

Email with Speedtest

From Cottrell to OOKla11/28/07

I am interested in comparing Speedtest results with other performance measures such as PingER (<http://www-iepm.slac.stanford.edu/pinger/>), international bandwidth/country, ITU Digital opportunity Index etc. As far as I can ascertain however, it is not possible to get results for all countries for which you have measurements, you only display the top 10. This is unlike <http://www.zdnet.com.au/broadband/results.htm?show=all> (which looks like a derivative of your application) that shows all countries for which there are measurements. I have made a preliminary comparison of ZDnet's results with those of PingER and they look encouraging (see <https://confluence.slac.stanford.edu/display/IEPM/ZDnet+Australia%27s+Speedtest>). I was wondering if it is possible to access the data for all the countries in the speedtest results.

From Ookla to Cottrell 11/30/07

Hi Les,

First let me make clear that the test you site at ZDNet Australian is *not* an Ookla testing engine. You may also want to note the download image file they are using for testing can be compressed by about 1/3 -- for proper testing it should be uncompressable.

In your article you refer to us as "speedtest.com" but the actual URL is "speedtest.net"!

The Ookla speed test engine is used by hundreds of companies worldwide together doing well over 15 Million tests per month. We're confident our data is not only the most comprehensive but also the most accurate.

We can provide you aggregate data by country as long as you agree not to republish, distribute or profit from the information. Let me know!

Mike

From Cottrell to Ookla 11/30/07

Hi Mike, thanks for taking the time to respond and clarify things. Good point about compressability. I have ammended the web page to give the right URL (net vs com) Your aggregate data of performance vs country would be most useful to analyze and compare with other metrics (PingER, ITU development indices, International bandwidth, that may be related to performance. This is all academic work, no for profit stuff (we are part of Stanford university). I would want to publish the analysis (scatter plots and correlation information), probably in a web page (similar to the web page now at though I would probably start a new one for Ookla) and possibly in a presentation. In any case I would cite Ookla so you get publicity/credit to a small audience. Since it would be public you could also link to it if you feel it warrants that. You could also contribute to the web page and be a joint author, or at least cited. It is unclear whether the analysis would merit a publication. The "raw" aggregate data of performance vs country will go in an Excel spread sheet which normally I might share with a couple of other analysts at other sites (e.g. the ITU), but given your concerns I would not share unless you give me permission. Given the above I would love to get aggregate data by country. Thanks for your time."><https://confluence.slac.stanford.edu/display/IEPM/ZDnet+Australia%27s+Speedtest> though I would probably start a new one for Ookla) and possibly in a presentation. In any case I would cite Ookla so you get publicity/credit to a small audience. Since it would be public you could also link to it if you feel it warrants that. You could also contribute to the web page and be a joint author, or at least cited. It is unclear whether the analysis would merit a publication. The "raw" aggregate data of performance vs country will go in an Excel spread sheet which normally I might share with a couple of other analysts at other sites (e.g. the ITU), but given your concerns I would not share unless you give me permission. Given the above I would love to get aggregate data by country. Thanks for your time.