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RIPE Atlas

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Introduction

RIPE Atlas:

- There are many Atlases, this is RIPE Atlas
- A prototype system for a next generation Internet measurement network
 - To scale to thousands of measurement nodes
 - Potentially "be everywhere" and ready to run different measurements
 - Started last November, we're still just building it and exploring possibilities

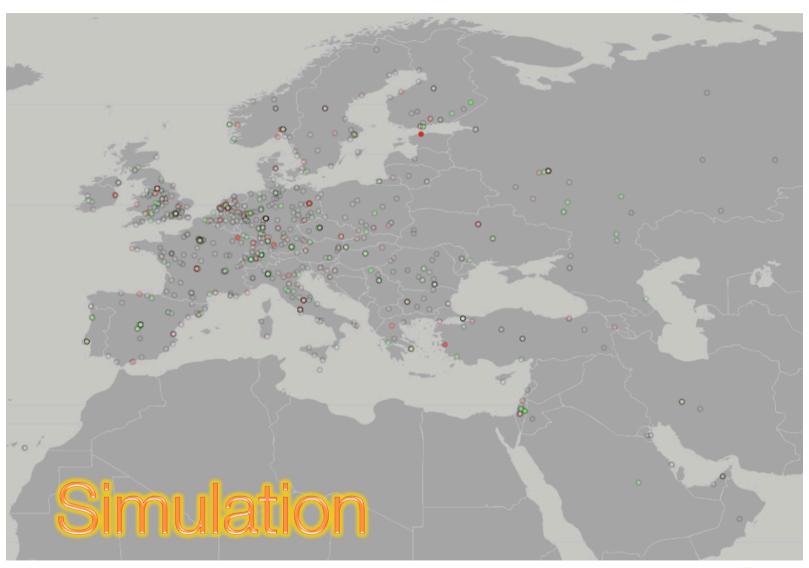


Light Map of Europe



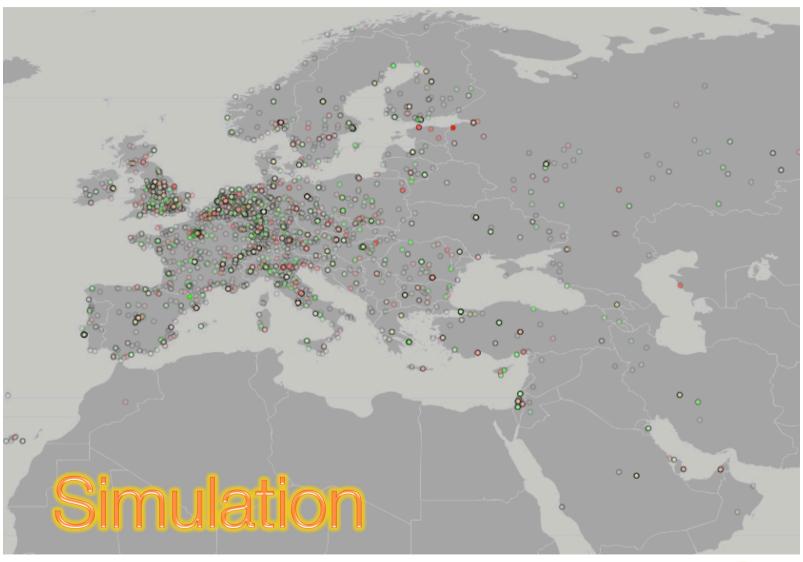


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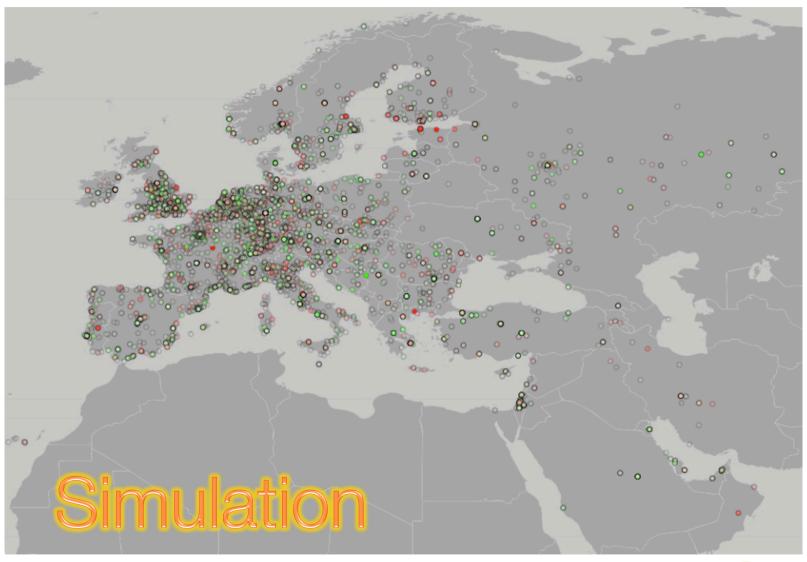




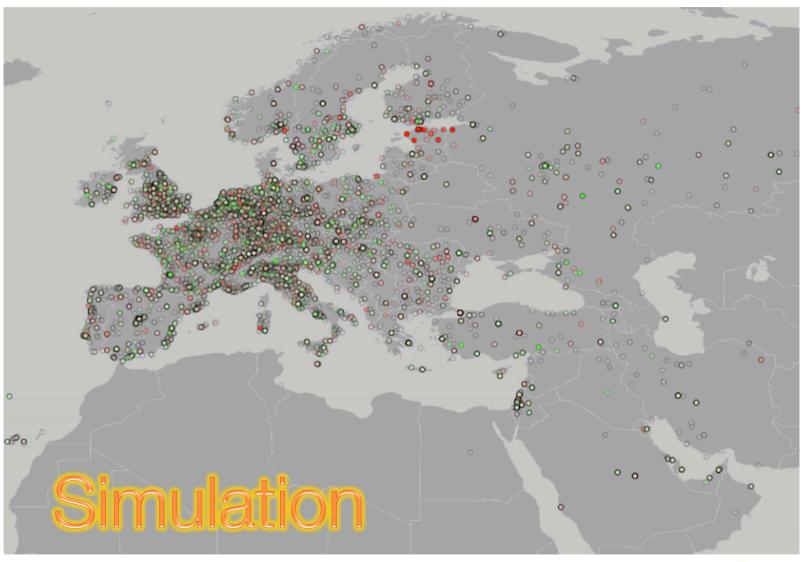
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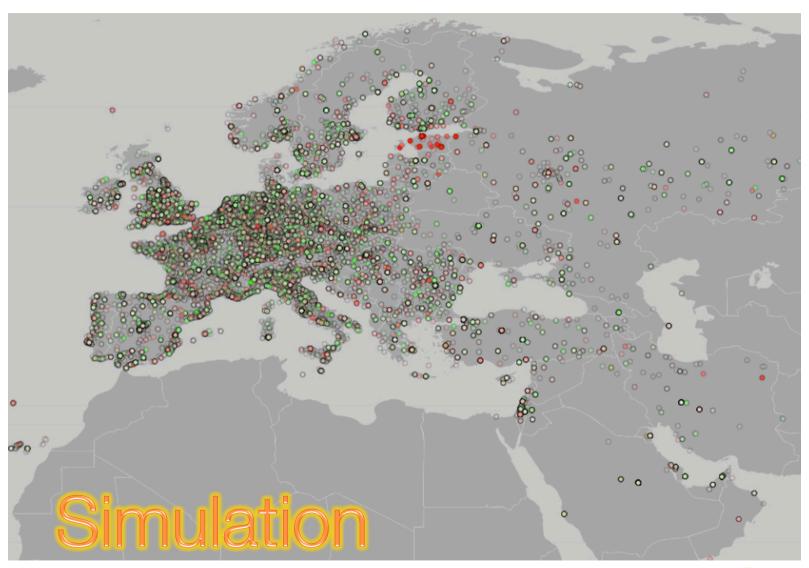
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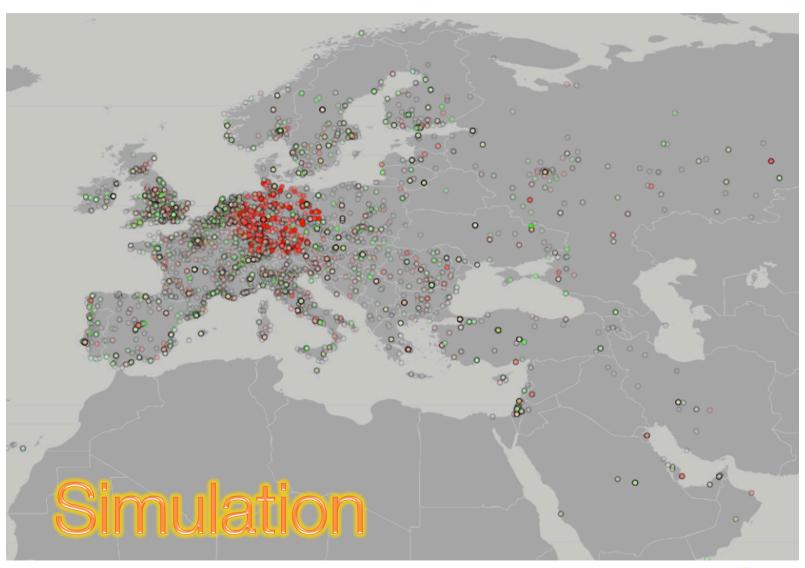
Intuition: 20k Probes



Intuition: 50k Probes



Intuition: 10k Probes & 1 AS





Ambitious Community Effort

Instead of building small, separate, individual & private infrastructures, build a huge common infrastructure that serves *both* the private goals and the community goals.



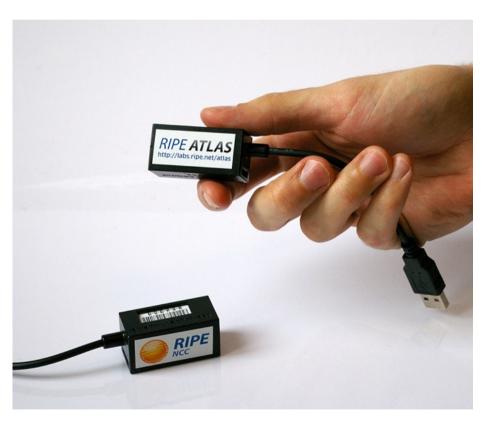
Ambitious Community Effort

- Individual Benefits
 - Less expensive than rolling your own
 - More vantage points available
 - More data available
- Community Benefits
 - Unprecedented situational awareness
 - Wealth of data, ...

Intuition -> Plan

- For accurate maps we need more probes
- Deploying very many TTM boxes too expensive
- Smaller probes
- Easily deployable
- USB powered
- 24 x 365 capable





Probe Deployments







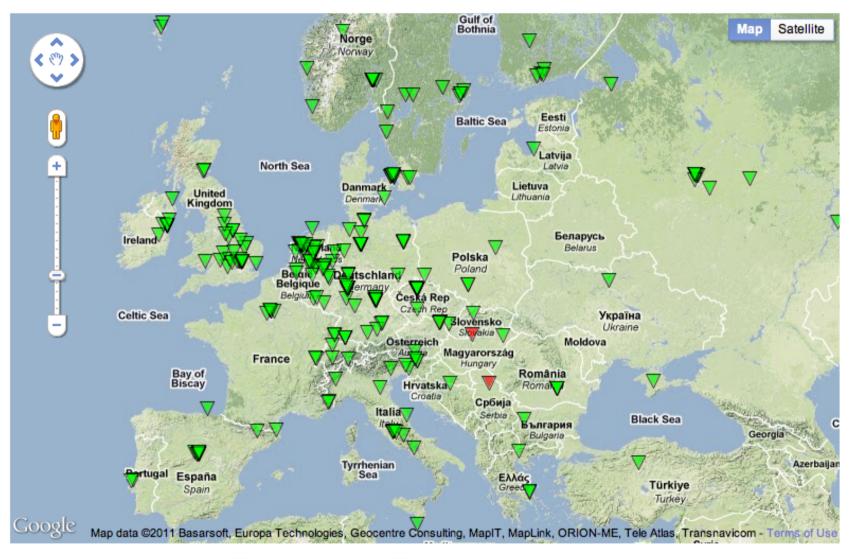
Versions

- Version 0
 - Ping to fixed targets (IPv4 & IPv6) 🗸
 - Traceroute to 1st two upstream hops ✓
- Version 1
 - Ping & Traceroute to variable targets
 - DNS queries to variable targets
- Version 2
 - Your ideas ?
- A non-goal: performance measurements







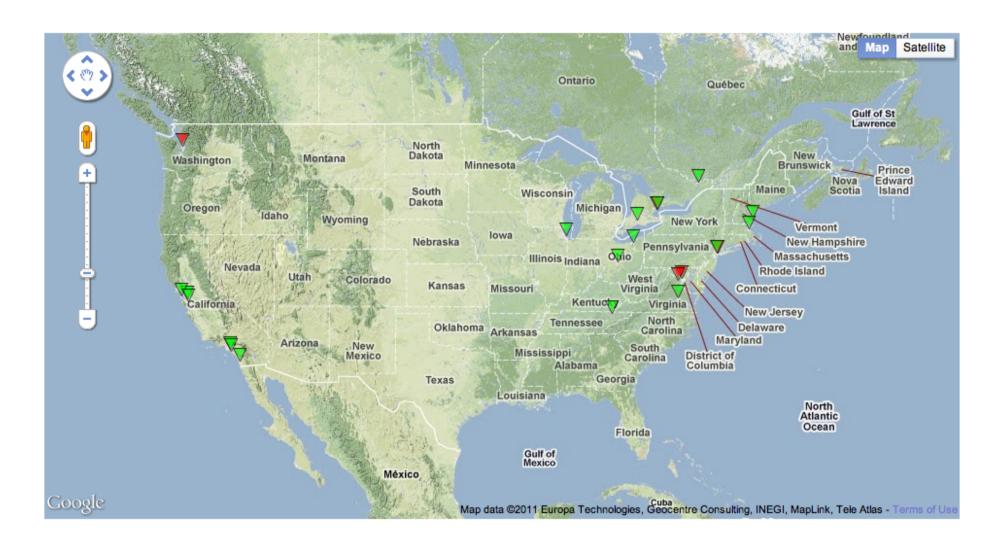






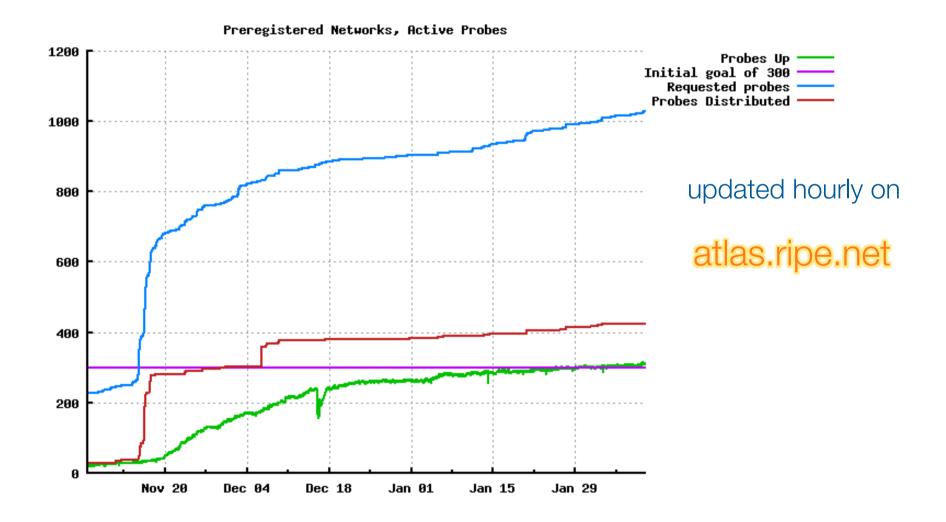
















Hosting = Credits = Measurements

We cannot be everywhere without your help

Become a probe host!

- Donate a fraction of your bandwidth
- Donate a very small amount of electricity

You get:

- Recognition
- Access to fixed measurements from your probe
- Credits = Measurements from any probe (Q2/11)

What you see is what you get



Home | My probes | Logged in: RIPE Atlas | Change password | Log out

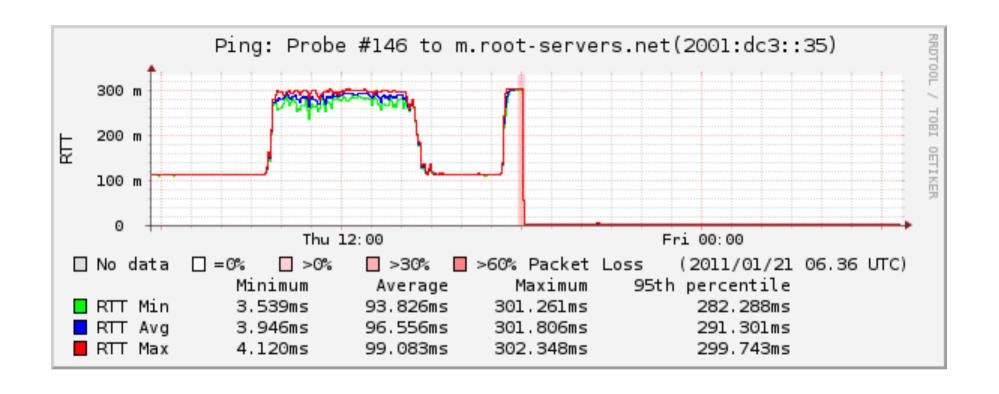


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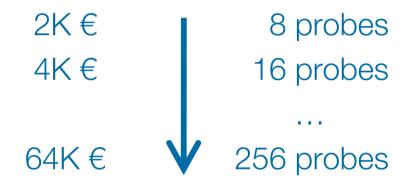
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that is 2048€ 2K € 8 probes

4K € 16 probes

geek compatible pricing M ...

64K € 256 probes
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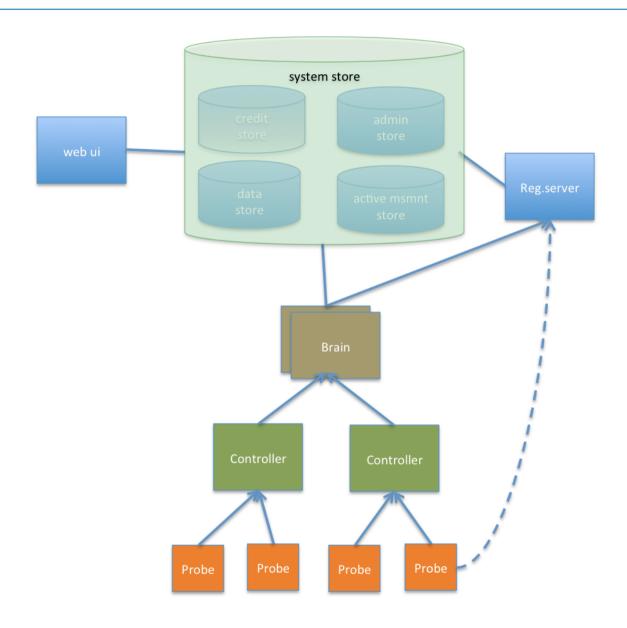
- Most of the early sponsors are more in for the idea than for the potential benefits (for now)
- Many of them are DNS providers of some kind
 - They have multiple locations
 - ... and "renting" measurement functionality is simpler than building a complete measurement network yourself

Measurement nodes – "Probes"

- Probe (v1 / generation 1):
 - Lantronix XPortPro
 - Very low power usage
 - 8MB RAM, 16MB flash
 - Runs uClinux
 - No FPU, no MMU, virtually no UI
 - A reboot costs <15 (<5) seconds
 - An SSH connection costs ~30 seconds
 - We can remotely update the firmware
 - Form factor of the finished probe is "just right"



RIPE Atlas - Overall Architecture



RIPE Atlas - Security aspects

- Probes have hardwired trust material (registration server addresses / keys)
- The probes don't have any open ports, they only initiate connections
 - This works fine with NATs too
- Probes don't listen to local traffic, there are no passive measurements running
 - There's no snooping around

RIPE Atlas

Scale
Continuous
End-user

Questions?

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