

Building and expanding the bgp.tools realtime BGP collector

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bgp.tools

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Quick overview of bgp.tools

The screenshot shows the main interface of the bgp.tools website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo, the text 'bgp.tools', and a 'Login' button. Below the navigation bar is a large heading 'Browse the Internet ecosystem'. Underneath this heading is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Start here...' and a search icon. Below the search bar is a button labeled 'Jump to Looking Glass'. The main content area is divided into three columns. The first column is titled 'You are connecting from' and lists several IP addresses and DNS records. The second column is titled 'Example Pages' and lists links to various pages. The third column is titled 'Why use BGP.Tools?' and lists several features and services offered by the website. Below the search bar, there is a section titled 'Browse the Internet ecosystem' with a search bar containing the text 'Start here...' and a search icon. Below the search bar is a button labeled 'Jump to Looking Glass'. The main content area is divided into three columns. The first column is titled 'You are connecting from' and lists several IP addresses and DNS records. The second column is titled 'Example Pages' and lists links to various pages. The third column is titled 'Why use BGP.Tools?' and lists several features and services offered by the website.

bgp.tools Login

Browse the Internet ecosystem

Search by ASN (AS13335), Prefix (8.8.8.0/24), DNS (bgp.tools), or MAC Address (3c:ec:ef:6f:8d:75)

Start here... →

Jump to Looking Glass

You are connecting from

- IPv6: [2001:67c:6ec:203:192:42:116:217](#)
- SURF B.V. ([AS1101](#))
- [2001:67c:6ec::/48](#)
- IPv4: [192.42.116.217](#)
- SURF B.V. ([AS1101](#))
- [192.42.116.0/22](#)
- DNS: [195.169.125.53](#)
- DNS: [195.169.125.35](#)

Latency to bgp.tools

- IPv4 End To End: 210.5ms
- IPv4 TCP Stack: 5.6ms [+/- 30.7ms]
- IPv4 TCP MSS: 1448b
- IPv6 End To End: 273.5ms
- IPv6 TCP Stack: 5.6ms [+/-

Example Pages

- [Cloudflare \(AS13335\)](#)
- [LINX LON1](#)
- [Google DNS Prefix](#)

Recent Updates

- [September 2023 Changelog](#)
- [August 2023 Changelog](#)
- [July 2023 Changelog](#)
- [June 2023 Changelog](#)
- [May 2023 Changelog](#)

Why use BGP.Tools?

We offer for free:

- Near Realtime BGP Data
- User Friendly interfaces
- [Frequently updated external data](#)

We offer for paid users:

- [BGP Network Monitoring](#)
- [IRR Database Monitoring](#)

The screenshot shows the details page for AS206924 on the bgp.tools website. The page is titled 'Telecom Italia San Marino S.p.A' and shows the AS Number 15433 and the Website <https://www.telecomitalia.sm>. The page is divided into several sections: 'Overview', 'Prefixes', 'Connectivity', and 'Whois'. The 'Overview' section shows the registration date as 28 Jun 2000 (22 years old) and the network status as 'Active, Allocated under RIPE'. The 'Network type' is 'Eyeball'. The 'Prefixes Announced' section shows 75 IPv4 and 0 IPv6. The 'Upstreams' section shows AS6762 - Telecom Italia Sparkle S.p.A.

bgp.tools/as/15433

Start here... →

Logged in as AS206924

View Edit

Telecom Italia San Marino S.p.A

AS Number 15433
Website <https://www.telecomitalia.sm>

Overview Prefixes Connectivity Whois

IX

Registered on
28 Jun 2000 (22 years old)

Network status
Active, Allocated under RIPE

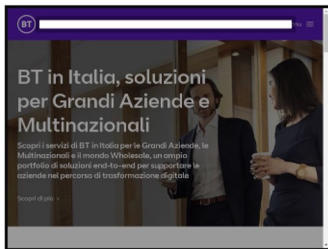
Network type
Eyeball

Prefixes Announced
75 IPv4, 0 IPv6

Upstreams

- [AS6762](#) - Telecom Italia Sparkle S.p.A

ASN Info



BT Italia S.p.A.

AS Number **8968**
Website <http://www.bt.com/italia>

Overview Prefixes Connectivity Whois IX

Peers
57

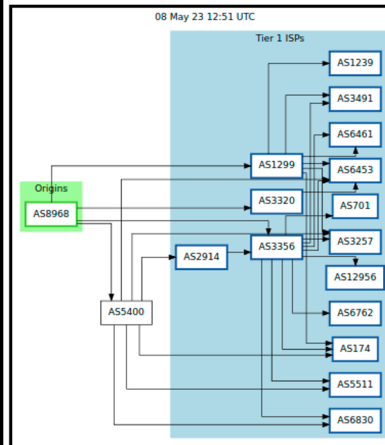
Upstreams
4

Downstreams
31 (Cone: 37)

Network Policy i

[Click here to learn more about what this graph means and what makes up a network policy.](#)

Policy awesome_curie



Prefixes in selected policy

-	Prefix	Description
🇮🇹	85.20.128.0/17	BT Italia S.p.A.
🇮🇹	213.217.128.0/18	BT Italia S.p.A.

[How are upstreams and downstreams calculated?](#)

Upstreams ⚡

ASN	Description	IPv4	IPv6
🇸🇪 AS1299	Arelion (fka. Telia Carrier)	✓	✓
🇺🇸 AS3356	Lumen (Level 3)	✓	✓
🇬🇧 AS5400	British Telecommunications PLC	✓	✓
🇩🇪 AS3320	Deutsche Telekom AG	✓	✓

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🇬🇧 AS5400	British Telecommunications PLC	✓	✓
🇮🇹 AS33942	IREN ENERGIA S.P.A.	✓	✗

Downstreams ⚡

ASN	Description	IPv4	IPv6
🇮🇹 AS3313	BT Italia S.p.A.	✓	✓
🇮🇹 AS33942	IREN ENERGIA S.P.A.	✓	✗
🇮🇹 AS47224	Telecom Italia S.p.A.	✓	✗

Prefix Data (+DNS)

Overview Connectivity Whois **DNS** Validation

Show Forward DNS


A	DNS
198.148.78.23	avapdproxy-01prd.vrt.sourcefire.com
198.148.78.82	confluence.vrt.sourcefire.com
198.148.78.217	avavpn02.vrt.sourcefire.com, avavpn.vrt.sourcefire.com (<u>3 total...</u>)
198.148.79.54	clamav.net
198.148.79.55	updates.vrt.sourcefire.com
198.148.79.58	intelligence.sourcefire.com
198.148.79.63	jira.talos.cisco.com, jira.vrt.sourcefire.com
198.148.79.67	snapshot.clamav.net, www.snapshot.clamav.net

2620:121::/44


Originated by **AS55219**
AS Name: Cisco Systems, Inc.

Overview Connectivity Whois **DNS**

Validation


AAAA	DNS
2620:121:0:23::77	regsvc.sco.cisco.com
2620:121:0:500::217	scavpn.vrt.sourcefire.com, v
 2620:121:1:59:250:56ff:fe96:bb7a	stage.regsvc.sco.cisco.com
2620:121:1:500::225	cilvpn.vrt.sourcefire.com
2620:121:4:500::217	dtxvpn.vrt.sourcefire.com

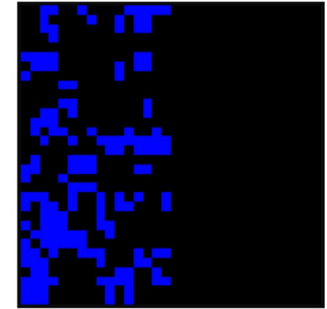
Last Update: 2023-08-31T08:25:15Z UTC

 bgp.tools

Start here... 

Logged in as AS206924

View Super LG 



198.148.78.0/23

Originated by **AS55219**
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Overview Connectivity Whois **DNS**

Validation

Registered on
9 May 2013 (10 years old)

Registered to
ARIN-CS-985 (ARIN)

Global Looking Glass

```
Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[13:55:39] ben@metropolis:~$ ssh bgp.tools
Welcome This session is supported by:

bgp.tools> show route 2620:121::/44 match 206924
2620:121::/44 unicast [{AS206924 - Ben Cartwright-C...} Mythic CBG 0000]
Type: BGP
BGP.as_path: 206924 44684 6461 55219
BGP.community: (65532,400) [AS206924: Learned from Transit]
BGP.large_community: (44684, 0, 700) [AS44684: Route learned from peer] (44684, 2, 6461) [AS44684: Route learned from LONAP / London Network Access Point]
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Web UI Terminal UI

Query all public BGP sessions connected to bgp.tools


Lookup by CIDR, only applies to sessions that have been marked to be exported publicly

Search Filters:

Must Contain ASN:

Query Overview:

322 Sessions Responded
451 Matching Paths Displayed

Supported by: 

185.230.223.0/24 unicast [AS35487 - edge-ng-los01 0000-00-00] * (?/-) [AS206924]

Type: BGP

BGP.as_path: 35487 8849 5511 206924

BGP.community: (56630,3000) (56630,3057) (57695,13000)

unicast [AS1003 - TORv4 0000-00-00] * (?/-) [AS206924]

Type: BGP

BGP.as_path: 1003 835 174 5511 206924

BGP.community: [AS174: Route is learned from EU (Europe) non-customer.] [AS174: United Kingdom] [AS835: Source: Cogent Transit] (1003,1200) (1003,1201) (62513,10000)

BGP.large_community: (206924, 666, 0) (206924, 5511, 0)

unicast [AS34979 - 39D-TEL-02 0000-00-00] * (?/-) [AS206924]

Type: BGP

IXP Info Pages

NYIIX New York

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[Go to IXP-DB page](#)

Data Feeds Available:

RS Feed, Ping, MAC Address

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List of members (236 routers over 211 ASNs):

ASN	Description	IPv4	IPv6
AS45437	Real World - The Core	198.32.161.115	2001:504:1::a504
AS52772	SJNET TELECOMUNICACOES - EIRELI	198.32.161.89	2001:504:1::a526
AS53180	INFORTELECOMUNICACOES LTDA	198.32.161.51	2001:504:1::a505
AS41327	Fiber Telecom S.p.A.	198.32.161.50	2001:504:1::a504
AS53667	FranTech Solutions	198.32.161.45	2001:504:1::a505
AS1031	Peer 1 Internet Service LLC	198.32.161.44	2001:504:1::a500
AS271253	LINK BRASIL TELECOMUNICACOES LTDA	198.32.161.43	2001:504:1::a527
AS2734	CoreSite	198.32.161.41	2001:504:1::a500

PIT-IX

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Route Server ASN: [AS30365](#)

Data Feeds Available:

RS Feed, Ping, MAC Address

Top Vendors

Vendor	%
Cisco Systems, Inc	28%
Juniper Networks	15%
Arista Networks	12%
Edgecore Networks Corporation	5%
Other	15%

List of members (39 routers over 31 ASNs):

ASN	Description	IPv4	IPv6	Speed
AS400798	Pittsburgh Internet Exchange	206.71.141.6	2001:504:77::6	100 gbps
AS400798	Pittsburgh Internet Exchange	206.71.141.7	2001:504:77::7	100 gbps
AS212232	bgp.tools Route Collector	206.71.141.9	2001:504:77::9	10 gbps
AS20326	TeraSwitch Networks Inc.	206.71.141.10	2001:504:77::10	100 gbps
AS13335	Cloudflare, Inc.	206.71.141.11	2001:504:77::11	10 gbps

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View

Showing routes on "PIT-IX" route servers that point to the next hop of 206.71.141.6, 2001:504:77::6.

Session	Prefix	BGP Path
PIT-IX-RS1-4	23.143.152.0/24	AS30365 AS400798
PIT-IX-RS1-6	2602:faaa::/36	AS30365 AS400798
PIT-IX-RS2-4	23.143.152.0/24	AS30365 AS400798
PIT-IX-RS2-6	2602:faaa::/36	AS30365 AS400798

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Traceroutes/Looking Glass/Agents

Orange S.A.

AS Number 5511

BGP

Select BGP Session to query:

London [IPv4] [IPv6]

Input Prefix:

80.80.80.80

Query

```
80.80.80.0/24      unicast [London 0000-00-00] * (?/-) [AS60679]
Type: BGP
BGP.as_path: 5511 3356 30247 60679
BGP.community: [AS5511: United Kingdom] [AS5511: Route received from peering partner]
[AS5511: Route received in Europe from peering] [AS5511: TUNE announce to US peers]
```

You need a bgp.tools (free) + RIPE Atlas account for this

The screenshot shows the bgp.tools website interface. The browser address bar displays 'bgp.tools/as/34695'. The page title is 'The Crazy Red Cat Company LTD' with AS Number 34695 and website 'https://www.e4a.it'. A navigation bar includes 'View', 'Edit', and 'Looking Glass' tabs. Below the title, there are tabs for 'Overview', 'Activity', 'Whois', and 'IX'. The 'Overview' section shows 'Registered on 18 Mar 2005 (18 years old)' and 'Network status Active, Allocated under RIPE'. The 'Prefixes Announced' section shows '2 IPv4, 0 IPv6'. A large diagonal banner with red text reads 'This is a GIF, Sorry PDF users!'.

Network Ranking

<https://bgp.tools/rankings/MX?sort=cone>

bgp.tools

Start here...



AS206924

Mexico Network Rankings

Sort by: AS Cone

Sort by: Adjacencies






Sort by: AS Cone

Sort by: Estimated Eyeball

Sort by: Uniq Domains Hosted

Sort by: IPv4 Space Originated

Sort by: IPv6 Space Originated

 AS8151	UNINET	#3 (85)	#3 (85)	#1	#
 AS19332	Marcatel Com, S.A. de C.V.	#7 (42)	#4 (65)	#43	#
 AS13999	Mega Cable, S.A. de C.V.	#6 (50)	#5 (49)	#3	#
 AS17072	TOTAL PLAY TELECOMUNICACIONES SA DE CV	#5 (78)	#6 (44)	#2	#
 AS7438	Pegaso PCS, S.A. de C.V.	#10 (23)	#7 (25)	#16	#

Can be ranked by Global or ASN Country using:

- Peer Count (*)
- AS Cone
- Eyeball Population
- Domain Records
- IPv4/IPv6 space originated

* is improved by feeding bgp.tools BGP data

Core points

- Bgp.tools was built out of the frustration I had with similar tools
- Practically realtime BGP data, updates fast enough to use as live feedback
- The horrors of WHOIS is handled, and in some cases is updated in near real time
- Most data is frequently updated:
 - ICMP Ping data scans of IPv4 /0
 - IPv4 and IPv6 RDNS data
 - Forward DNS data (Looking what A or AAAA records point to a prefix)
- Peering IXP data is provided:
 - Like what people are sending to Route Servers
 - What vendors they are running on the exchange
 - If they are doing (very) remote peering on the exchange

Making the `bgp.tools` I want possible

Challenges running bgp.tools

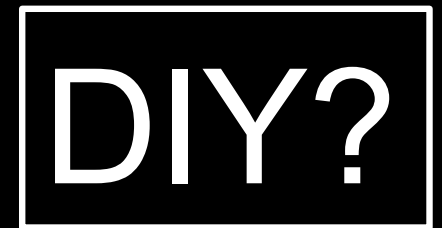
- Getting low latency and accurate BGP data to use
- Building a scalable system to avoid being picky on feeds
- Collecting relevant data
- Not going bankrupt

The inner runnings of bgp.tools

- Most critically BGP path data

```
# birdc s ro 80.80.80.0/24 all
BIRD 2.0.7 ready.
Table master4:
80.80.80.0/24          unicast [transit4_velox_2 2023-09-19] * (100) [AS60679i]
  via 193.35.59.46 on eno1.601
  Type: BGP univ
  BGP.origin: IGP
  BGP.as_path: 3170 6461 7385 30247 60679
  BGP.next_hop: 193.35.59.46
  BGP.local_pref: 10
  BGP.community: (60945,0) (60945,5459) (65532,400)
```

Standard BGP data sources



Using public data sources

- RIPE RIS (RIS) and RouteViews (RV) export MRT dumps
 - MRT Dumps come in two types, a RIB (aka a full table dump) and "messages" (a copy of all BGP messages in the last 15 mins)
 - Table dumps are done 4 to 8 hours, message files are provided every 15 mins
 - (Most of the time)
- Bgp.tools started in 2018 by using RIS and RV MRT table dumps.
 - I quickly learned the quirks of using RIS and RV as "Production" data sources...

RIS and RV quirks to control for

- **Table dumps**
 - Only show up every 4 - 8 hours
 - Make it hard to remove individual sessions that are known to be bad
- **Message dumps** (never used by bgp.tools production in the end)
 - If a message file never shows up, you have to wait until the next dump file (4 - 8 hours) before becoming reliability in sync again.
 - People "UPDATE flood" collectors by mistake, making these archives sometimes huge and a pain to decode
- **General**
 - Huge bias to AS6939 (HE)
 - They are on almost all of the large IXPs, and provide you 180k+ of peered v4 routes that will likely be preferred over transit, hiding transit paths from the collector

Going beyond RIS and RV

- Eventually in 2021 after a number of issues with MRT files from RV and RIS bgp.tools started to build its own route collector
 - Issues like moderation, bad data, stuck routes
 - Reducing site data latency to be less than 8 hours behind with message files would be the same effort as building my own collector
- Decided that a multihop eBGP only collector was viable to start with

- It was clear that no "normal" BGPd was going to work for the scale I wanted, a custom suite of bgp software needed to be written
- Bootstrapped with a live copy of the NLNOG Ring route collector:
<https://lg.ring.nlnog.net/>

"neo-bgp"

PID+USER	PRI	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	CPU%	MEM%	TIME+	Command
128 nobody	20	0	4516M	172M	10880	S	3.6	0.0	17h38:47	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag ffkmykst58 -comment [AS48581 on
131 nobody	20	0	4451M	139M	10620	S	3.6	0.0	15h26:18	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag ho5wpe3nu1 -comment [AS54316 on
143 nobody	20	0	4588M	184M	10584	S	3.6	0.0	18h18:57	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag 6xydmac58k -comment [AS134666 on
148 nobody	20	0	4012M	156M	10368	S	3.6	0.0	16h50:00	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag 93g7oc5l83 -comment [AS209933 on
782 nobody	20	0	4450M	145M	10432	S	3.6	0.0	14h38:23	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag 4kwmpa446o -comment [AS48918 on
1001 nobody	20	0	4450M	147M	10632	S	3.6	0.0	16h36:44	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag mqfyoxpgli -comment [AS211275 on
1528 nobody	20	0	4449M	138M	10384	S	3.0	0.0	15h18:21	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag m7f2vvh1aj -comment [AS48918 on
1891 nobody	20	0	5191M	626M	10496	S	3.6	0.1	26h21:38	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag 6qoa4jjxrn -comment [AS20912 on
2321 nobody	20	0	4516M	171M	10504	S	3.0	0.0	15h21:54	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag gehqq7aujw -comment [AS400671 on
2663 nobody	20	0	6131M	1402M	10552	S	4.2	0.3	66h28:17	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag w07g6b6r0h -comment [AS212068 on
2703 nobody	20	0	5859M	614M	10624	S	3.6	0.1	25h35:09	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag pgotjbj7ff -comment [AS35487 on
8509 nobody	20	0	4516M	168M	10504	S	3.6	0.0	15h51:08	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag h4kv0ecjll -comment [AS212783 on
8688 nobody	20	0	5192M	611M	10520	S	3.6	0.1	26h35:16	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag 8otlff92m4 -comment [AS49544 on
8728 nobody	20	0	4514M	160M	10432	S	3.6	0.0	16h49:53	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag x8jbhcf0d5 -comment [AS49544 on
8847 nobody	20	0	5264M	649M	10536	S	50.3	0.1	27h16:21	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag bam4igx2kl -comment [AS3491 on 6
8868 nobody	20	0	5264M	644M	10520	S	3.6	0.1	26h04:47	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag ax93irto6n -comment [AS209045 on
9214 nobody	20	0	2295M	42300	10368	S	3.0	0.0	12h49:49	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag xonnlot9jq -comment [AS207846 on
9299 nobody	20	0	6330M	1379M	10624	S	4.2	0.3	65h41:24	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag fhvaweo2ku -comment [AS212232 on
41679 nobody	20	0	4790M	293M	10624	S	3.6	0.1	18h50:35	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag md717odmuz -comment [AS200160 on
43934 nobody	20	0	4585M	234M	10492	S	3.6	0.0	18h43:37	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag 868knmgk31 -comment [AS199762 on
80607 nobody	20	0	4859M	341M	10552	S	5.5	0.1	23h01:13	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag puef96xk4d -comment [AS200160 on
83581 nobody	20	0	2222M	42332	10496	S	3.0	0.0	10h16:34	/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag rpfz0t4cb -comment [AS266196 on

A purpose built "bgpd" for the exact use case that bgp.tools wants

"neo-bgp"

- Each BGP Session is in it's own process
 - PIDs crash independently, memory per process is manageable
 - Upgrades can happen on a single BGP session at a time
 - Entire system scales to as many CPU cores as your system has
- No need to implement router-useful functions
 - Bgp.tools is only interested in getting BGP paths and AS summary computations as fast as possible
- Feature implementation moves to the bgpd, not a polling worker over N many sessions

```
command
/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag ffkmykst58 -comment [AS48581 on
/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag ho5wpe3nu1 -comment [AS54316 on
/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag 6xydmac58k -comment [AS134666 on
/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag 93g7oc5l83 -comment [AS209933 on
/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag 4kwmpa446o -comment [AS48918 on
/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag mqfyoxpgli -comment [AS211275 on
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/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag xonnlot9jq -comment [AS207846 on
/usr/bin/neo-bgp-prod -worker -tag fhvaweo2ku -comment [AS212232 on
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"neo-bgp"



- Bgp.tools currently sits at 1360~ BGP sessions
 - 750~ full IPv4 tables
 - 1210~ full IPv6 tables
 - 1,000,000,000+ BGP Paths stored in RAM
- Hardware is modest, entire site operates inside $\frac{1}{4}$ cab with room to spare
 - 512G DDR4 per machine
 - 32~ cores per machine
 - 3 active machines right now, 3 available to turn on (when I want to pay for power)
- Running bgp.tools on a cloud provider would cost around \$12k USD a month
 - In reality it costs 15-20x less than that in colo

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"neo-bgp"

- The site is funded by offering rapid BGP/IRR/RPKI monitoring (and historical searching on your own feeds)
- The neo-bgp architecture allows me to send alerts as fast as I can get data for them!
- There are a bunch of other paid user features, but I don't want to turn this into a major sales pitch

The image shows a screenshot of the neo-bgp website interface and a mobile notification. The website interface includes a 'Selected ASN' field with 'AS206924' entered, a 'Graph Type' dropdown set to 'IPv4 Downstreams', and a 'Time Range' dropdown set to '1 Day'. Below these is a 'Download As CSV' button and a line graph showing network activity over time. The mobile notification, from 'Bgpptools bot', contains an alert for AS206924 stating that AS14478 (Recurse Center) has been detected as a new downstream. The notification includes a link to manage alerts and a login link for BGP.Tools.

Selected ASN: AS206924

Graph Type: IPv4 Downstreams

Time Range: 1 Day

Download As CSV

Time Range Query Mode: Simple

Up to 24 Hours ago

Search Prefix: 1.1.1.0/24

Searching...

[bgp.tools Alert] for AS206924 AS14478 (Recurse Center) has been detected as a new downstream. More details on <https://bgp.tools/authed/manage-alerts?detail=e0c96f21-ce7f-49ec-95d6-a229cee621a5>

bgp.tools Login - BGP.Tools

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Internet Exchange Route Collection

Status Quo

- Most of the RIS / RouteViews collectors live on internet exchanges
- This has some advantages, as networks can peer with route collectors over shared L2 fabrics

Name	Physical Location	Type	Scope	Raw Data
RRC00	Amsterdam, NL	multihop	global	data
RRC01	London, GB	IXP	LINX, LONAP	data
RRC03	Amsterdam, NL	IXP	AMS-IX, NL-IX	data
RRC04	Geneva, CH	IXP	CIXP	data
RRC05	Vienna, AT	IXP	VIXP	data
RRC06	Otemachi, JP	IXP	DIX-IE	data
RRC07	Stockholm, SE	IXP	Netnod	data
RRC10	Milan, IT	IXP	MIX	data
RRC11	New York, NY, US	IXP	NYIIX	data
RRC12	Frankfurt, DE	IXP	DE-CIX	data
RRC13	Moscow, RU	IXP	MSK-IX	data
RRC14	Palo Alto, CA, US	IXP	PAIX	data
RRC15	Sao Paulo, BR	IXP	PTTMetro-SP	data
RRC16	Miami, FL, US	IXP	Equinix Miami	data
RRC18	Barcelona, ES	IXP	CATNIX	data
RRC19	Johannesburg, ZA	IXP	NAP Africa JB	data

Issues with IXP route collection

- RIPE RIS has ~1535 BGP sessions online,
 - But 372 / 407 Full IPv4/IPv6 tables
 - (by their own calculations)
 - $372 + 407 = 779$. Far off the 1535 total session count
 - Many people peer with RIS, but only send their customer routes
 - This is not entirely helpful...

Other problems with IXP Route Collection

- Really expensive if you don't have friends
 - IXP Membership fees + XC fees + colo fees
 - IXP membership alone can be more than the last two
 - <https://peering.exposed>
- Even if the IXP can be done for free, the power to power the machine or transport to another place is likely also non trivially expensive

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Getting creative to solve for XC Fees / Colo

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- No XC, The switch is the power supply, you can hitch backhaul either via someone friendly on the IXP, or relaying via a VPS or something
- Cheap, Around 150 USD all in
- Single core ARMv7, with 512M of RAM running Debian Jessie
- **Completely crazy.** Everyone is going to look at you like you lost the plot!
- Made by a Russian/Dubai company since the Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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- Runs a 400Mhz~ 32bit MIPS core, 32MB of RAM
- The constrained RAM and MIPS CPU μ Arch makes this a challenge to program for
- Thankfully Zig lang has a mostly working MIPS target!
- To use as a generic "Linux box" you must perform *some software changes*
- Vendor has been really keen and helpful with modding these

- Similar tech is available via Huawei/Nokia/FS.COM (they share a chipset and design) for 80 USD~ per optic



The actual preference tree

1. Some IXPs have VM infrastructure on the exchange that is easy to use, bgp.tools can run a relay in 128MB of RAM and very low CPU requirements
2. Those magic Linux optics are easy and convenient to ship around
 - But are mildly scary for some, also 1G only, and IXPs are sunsetting 1G ports
3. At worst I can ship physical 1U hardware around
 - Ideally want to try and land as many IXPs in a single machine to conserve funds

All sessions lead back to London

- You have have noticed it isn't really possible to store a *modern* full internet table on 32MB of RAM.
- Instead of storing sessions locally, the local collector will "rehost" the BGP session back in London where all of the website infrastructure is.
- This is because with how bgp.tools is designed, all BGP data has to be within 3ms~ of the web server to ensure a enjoyable experience

Current Deployments

-  JINX, DINX, CINX, NMBINX
-  ONIX, QIX
-  NL-IX, INTERIX, Frys-IX
-  BCIX, Stuttgart-IX, DE-CIX {FRA,DUS,LEJ,HAM,MUC}
-  RomandIX
-  LONAP
-  PIT-IX, DE-CIX { New York, Dallas, Chicago, Richmond, Phoenix }
-  BIX.BG
-  DE-CIX {Madrid, Barcelona}
-  DE-CIX Marseille
-  DE-CIX Palermo
-  LU-CIX
-  SOX Serbia
-  MSK-IX Moscow
-  DE-CIX Istanbul
-  DE-CIX Lisbon

In the pipeline:

-  IX.BR (?)
-  THINX WAW
-  SF-MIX (?)
-  STH-IX (?)
-  NIX.CZ
-  Interlan
-  FIXO (?)

Bgp.tools is always looking for better visibility into IXPs!

Do you run a IXP not listed here?
admin@bgp.tools 🙏

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Setting up feeds is easy

Go to (PeeringDB SSO is supported):
<https://bgp.tools/kb/setup-sessions>

You can **instantly** setup sessions to bgp.tools. Where you **should** export a full table. You can peer using eBGP Multihop or via a IXP collector where available

Export to 3rd parties/Looking Glass visibility is entirely optional!

Home Contacts **BGP Sessions** Monitoring Settings Log out

New BGP Session:

Description for Router/Session: (max 16 chars)

Select the ASN you would like us to use for you. We will only accept [AS212232 \(bgp.tools\)](#), AS206924 AS212232, and Private ASN ranges

Select the ASN you are going to use with us. We will only accept AS206924 AS212232 and Private ASN ranges

Select the IP you will be connecting from.

You will get the remote (bgp.tools side) IP after you create the session.

Please send **Full tables** rather than just your peering routes/customer routes. bgp.tools may automatically switch your sessions to only import your peering routes to save RAM, but allow us to figure that out for future flexibility!

We support (and encourage) BGP AddPath, and MultiProtocol/MultiFamily BGP

If you absolutely need a MD5 Password on the session, please enter the desired MD5 password

Export this data into publicly available MRT files (also enables the public looking glass)

Also allow commercial products to use those MRT files

Send notifications if session is down for more than 2 hours

Questions?

Want to feed bgp.tools?

go to bgp.tools and go to bottom link "Contribute Data"

More complex queries:

IRC: Benjojo-bgptools (terahertz) / benjojo (everything else)

Or email: admin@bgp.tools



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