



**RIPE NCC**

RIPE NETWORK COORDINATION CENTRE

# Know Your Network

Why every network operator should host a RIPE Atlas probe

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# 11 Things Network Operators Do



Network Infrastructure Management	Security Management	Configuration and Optimisation
Capacity Planning	<b>Network Monitoring</b>	Troubleshooting
Software Updates and Patch Management		8 to 11

# No News Is Good News



## What's Known

Your infrastructure

System & Software

Your People

Monitoring Tools

Security Measures

## The Unknown

Threats/ Unpredictability

What our competitor do

Everchanging Technology

Hijacks/ Natural Disaster

Opportunity

# RIPE Atlas



- RIPE Atlas is a global active measurements platform, funded by RIPE NCC members and sponsors
- Goal: view Internet reachability
- Probes hosted by volunteers, using a credits system
- Data is publicly available
- [atlas.ripe.net](https://atlas.ripe.net)
- [www.ripe.net/ripe-atlas/](https://www.ripe.net/ripe-atlas/)

# RIPE Atlas



## Accessible via

GUI

API

CLI TOOL

## Measurement Types

PING

TRACEROUTE

DNS

NTP

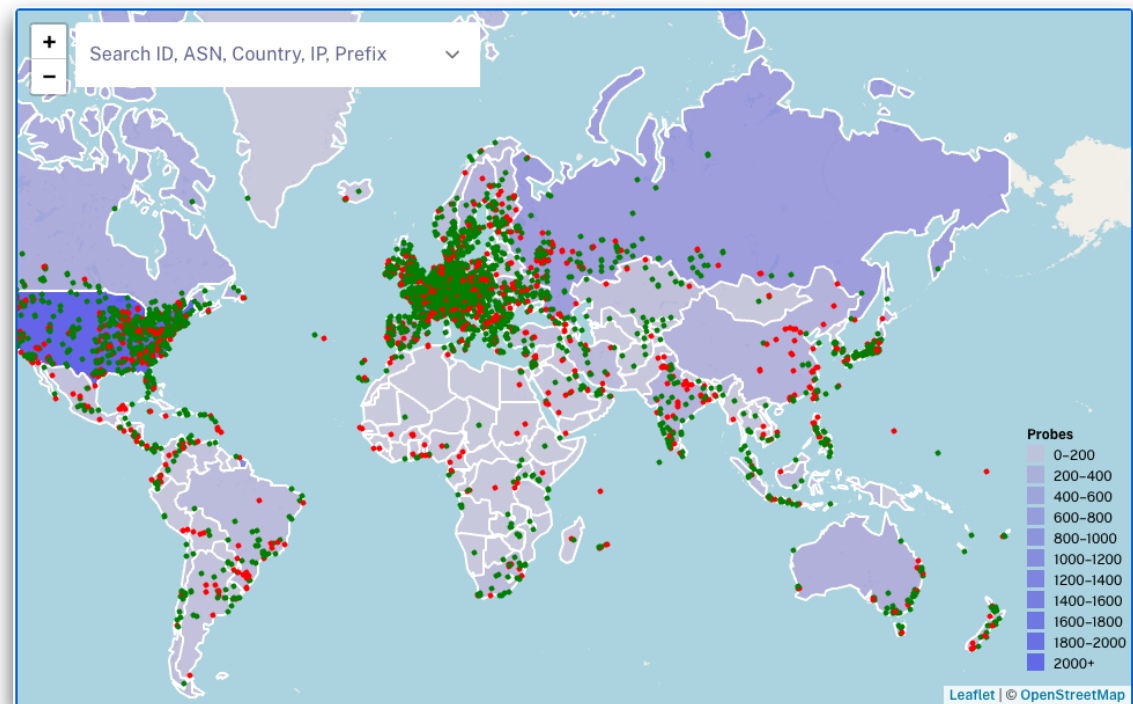
SSL/TLS

HTTP (anchors)

# Run RIPE Atlas tests



- More than 12,000 probes connected
- More than 3,000 ASNs globally
- 347 in South East Asia





## Some Problems

- High latency - impatient gamers
- Gamers from different networks
- Realtime application is unpredictable



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- Online gaming company
- Runs own LAN
- Users from around the world

# Issues Spotted!

High latency  
Identified

Probe	ASN (IPv4)	ASN (IPv6)		Time (UTC)	RTT		Hops	Success	
4429	55430		🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 19:02	270.039	🟡	17	✗	📘
14042	55430		🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 19:02	267.779	🟡	17	✗	📘
22798	55430	55430	🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 19:02	268.372	🟡	17	✗	📘
24422	55430		🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 19:02	268.974	🟡	17	✗	📘
25828	4788		🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 19:02	364.127	🟡	15	✗	📘
28850	4844		🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 19:02	265.993	🟡	17	✗	📘
54623	4773	4773	🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 19:02	268.964	🟡	16	✗	📘
55415	55430	55430	🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 19:02	367.158	🟡	13	✗	📘

Talk to your peers, ISP or anyone who can help improve RTT

Settings & Status   Latest Results   Map   Tracemon   IPMap   Downloads

Probe	ASN (IPv4)	ASN (IPv6)		Time (UTC)	RTT		Hops	Success	
4429	55430		🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 20:17	4.394	🟡	14	✓	📘
14042	55430		🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 20:17	3.042	🟡	14	✓	📘
22798	55430	55430	🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 20:17	3.336	🟡	14	✓	📘
24422	55430		🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 20:17	3.993	🟡	15	✓	📘
25828	4788		🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 20:17	3.158	🟡	14	✓	📘
28850	4844		🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 20:17	3.127	🟡	14	✓	📘
31918	55430		🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 20:17	5.194	🟡	15	✓	📘
54623	4773	4773	🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 20:17	4.505	🟡	14	✓	📘
55415	55430	55430	🇺🇸 🗑️	2020-05-13 20:17	3.508	🟡	14	✓	📘

Latest Traceroute Result for Measurement #59170999 ✕

2023-09-01 16:17 UTC

Traceroute to tiktok.com (3.160.5.56), 48 byte packets

```

1 192.168.0.1 0.457ms 0.368ms 0.346ms
2 100.91.127.254 5.424ms 4.347ms 4.594ms
3 10.233.97.55 4.777ms 4.537ms 4.473ms
4 10.55.192.63 193.346ms 194.974ms 194.312ms
5 213.248.79.106 lax-b3-link.ip.twelve99.net AS1299 182.594ms 182.382ms 182.325ms
6 62.115.126.250 lax-b23-link.ip.twelve99.net AS1299 202.572ms 203.672ms 203.016ms
7 * 62.115.123.136 dls-bb2-link.ip.twelve99.net AS1299 232.324ms *
8 62.115.116.213 atl-b24-link.ip.twelve99.net AS1299 255.674ms 250.639ms 250.838ms
9 62.115.119.201 ipls-b2-link.ip.twelve99.net AS1299 255.624ms 255.207ms 255.525ms
10 62.115.139.235 clb-b1-link.ip.twelve99.net AS1299 260.81ms 260.133ms 259.797ms
11 * * *
12 * * *
13 * * *
14 * * *
15 * * *
255 3.160.5.56 server-3-160-5-56.cmh68.r.cloudfront.net AS16509 243.323ms 242.473ms
243.412ms
  
```

Lower latency after debugging







# Hooray Moments!

## Improve Performance

Shorter path is selected, better latency, reliability and security

## Control and Flexibility

Repeat tests as much as you need!

## Service desk ❤️ RIPE Atlas + GUI

To validate findings

# What it Isn't



Traffic Volume



Bandwidth



Making your Coffee



# Dare to Take a Risk?

## Try it Wisely

- Who uses the platform?
- What do people say?
- Search for BAD reviews/BAD experiences online
- What's the source? Trusted?
- Is it NEW?

**Convinced?**

# Security and Privacy



## Probes

- Trust Material (regular server address, keys)
- NO open Ports/initiate connection/ NAT is OK
- Doesn't listen to local traffic/ No snooping

## Measurements

- No passive measurements
- Probes initiate SSH connections from probe to server
- Code of measurements publicly available





# **A View Into Malaysia**

# Probes in South East Asia

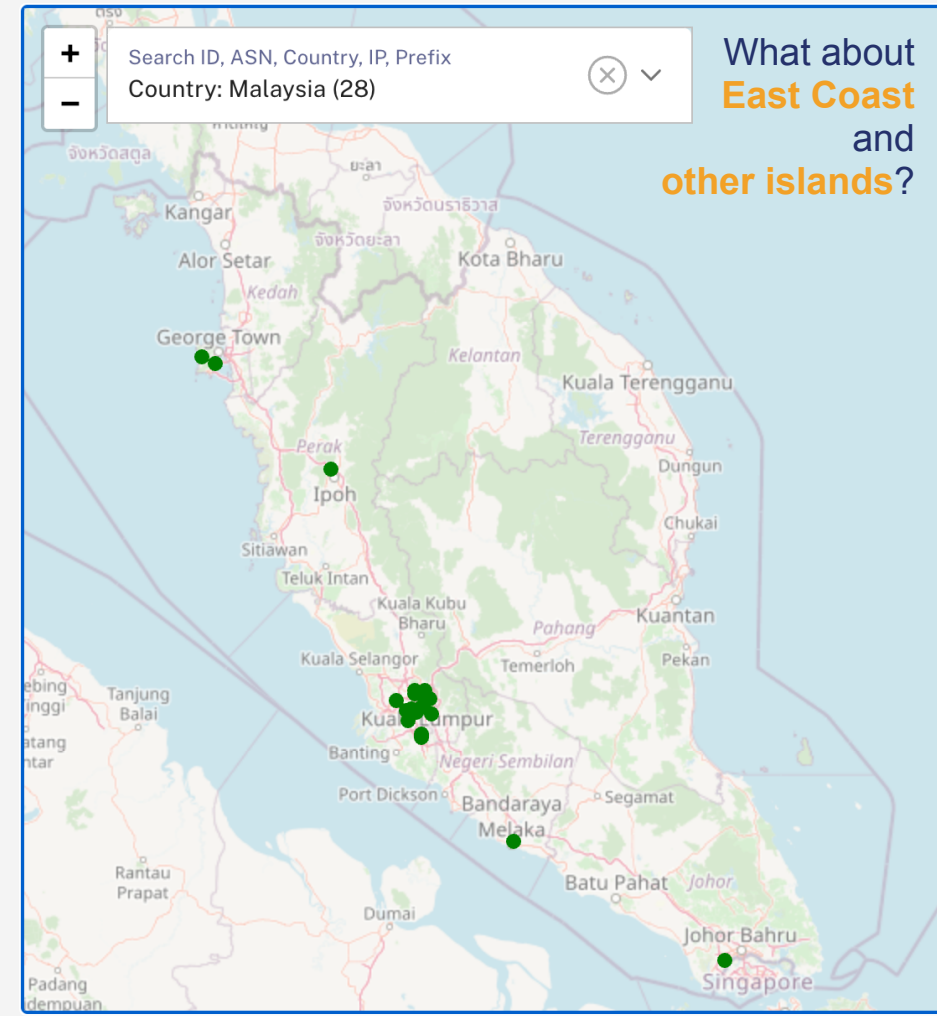
Country	RIPE Atlas
Vietnam	7
Timor Leste	1
Thailand	27
Singapore	117
Philippines	60
Myanmar	2
<b>Malaysia</b>	<b>28</b>
Laos	1
Indonesia	99
Cambodia	2
Brunei	3

• Data from 20 May 2024

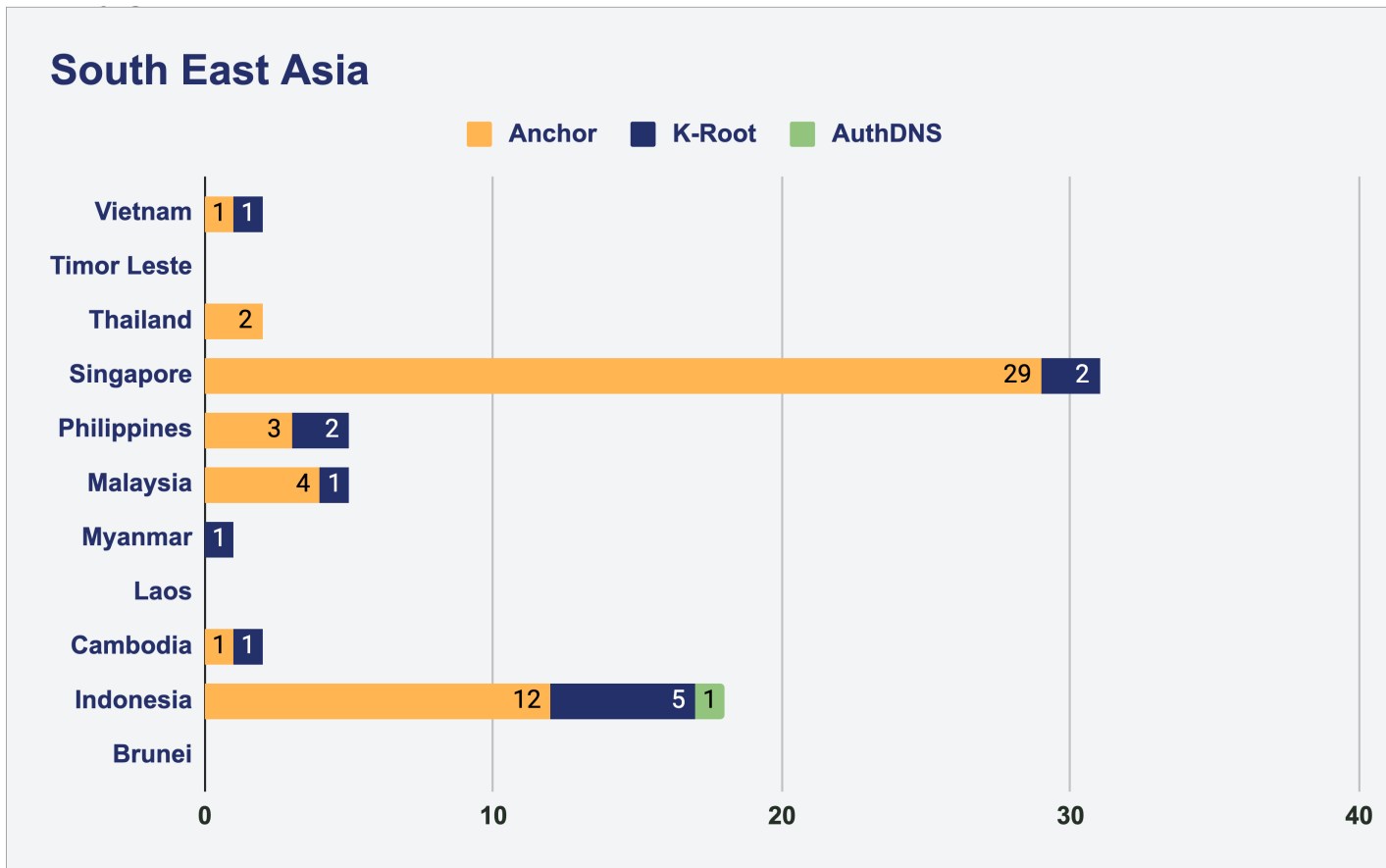
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## Global RIPE Atlas Network Coverage

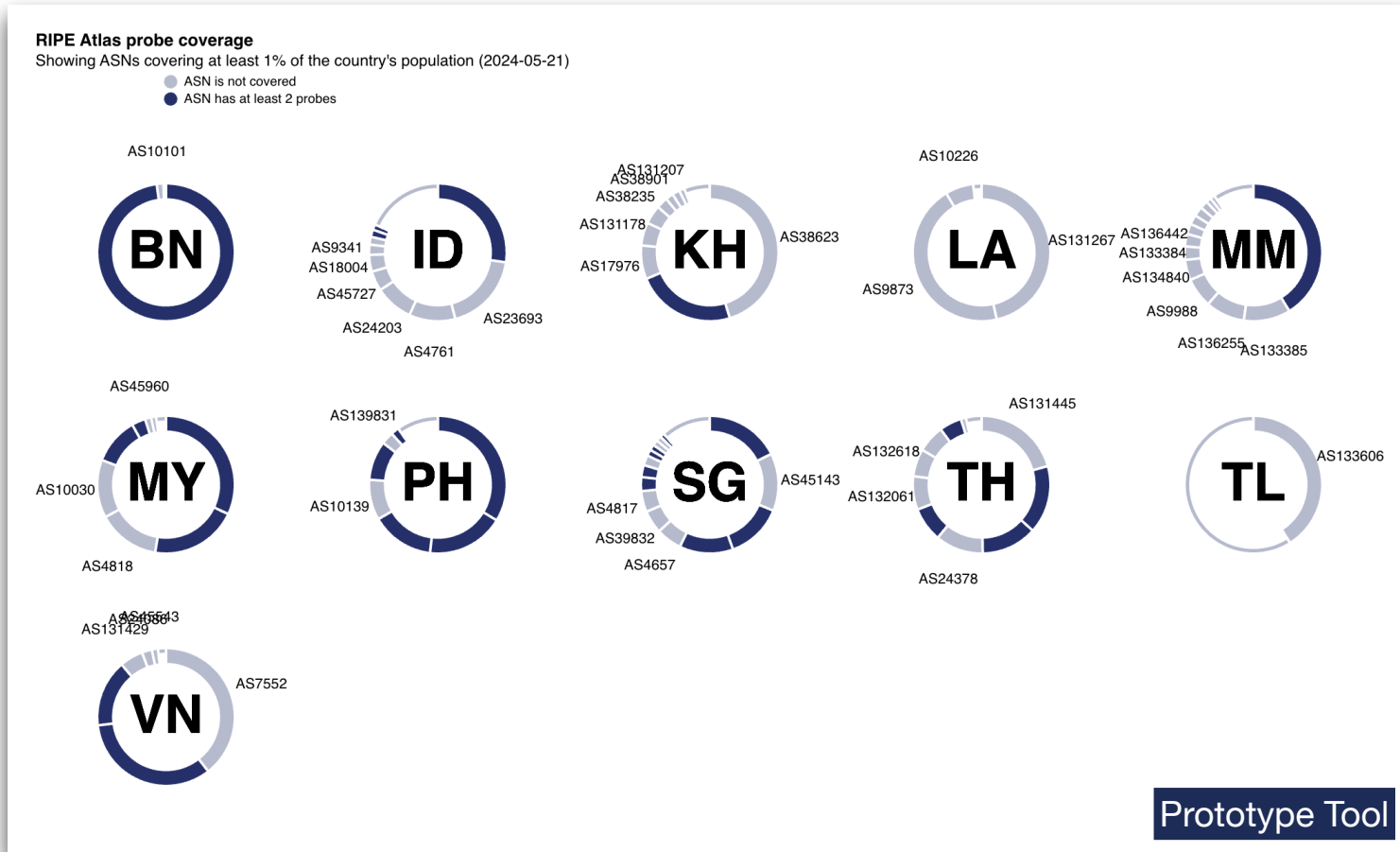
Include Connected?  Include Disconnected?  Show ( )



# RIPE NCC Tools and Services



# Let's Cover These Networks in South East Asia



10030	CELCOMNET-AP	Malaysia
4818	DIGIIX-AP	Malaysia
38466	UMOBILE-AS-AP	Malaysia
9930	TTNET-MY	Malaysia
45960	YTLCOMMS-AS-AP	Malaysia
38322	TTSSB-MY	Malaysia
56231	ASTRO-MY-AS-AP	Malaysia
45410	ALLOTECH-AS-MY	Malaysia

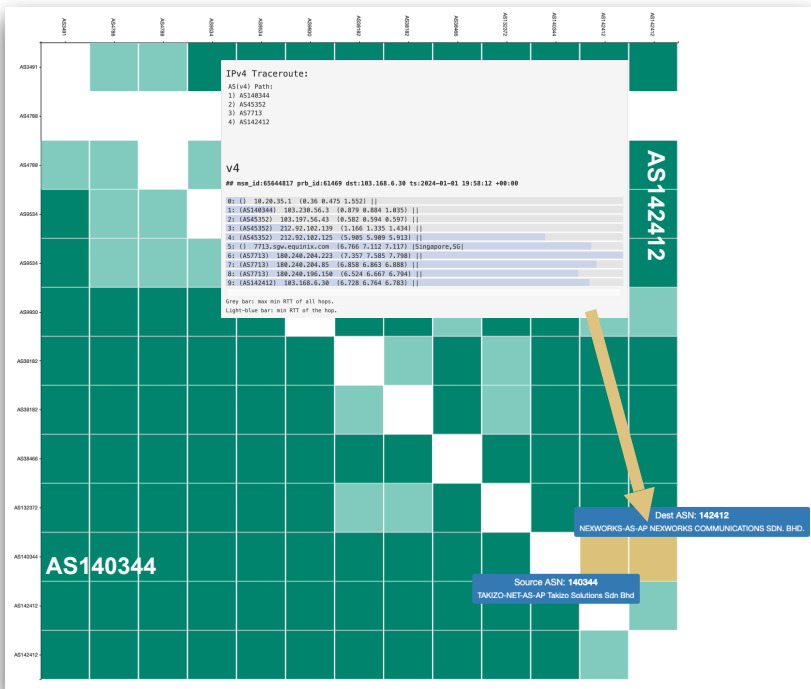
[RIPE Atlas network coverage](#)



# Did my Paths Go Out of the Country?

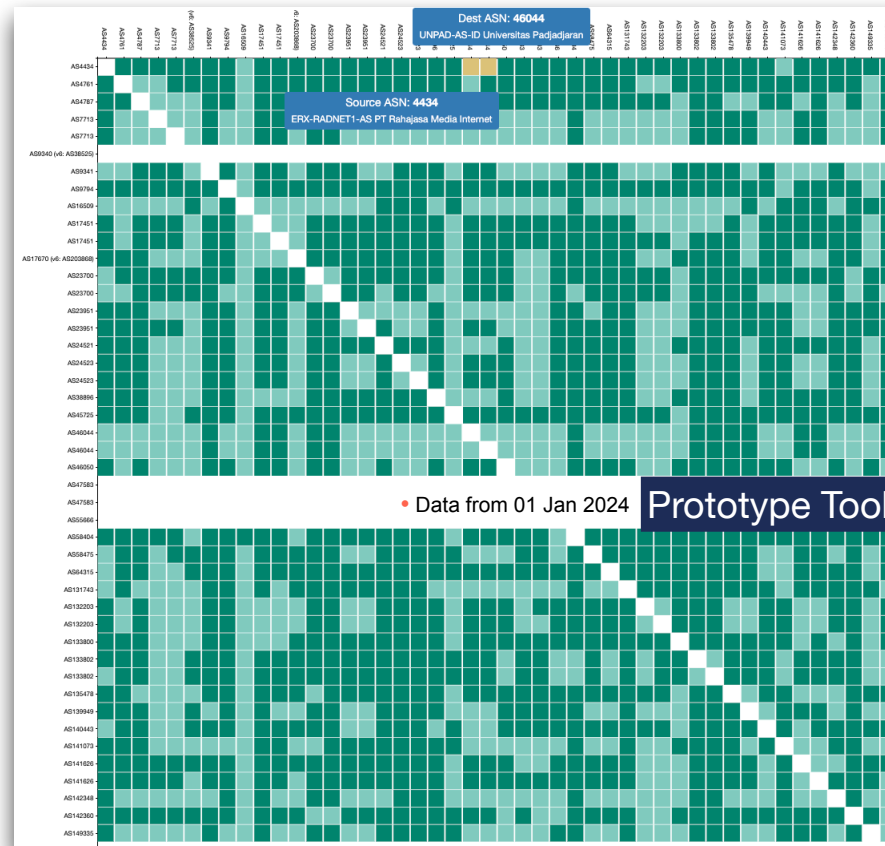


## Malaysia



[IXP Country Jedi](#)

## Indonesia





Fullscreen +

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Origin (ASN or ix-ID)

4788

Date

09/03/2024

Address Family

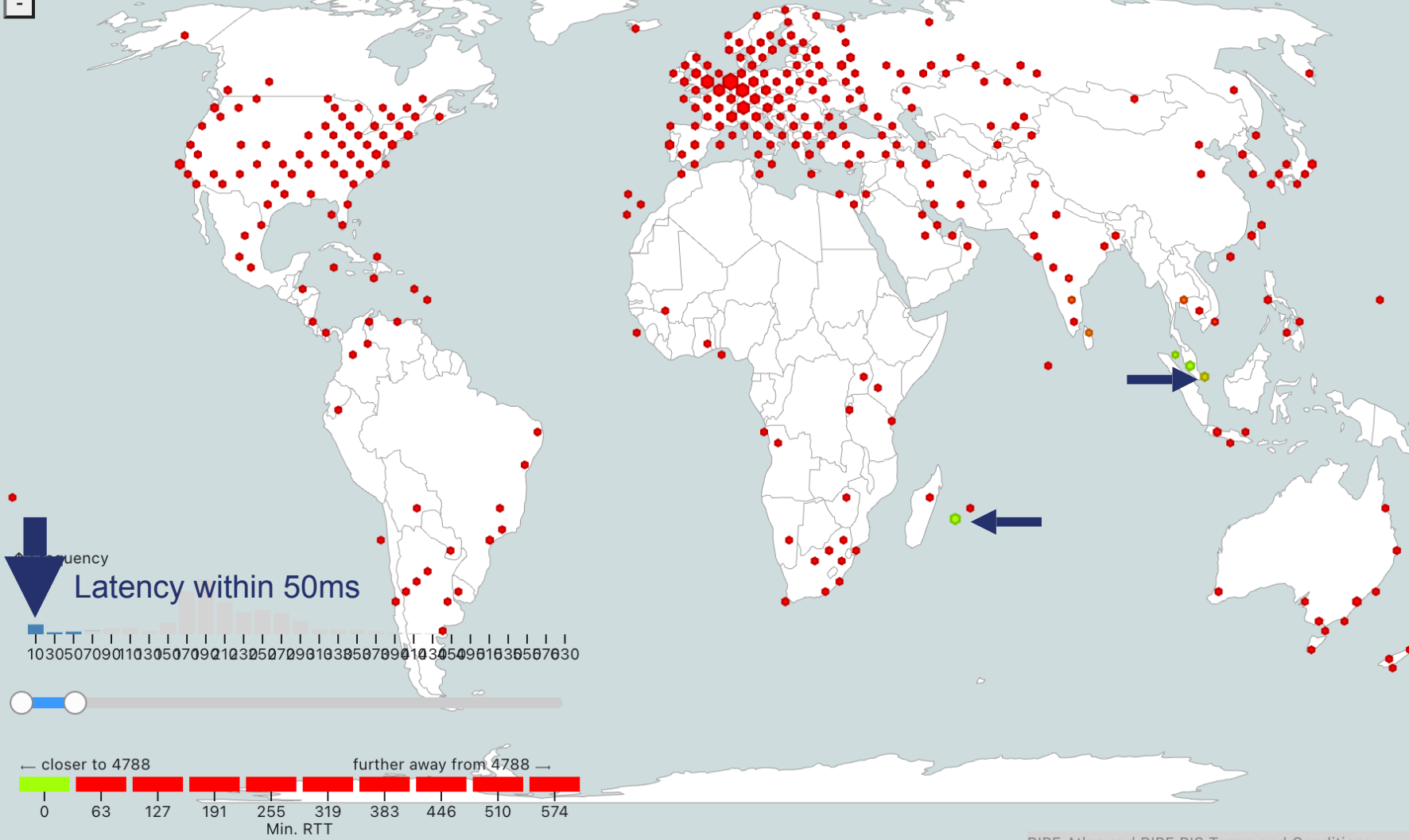
IPv4

Protocol

Any

Aggregate function

Median



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# MinRTT

Prototype Tool

World Latency to AS4788

TM TECHNOLOGY

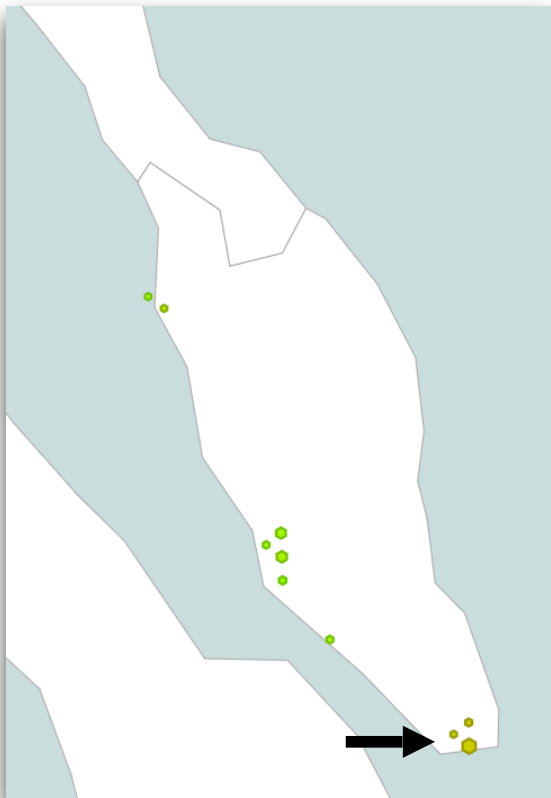
SERVICES SDN. BHD

[Atlas Latency World Map](#)

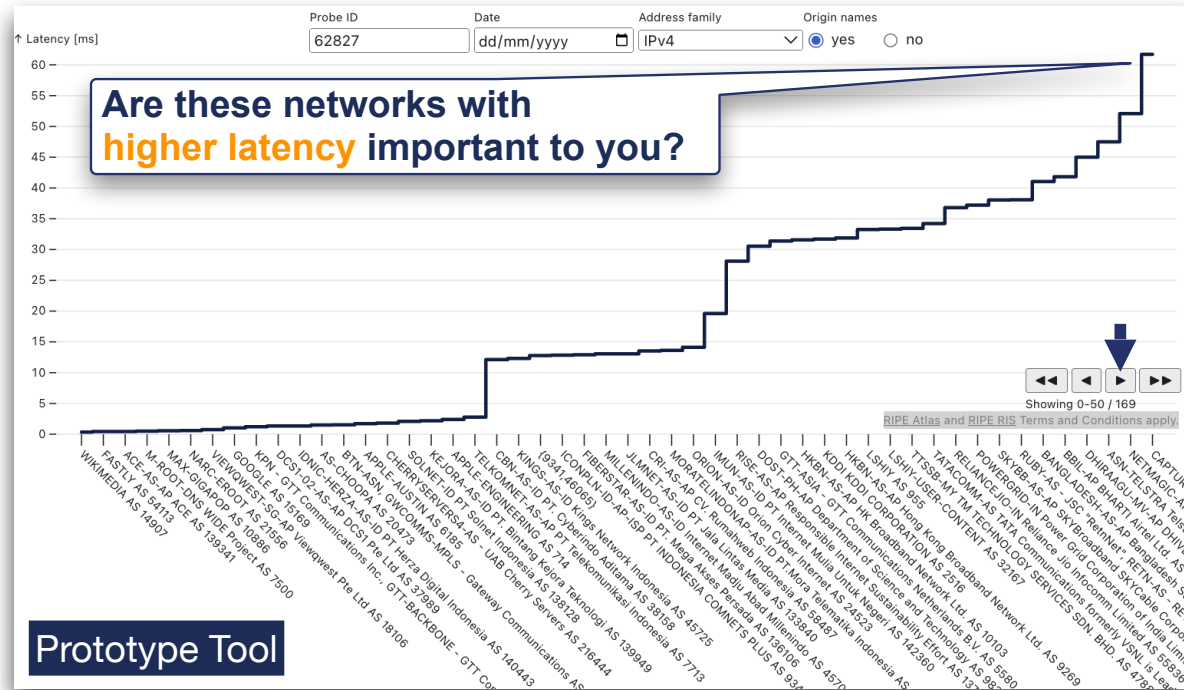
# Probe Neighbourhoods



Let's zoom in



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[RIPE Atlas Probe Neighbourhood](#)

**Probe #62827**

General Network Built-ins UDMS

IPv4

Internet Address

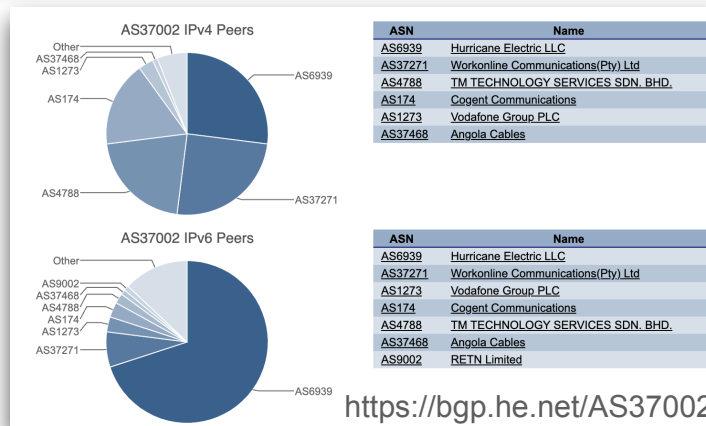
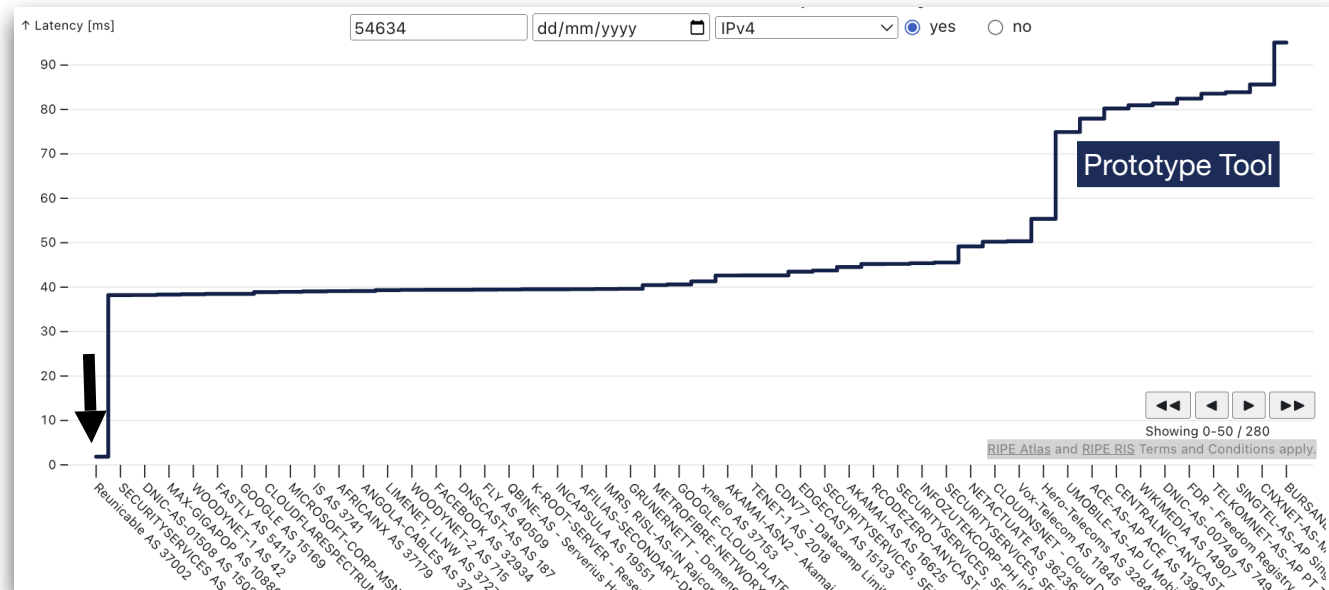
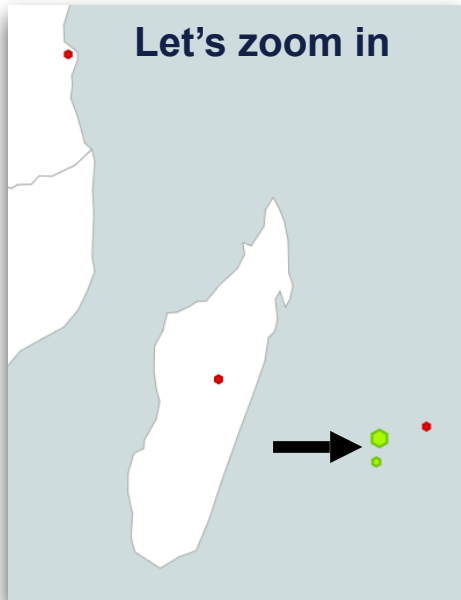
Prefix 103.5.243.0/24

ASN 134148 (SINGAREN-GIX-AS-AP-2 SingAREN)

**ProbeID 62827**  
**Singapore**

[RIPE Atlas probes](#)

# Why is AS4788 Seen in Reunion in Africa?



ProbeID 55282  
AS21351 Reunion

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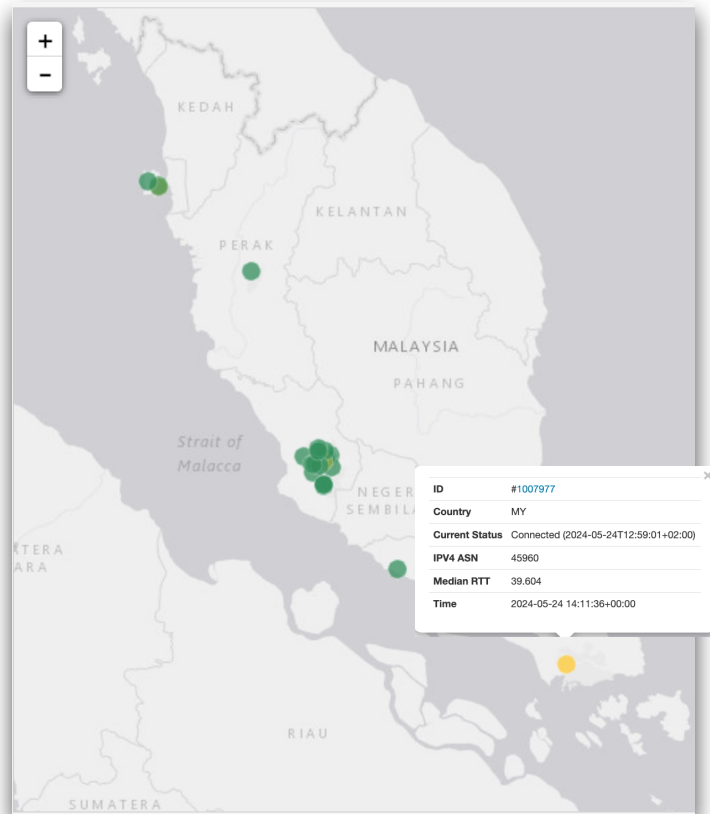


**Which DNS Root Instances  
answer to the query from probes in Malaysia  
(f, e, m & d)**

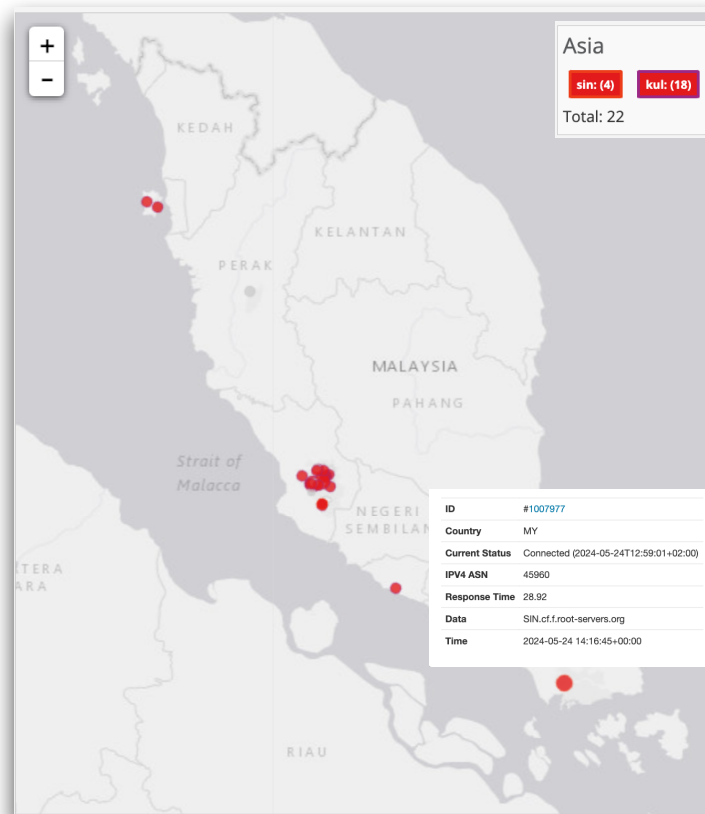


## MRTT Measurements to f-root in Malaysia (4)

## Which f-root respond to the query?



[RTT map result](#)

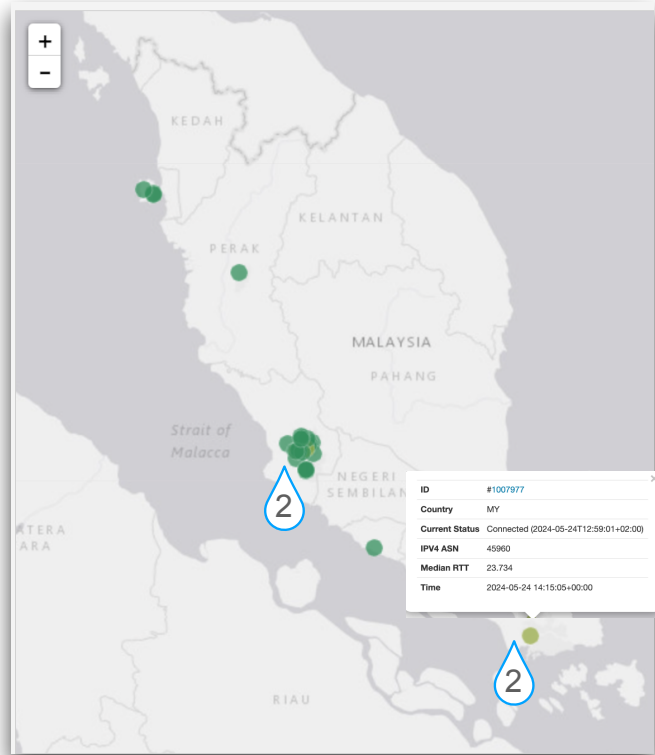


[DNS Root Instances](#)

- 4 f-root in Malaysia:
  - 2 in Kuala Lumpur
  - 2 in Johor Baru
- MRTT 0-50ms
- 18 probes got answers from f-root in Kuala Lumpur, and 4 from Singapore
- None from Johor Baru

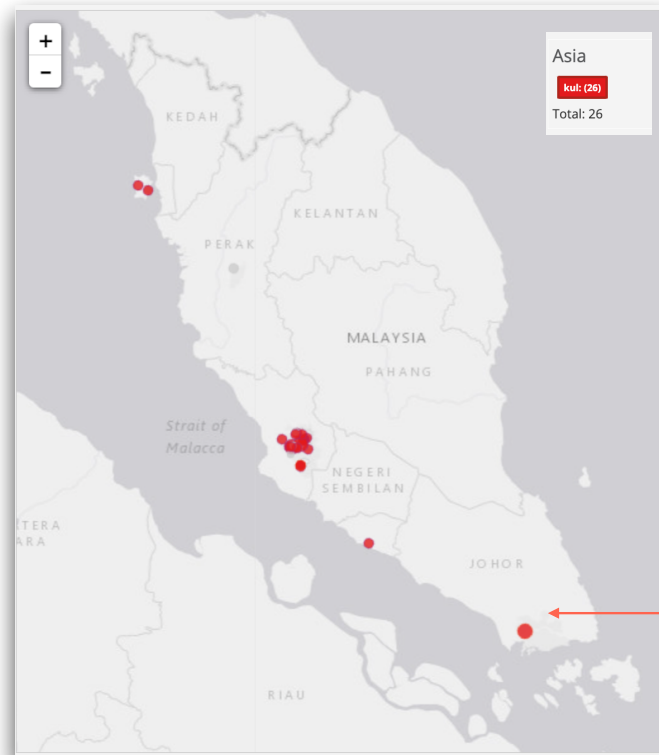


## MRTT Measurements to e-root in Malaysia (4)



[RTT Map Result](#)

## Which e-root responds to the query?



[DNS Root Instances](#)

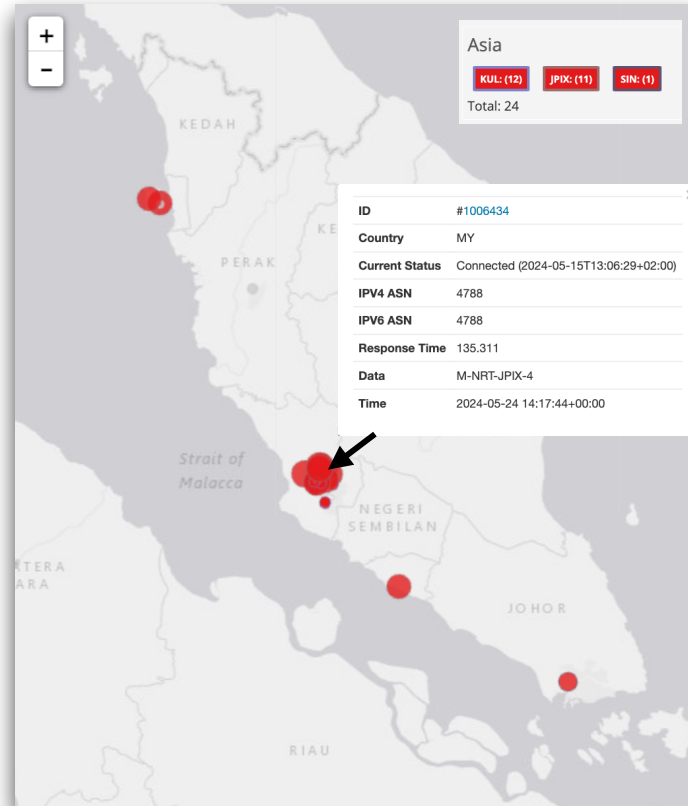
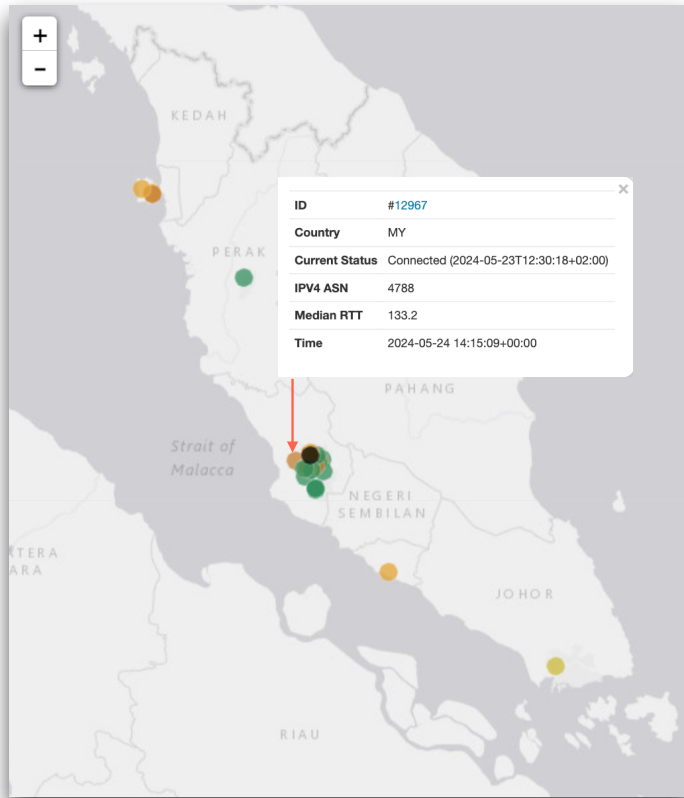
- 4 e-root in Malaysia
  - 2 in Kuala Lumpur
  - 2 in Johor Baru
- MRTT 0-40ms
- 26 probes received answers from e-root in Kuala Lumpur

ID	#1007977
Country	MY
Current Status	Connected (2024-05-24T12:59:01+02:00)
IPv4 ASN	45960
Response Time	30.138
Data	p01.kul.e-root
Time	2024-05-24 14:16:44+00:00



## MRTT Measurements to m-root in Malaysia (1)

## Which m-root responds to the query?



- 1 m-root in Kuala Lumpur
- MRTT 0-150ms
- 11 probes got an answer from m-root in Japan IX
- 1 probe got an answer from Singapore

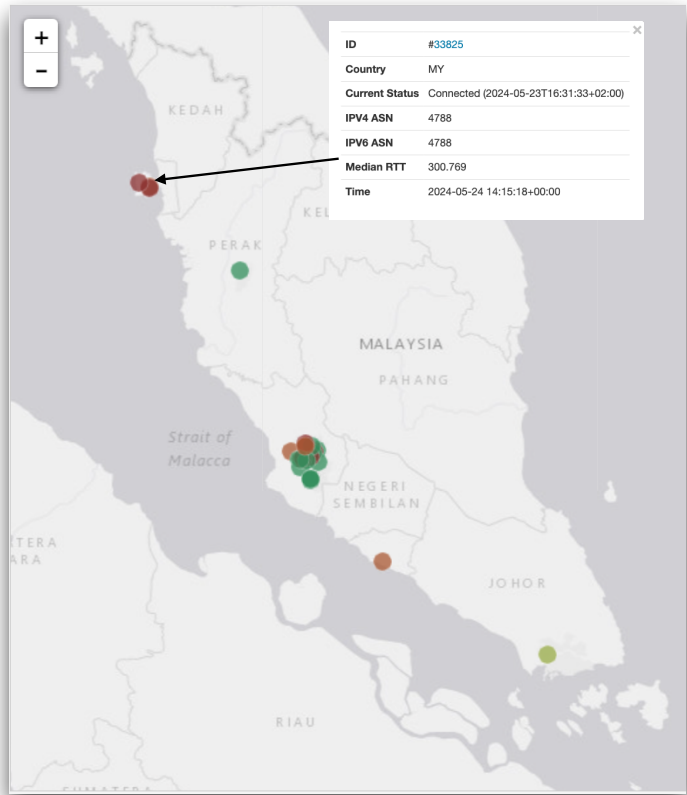
[RTT Map Result](#)

[DNS Root Instances](#)



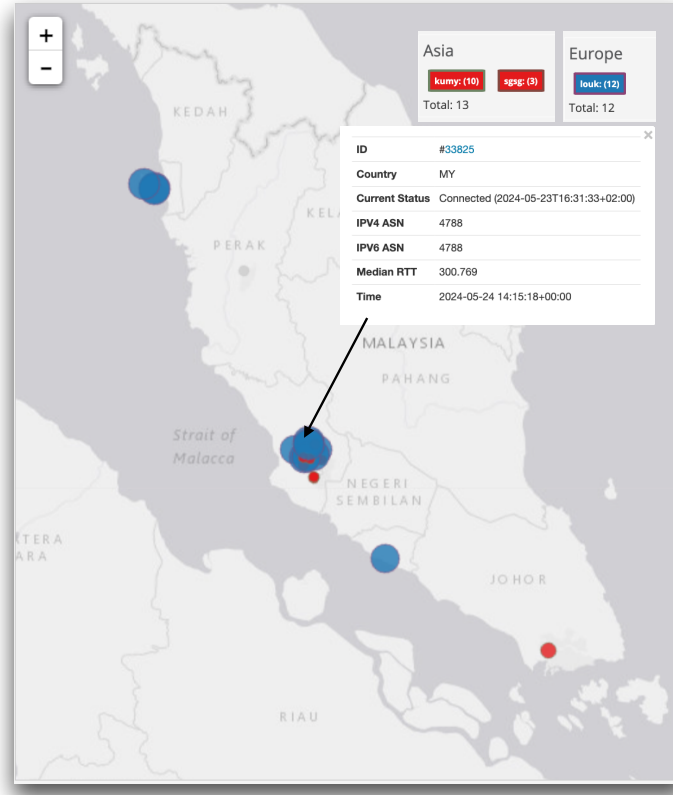


## MRTT Measurements to d-root in Malaysia (3)



[RTT Map Results](#)

## Which d-root responds to the query?



[DNS Root Instances](#)

- 3 d-root in Malaysia
- MRTT 0-300ms
- 12 probes got an answer from d-root London, UK



# Authoritative DNS (AuthDNS)

- We're seeking a partner to host AuthDNS in an *interconnected* location in Malaysia.
- Reduced dependency on external DNS Services
  - Minimise exposure to potential disruptions from international events
  - Greater control over Internet infrastructure
- Enhanced local Internet infrastructure
  - Hosting AuthDNS servers locally can improve the overall reliability and performance of DNS services for local users.

# Install SW Probes Now in These Platforms



- Software packages that work like regular probes
- Most installation instructions are available in **8** languages

Platform	Support	Installation Videos	Installation Manuals
CentOS 7 (binary)	RIPE NCC	✓	✓
CentOS 8 (binary).	RIPE NCC	✓	✓
CentOS 7 & 8 (source)	RIPE NCC		✓
Debian 9 (source)	Community		✓
Debian 10 (source)	Community	✓	✓
Raspbian (source)	Community	✓	✓
Docker	Community	✓	✓
OpenWRT	Community		✓
Turris	Vendor (NIC.CZ)	✓	✓

**RIPE Atlas Software probe**

- Open Source (GPL 3.0) - <https://github.com/RIPE-NCC/ripe-atlas-software-probe>
- CentOS 7 and CentOS 8 - Binary packages
- CentOS 7 and CentOS 8 - Install from source
- Ubuntu / Debian / Raspberry Pi OS (previously called Raspbian) - Install from source
- Docker - Not provided and maintained by RIPE NCC  
<https://github.com/Jamesits/docker-ripe-atlas> - Actively maintained  
[https://github.com/Knight1/ripe-atlas\\_dockerized](https://github.com/Knight1/ripe-atlas_dockerized) - Hasn't been updated for a few months
- OpenWrt - Looks like it's coming soon !

[YouTube Video: Install the RIPE Atlas Software Probe](#)

# Reasons to Love RIPE Atlas



12,000 Probes

Global Coverage

Trusted Source

Non-profit organisation  
Volunteers: End Users

Safe & Secure

Regular third-party security review

Open Data

Measurement results open to all

Community Driven

By the community for the community

Fair Use/  
Non Monetary





# What's Next?

Create a RIPE NCC Access **ACCOUNT** ✓

**INSTALL** RIPE Atlas strategically ✓

Start testing, **MONITOR** your network performance ✓

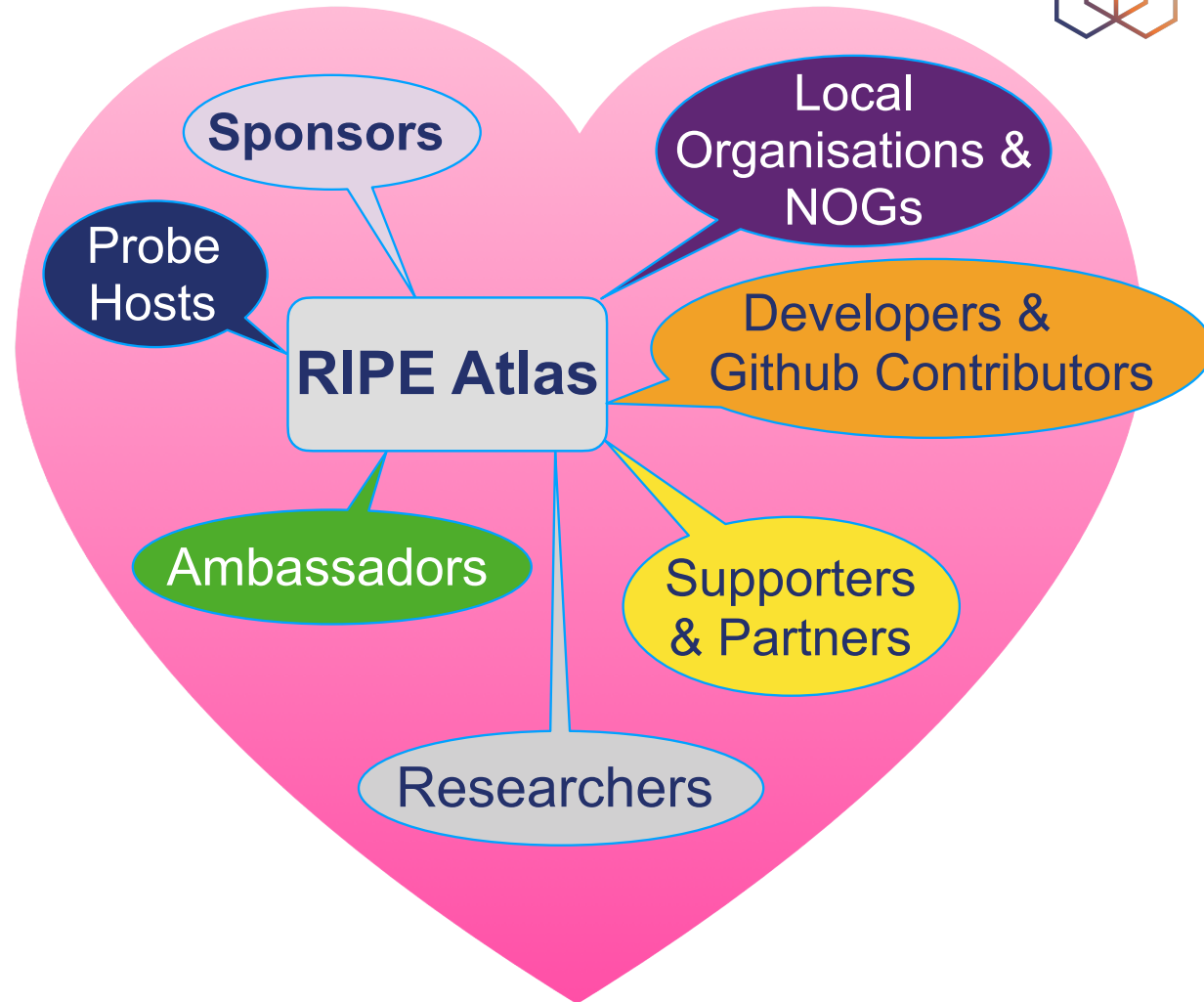
Did your probe disconnect? **Reconnect it!** ✓

Redeem This Voucher  
**MYNOG11**



# Thank you!

- Within Asia Pacific (APAC) region we work closely with APNIC, ISOC, NSRC and many local ambassadors.
- Interested in a webinar?
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# Questions

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# Use Cases



[A distributed view of the Internet](#)

[The Kazakhstan outage as seen from RIPE Atlas](#)

[Detecting DNS root manipulation](#)

[DNS vulnerability, configuration errors that can cause DDoS](#)