

# Internet Exchange: Peering with RouterOS in the IXs

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# Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> MUM in Denmark!

# About me

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- Founder of Grifonline S.r.l. [ISP] (1997)
- Founder of Linkwave [WISP] (2006)
- MikroTik Trainer  
[NA,RE,WE,TCE,INE,UME](2010)
- Member of RIPE, AMS-IX, MIX-IT



# About me

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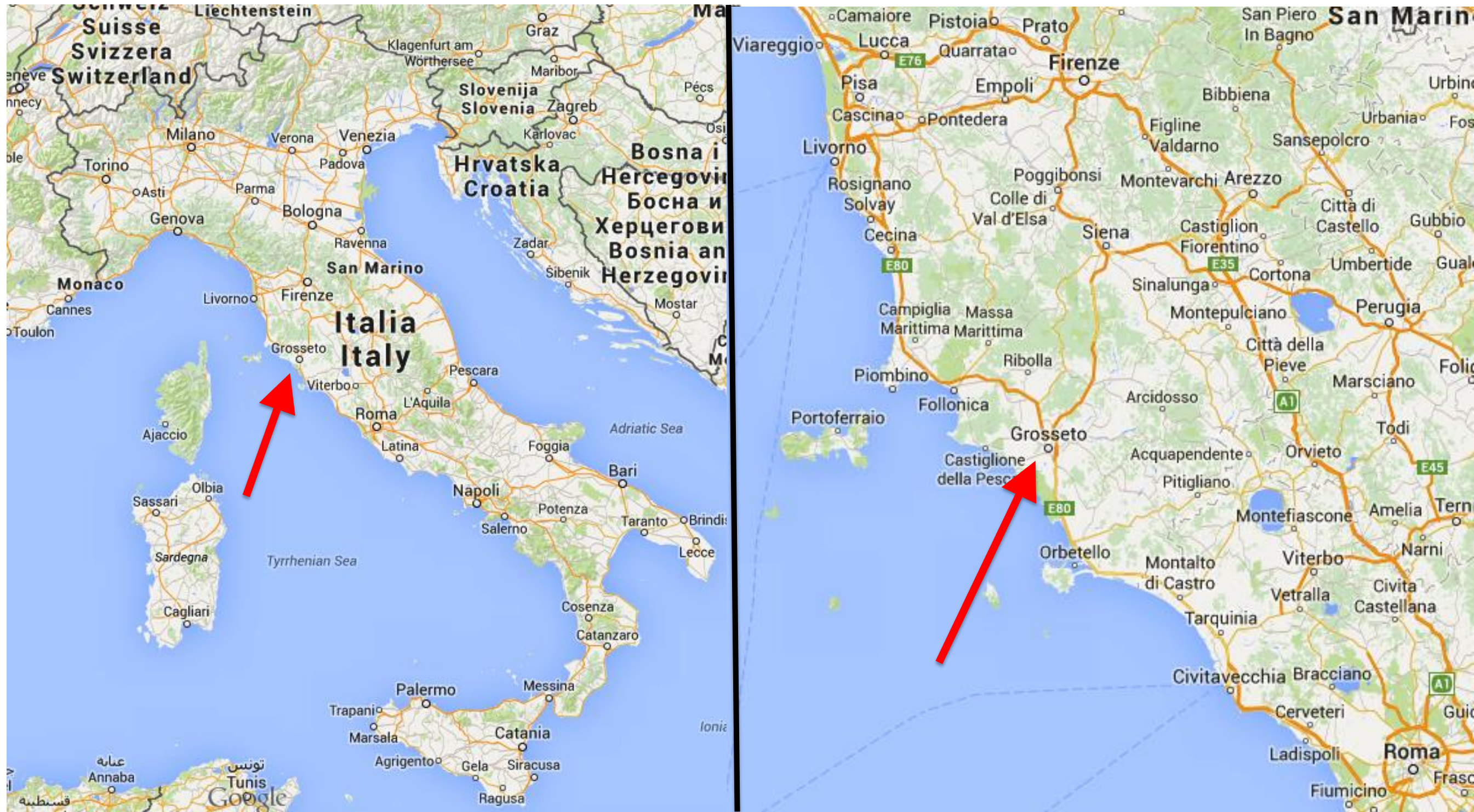
- Worldwide Trainer and Consultant, previous experiences in:
- Italy, USA, United Arab Emirates, Brasil, Slovenia, Poland, Croatia, Czech Republic, etc ....







# About me









I'm a MikroTik *evangelist*



# About me

- Founder (2016) of the



**Non Profit Organization for  
High Quality Training Partners**

*Dedicated to Max*



# The peering in the Internet Exchange Points



# Internet Exchange Points

An Internet exchange point (IX or IXP) is a physical infrastructure where Internet service providers (ISPs) exchange Internet traffic between their networks (autonomous systems).

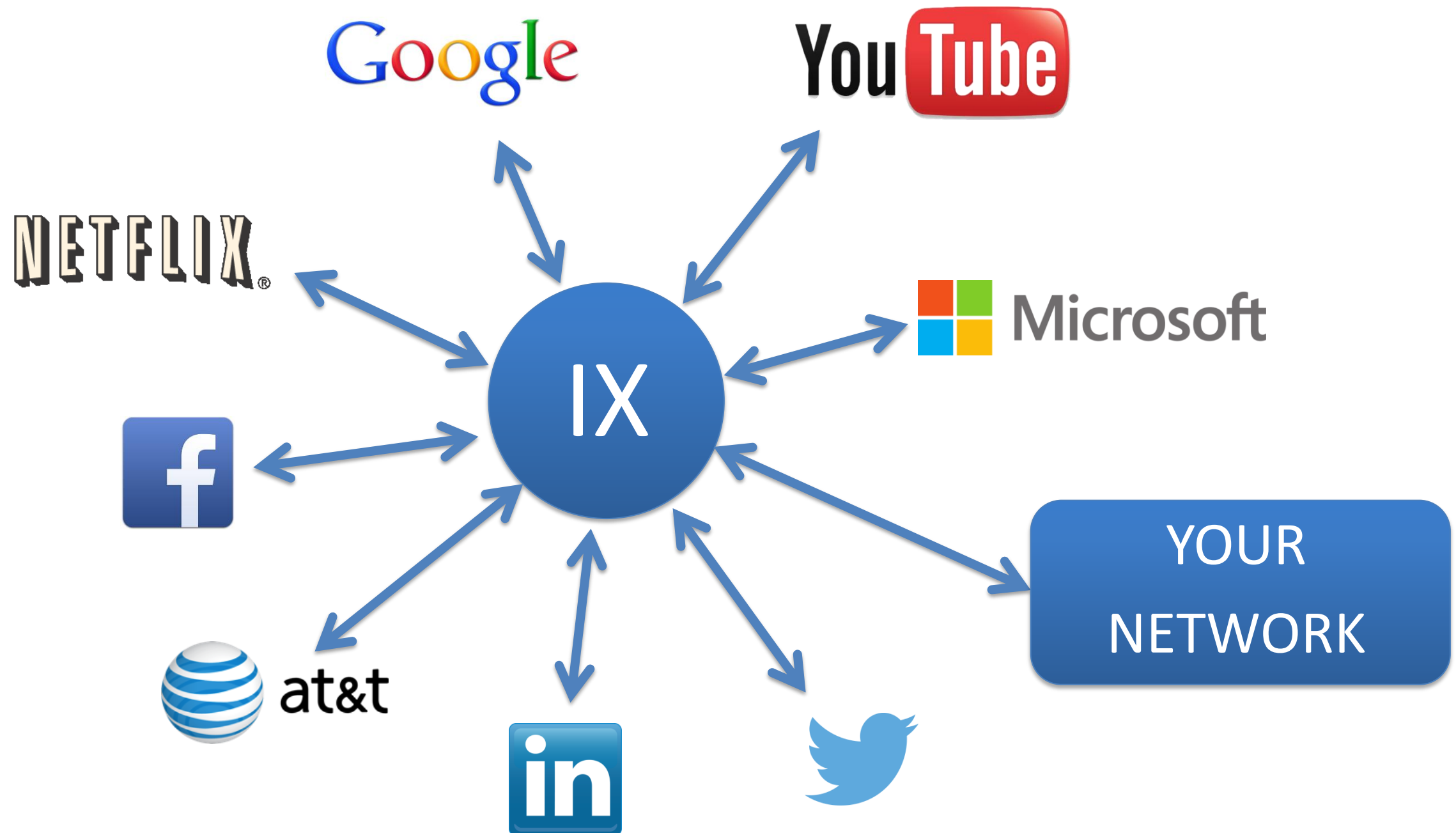
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# Internet Exchange Points

Carriers, ISPs and Content Provider meet together



# Internet Exchange (Cont.)

IXPs reduce the portion of an ISP's traffic which must be delivered via their upstream transit providers, thereby reducing the average per-bit delivery cost of their service. Furthermore, the increased number of paths learned through the IXP improves routing efficiency and fault-tolerance.



# IXPs in the world

Many Internet Exchange in the continents. The largest ones in the world are DE-CIX in Frankfurt, AMS-IX in Amsterdam, LINX in London, the Moscow Internet Exchange, Equinix Ashburn in Washington D.C., and JPNAP in Tokyo, and so on.

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# IXPs in the world

<b>DE-CIX</b>	Frankfurt	<b>5.2 Tbps</b>	<b>660 ASNs</b>
<b>AMS-IX</b>	Amsterdam	<b>4.7 Tbps</b>	<b>792 ASNs</b>
<b>LINX</b>	London	<b>3.3 Tbps</b>	<b>690 ASNs</b>



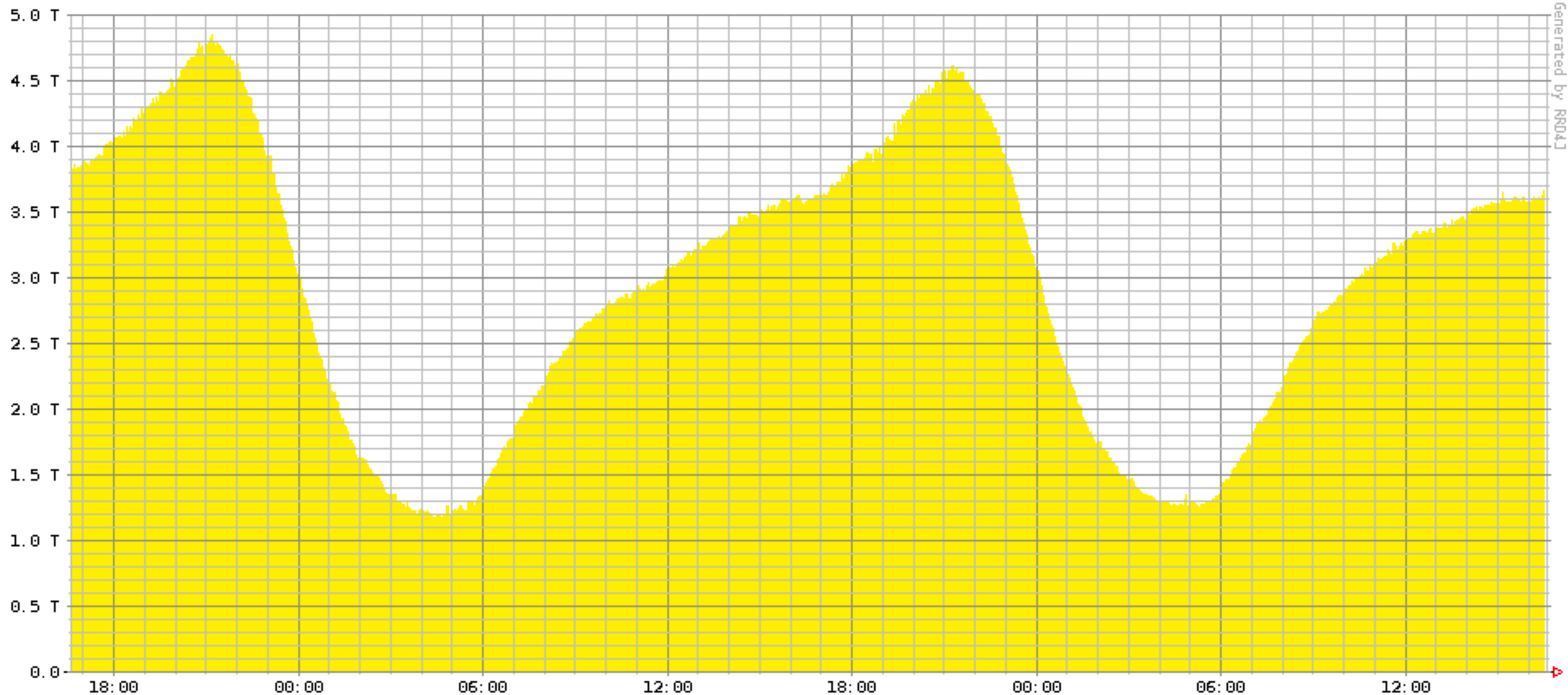




# DE-CIX, Frankfurt

1<sup>st</sup> in the world, for traffic exchange.

The last 2 days traffic average:

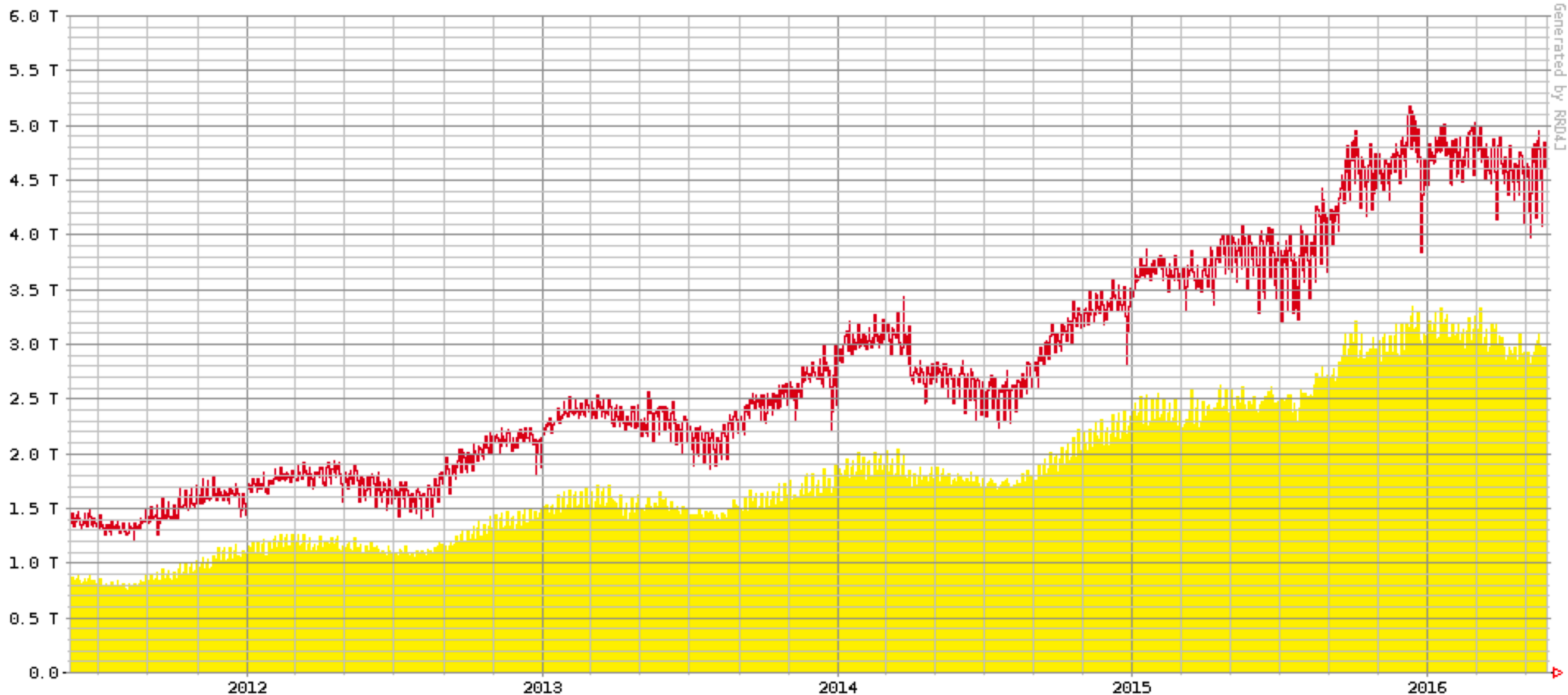




# DE-CIX, Frankfurt

1<sup>st</sup> in the world, for traffic exchange.

The last 5 years traffic average:

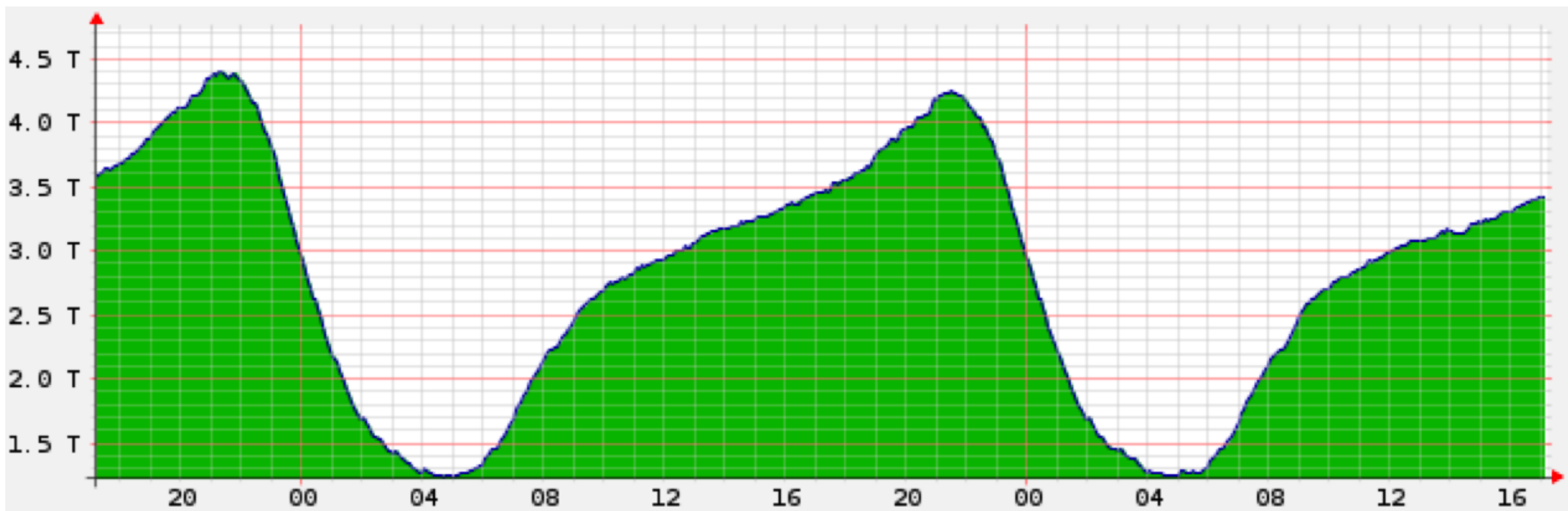




# AMS-IX, Amsterdam

2<sup>nd</sup> in the world, for traffic exchange. The 1<sup>st</sup> for ASNs

The last 2 days traffic average:



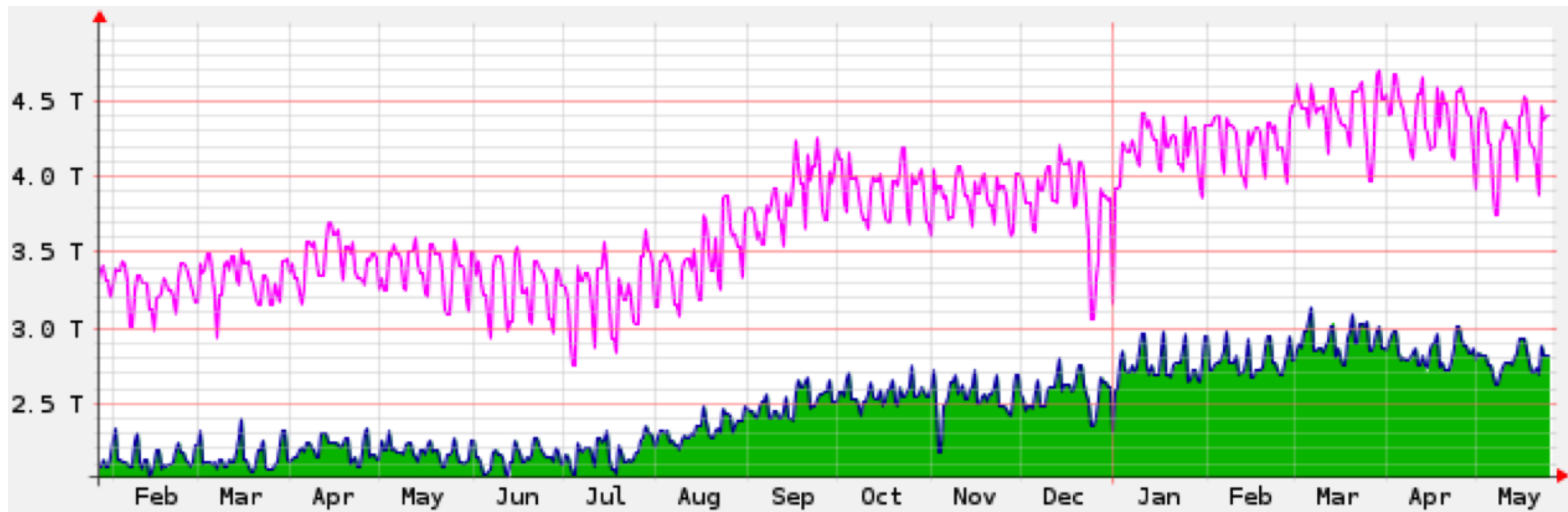




# AMS-IX, Amsterdam

2<sup>nd</sup> in the world, for traffic exchange. The 1<sup>st</sup> for ASNs

The last 1 year traffic average:



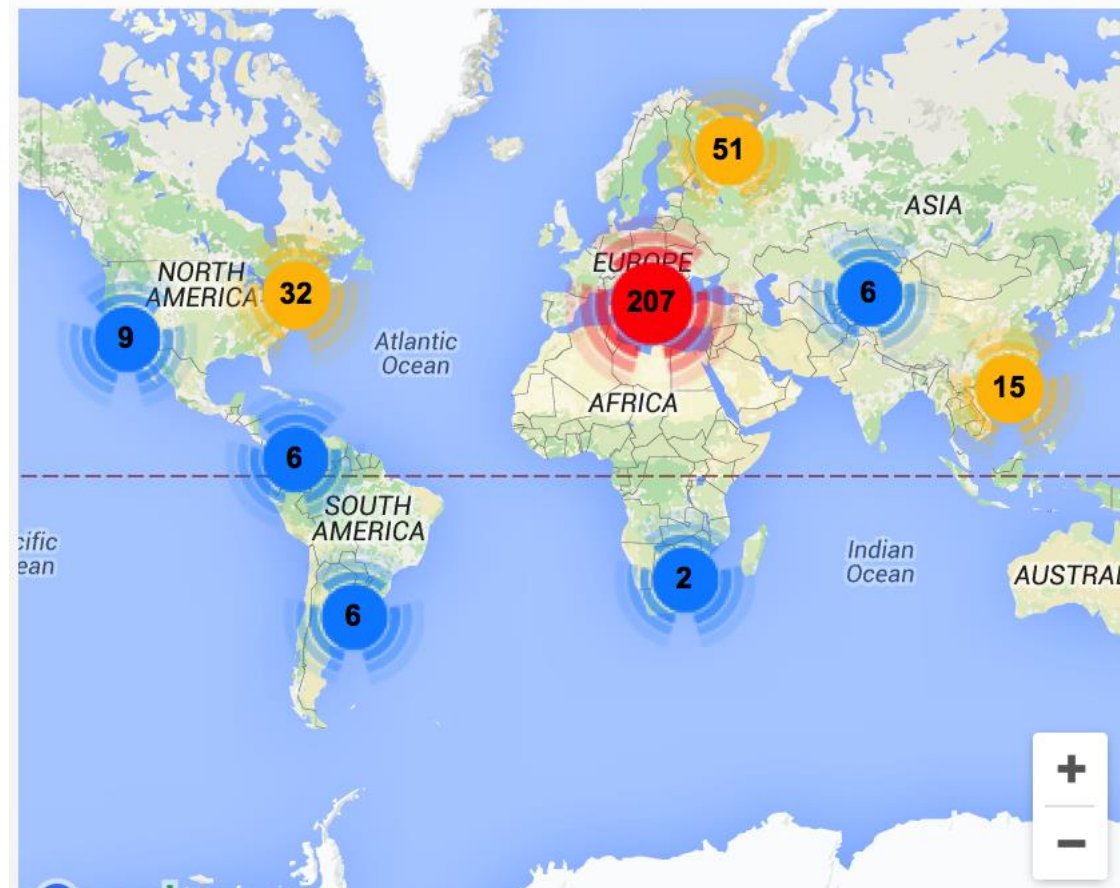


# AMS-IX, Amsterdam

Few numbers:

ASNs	Ports	Peak (Tb/s)	Cur (Tb/s)	Capacity (Tb/s)
<b>792</b>	<b>1481</b>	<b>4.711</b>	<b>3.386</b>	<b>19.9729</b>

Peering around the globe





# AMS-IX, Amsterdam

2014, November:

ASNs	Ports	Peak (Tb/s)	Cur (Tb/s)	Capacity (Tb/s)
<b>685</b>	<b>1324</b>	<b>3.339</b>	<b>3.142</b>	<b>12.907</b>

2015, March:

ASNs	Ports	Peak (Tb/s)	Cur (Tb/s)	Capacity (Tb/s)
<b>711</b>	<b>1404</b>	<b>3.52</b>	<b>1.724</b>	<b>14.4314</b>

2016, May:

ASNs	Ports	Peak (Tb/s)	Cur (Tb/s)	Capacity (Tb/s)
<b>792</b>	<b>1481</b>	<b>4.711</b>	<b>3.386</b>	<b>19.9729</b>



# IXPs in the world

- The grow is impressive
- The more they grow the less I have to use an upstream ISP

# Public & Private Peering

Each entity that participates in a IXP define if:

- Participate in the "public peering" (Route Server) [many-to-many]
- Only do private "peering" [one-to-one]
- Both of them

# Direct Peer

To the ASNs with I have a direct peer the AS PATH will be the shorter one. 😊



# Direct Peer

The consequence will be:

You'll start to peer like a hell 😊

# About the router

# MikroTik for BGP

And now **the** question:

How many are using RouterOS  
for their BGP routers?



# CCR1072-1G-8S+

1U rackmount, 8xSFP+ cages, 72 cores x 1GHz CPU, 16GB RAM, two removable (hotplug) power supplies



up to **120 million packets per second**  
up to **80Gbps throughput**

# Router prices

CCR1072-1G-8S+      List price: \$ 3,050.00  
(**NO** options or **additional licenses** required) [SFP+]

A Cisco equivalent      **XXX times** the CCR1072

A Juniper equivalent      **XXX times** the CCR1072

# MikroTik for BGP

And now another question:

There are reasons for not to use RouterOS as BGP router?



# My experience with RouterOS and BGP





# RouterOS in real life BGP

For my BGP routers I'm using RouterOS since the **version 3.XX, in 2007.**

Then upgraded to version 4.XX.

Then upgraded to version 5.XX.

Then upgraded to version 6.XX.

.....

Then I will upgrade to version 7.XX (soon??)

# RouterOS in real life BGP

- Never crashed
- Never rebooted (except few secs for upgrades)

**I can state: yes, it's working fine!**

# My BGP router

BGP

Instances VRFs Peers Networks Aggregates VPN4 Routes Advertisements

+ - ✓ ✗ 🗑️ 🗑️ 🗑️ Refresh Refresh All Resend Resend All

Name	Remote AS	TTL	Prefix Co...	State
AMS-IX: Akamai 1 IPv4	20940	1	20	established
AMS-IX: Akamai 1 IPv6	20940	1	6	established
AMS-IX: Akamai 2 IPv4	20940	1	26	established
AMS-IX: Akamai 2 IPv6	20940	1	6	established
AMS-IX: Apple 1 IPv4	714	1	21	established
AMS-IX: Apple 1 IPv6	714	1	6	established
AMS-IX: Apple 2 IPv4	714	1	21	established
AMS-IX: Apple 2 IPv6	714	1	6	established
AMS-IX: BIT IPv4	12859	1	81	established
AMS-IX: BIT IPv6	12859	1	36	established
AMS-IX: CloudFlare IPv4	13335	1	249	established
AMS-IX: CloudFlare IPv6	13335	1	3	established
AMS-IX: Computerline IPv4	41913	1	11	established
AMS-IX: Computerline IPv6	41913	1	5	established
AMS-IX: Dropbox IPv4	19679	1	39	established
AMS-IX: Dropbox IPv6	19679	1		established
AMS-IX: Facebook 1 IPv4	32934	1	29	established
AMS-IX: Facebook 1 IPv6	32934	1	15	established
AMS-IX: Facebook 2 IPv4	32934	1	30	established
AMS-IX: Facebook 2 IPv6	32934	1	15	established
AMS-IX: GoDaddy IPv4	26496	1	36	established
AMS-IX: GoDaddy IPv6	26496	1	8	established
AMS-IX: HE IPv4	6939	1	88731	established
AMS-IX: HE IPv6	6939	1	14449	established
AMS-IX: Linkedin IPv4	14413	1	5	established
AMS-IX: Linkedin IPv6	14413	1	4	established
AMS-IX: MANDA IPv4	8365	1	45	established
AMS-IX: MANDA IPv6	8365	1	11	established
AMS-IX: Microsoft 1 IPv4	8075	1	215	established
AMS-IX: Microsoft 1 IPv6	8075	1	35	established
AMS-IX: Microsoft 2 IPv4	8075	1	215	established
AMS-IX: Microsoft 2 IPv6	8075	1	35	established
AMS-IX: Netflix IPv4	2906	1	2	established
AMS-IX: Netflix IPv4	2906	1	2	established
AMS-IX: Netflix IPv6	2906	1	2	established
AMS-IX: Netflix IPv6	2906	1	2	established
AMS-IX: OVH 1 IPv4	16276	1	66	established
AMS-IX: OVH 1 IPv6	16276	1	3	established
AMS-IX: OVH 2 IPv4	16276	1	66	established
AMS-IX: OVH 2 IPv6	16276	1	3	established
AMS-IX: Open Carrier IPv4	41692	1	62	established
AMS-IX: Open Carrier IPv6	41692	1	10	established
AMS-IX: Packet Clearing House 1 IP...	42	1	48	established
AMS-IX: Packet Clearing House 1 IP...	42	1	45	established

75 items

# My BGP router

```
routing bgp peer print count-only
```

**78**

```
ip route print count-only
```

**1587293**

```
ip route print count-only where active
```

**591582**

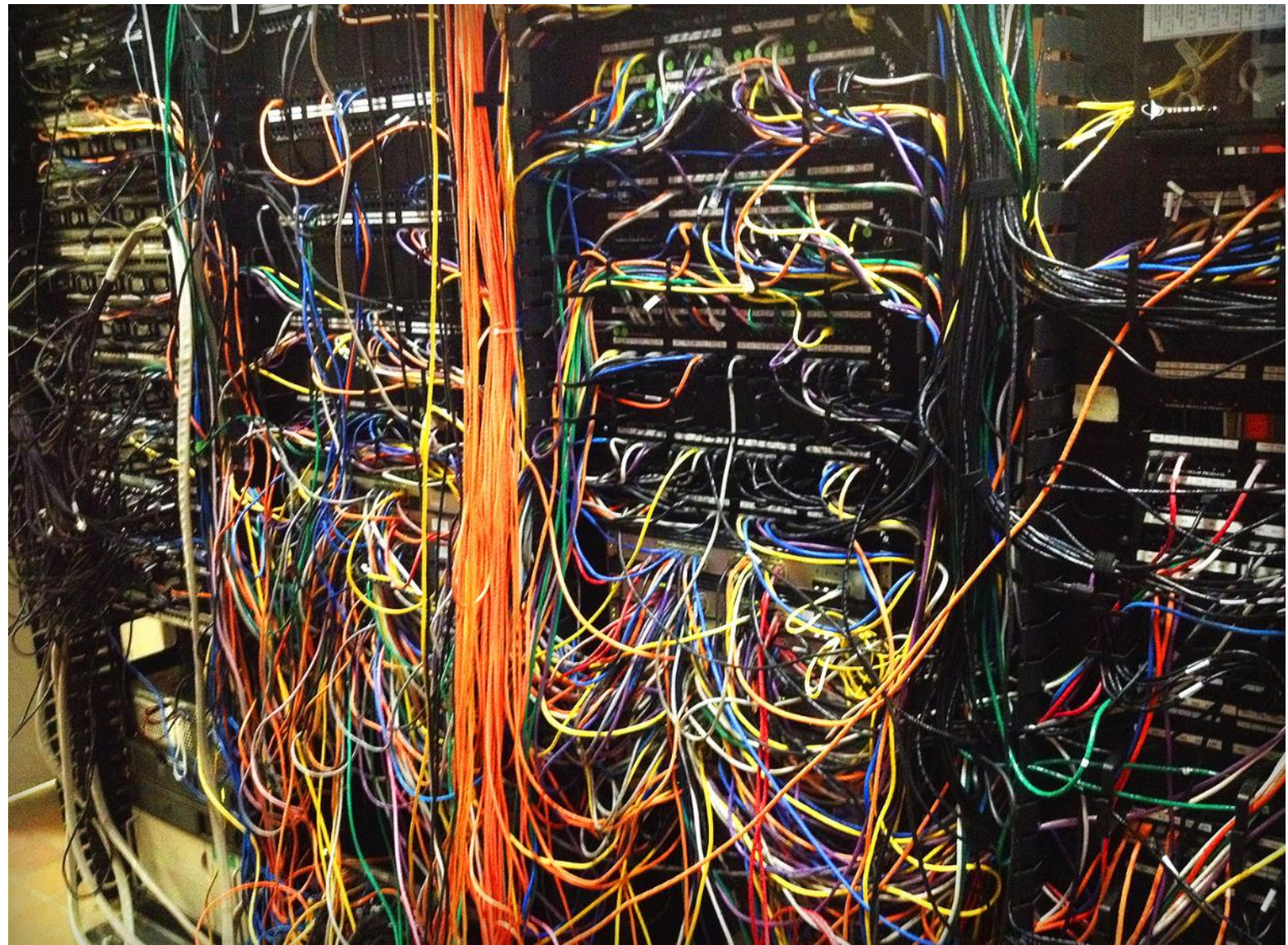




# BGPocalypse

“Other” brands  
crashed reaching  
512K routes

(and not a long  
time ago ....)



# Other key points

# Other key point

**Booting time:**

**Less than 30 seconds**

**Upgrade and rebooting time:**

**Less than 60 seconds**



# Other key point

## Easy Edit

```
routing bgp peer set "peer name"  
remote-address=X.X.X.X
```





# Other key point

The Copy

The screenshot shows a 'New BGP Peer' configuration window with the following fields and options:

- Name:** peerX
- Instance:** AS43942
- Remote Address:** 1.2.3.4
- Remote Port:** (empty)
- Remote AS:** 1234
- TCP MD5 Key:** (empty)
- Nexthop Choice:** force self
- Multihop
- Route Reflect
- Hold Time:** 180 s
- Keepalive Time:** (empty)
- TTL:** 1
- Max Prefix Limit:** 100
- Max Prefix Restart Time:** (empty)
- In Filter:** AS-PeerDiretti-bgp-in
- Out Filter:** AS-PeerDiretti-bgp-out
- AllowAS In:** (empty)
- Remove Private AS
- AS Override
- Default Originate:** never
- Passive
- Use BFD

Buttons on the right side of the window include: OK, Cancel, Apply, Disable, Comment, Copy (highlighted with a red arrow), Remove, Refresh, Refresh All, Resend, and Resend All. At the bottom, the status is shown as 'enabled' and 'idle'.

# Other key point

## The Undo



# Need more performances?



# Cloud Hosted Router

**Cloud Hosted Router (CHR)** is a special distribution, and license, for using RouterOS in a virtual environment.

It supports the x86 64-bit and can be used on most of the popular hypervisors such as VMWare, Hyper-V, VirtualBox, KVM and others (Proxmox, etc.).



# Cloud Hosted Router

The licensing model is based on maximum interface speed only, all the **others** features are **full enabled** and **unlimited**:

Free	1Mbps	FREE
P1	1Gbps	\$ 45
P2	10Gbps	\$ 95
<b>P-unlimited</b>	<b>Unlimited</b>	<b>\$ 250</b>

# Tips & Tricks

(for peering “safely”)

# MD5

When planning a peer you should consider the use of the MD5 password.

Remote AS:

12345

TCP MD5 Key:

MyMD5key

It's free 😊









# MAC Address

The MAC Address on the interfaces you're using to the IXP should not change: their router doesn't tolerate this action and will close all the connections.

# IPv4 and IPv6

You should use **two separate sessions**:

- One for **IPv4**
- One for **IPv6**

 AMS-IX: Akamai 1 IPv4	AS43942	:	20940
 AMS-IX: Akamai 1 IPv6	AS43942	:	20940
 AMS-IX: Akamai 2 IPv4	AS43942	:	20940
 AMS-IX: Akamai 2 IPv6	AS43942	:	20940
 AMS-IX: Apple 1 IPv4	AS43942	:	714
 AMS-IX: Apple 1 IPv6	AS43942	:	714
 AMS-IX: Apple 2 IPv4	AS43942	:	714
 AMS-IX: Apple 2 IPv6	AS43942	:	714



# Filtering

Use the filters for:

- Avoid to announce private addresses;
- Avoid to receive private addresses;
- Avoid to receive your own addresses;
- Avoid to be used as a “transit”
- Manipulate upload and download preferences

# “Shit Happen” (1)

Subject [REDACTED] Networks AS [REDACTED] default route

To tech-l@ams-ix.net <tech-l@ams-ix.net>★

21/09/15 13:44

Dear AMS-IX peers,

Currently I notice in my monitoring that AS [REDACTED] is advertising a default route originated by [REDACTED] to its peers.

We have this filters so we don't have an issue but just to inform the others that they might have an issue if they accept the route.

```
*> 0.0.0.0/0      80.249.[REDACTED] 90 0 [REDACTED] i
```

I also notified them directly.

Best regards,

# Filtering

Use the filters for:

- Avoid to receive the default route;

# Neighbor Discovery Protocol

**Disable** the MikroTik Neighbor Discovery protocol (MNDP) on the interfaces you're using verso the IXP: their router doesn't tolerate such broadcast traffic, they will treat you like a threat.

# BGP Community

The BGP Community will let you manage “things” of your peering partner without calling him. You can manage these “things” yourself.

And they’re very useful in the real life.



# BGP Community

You can know the available BGP Community settings from your peer, or querying public DB like RIPE or anothers.

For example let's have a look at Cogent, AS174 . Just for illustration purpose!

# AS174 Community

<b>BGP Community String</b>	<b>Local Pref</b>	<b>Effect</b>
174:10	10	Set customer route local preference to 10 (below everything-least preferred)
174:70	70	Set customer route local preference to 70 (below peers)
174:120	120	Set customer route local preference to 120 (below customer default)
174:125	125	Set customer route local preference to 125 (below customer default)
174:135	135	Set customer route local preference to 135 (above customer default)
174:140	140	Set customer route local preference to 140 (above customer default)



# AS174 Community

BGP Community String	Effect
174:970	Do <u>not send</u> route to NA ( <u>North America</u> ) - not accepted in NA
174:971	Do not send route to NA peers.
174:975	Set local preference to 10 in NA.
174:980	Do not send route to EU (Europe) - not accepted in EU
174:981	Do not send route to EU peers.
174:985	Set local preference to 10 in EU.
174:990	Do not send route to BGP customers, or peers.
174:991	Do not send route to peers.



# AS174 Community

BGP Community String	Effect
174:3000	Do not <u>announce</u> .
174:3001	Prepend 174 1 time.
174:3002	Prepend 174 2 times.
174:3003	Prepend 174 3 times

BGP Community String	Description
174:21000	Route is learned from NA (North America) non-customer.
174:21001	Route is NA internal or customer route.
174:21100	Route is learned from EU (Europe) non-customer.
174:21101	Route is a EU internal or customer route.



# Prefix limit

For every peer should be a very good idea to set up a prefix limit. It should be limit the damage from receiving too many routes, i.e. in case of some “leaks”.

When according for a peer this information should be exchanged!



# Prefix limit

General **Advanced** Status

Name:

Instance:  ▾

Remote Address:

Remote Port:  ▾

Remote AS:

TCP MD5 Key:  ▾

Nexthop Choice:  ▾

Multihop

Route Reflect

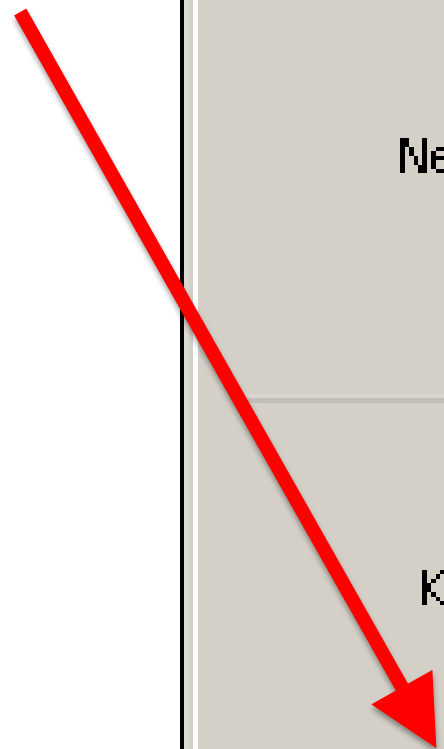
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Hold Time:  ▾ s

Keepalive Time:  ▾

TTL:  ▾

**Max Prefix Limit:  ▴**



Max Prefix Limit: 66000

# Peer Status

Check the uptime, the prefix count (maybe you'll update the "prefix limit"), and the updates that happened.

General	Advanced	Status
Remote ID:		
Local Address:		
Uptime:	7d 05:52:51	
Prefix Count:	59761	
Updates Sent:	3	
Updates Received:	185 650	
Withdrawn Sent:		
Withdrawn Received:	90 983	
Remote Hold Time:	180 s	
Used Hold Time:	180 s	
Used Keepalive Time:	60 s	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Refresh Capability
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AS4 Capability

# “Shit Happen” (2)

**Subject: ASXXXXX - IPv4 bogon prefixes leak**

Hi AMS-IX peers,

I would like to apologise because between 12:11PM and 12:13PM (London time) we accidentally leaked about 3k IPv4 bogon prefixes.

That was caused by a human mistake and it was immediately corrected.

We took necessary actions to make sure it will not happen again in the future.

If you peer with us at AMS-IX could you please reset the peering session(s), if it is still down:

ASN: XXXXX

IP: XX.XX.XX.XX

Please accept our apology for problems the issue may caused.

# Team Cymru

If you don't know them:

A no-profit organization that provide you a free BGP peer, feeding you the daily updated bogons prefixes.

So you can filter them!

<http://www.team-cymru.org>

# Winbox

Do you want to check your routing table using Winbox on your BGP router?





# Winbox

Route List

Routes Nexthops Rules VRF

+ - ✓ ✗ 📁 🎯

Find all

Dst. Address in

+ - Filter

Dst. Address	Gateway	Distance	Routing Mark	Pref. Source
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0 items

There are too many routes to show them all.  
Please specify more specific Dst. Address filter.  
[Or click here to see them all.](#)

Don't click here!!!



# Winbox

You're surely don't want your router will upload to your winbox client all the "thousand of thousands" routes.

The CLI (Command Line Interface) will do the task better!

# Winbox

```
ip route print count-only
```

```
routing bgp advertisements print <peer_name>
```

```
ip route print detail where <ip_addresses> in  
dst-address and bgp
```

```
ip route print where received-  
from=<peer_name>
```

**[admin@BGP] > ip route print detail where 90.189.192.1 in dst-address and bgp**

Flags: X - disabled, A - active, D - dynamic,

C - connect, S - static, r - rip, b - bgp, o - ospf, m - mme,

B - blackhole, U - unreachable, P - prohibit

- 0 ADb dst-address=90.189.128.0/17 gateway=xxx.yyy.zzz.kkk  
gateway-status=xxx.yyy.zzz.kkk reachable via ether5 distance=20  
scope=40 target-scope=10 bgp-as-path="8928,12389,41440" bgp-med=10  
bgp-communities=8928:10403,8928:10901,8928:10902,  
8928:11003,8928:65103,8928:65152,8928:65193,8928:65194,  
41440:1501  
received-from=Peer1
  
- 1 Db dst-address=90.189.128.0/17 gateway=xxx.yyy.zzz.kkk  
gateway-status=xxx.yyy.zzz.kkk reachable via ether1 distance=20  
scope=40 target-scope=10 bgp-as-path="28716,1299,12389,41440"  
received-from=Peer2
  
- 2 ADb dst-address=90.189.192.0/23 gateway=xxx.yyy.zzz.kkk  
gateway-status=xxx.yyy.zzz.kkk reachable via ether5 distance=20  
scope=40 target-scope=10 bgp-as-path="8928,12389" bgp-med=10  
bgp-communities=8928:10403,8928:10901,8928:10902,  
8928:11003,8928:65103,8928:65152,8928:65193,8928:65194  
received-from=Peer1
  
- 3 Db dst-address=90.189.192.0/23 gateway=xxx.yyy.zzz.kkk  
gateway-status=xxx.yyy.zzz.kkk reachable via ether3 distance=20  
scope=40 target-scope=10 bgp-as-path="6939,12389" bgp-med=1  
received-from=Peer3
  
- 4 Db dst-address=90.189.192.0/23 gateway=xxx.yyy.zzz.kkk  
gateway-status=xxx.yyy.zzz.kkk reachable via ether1 distance=20  
scope=40 target-scope=10 bgp-as-path="28716,6939,12389"  
received-from=Peer2



# Additional BGP lectures

**My NetFlow presentation:**

MUM Ljubljana 2016

NetFlow: what happens in your network?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEHNxH5Xk3c>

[http://mum.mikrotik.com/presentations/EU16/presentation\\_3049\\_1456752471.pdf](http://mum.mikrotik.com/presentations/EU16/presentation_3049_1456752471.pdf)



# Additional BGP lectures

**DDoS attacks detection and mitigation**

MUM Ljubljana 2016

by my friend and colleague Wardner Maia

[http://mum.mikrotik.com/presentations/EU16/presentation\\_2960\\_1456752556.pdf](http://mum.mikrotik.com/presentations/EU16/presentation_2960_1456752556.pdf)

# Additional BGP lectures

## DDoS Mitigation Playbook

MUM Dallas 2016

by my friend and colleague Tom Smyth



# Additional BGP lectures

## Advanced BGP Filtering with RouterOS

MUM Zagreb 2013

by my friend and colleague Wardner Maia

<http://mum.mikrotik.com/presentations/HR13/maia.pdf>

# What we need more?

Hoping to find some news in ROS 7.XX:

- RPKI implementation;
- A “real” DB for the query into the routes
- 32bit community support

# Wrap up

- ✓ **Use RouterOS for BGP, it's working very well.**
- ✓ **Improve your BGP knowledge.**
- ✓ **And quoting my friend Tom Smith:  
*“Buy bigger routers, bitches!”***





# Thank you!

## Q & A

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