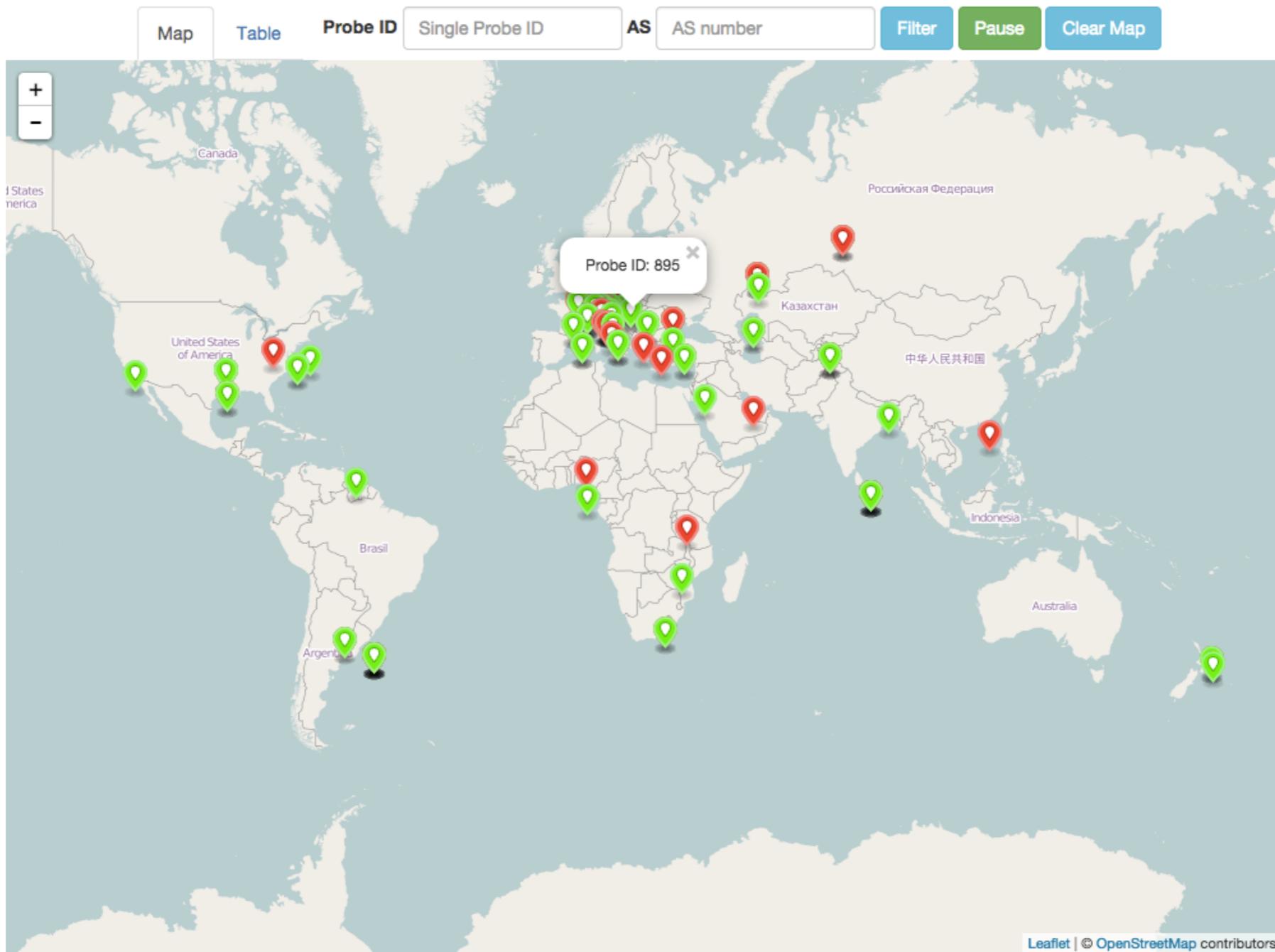
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- RIPE Atlas streaming is an architecture that allows users to receive the measurement results as soon as they are sent by the probes - **in real time**
 - Publish/subscribe through web sockets (RFC 6455)
- There are two types of data:
 - Measurement results
 - Probe connection status events

- Visualising network outages
- Server and performance monitoring
- In March 2015: used by almost all hackathon teams:
<https://labs.ripe.net/Members/becha/ripe-atlas-hackathon-results>
- Documentation:
 - <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/result-streaming/>
 - [https://labs.ripe.net/Members/suzanne taylor muzzin/data-streaming-in-ripe-atlas](https://labs.ripe.net/Members/suzanne_taylor_muzzin/data-streaming-in-ripe-atlas)

Probe (Dis)connection Events

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https://labs.ripe.net/Members/andreas_strikos/amsterdam-power-outage-as-seen-by-ripe-atlas

Exercise: **Using Streaming API**



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- **Scenario:** Customers are complaining that it occasionally takes a long time to reach your service or server
- **Action:** Ping your server from 500 probes
 - Decide what the acceptable latency threshold is
 - Notice and react when you start receiving samples
- **Task:** Use the ping measurement ID 1791207
 - Choose threshold (e.g. greater than 30ms)
 - Impose threshold on “min” (minimum result of three ping attempts)

1. Go to <https://stat.ripe.net/widgets/workshops/webinar/ripe-atlas/streaming-01.html>
2. Open the development console
3. Wait for results to arrive
4. Optional: Save the HTML file locally and edit the code to your liking

Example of Results

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```
Elements Network Sources Timeline Profiles Resources Audits | Console | AngularJS
✖ ✖ <top frame> ▼  Preserve log
Filter  Regex All | Errors Warnings Info Logs Debug  Hide network messages
XHR finished loading: GET "http://atlas-stream.ripe.net/stream/socket.io/?EI0=2&transport=polling&t=1431095373684-0".
XHR finished loading: GET "http://atlas-stream.ripe.net/stream/socket.io/?EI0=2&transport=polling&t=1431095373739-1&sid=eB0kM7zfWFT2c-ScAAaH".
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 16669, result: Array[3], ttl: 42, avg: 326.841...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 16669, result: Array[3], ttl: 42, avg: 325.793333333...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 16669, result: Array[3], ttl: 42, avg: 326.048...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 16669, result: Array[3], ttl: 42, avg: 327.325333333...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 15965, result: Array[3], ttl: 45, avg: 47.631333333...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 15965, result: Array[3], ttl: 45, avg: 47.699666667...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 15965, result: Array[3], ttl: 45, avg: 47.481666667...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 19566, result: Array[3], ttl: 40, avg: 47.054...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 19566, result: Array[3], ttl: 40, avg: 47.862666667...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 19566, result: Array[3], ttl: 40, avg: 47.594666667...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 19566, result: Array[3], ttl: 40, avg: 47.500333333...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 18311, result: Array[3], ttl: 49, avg: 32.577...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 18311, result: Array[3], ttl: 49, avg: 34.084333333...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 18311, result: Array[3], ttl: 49, avg: 32.751333333...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 16010, result: Array[3], ttl: 46, avg: 182.446333333...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 16010, result: Array[3], ttl: 46, avg: 193.995333333...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 16010, result: Array[3], ttl: 46, avg: 182.291333333...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 16010, result: Array[3], ttl: 46, avg: 191.610333333...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 14918, result: Array[3], ttl: 49, avg: 34.817...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 14918, result: Array[3], ttl: 49, avg: 35.009333333...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 14918, result: Array[3], ttl: 49, avg: 35.084333333...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 20668, result: Array[3], ttl: 45, avg: 38.884666667...}
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I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 6093, result: Array[3], ttl: 49, avg: 128.727333333...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 6093, result: Array[3], ttl: 49, avg: 128.737333333...}
I received ▶ Object {af: 4, prb_id: 6093, result: Array[3], ttl: 49, avg: 128.888333333...}
```

Task 2: View (Dis)connect Events (optional)

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- See the connection and disconnection events of all the RIPE Atlas probes in your browser console
- Steps:
 - Create your empty HTML page
 - Connect to the streaming
 - Subscribe to stream_type: “probestatus”

```
<script src="http://atlas-stream.ripe.net/socket.io.js"></script>  
<script>  
  var socket = io("http://atlas-stream.ripe.net:80", { path : "/stream/socket.io" });  
  
  socket.on("atlas_probestatus", function(status){  
    console.log("I received ", status);  
  });  
  
  socket.emit("atlas_subscribe", { stream_type: "probestatus" });  
</script>
```



Take Part in the RIPE Atlas Community



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- Individual volunteers host **probes** in homes or offices



- Organisations host RIPE Atlas **anchors**



- **Sponsor** organisations give financial support or host multiple probes in their own networks



- **Ambassadors** help distribute probes at conferences, give presentations, etc.
- **Developers** contribute free and open software
- **Network operators** create measurements to monitor and troubleshoot
- **Researchers and students** write papers



- <https://atlas.ripe.net>
- Roadmap: <http://roadmap.ripe.net/ripe-atlas/>
- Users' mailing list: ripe-atlas@ripe.net
- Articles and updates: <https://labs.ripe.net/atlas>
- Questions and bugs: atlas@ripe.net
- Twitter: [@RIPE_Atlas](https://twitter.com/RIPE_Atlas) and [#RIPEAtlas](https://twitter.com)

- <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/rest/>
- <https://github.com/RIPE-NCC/ripe.atlas.sagan>
- <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/measurement-creation-api/>
- <https://atlas.ripe.net/doc/credits>
- <https://atlas.ripe.net/doc/udm>
- <https://atlas.ripe.net/keys/>
- <https://atlas.ripe.net/docs/keys/>

- Basics:
 - <http://www.ripe.net/lir-services/training/courses/tailor-made-workshops/#tools>
- Webinar material:
 - <https://www.ripe.net/support/training/learn-online/webinars/advanced-ripe-atlas-usage-webinar>
- More tools:
 - <https://github.com/RIPE-Atlas-Community>

Additional Slides



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- 8,300+ probes connected
- 5,000+ active users in the last quarter
- 2,500+ results collected per second
- 35,000+ customised measurements weekly
- Five types of customised measurements available:
ping, traceroute, DNS, SSL, NTP

- Individuals can host a probe:
 - Go to <https://atlas.ripe.net/apply>
 - You will receive a probe by post
 - Register your probe
 - Plug in your probe
 - One per ASN!
- For organisations:
 - Host an anchor
 - Sponsor RIPE Atlas
- Help us distribute probes: become an ambassador!

- Well-known targets and powerful probes
 - Regional baseline and “future history”
- Anchoring measurements
 - Measurements between anchors
 - 200 probes targeting each anchor with measurements
 - Each probe measures 4-5 anchors
 - Vantage points for DNSMON service
- 130+ RIPE Atlas anchors



- New measurement type: NTP
 - https://labs.ripe.net/Members/philip_homburg/ntp-measurements-with-ripe-atlas

Create a New Measurement

Step 1 Definitions

Please select the type of measurement you want to create

+ Ping + Traceroute + DNS + SSL + NTP

Step 2 Probe Selection

Worldwide 50 ×

+ New Set - wizard + New Set - manual + IDs List + Reuse a set from a measurement

Step 3 Timing

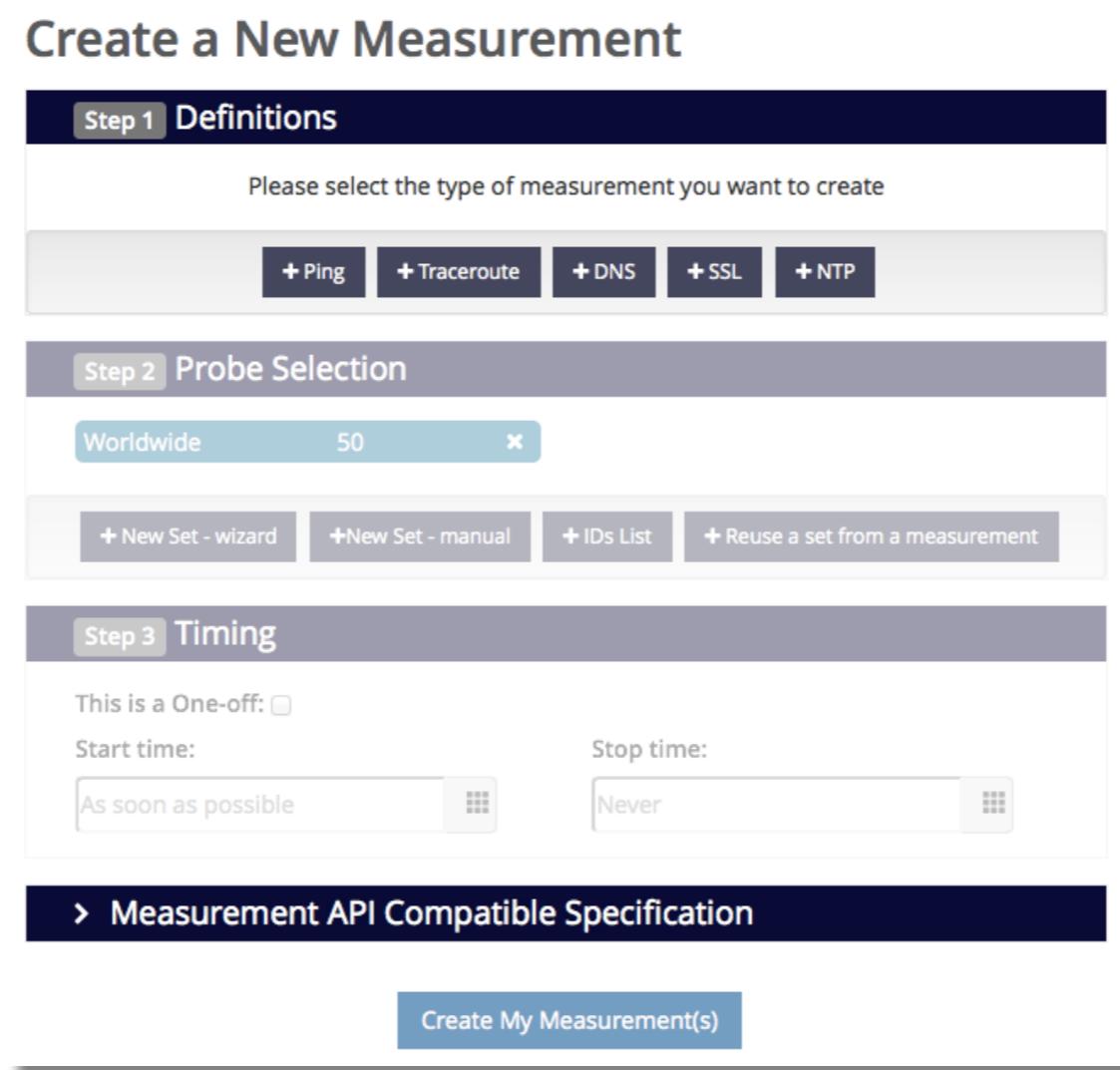
This is a One-off:

Start time: Stop time:

As soon as possible Never

➤ Measurement API Compatible Specification

Create My Measurement(s)



Measuring Impact of IXPs on Keeping Traffic Local

“IXP Country Jedi”



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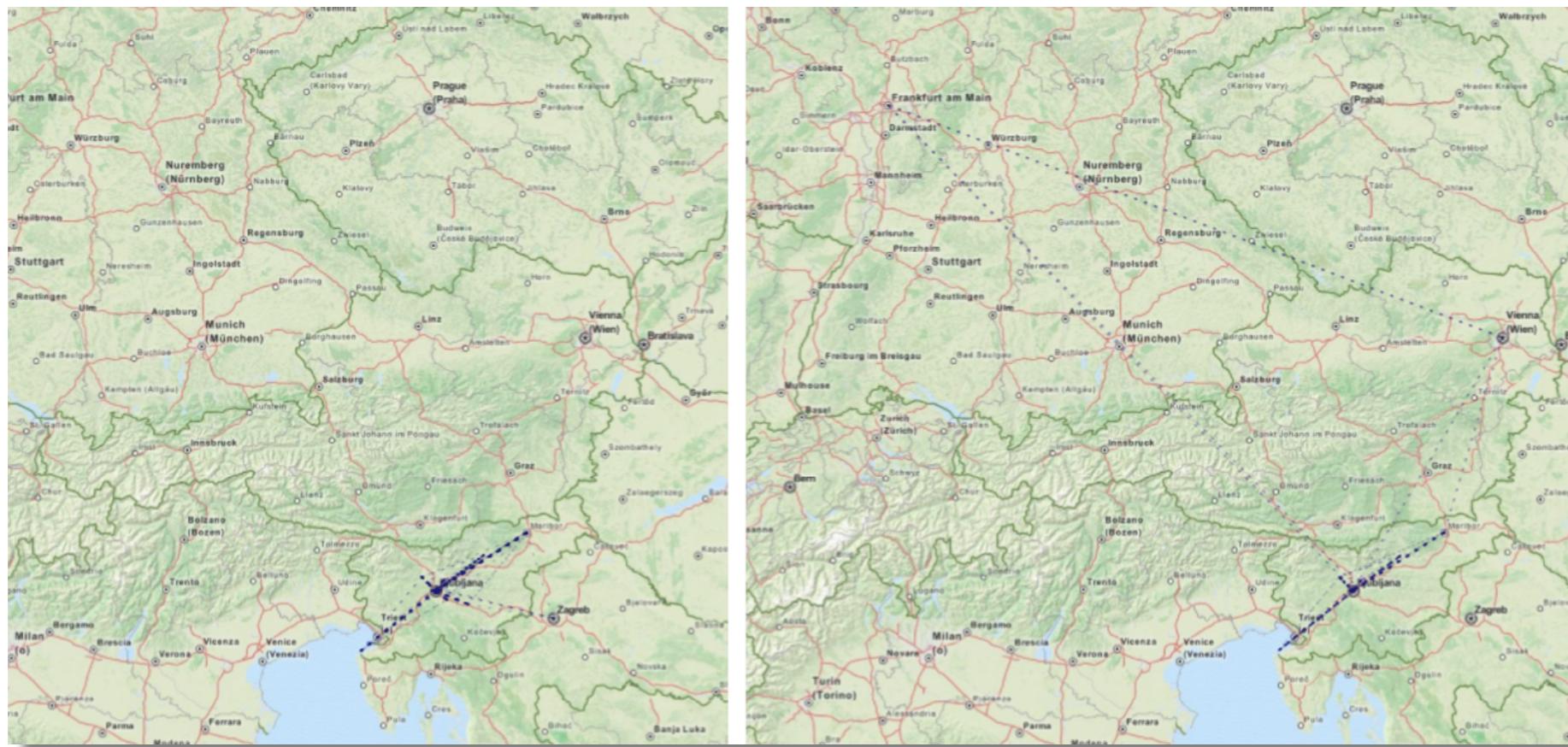
- Operators
 - Routing and traffic optimisation
- IXP operators
 - Shows how IXPs help keep traffic local and regional
- IPv6 advocates
 - Comparing IPv4 and IPv6 paths
- Country level: regulators, politicians, cyber-security...
 - How much traffic stays within the country? Where do the paths go?
 - Comparing countries with each other

- RIPE Atlas community
 - More probes in more networks = higher quality of measurements data
- Geolocation data community
 - Use case for improving data quality
- Examples:
 - <https://labs.ripe.net/Members/emileaben/measuring-ixps-with-ripe-atlas>
 - <https://labs.ripe.net/Members/emileaben/measuring-countries-and-ixps-in-the-see-region>
 - <http://sg-pub.ripe.net/emile/ixp-country-jedi/CL+AR-2015-04/geopath/>

Paths Staying in the Country?

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- Difference between IPv4 and IPv6 paths

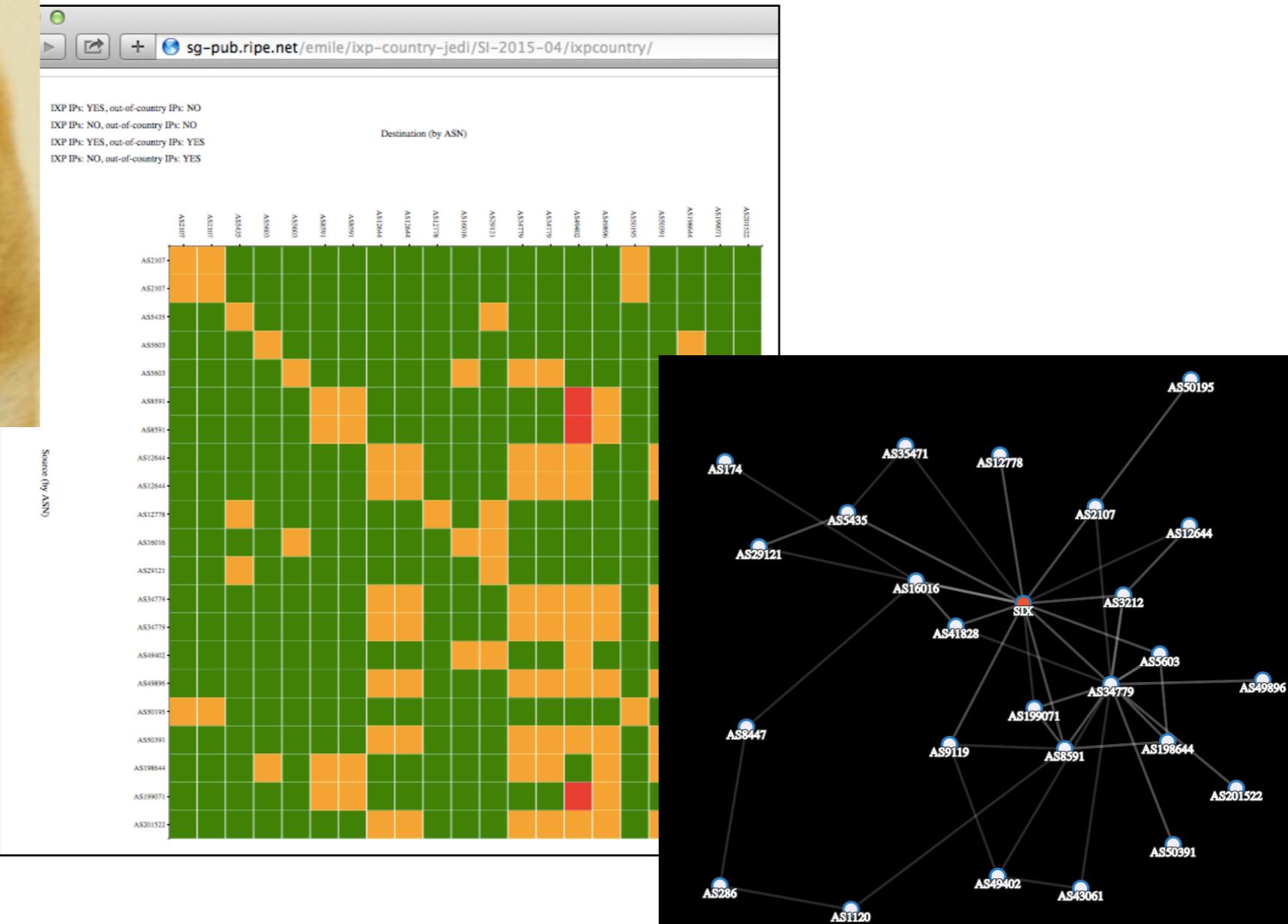


[http://sg-pub.ripe.net/emile/ixp-country-jedi/SI-2015-04/
geopath/s/SI/{RO, BG, HR, BA, ME, AL, GR}/](http://sg-pub.ripe.net/emile/ixp-country-jedi/SI-2015-04/geopath/s/SI/{RO, BG, HR, BA, ME, AL, GR}/)

Paths Via an IXP?

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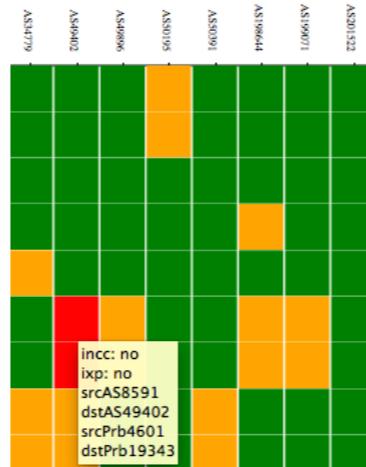
<http://sg-pub.ripe.net/emile/ixp-country-jedi/SI-2015-04/ixpcountry/>



Interactive Diagnostic Tool

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<http://sg-pub.ripe.net/emile/ixpcountry-jedi/SI-2015-04/ixpcountry/>



```
## msm_id:1962254 prb_id:4601 dst:193.169.48.40 ts:2015-04-16 09:01:06 -00:00
1 (AS8591) maribor10-ge-2-20-v987.amis.net [1.593, 1.602, 2.292] |Maribor,Maribor,SI
2 (AS8591) mx-mbl-te-1-2-0.amis.net [1.619, 1.697, 1.944] ||
3 (AS8591) mx-lj1-te-2-3-1.amis.net [3.599, 3.865, 5.148] ||
4 (AS8591) mx-zgl-xe-2-0-1.amis.net [5.568, 5.576, 5.69] ||
5 () 75.64-127.15.192.193.in-addr.arpa [5.955, 5.98, 5.985] |Zagreb,Grad Zagreb,HR|
6 (AS9119) 212.13.240.249 [5.778, 5.83, 5.935] ||
7 (AS9119) 212.103.133.4 [7.099, 7.84, 7.926] ||
8 (AS9119) 212.13.240.62 [6.597, 7.674, 7.696] ||
9 (AS9119) hsl.gw0.hsl.eu [5.833, 6.079, 6.368] ||
10 (AS49402) ntp.hsl.eu [6.657, 7.273, 8.155] ||
11 (AS49402) 193.169.48.40 [6.661, 6.691, 6.872] ||
```

- Green: “good”, as far as we can see it
 - Not a judgment, only one way of visualising data
- Red or blue: path is going out of country
 - If this is a surprise: talk to your upstream(s)
- Yellow: path is not going via a local IXP
 - If this is undesired: make a new peering agreement

- Traceroute measurements using RIPE Atlas probes
- Steps:
 - Identify ASNs in the country using RIPEstat
 - Identify IXPs and IXP LANs using PeeringDB
 - Construct mesh: from all (*) country's probes to each other
 - *Maximum of two probes per ASN and only “public” probes with “good” geolocation
- Hops geolocated using “OpenIPMap” database

- Use this tool to find possible suboptimal routing and fix it
 - Find your ASN in the mesh
 - Find a person from another ASN
 - Take them out for tea :)
- To improve accuracy of this diagnostic tool
 - If your ASN is not on the graph, apply for a RIPE Atlas probe
 - Add more probes to your country to increase “resolution”
 - If you move, remember to update your probe’s geolocation

- Re-use and rewrite the code: it is free and open source software
 - <https://github.com/emileaben/ixp-country-jedi>
- Improve infrastructure geolocation: contribute data to OpenIPMap!
 - <https://marmot.ripe.net/openipmap/>
 - <https://github.com/RIPE-Atlas-Community/openipmap>