

the **real-time** Internet routing observatory

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# Unveiling the Internet structure with BGP data

## BGP route collectors

BGP data collected up to date has been invaluable to reveal the Internet inter-domain characteristics, but it is known to be largely *incomplete*



## How much incomplete? (March 2016)

It was possible to discover the full connectivity of:

- 833 out of 8683 ASes (9.59%) which transit traffic for other ASes
- 104 out of 892 ASes (11.65%) of those operating in Russia

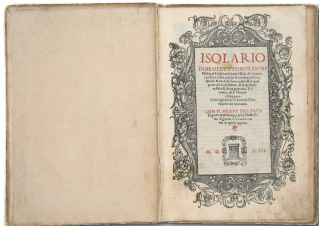
Main cause: small number of small ASes connected

Do AS administrators see any direct outcome in sharing their routing information?

# Isolario project

Objective: push more ASes to join

The more the ASes, the more the completeness of public BGP data



Isolario - The Book of Islands

*"where we discuss about all islands of the world, with their ancient and modern names, histories, tales and way of living..."*

Benedetto Bordone  
(Italian cartographer)

Approach: Do-ut-des

- Participants open a BGP session with Isolario providing the BGP full routing table and its evolution over time
- In change, Isolario offers **real-time** and **historic** analysis applications based on the aggregation of every routing information collected

# Data we plan to provide to research community

## MRT data (same format as RIPE RIS, Route Views, ...)

- 1 RIB feeder snapshots every 2 hours
- 2 UPDATE collections every 5 minutes

## Periodic analyses (daily, weekly, monthly, ...)

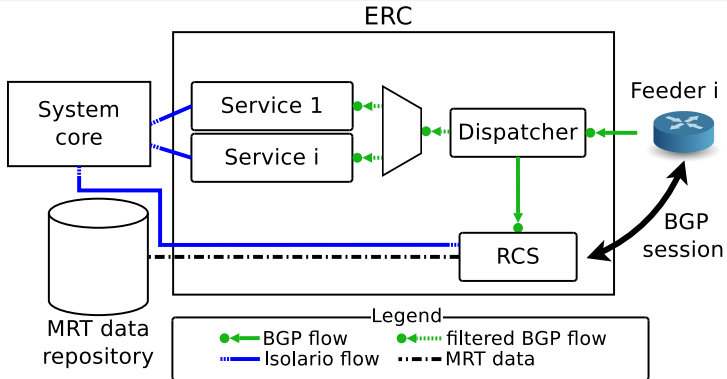
- 1 AS-level Topologies (Global and Geographic)
- 2 AS characteristics
- 3 Feeder contribution
- 4 Total coverage of RCs



work in progress

# Enhanced BGP Route Collector

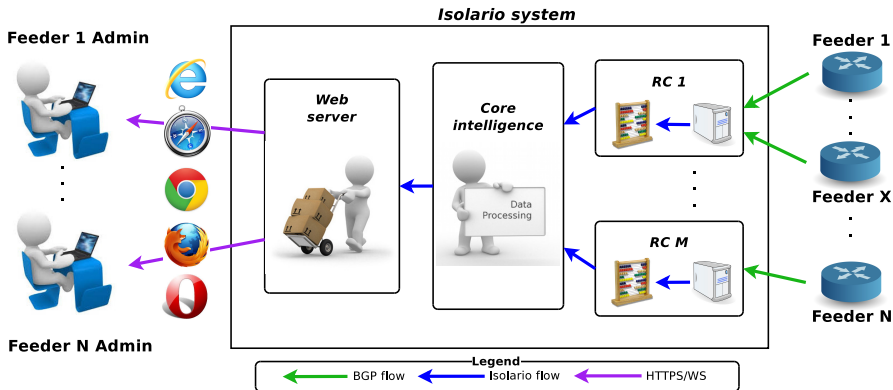
Incoming flows are duplicated as soon as they arrive and feed both the Route Collecting Software (RCS) and service modules



As usual, RCs only collect routing information and **not** user traffic

# Isolario system overview

Incoming BGP flows are used as **real-time streams** for services dedicated to participants



Results are provided to users via WebSockets

# Isolario free services for feeders

Every feeder has free access to a set of services tailored to monitor and analyse BGP data coming into Isolario system

## Real-time services

- BGP flow viewer
- Routing table viewer
- Route flap detector
- Website reachability
- Subnet reachability

## Historic services



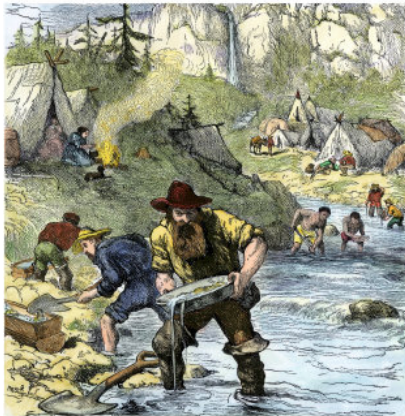
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## Diagnostic services

- Alerting system
- Daily report

# Real-time services

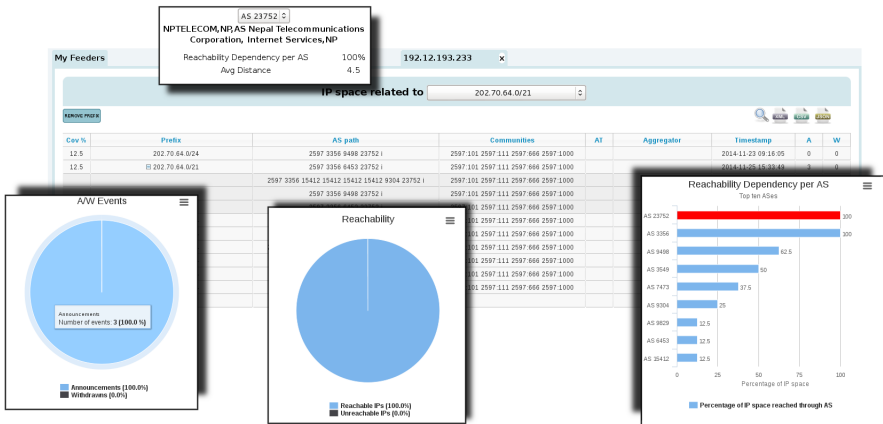


Real-time services allow to monitor BGP data flowing into Isolario system



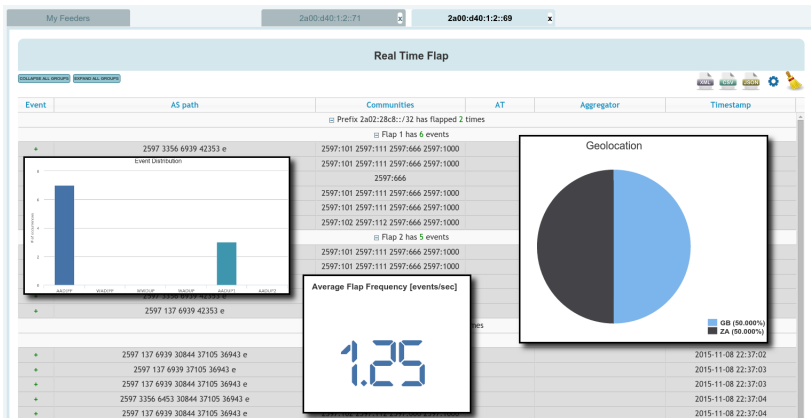
# Routing table viewer

Allows to analyse in real-time the routes that a feeder is currently announcing to Isolario to reach a portion of the IP space



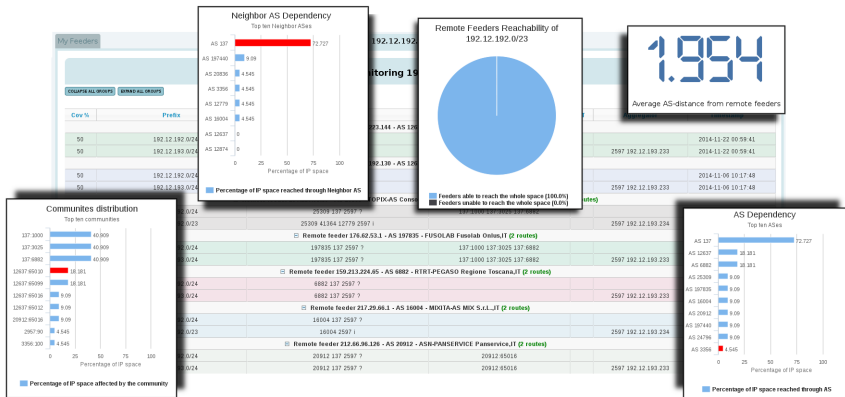
# Flap detector

Allows to detect and analyse in real-time the routes that are experiencing flap events



# Subnet reachability

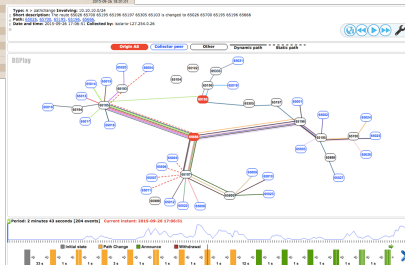
Allows to analyse in real-time the routes that every Isolario feeder is announcing to Isolario to reach a portion of the IP space



# Isolario real-time visualisation with BGPlay

- BGPlay is an **open-source** tool for the visualisation of BGP routing
- Thanks to the close collaboration with Massimo Candela (RIPE NCC) we integrated in Isolario the BGPlay **real-time version** (<http://bgplay.massimocandela.com>)

ASN	Prefix	All paths	Connections	AS	Aggregator	Timestamp
100	10.18.10.0/24	65024 65028 65105 65106 65068	Provider IP: 127.254.0.15			2015-09-26 18:00:01
50	10.18.10.0/24	65021 65003 65099 65107 65101	Provider IP: 127.254.0.15			2015-09-26 18:00:06
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BGPlay is currently  
integrated in SR

## BGPlay real-time

Date and time: 2015-09-26 17:06:51 Collected by: Isolario-127.254.0.26



### Static path

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# Diagnostic services



Diagnostic services exploit incoming BGP flows and/or historic data to report anomalies of the inter-domain routing status

# Alerting system

## Alerting system

- **BGP attributes:** BGP UPDATEs matching attributes of interest
- **Flap events:** a prefix UPDATE rate is larger than a threshold
- **Hijack attempts:** BGP UPDATEs hijacking a feeder subnet
- **Prefix reachability:** (un)reachability of prefixes of interest

Alerting Management

Notifications

Current configured alerts

Create new alert (Tip: often the elements of the interface displayed below have an help text that will be shown simply by leaving the mouse on the element itself.)

General Alert Options

Available feeder IPs

☐ 127.254.0.1 (ASN 65001)  
☐ 127.254.0.10 (ASN 65010)  
☐ 127.254.0.11 (ASN 65011)  
☐ 127.254.0.13 (ASN 65013)  
☐ 127.254.0.19 (ASN 65019)  
☐ 127.254.0.2 (ASN 65002)  
☐ 127.254.0.20 (ASN 65020)  
☐ 127.254.0.21 (ASN 65021)  
☐ 127.254.0.22 (ASN 65022)

Alert Type

BGP attributes

Flap Detector

Session Watchdog

Hijack

Reachability

Action upon event

☒ Email 3600 s

☐ POST HTTP(s)

Save Alert

BGP attributes

Prefix

Prefix Subnet

Community

Prefix Related

AS path end

AS path substring

AS path begin

AS path exact

Origin

Aggregator

You can specify one or more BGP attribute types on which the monitoring will run. Multiple types can be combined by means of `and/or` operators and round brackets. For each attribute type you can insert one or more values that the attribute should match. The system will report any BGP\_UPDATE message advertised by one of the selected feeder IPs matching the inserted attributes.

**EXAMPLE**

Current BGP attribute types selected

# Daily report

Summary about the feeder inter-domain routing status as perceived by the Isolario system

For example...

## Routing statistics

- #Announce, #Withdrawn
- Most (un)stable prefixes

## Reachability statistics

- Inbound reachability

## BGP attributes statistics

- AS path anomalies



Daily report

Feeder 192.65.131.235 (AS 2598)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2015



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# Daily report: Summary of statistics

## 1 General statistics

Analysis start date: *Thursday 21 May 2015 at 00:00:00*

Analysis end date: *Thursday 21 May 2015 at 23:59:59*

Number of non overlapping IPv4 space covered<sup>1</sup>: *2739704260 (98.581001 %)*

The remaining 1.418999 % is covered by a default route

Packets received: *227490*

Feeder status at end date: *up*

Downs experienced since start date: *0*

## 2 Route statistics

Subnets: *532099*

Unstable subnets: *57727 (10.848 %)*

Stable subnets: *474372 (89.151001 %)*

Number of reserved subnets: *1* – see Sect. 2.4 for further details

Geolocated subnets<sup>2</sup>: *475610 (89.383003 %)*

## 5 AS statistics

ASes seen: *50241*

Private ASes: *34 (0.067 %)*

Public ASes: *50207 (99.931999 %)*

Public ASes on 16 bits: *42864 (85.316002 %)*

Public ASes on 32 bits: *7343 (14.615 %)*

Number of public ASes at start date: *50089*

Number of public ASes at end date: *50142*

Difference: *+53 ASes (+0.105 %)*

## 7 My subnet statistics

Total number of subnets perceived as proprietary: *1*

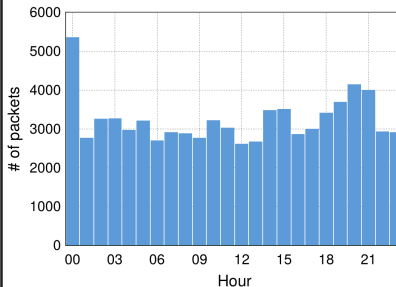
Subnet  
192.65.131.0/24

Number of events related to proprietary subnets: *0*

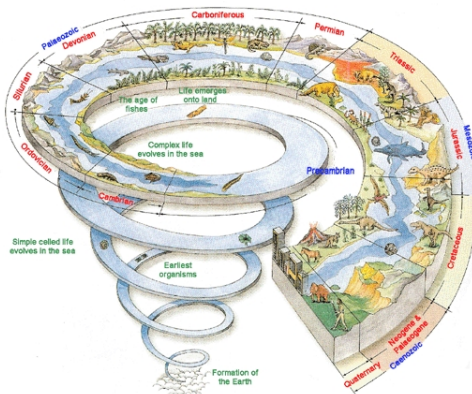
Number of announcements related to proprietary subnets: *0*

Number of withdrawals related to proprietary subnets: *0*

Figure 1: Amount of packets received per hour



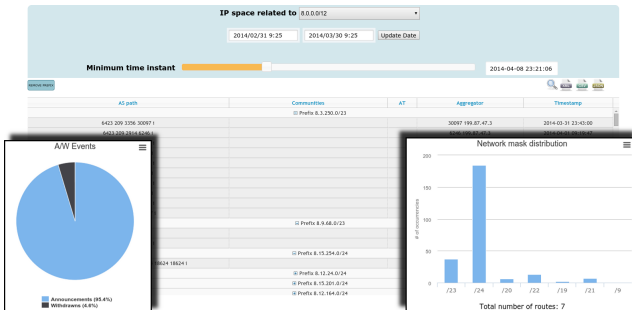
# Historic services



Historic services exploit every BGP data available  
(Route Views, RIPE NCC RIS, Isolario)  
to show how routes evolved in the past

## Applications

- **Routing table viewer:** Allows to analyse portion(s) of the routing table that each feeder announced to Isolario
- **Subnet reachability:** Allows to analyse the reachability of the IP space portions from every feeder available in the past



# Summary: how to use Isolario?

## Real-time services

### **Something is happening**

How is my RIB(s) evolving?  
How is my reachability affected?

## Alerting System

### **Something is happening NOW!**

Check real-time services!  
Do something! (if needed)

## Daily report

### **Did something happen yesterday?**

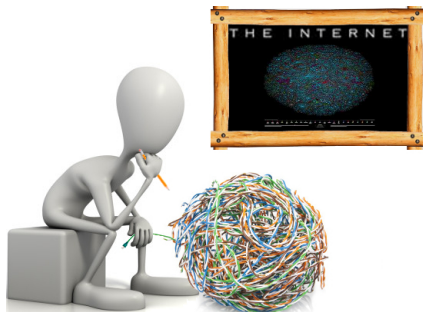
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## Historic services



### **Something happened**

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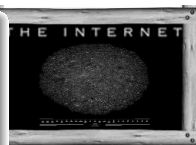
Check real-time  
Do something!

**Please, try Isolario real-time services!**

<https://www.isolario.it>

Username: *guest*

Password: *guest*



## Daily reports

### **Did something happen yesterday?**

Check historic services!  
Do something! (if needed)



Thank you for your attention



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