Building Shared Perspectives by Piecing Together Measurements

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Overview

- Measuring networks is important, challenging, and necessary.
- But, possibly not sufficient.
- In the interests of the Internet's evolution, we should consider kicking it up a level:

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EXISTING EXAMPLE – TRACKING IPv6 NETWORK GROWTH

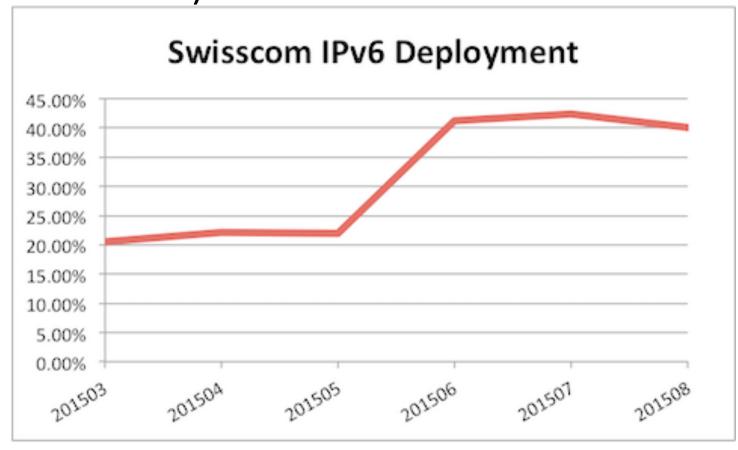
Broad spectrum insights

- From http://www.worldipv6launch.org/telekommalaysia-joins-top-10-ipv6-networks/
 - "– Telekom Malaysia (AS4788) are now in the Top 10 networks by our methodology with an IPv6 deployment percentage of 15.36%.
 - New entrants this month include
 <u>Canadian telecommunications firm TELUS</u> (AS852)
 with 2.85%,
 <u>US cable provider Mediacom Communications</u>
 (AS30036) with 6.40% IPv6 deployment, and <u>major US telco Centurylink</u> (AS209) with 0.11% IPv6 deployment."

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Particular observations

(Same source)



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"How do they do that?"

No single source could provide that perspective

- Collaboration of major content providers and willingness of networks to be measured/show their stats.
- Collation of data to manage privacy and sensitive data.

Q: HOW TO MEASURE THE INTERNET'S STABILITY AND HEALTH

A: One network at a time...

- Operational: network operators need to measure themselves for their own purposes
 - E.g., see "Software Architecture and Guidelines for Creating an LMAP Reference Implementation", draftjjmb-lmap-reference-implementation-guide-00
- Simple building blocks
 - E.g., tracking round trip times for sites over IPv4 and IPv6, from all edge customers
 - Ratio can be used as a metric of v6 viability and improvement over time

Intended Outcome

- A target for new operators (e.g., in developing economies) to shoot for, in terms of performance and "what good looks like"
- Promoting more networks to be objectively introspective

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This I believe...

The Internet was created for connecting and sharing — initially, connecting research networks and sharing (computing) resources. Ever since it "escaped" the research lab, it has provided a basis for individuals of all age and background to connect and share in ways previously unimagined. The things we've seen in the last twenty years would surely have been deemed *impossible*, except that they have been achieved. As long as the Internet remains open and non-discriminating to all-comers, the people (individuals, communities and organizations) of this planet will continue to amaze each other with the creative uses to which they put the Internet.

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