Getting the Most from Number Resources



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Which Resources are we talking about?

- Internet resources
 - IPv4 Addresses
 - IPv6 Addresses
 - ASN (Autonomous System Numbers)



Two important definitions

AS

(Autonomous system)

An autonomous system (AS) is a collection of connected Internet Protocol (IP) routing prefixes

ASN

(Autonomous system numnber)

 Every AS is given a specific number which is called ASN, it identifies in a unique way his IP prefixes within the Internet ecosystem



Private resources vs public resources

RFC 1918

Address Allocation for Private Internets

 (in the next slides we explain further)

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RFC 1930

Guidelines for creation, selection, and registration

of an Autonomous System (AS)

Section 10: "Reserved AS

Numbers"



Private resources vs public resources

RFC 1918 (Feb 1996) titled:

"Address Allocation for Private Internets"

.... But the concept is even older [1] RFC 1597 (Marzo 1994)...

[1] the origin, not the allocation



Out of Curiosity: Why those addresses?

- 10.0.0/8: Used by ARPANET that was shutdown during that time. Mr Jon Postel considered good idea to use this very same block
- 172.16.0.0/12: lowest space available in the Class B space
- 192.168.0.0/16: lowest space available in the Class C space



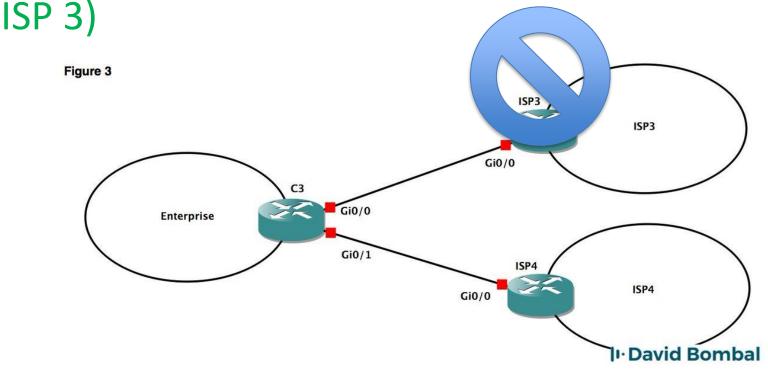
Maybe you are aware of this but as a reminder

 All resources assigned by RIRs (such as ARIN & LACNIC) are usable in Internet (public/global)



Importance of numbering capacity in operators (1/5)

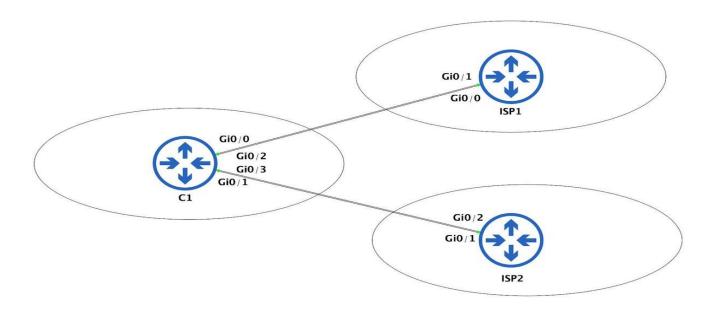
You can "easily" change your upstream
 provider (such as: I do not want to use anymore





Importance of numbering capacity in operators (2/5)

 Having your own resources is the optimal way for doing multi-homing

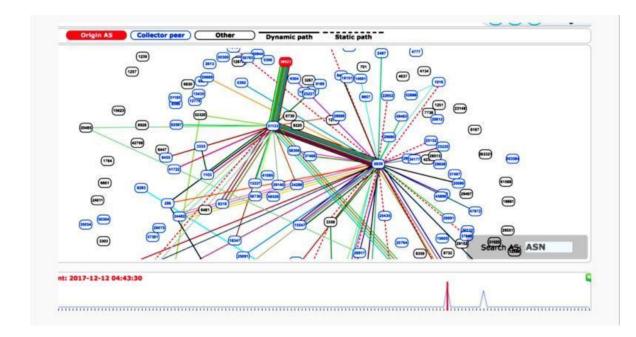




Importance of numbering capacity in operators (3/5)

Your organization will appear in the Internet

ecosystem





Importance of numbering capacity in operators (4/5)

 When CDNs measure traffic they measure bytes by Autonomous System Number (ASN).





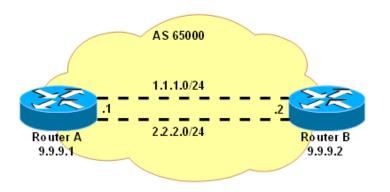
Importance of numbering capacity in operators (5/5)

 Please note that LACNIC has a policy for "critical infrastructure" such as ccTLDs and IXPs) [1]

IPv4 Addresses Reserved for Critical Infrastructure

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 If you need to connect to other organizations the most convenient way is by having your own resources





Thanks!



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