

TULIP comparison of geolocation with database based approaches

Introduction

We are providing some examples of where database methods get the location of a host incorrect. Reasons for this are multiple, including

- The database uses the Top Level Domain to identify the country. However some countries such as Tuvalu (.tv) and Djibouti (.dj short for music Disk Jockey) market their TLDs
- To improve performance, especially for regions with poor connectivity, there may be a proxy in another country.
- To improve performance for very popular sites they often have hosts with the same name distributed across the world.
- Internet routers are often identified as located at the corporate headquarters. This can lead to invalid visual traceroutes, see for example the [VTrace gallery](#)
- A host may move as the owning company moves from one site to another.
- As IPv4 addresses run out some companies are registering their IP addresses in regions/countries that still have IPv4 address space. The adoption of foreign IP addresses gives some breathing room, but there are also drawbacks. It will become more difficult to use geolocation services that rely on IP addresses. Geolocation and ad revenue are such a powerful driving forces that they may help speed up the implementation of IPv6, Eriksson said. See http://www.networkworld.com/article/2363543/ipv6/need-to-move-to-ipv6-highlighted-as-microsoft-runs-out-of-us-address-space.html?source=NWWNL_nlt_daily_pm_2014-06-13#tk.rss_all

Incorrect result I

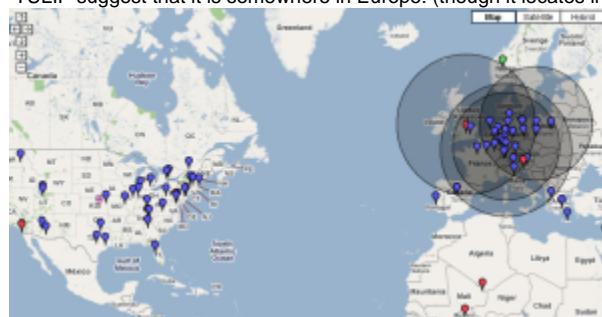
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traceroute to 193.220.46.70 (193.220.46.70), 30 hops max, 38 byte packets
 1 rtr-servcore1-nethub (134.79.19.4)  0.648 ms  0.228 ms  0.472 ms
 2 rtr-core2-p2p-servcore1 (134.79.252.162)  0.342 ms  0.256 ms  0.271 ms
 3 rtr-border1-p2p-core2 (134.79.252.137)  0.497 ms  0.926 ms  0.301 ms
 4 192.68.191.245 (192.68.191.245)  0.562 ms  0.363 ms  0.481 ms
 5 sunnsdn2-slacmr1.es.net (134.55.217.2)  0.619 ms  0.714 ms  0.748 ms
 6 sunncr1-sunnsdn2.es.net (134.55.209.98)  1.023 ms  0.788 ms  0.931 ms
    MPLS Label=136016 CoS=0 TTL=1 S=1
 7 paixpart2-sunncr1.es.net (134.55.218.133)  1.432 ms  1.409 ms  1.292 ms
 8 unknown.Level3.net (209.245.146.145)  1.166 ms  1.217 ms  1.075 ms
 9 so-2-1-0.bbbr1.SanJose1.Level3.net (4.68.114.153)  3.574 ms  3.049 ms  3.790 ms
10 ae-1-0.bbbr2.Dusseldorf1.Level3.net (212.187.128.21)  165.467 ms  165.667 ms  165.440 ms
11 so-3-0-0.mp1.Berlin1.Level3.net (4.68.128.42)  176.505 ms  224.081 ms  177.365 ms
12 ae-31-53.ebri.Berlin1.Level3.net (4.68.108.94)  177.440 ms  190.223 ms  180.747 ms
13 ae-2-7.bar1.Stockholm1.Level3.net (4.69.140.201)  194.848 ms  194.563 ms  194.597 ms
14 VIZADA-NETW.bar1.Stockholm1.Level3.net (213.242.69.34)  203.616 ms  203.061 ms  203.522 ms
15 NO-NIT-TN-6.taide.net (193.219.193.136)  204.151 ms  204.134 ms  204.159 ms
16 193.220.46.65 (193.220.46.65)  740.045 ms  738.744 ms  739.817 ms
17 193.220.46.78 (193.220.46.78)  739.863 ms  739.441 ms  739.970 ms
18 193.220.46.70 (193.220.46.70)  741.354 ms  738.494 ms  739.066 ms
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With reference to the traceroute above the node so-3-0-0.mp1.Berlin1.Level3.net (4.68.128.42) is in Germany, Europe considering the Round Trip Times (RTT) from the following monitoring nodes:

From	RTT
Stuttgart, Germany	14 ms
Karlsruhe, Germany	20 ms

However, Geoip tool suggests that the node is in [US, Kansas](#). IP2Location suggests that its in [Washington, DC](#).

TULIP suggest that it is somewhere in Europe: (though it locates in Norway my hunch is that its somewhere closer to the intersection of the 4 circles)



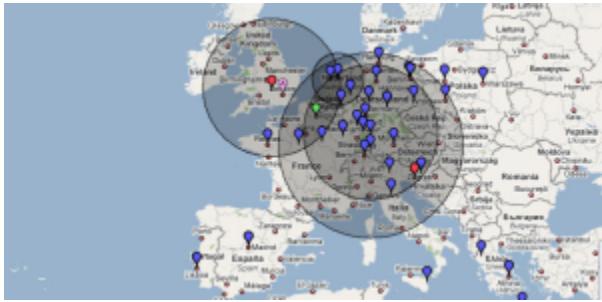
Incorrect result II

Similarly the node ae-1-0.bbr2.Dusseldorf1.Level3.net (212.187.128.21) is in Germany considering the following RTTs:

From	RTT
Karlsruhe, Germany	8 ms
Stuttgart, Germany	13 ms
Zurich, Switzerland	13 ms
Warrington, UK	13 ms
London, UK	14 ms

Where as IP2Location suggests that its in [UK](#) and so does [GeoipTool](#).

TULIP suggests that the router is in Netherlands which seems to more accurate:



Here are the RTTs from TULIP: (Netherlands RTT 3ms)

Incorrect Result III

dsas3.ctio.noao.edu (139.229.17.44) is in La Serena Chile. GeoTool indicates it is in Tucson near the university. There are other hosts with the same domain name such as dsan3.ctio.noao.edu that are located in Tuscon. Unfortunately these hosts do not respond to pings. The traceroute indicates that the host is a long way away (> 300ms) from SLAC and probably in S. America (ampath is the connection point in Florida to S. America):

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37cottrell@pinger:~>traceroute dsas3.ctio.noao.edu 140
traceroute to dsas3.ctio.noao.edu (139.229.17.44), 30 hops max, 140 byte packets
 1 rtr-iepm-test (134.79.243.1)  0.326 ms  0.252 ms  0.244 ms
 2 rtr-core1-p2p-iepm (134.79.252.5)  0.287 ms  0.232 ms  0.219 ms
 3 rtr-core1-p2p-core1old (134.79.252.182)  0.321 ms  0.274 ms  0.268 ms
 4 rtr-border1-p2p-core1 (134.79.252.133)  0.428 ms  0.324 ms  0.312 ms
 5 slac-mr2-p2p-rtr-border1 (192.68.191.245)  0.260 ms  0.228 ms  0.224 ms
 6 sunnsdn2-ip-slacmr2.es.net (134.55.217.2)  0.874 ms  0.862 ms  0.859 ms
    MPLS Label=306784 CoS=6 TTL=1 S=0
 7 sunncr1-sunnsdn2.es.net (134.55.209.98)  0.960 ms  0.932 ms  0.937 ms
    MPLS Label=326496 CoS=6 TTL=1 S=0
 8 denvcrl-sunncr1.es.net (134.55.220.49)  27.943 ms  27.934 ms  56.111 ms
    MPLS Label=306272 CoS=6 TTL=1 S=0
 9 kanscr1-ip-denvcrl.es.net (134.55.209.46)  41.012 ms  41.024 ms  40.991 ms
    MPLS Label=307728 CoS=6 TTL=1 S=0
10 chiccrl-ip-kanscr1.es.net (134.55.221.58)  51.640 ms  51.666 ms  51.631 ms
    MPLS Label=337056 CoS=6 TTL=1 S=0
11 clevcrl-ip-chiccrl.es.net (134.55.217.53)  60.633 ms  60.601 ms  60.610 ms
    MPLS Label=301856 CoS=6 TTL=1 S=0
12 washcrl-ip-clevcrl.es.net (134.55.222.58)  68.134 ms  68.175 ms  68.105 ms
13 ampath-max.es.net (198.124.194.6)  88.318 ms  88.364 ms  88.375 ms
14 aura.ampath.net (198.32.252.218)  325.346 ms  325.963 ms  325.492 ms
15 139.229.127.249 (139.229.127.249)  326.392 ms  326.598 ms  326.655 ms
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Incorrect result IV

Traceroute from SLAC to DESY (mms1.desy.de) using mtr.

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46cottrell@pinger:~>sudo mtr -r -c 100 mms1.desy.de
HOST          LOSS   RCVD SENT      BEST      AVG      WORST
rtr-servcore1-serv01-iepm.slac.stanford.edu  0%   100  100     0.32     0.67     1.41
rtr-core1-p2p-servcore1.slac.stanford.edu    0%   100  100     0.31     0.61     1.14
rtr-border1-p2p-core1.slac.stanford.edu      0%   100  100     0.42     3.66     89.68
slac-mr2-p2p-rtr-border1.slac.stanford.edu   0%   100  100     0.29     3.46     43.24
sunnsdn2-ip-slacmr2.es.net                   0%   100  100     0.69     4.28     63.48
sunncr1-sunnsdn2.es.net                      0%   100  100     0.76     0.98     1.50
elpacr1-ip-sunncr1.es.net                   0%   100  100     25.57    28.03    51.02
houscr1-ip-elpacr1.es.net                   0%   100  100     40.47    41.79    71.40
atlacr1-ip-houscr1.es.net                   0%   100  100     63.91    64.12    64.51
washcrl-atlacr1.es.net                     0%   100  100     77.41    78.02    111.31
esnet-wash.rt1.fra.de.geant2.net            0%   100  100    170.44   170.87   187.50
???                                         100%  0    100     0.00     0.00     0.00
zr-pot1-te0-0-0-4.x-win.dfn.de             0%   100  100    184.23   184.76   194.12
xr-tub1-vlan500.x-win.dfn.de              0%   100  100    185.11   187.46   243.94
xr-des1-te1-1.x-win.dfn.de                0%   100  100    189.55   191.71   272.54
kr-desy.x-win.dfn.de                     0%   100  100    190.41   196.04   509.16
???                                         100%  0    100     0.00     0.00     0.00
rt-198-5.desy.de                         1%    99   100    189.81   190.66   215.42
mms1.desy.de                            1%    99   100    189.52   194.19   218.15

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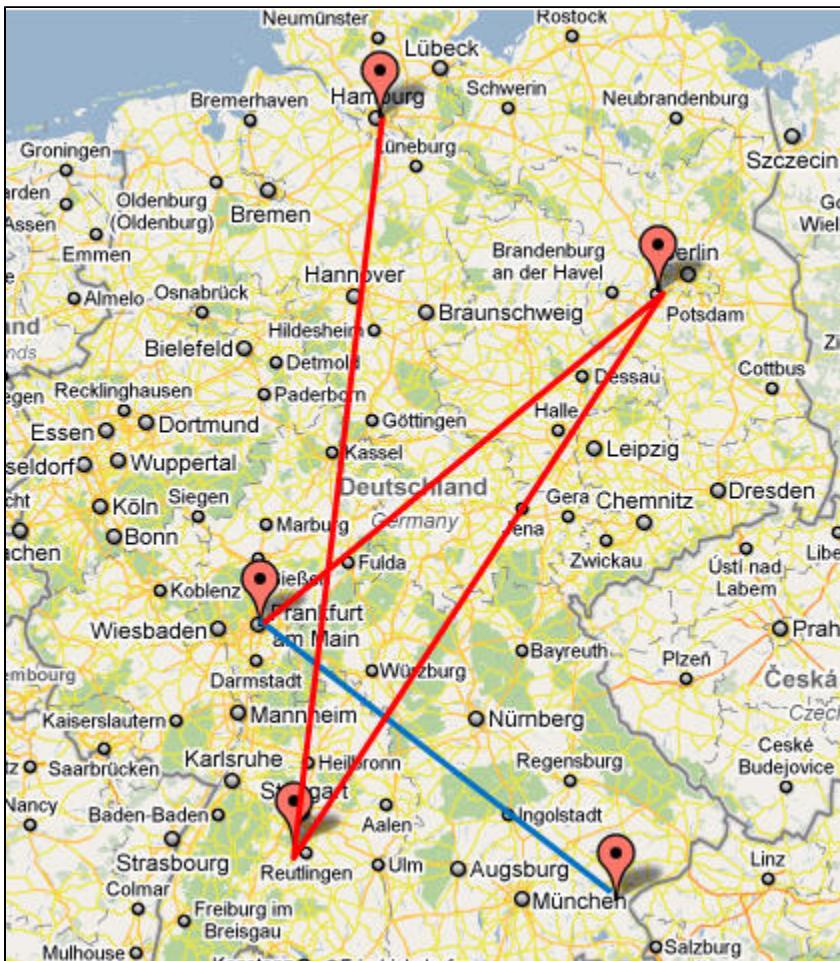
The traceroute is as expected till Washington to Frankfurt (esnet-wash.rt1.fra.de.geant2.net). There's an increase of approx. 100ms since it crosses the Atlantic. The actual path within Germany is Frankfurt, Potsdam, Tubingen, Hamburg. Therefore Frankfurt to Potsdam is as expected. However things become strange at this point. From Potsdam (zr-pot1-te0-0-0-4.x-win.dfn.de) to Tubingen (xr-tub1-vlan500.x-win.dfn.de) it takes under 3ms on average. This seems highly unlikely since Potsdam is way up north of Germany and is about 650km away from Tubingen.

Moreover the traceroute shows that a packet takes more of a circuitous route to DESY (near Hamburg) from Frankfurt. We found more details on the route by looking at the [WIN.DFN OWAMP map](#) which shows which nodes are connected to which. The following table summarizes this indirect route.

From	To	Direction	Approx. Distance in km	Approx. Average RTT in ms	GeoTool	GeoIPTool	IPLocationTools
Frankfurt (esnet-wash.rt1.fra.de.geant2.net)	Potsdam (zr-pot1-te0-0-0-4.x-win.dfn.de)	Potsdam is near Berlin NE of Frankfurt	525km	14ms	30km SE Bonn, 50.55N, 7.4E	30km SE Bonn, 50.55N, 7.4E	Berlin, 52.31N, 13.24E

Potsdam (zr-pot1-te0-0-0-4.x-win.dfn.de)	Tubingen (xr-tub1-vlan500.x-win.dfn.de)	Tubingen is SW of Potsdam	650km	?3ms	30km SE Bonn, 50.55N, 7.4E	30km SE Bonn, 50.55N, 7.4E	Jena, 50.55N, 11.34 E
Tubingen (xr-tub1-vlan500.x-win.dfn.de)	Hamburg (xr-des1-te1-1.x-win.dfn.de)	Hamburg is N of Tubingen	727km	4ms	30km SE Bonn, 50.55N, 7.4E	30km SE Bonn, 50.55N, 7.4E	Jena, 50.55N, 11.34 E
Hamburg (xr-des1-te1-1.x-win.dfn.de)	Bremen (kr-desy.x-win.dfn.de)	Bremen is SW of Hamburg	124km	5ms	30km SE Bonn, 50.55N, 7.4E	30km SE Bonn, 50.55N, 7.4E	Berlin, 52.31N, 13.24 E
Bremen (kr-desy.x-win.dfn.de)	DESY, Hamburg (rt-198-5.desy.de)	DESY, Hamburg is NE of Bremen	118km	1ms	Hamburg, 53.7333 N, 9.9E	Hamburg, 53.55N, 10E	Hamburg, 53.32N, 10E
DESY, Hamburg (rt-198-5.desy.de)	DESY (mms1.desy.de)	DESY is near Hamburg	8km	4ms	Hamburg, 53.55 N, 10E	Hamburg, 53.55 N, 10E	Hamburg, 53.32N, 10E

The map below shows the paths on a map. Note Garsching is located close to Munich, and Tubingen is close to Reutlingen. The route from Frankfurt to DESY is shown in red, and from Frankfurt to Garsching is in blue.



This observation also points out that RTT based geolocation techniques cannot be relied upon in case of such circuitous routes.

Malaysian Hosts

Looking at the Directivity for Malaysian hosts monitored from Malaysian host we see several with Directivity > 1.

Host	RTT	Latency	Directivity	Min Latency	Max Latency	Min RTT	Max RTT	Min Directivity	Max Directivity
192.168.1.1	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.3	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.4	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.5	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.6	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.7	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.8	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.9	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.10	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.11	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.12	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.13	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.14	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.15	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.16	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.17	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.18	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.19	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.20	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.21	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.22	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.23	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.24	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.25	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.26	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.27	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.28	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.29	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.30	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.31	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.32	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.33	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.34	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.35	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.36	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.37	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.38	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.39	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.40	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.41	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.42	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.43	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.44	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.45	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.46	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.47	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.48	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.49	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.50	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.51	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.52	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.53	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.54	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.55	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.56	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.57	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.58	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.59	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.60	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.61	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.62	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.63	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.64	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.65	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.66	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.67	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.68	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.69	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.70	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.71	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.72	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.73	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.74	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.75	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.76	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.77	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.78	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.79	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.80	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.81	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.82	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
192.168.1.83	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0
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Clicking on the ?r for UM to AIU we get the lat-longs of the two sites:

NODENAME: pinger.fsktm.um.edu.my

IPADDRESS: 202.185.107.238

SITENAME: fsktm.um.edu.my

NICKNAME: MY.UM.PINGER

FULLNAME: University of Malaya

LOCATION: Kuala Lumpur

COUNTRY: Malaysia

CONTINENT: S.E. Asia

LATANDLONG: 3.1601 101.6910

NODENAME: www.aiu.edu.my

IPADDRESS: 110.4.45.135

SITENAME: aiu.edu.my

NICKNAME: MY.AIU.EDU.MY

FULLNAME: Albukhary International University

LOCATION: Albukhary International University, Alor Setar, Kedah

COUNTRY: Malaysia

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LATANDLONG: 6.1356 100.3905

Using the Google map tool (with Chrome or Firefox) <http://www-wanmon.slac.stanford.edu/wan-mon/viper/pinger-coverage-gmap.html> we see Alor Setar is in the N. of Malaysia.

Using http://www.distance-calculator.co.uk/world-distances-kuala_lumpur-to-alor_setar.htm we see the distance between KL and is 358.1 km. The limit of maximum distance using the speed of light in fibre gives distance=alpha*min_RTT*100km (with alpha =1) or ~ 120km.

Thus I come to the conclusion that the host www.aiu.edu.my is not in Alor Setar. I will Disable this host in our database.

[www.mib.edu.my](#)

This host is for the Malaysian Institute of Baking. According to the database it is at 3.0997 101.6451. However, www.mib.edu.my is using an external hosting company in Malaysia (Exabytes) and they (Exabytes) seems to have server in two different location, one in Penang and another in KL. Not really sure which server the website is located. We found that the directivity from UM was >2.

[dns.edu.cn](#)

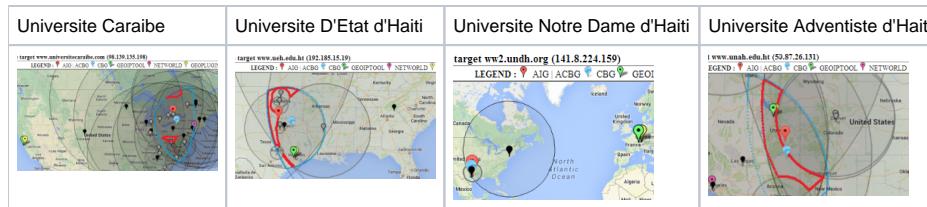
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[Haiti](#)

Trying to find hosts to monitor in Haiti we went to [Wikipedia Education in Hawaii](#). This gave is 4 universities:

- [Université Caraïbe \(CUC\)](#)
- [Université d'Etat d'Haïti \(UEH\)](#)
- [Université Notre Dame d'Haïti \(UNDH\)](#)
- [Université Adventiste d'Haïti \(Haitian Adventist University\)](#)

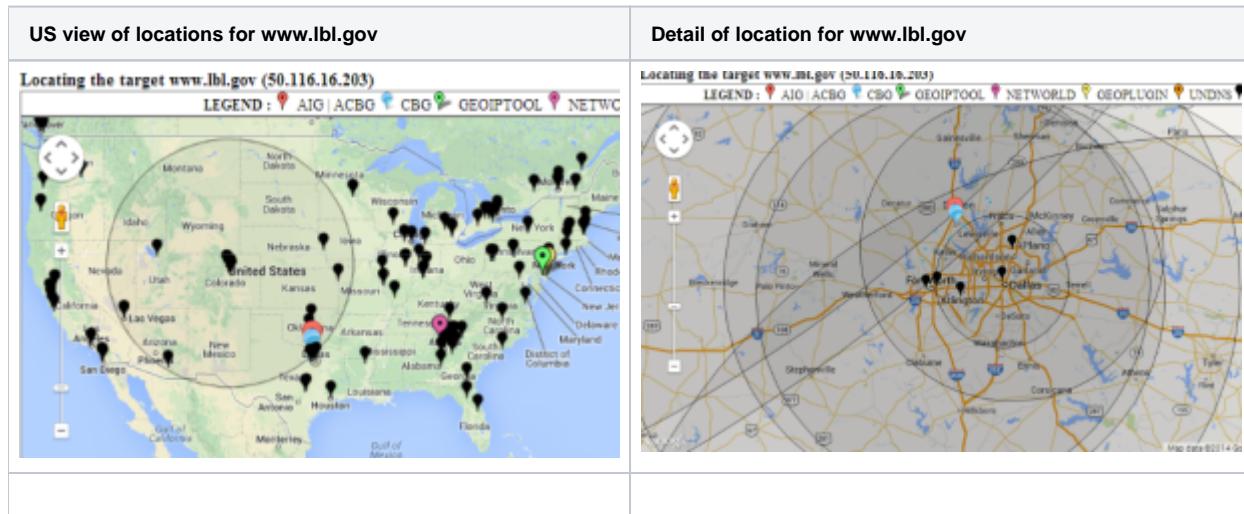
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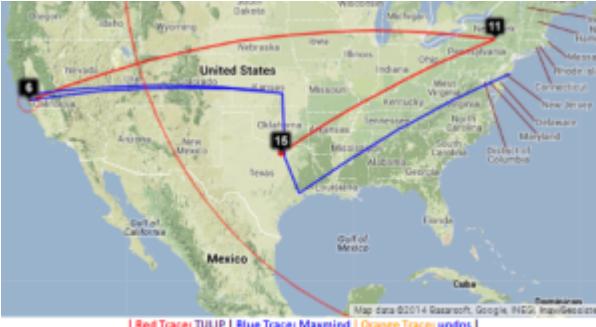
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- Universite Adventiste d'Haiti: both GeoIPTool and TULIP locate the university in Utah. The GeoIPTool location of Salt lake City is probably the more accurate.

[www.lbl.gov](#)

From its name one would expect this web server to be at LBNL in Berkeley California. However TULIP locates it in Dallas.



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10	rrc17.bbn02.aen01.nslab.net	173.191.18.151	A05B95	8.671 ms	Can't geolocate	-																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
11	rrc17.bbn02.aen01.nslab.net	173.191.18.249	A05B96	10.000 ms	42.9778,-71.0454	7945.8 km																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
12	rrc17.bbn02.aen01.nslab.net	173.191.18.249	A05B97	11.851 ms	42.9778,-71.0454	8.8 km																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
13	rrc17.bbn02.aen01.nslab.net	173.191.18.249	A05B98	18.328 ms	42.9778,-71.0454	2133.8 km																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
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1	173.192.18.140	173.192.18.140		0.290 ms	37.4178,-122.3500 (sactra)	0.1 km																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
2	173.192.18.140	173.192.18.140		0.396 ms	37.4178,-122.3500 (sactra)	0.0 km																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
3	sunrise-pc-a-lin01.net	208.128.79.146		2.292 ms	37.1164,-122.0272 (sactra)	65.5 km																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
4	eqip171-pc-a-euno5.sx.net	173.65.20.146		2.351 ms	37.2932,-122.1629 (sactra)	14.8 km																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
5	tel-7-2001.aq21.qsl.net	208.128.116.176		2.327 ms	Can't geolocate	-																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
6	ae7.sns21.aq21.qsl.net	208.128.18.149		2.514 ms	Can't geolocate	-																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
7	ae7.sns21.aq21.qsl.net	208.128.18.161		20.830 ms	Can't geolocate	-																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
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9	ae7.sns21.aq21.qsl.net	208.128.18.162		8.973 ms	42.9778,-71.0454 (sactra)	7945.8 km																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
10	pe01.dnr01.dirx2.networklayer.com	208.128.18.247		54.952 ms	42.9778,-75.8950 (sactra)	0.9 km																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
11	pe01.dnr01.dirx2.networklayer.com	208.128.18.248		54.938 ms	42.9778,-75.8950 (sactra)	0.9 km																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
12	pe02.dnr01.dirx2.networklayer.com	208.128.18.249		54.938 ms	33.3402,-87.2026	2318.8 km																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
13	pe02.dnr01.dirx2.networklayer.com	208.128.18.249		51.937 ms	33.3455,-87.1122 (sactra)	0.4 km																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
14	rocar1-dsl.linode.com	67.16.7.98		56.628 ms	33.3099,-87.0705 (sactra)	6.2 km																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
		I403-203.members.linode.com		52.979 ms	33.3245,-87.5887 (sactra)	6.1 km																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
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