

How the Internet works



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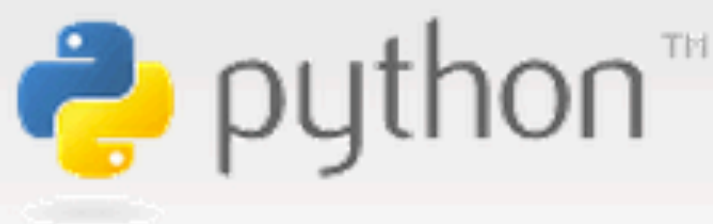
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You type `http://python.org`
into your browser bar and
press Enter. What happens?





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Python Programming Language – Official

Python is a programming language that lets you work more quickly and integrate your systems more effectively. You can learn to use Python and see almost immediate gains in productivity and lower maintenance costs.

Python runs on Windows, Linux/Unix, Mac OS X, and has been ported to the Java and .NET virtual machines.

Python is free to use, even for commercial products, because of its OSI-approved [open source license](#).

New to Python or choosing between

Support the Python

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Python 3 Poll

I wish there was Python

(enter [PyPI package](#))

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AFNIC.fr uses Python



Questions

What is python.org?

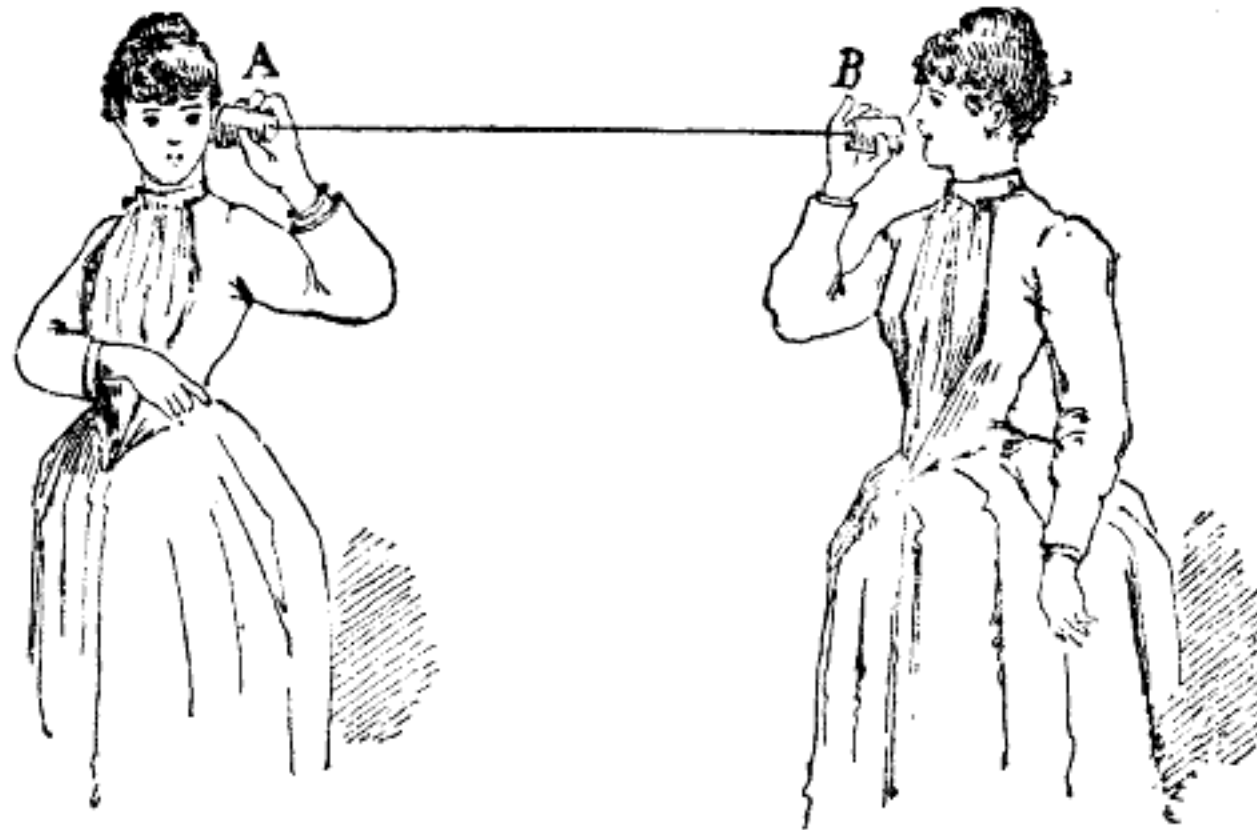
Where is python.org?

How does my computer talk to python.org?

What does my computer say to python.org?

Protocol

A format and rules for
exchanging information



The TCP/IP model (RFC 1122)

Application Layer

BGP · DHCP · DNS · FTP · Gopher ·
GTP · HTTP · IMAP · IRC · NNTP · NTP ·
POP · RIP · RPC · RTCP · RTP · RTSP ·
SDP · SIP · SMTP · SNMP · SOAP ·
SSH · STUN · Telnet · TIME · TLS/SSL ·

Transport Layer

TCP · UDP · DCCP · SCTP · RSVP ·

Internet Layer

IP (IPv4, IPv6) · ICMP · ICMPv6 · IGMP ·

Link Layer

ARP · RARP · NDP · OSPF ·
Tunnels (L2TP) · Media Access
Control (Ethernet, DSL, ISDN, FDDI) ·
Device Drivers

Internet
protocols
are **layered**,
one protocol
per task

What is python.org?

Domain Name Service

(DNS) translates hostnames to
IP addresses

python.org → 82.94.164.162

DNS resolver

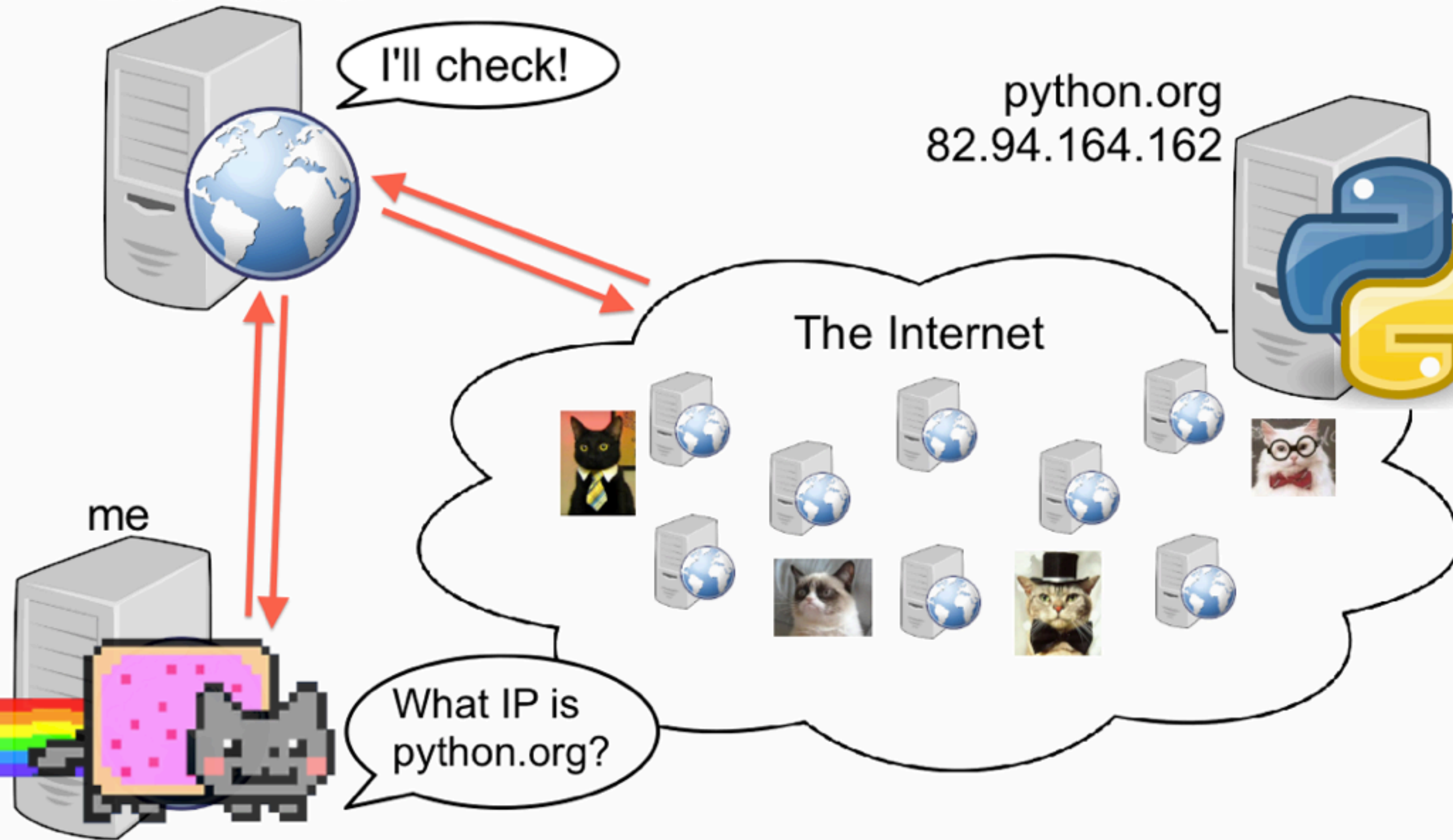
I'll check!

python.org
82.94.164.162

The Internet

me

What IP is
python.org?

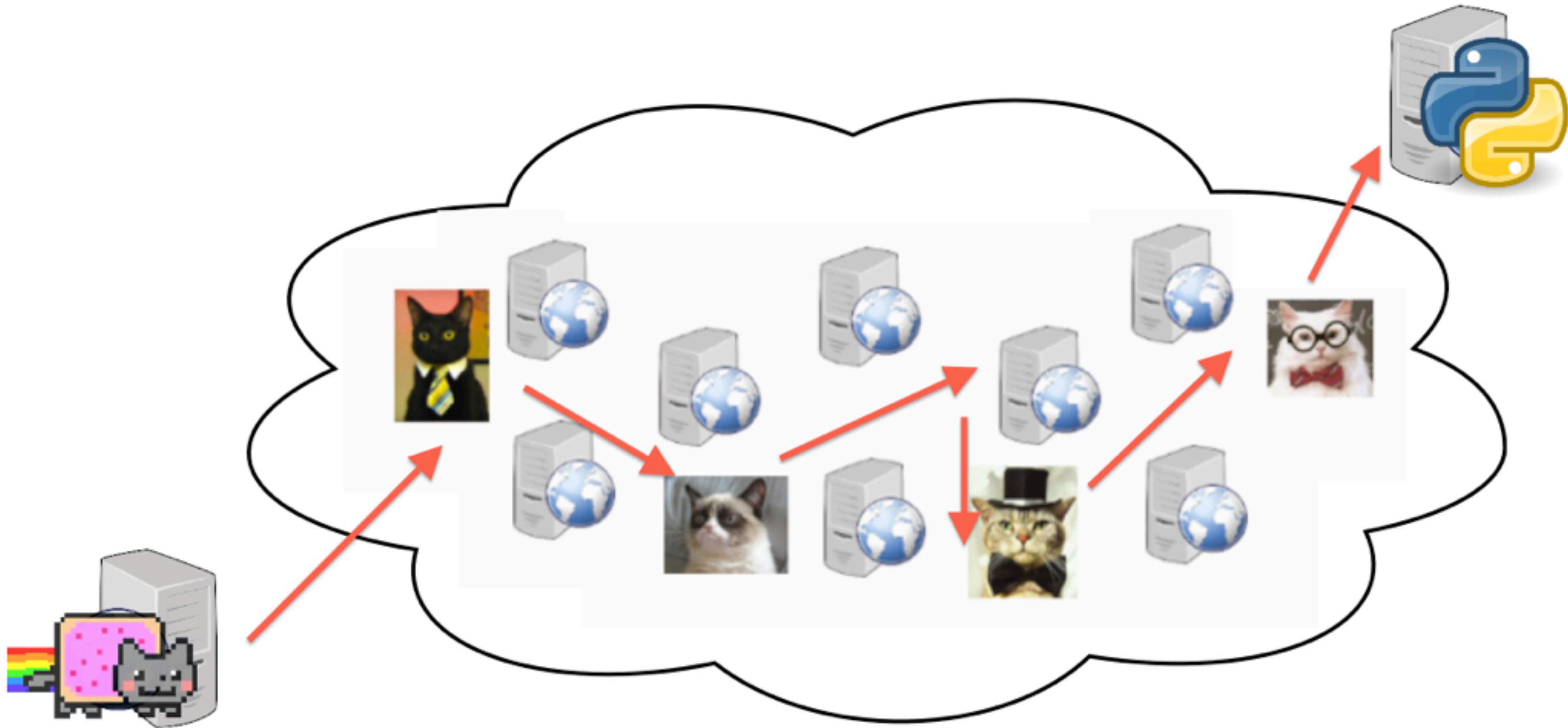


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Internet Protocol (IP)

handles addressing and routing

HTTP
TCP
IP



Your packets of data hop from router to router through the Internet to their destination

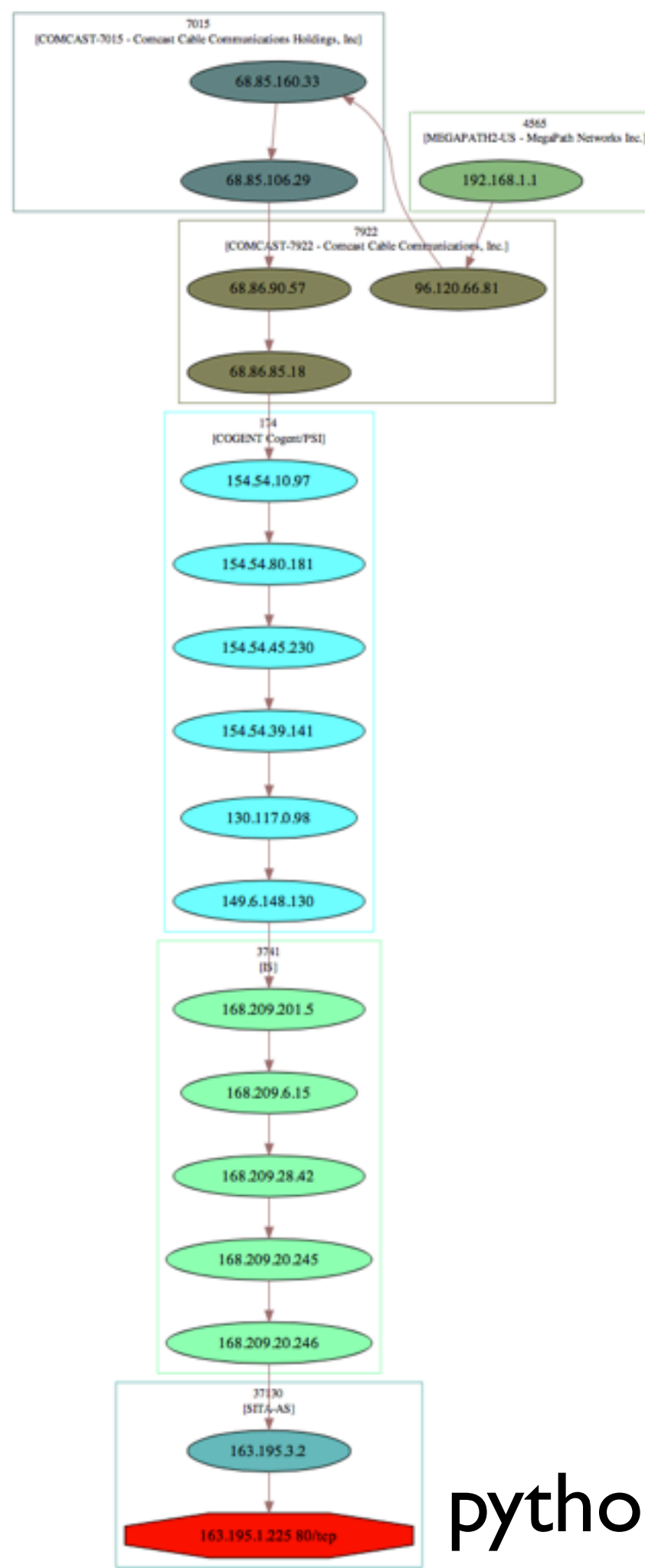
scapy demo!

\$



```
>>> res, _ = traceroute("python.org")
Begin emission:*.*.*.*.*.*.*.*.*.
 82.94.164.162:tcp80
1  192.168.1.1      openwrt.lan 
2  96.120.66.81     96.120.168.1.1
3  68.85.160.37     cambridge.ma.boston.comcast.net
4  68.85.106.29     needham.ma.boston.comcast.net
5  68.86.90.57      newyork.ny.ibone.comcast.net
6  68.86.85.22      11leighthave.ny.ibone.comcast.net
7  75.149.228.126   nyk-s2-rou-1001.us.eurorings.net
8  134.222.226.154  ldn-s2-rou-1101.uk.eurorings.net
9  134.222.231.148  ldn-s1-rou-1021.uk.eurorings.net
10 134.222.231.156  asd2-rou-1022.nl.eurorings.net
11 134.222.229.113  asd2-rou-1044.nl.eurorings.net
12 134.222.97.18    134.222.97.18
13 194.109.5.82     xr4.1d12.xs4all.net
14 194.109.12.34    swcolo2.3d12.xs4all.net
15 82.94.164.162    dinsdale.python.org 

>>> res.graph(target="> traceroute.svg")
```

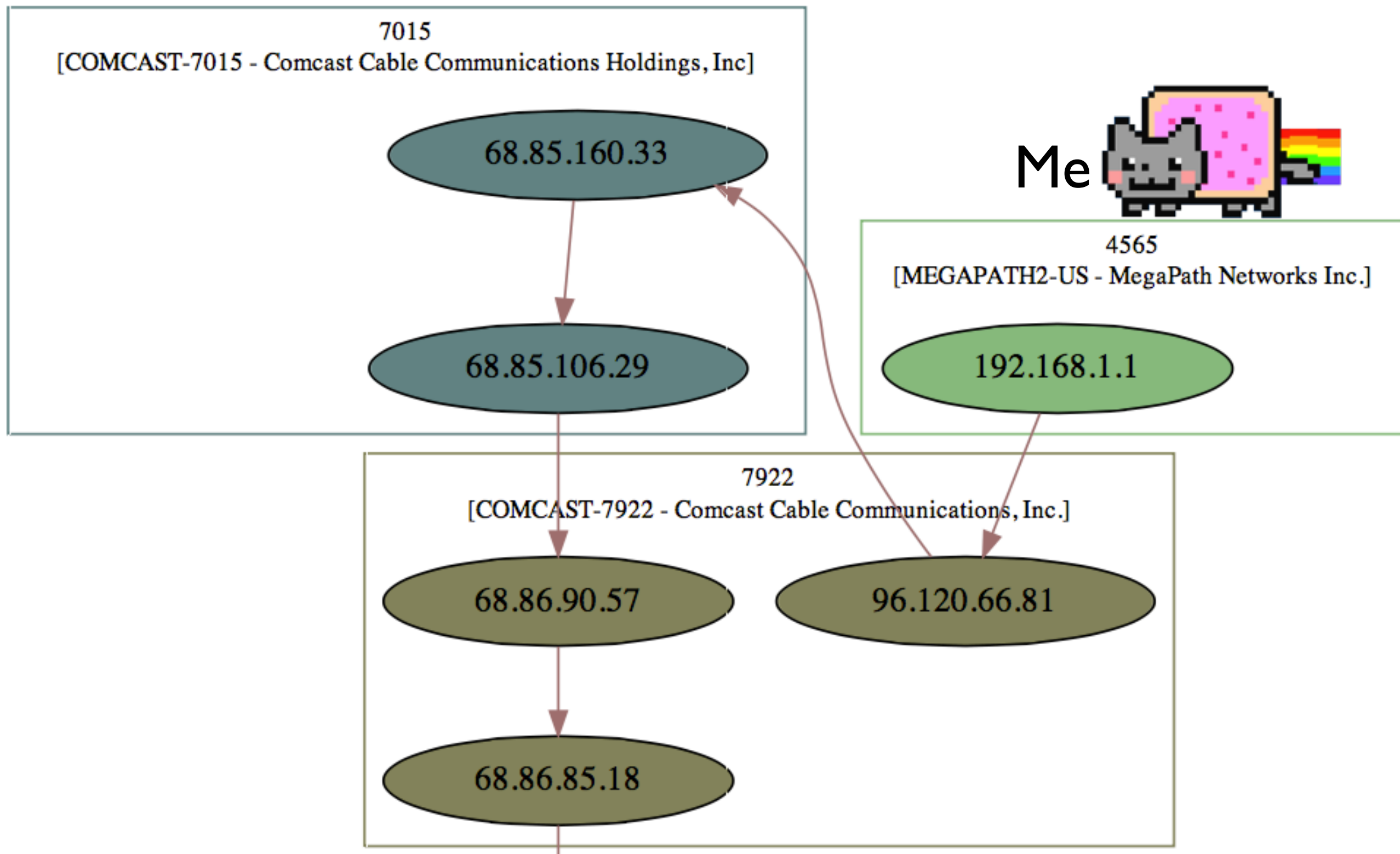


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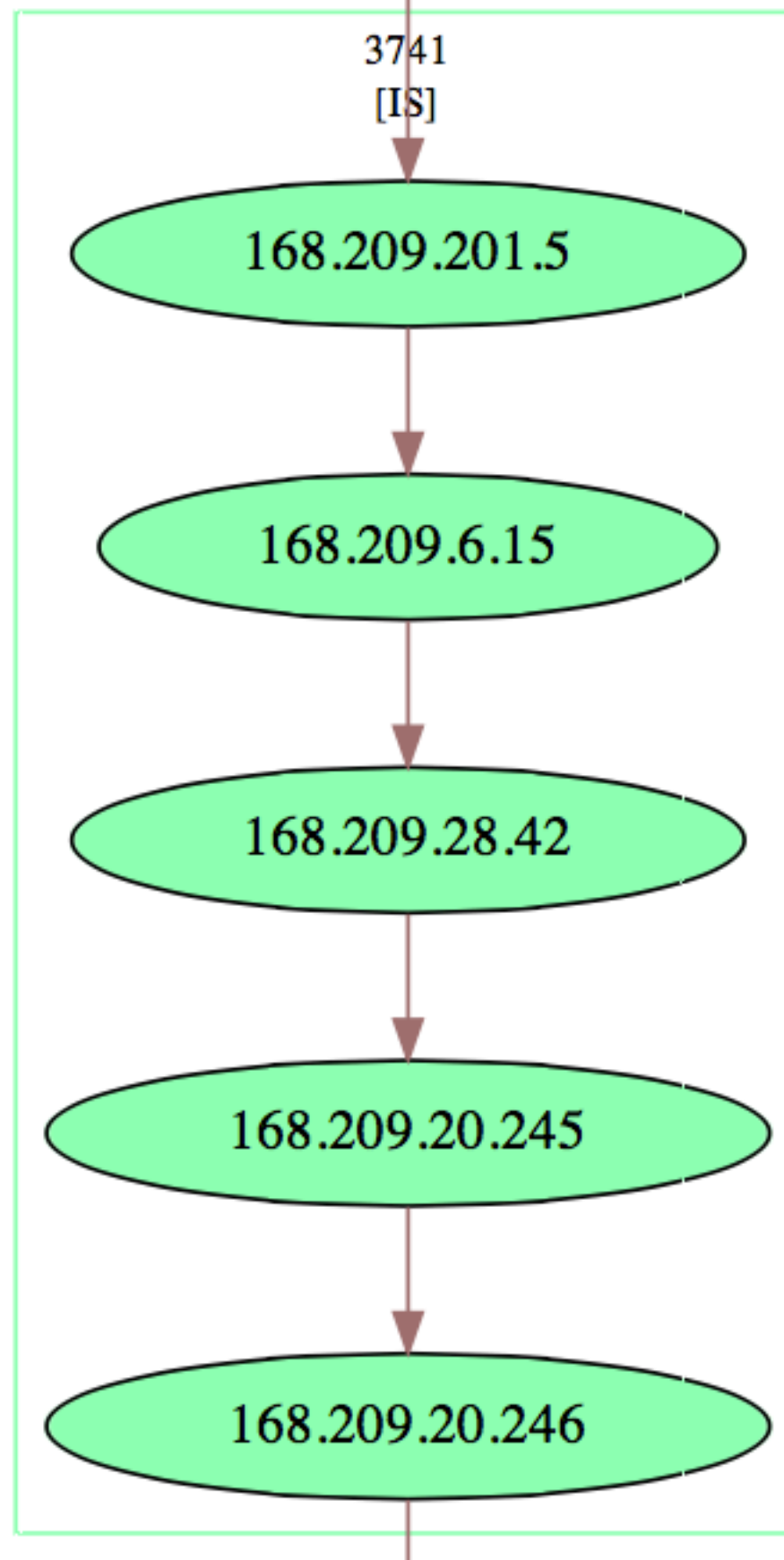
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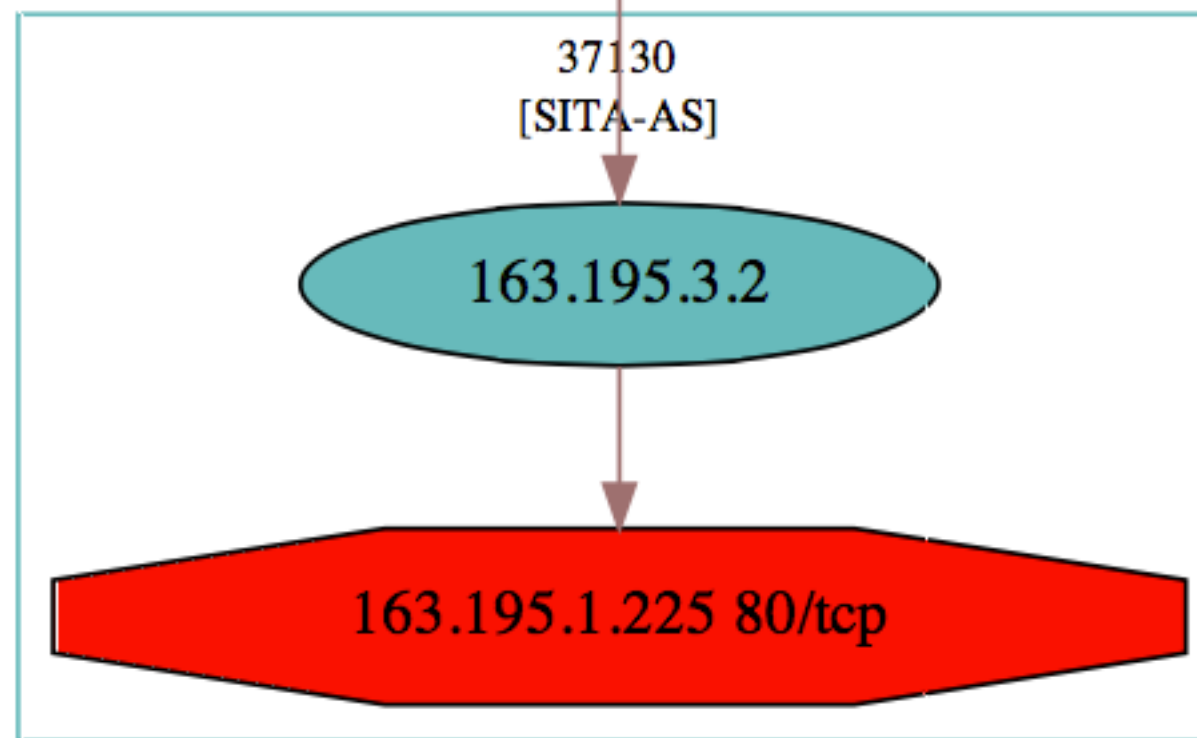
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168.209.20.245

168.209.20.246





python.org





```
traceroute_ips = """
```

```
96.120.66.81
```

```
68.85.160.37
```

```
68.85.106.29
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68.86.90.57
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68.86.85.22
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75.149.228.126
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134.222.226.154
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```
"".strip().split("\n")
```



```
import pygeoip

gi = pygeoip.GeoIP( "GeoLiteCity.dat" )

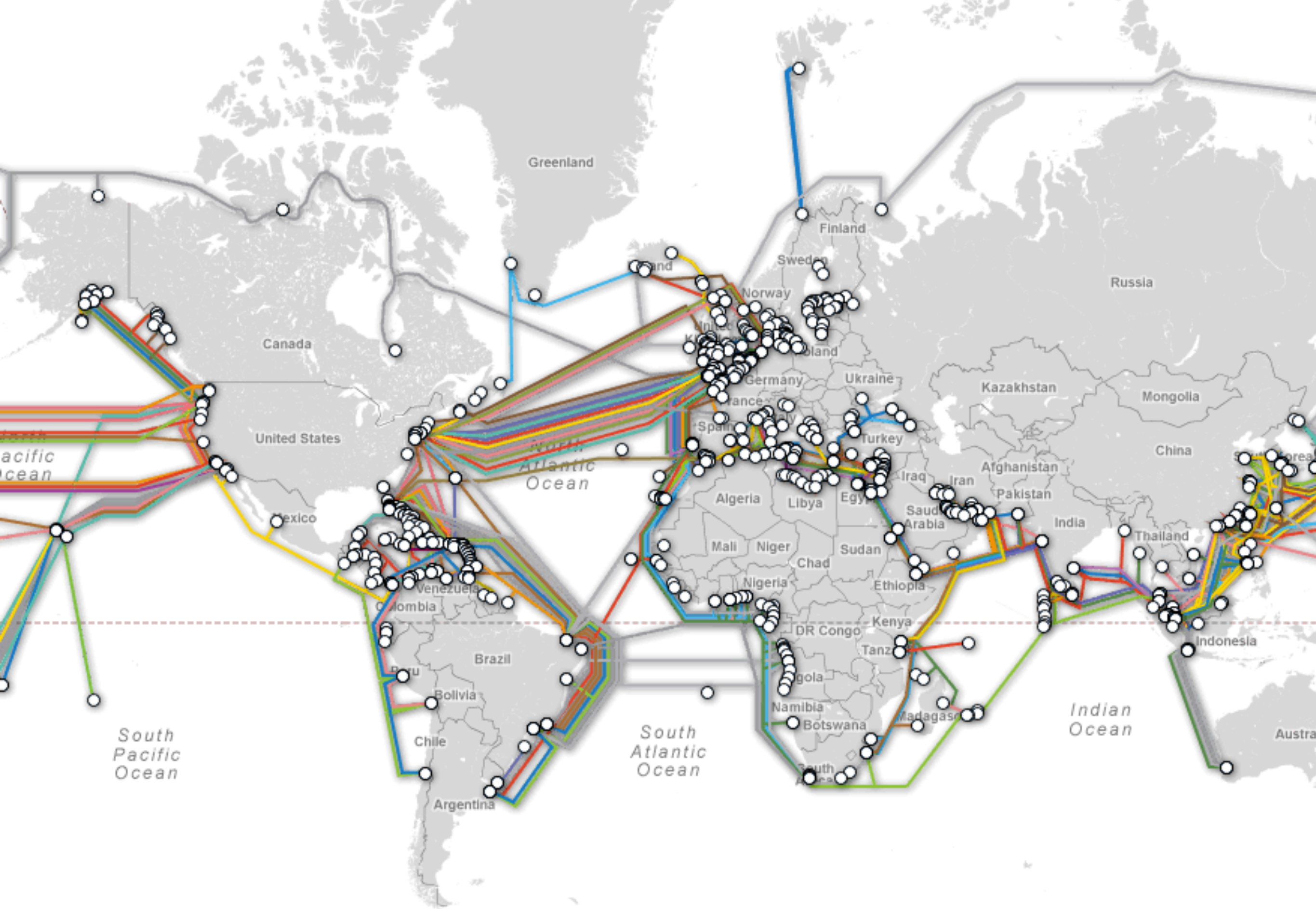
for ip in traceroute_ips:
    record = gi.record_by_addr(ip)
    print ip.ljust(15),
    print record[ "country_name" ],
    if record[ "time_zone" ]:
        print record[ "time_zone" ],
    print ""
```



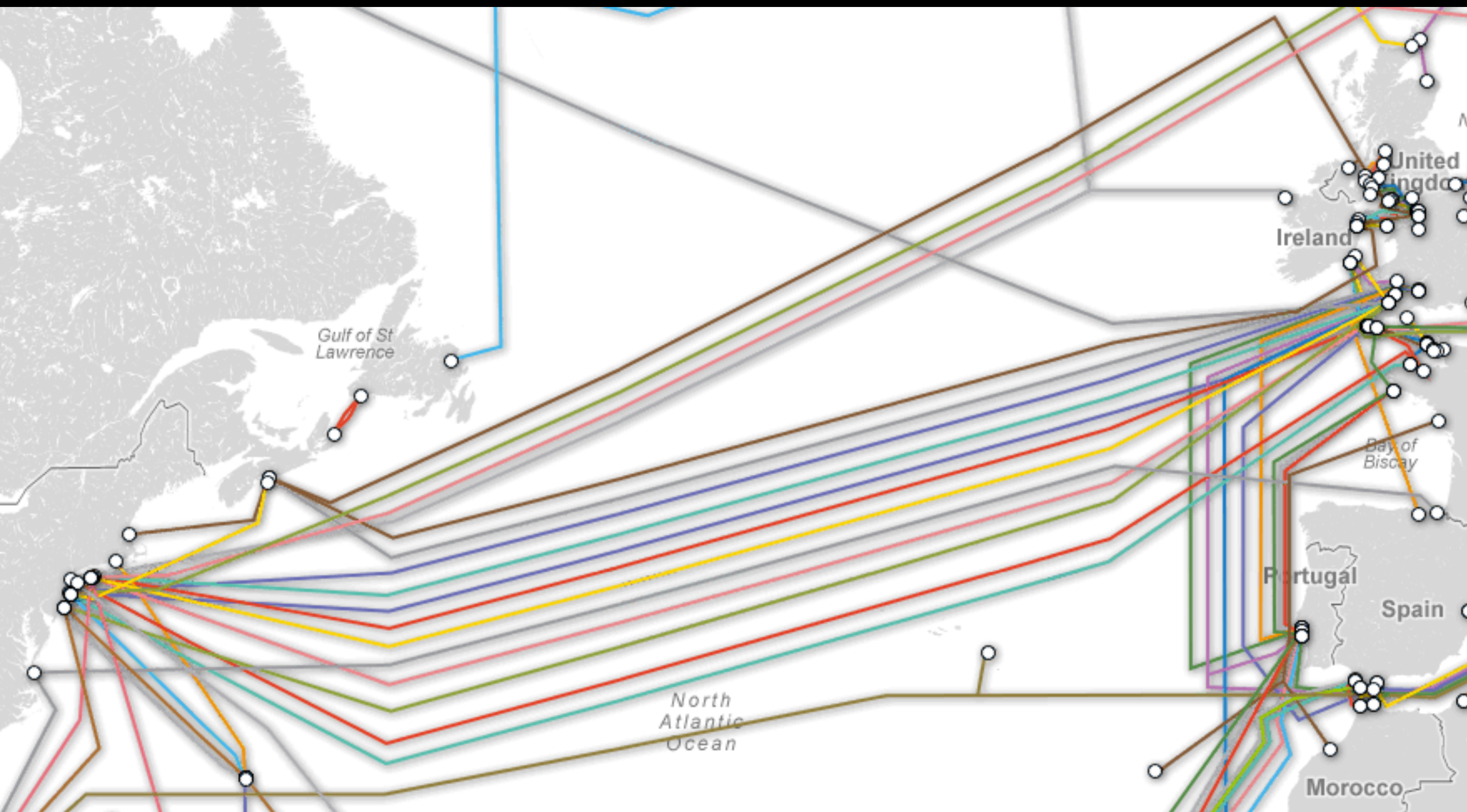

```
$ python geolocate.py
```

96.120.66.81	United States	Boston
68.85.160.37	United States	Boston
68.85.106.29	United States	Boston
68.86.90.57	United States	New_York
68.86.85.22	United States	New_York
75.149.228.126	United States	New_York
134.222.226.154	United Kingdom	London
134.222.231.148	United Kingdom	London
134.222.231.156	Netherlands	Amsterdam
134.222.229.113	Netherlands	Amsterdam
134.222.97.18	Netherlands	Amsterdam
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82.94.164.162	Netherlands	Amsterdam





<http://submarinecablemap.com>



Where is python.org?

Internet Protocol (IP)

IP handles addressing and routing

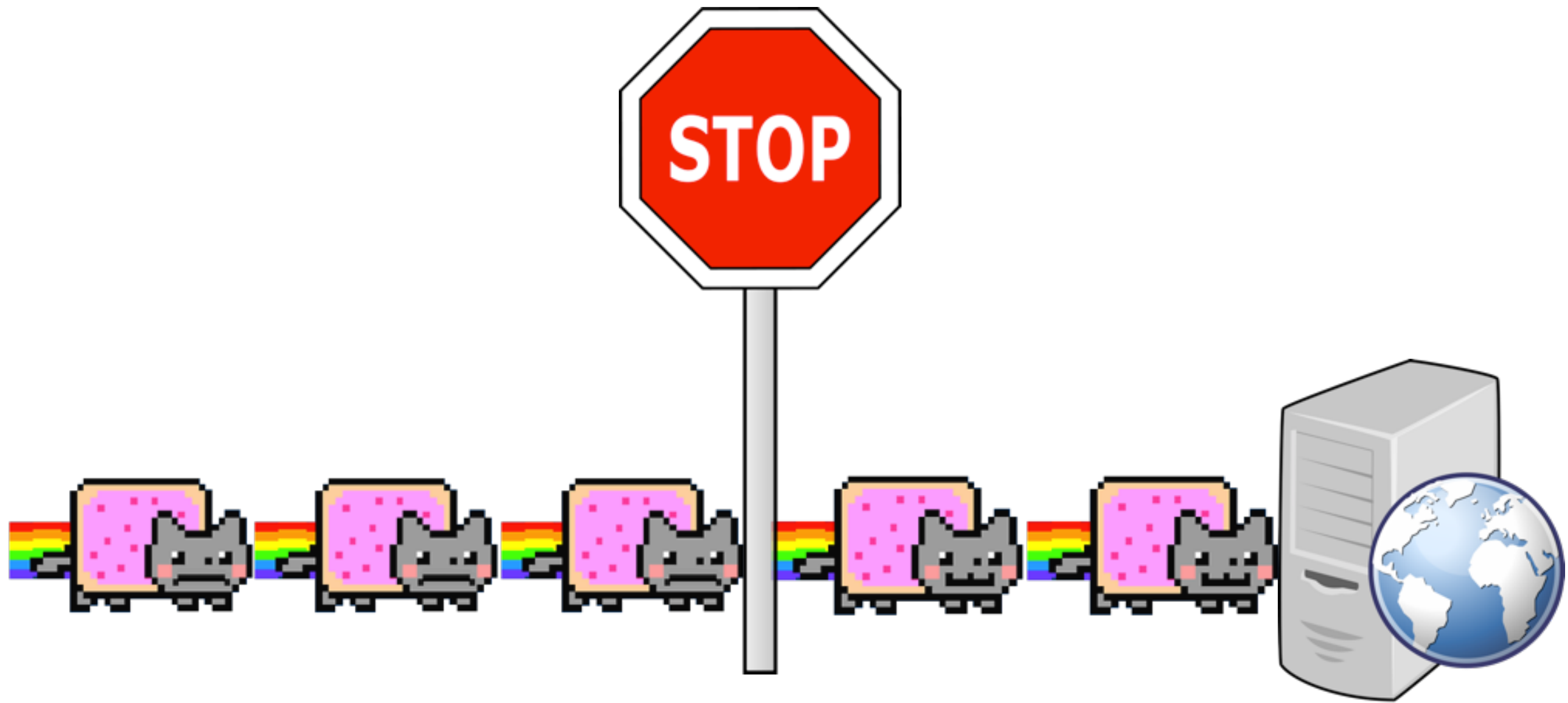
HTTP
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How does my computer talk to python.org?

Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

TCP **reliably** delivers data

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Application-layer protocols that use TCP

web: HTTP

chat: IRC, XMPP/Jabber

email: SMTP, POP3, IMAP

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Each application uses a different “port” number, so many different applications can use TCP to talk to an IP address at the same time

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What does my computer
say to python.org?

HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP)

Clients use HTTP to request
resources from servers

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Resources

<http://python.org>

- HTML
- images
- textual or binary data
- dynamically-generated query results

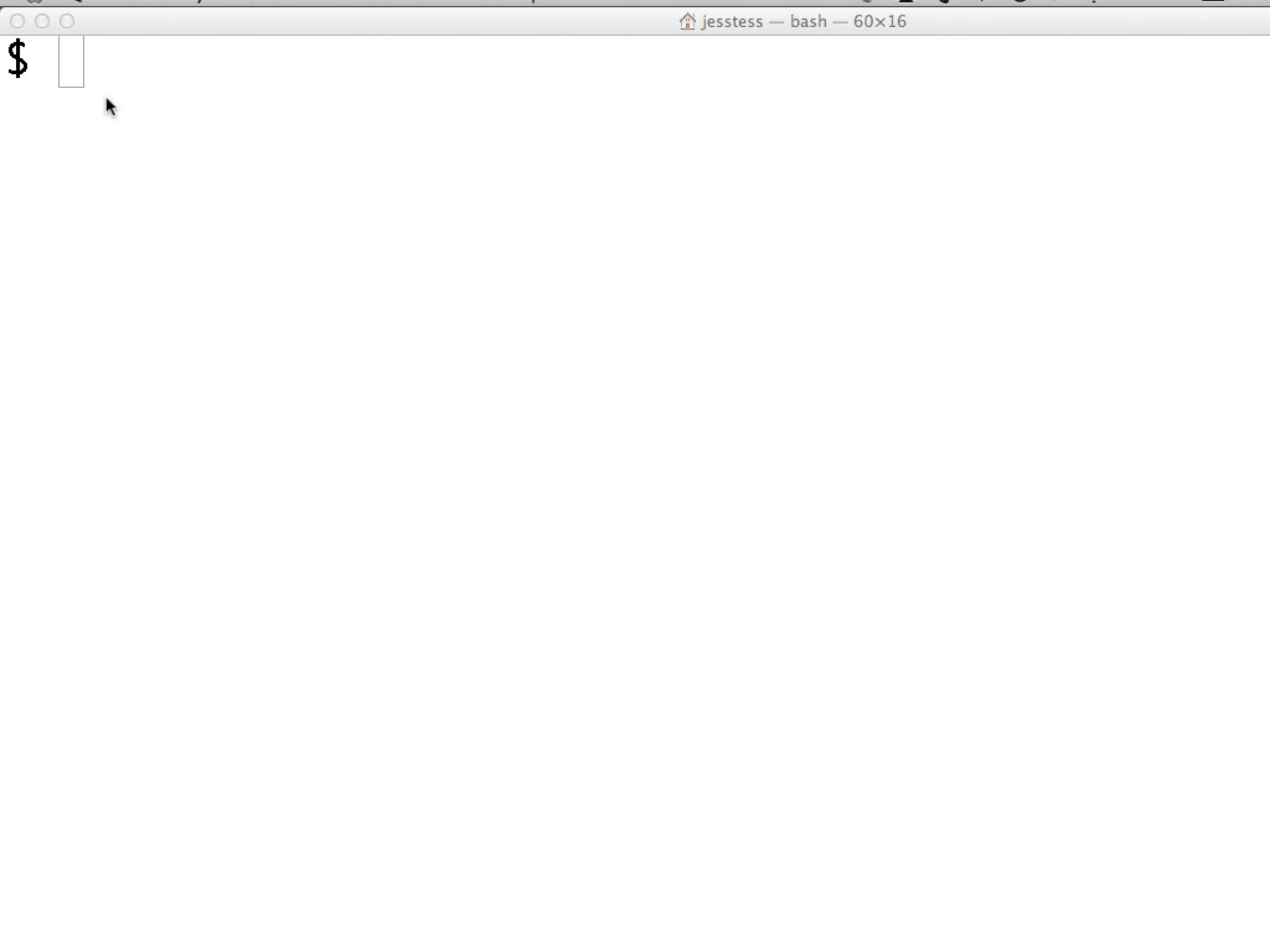
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How to be a web browser



HTTP
TCP
IP

telnet demo!



```
$ telnet python.org 80
Trying 82.94.164.162...
Connected to python.org.
Escape character is '^]'.
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: python.org
```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Date: Mon, 04 Mar 2013 00:22:30 GMT

Server: Apache/2.2.16 (Debian)

Last-Modified: Fri, 01 Mar 2013
22:31:40 GMT

Content-Type: text/html

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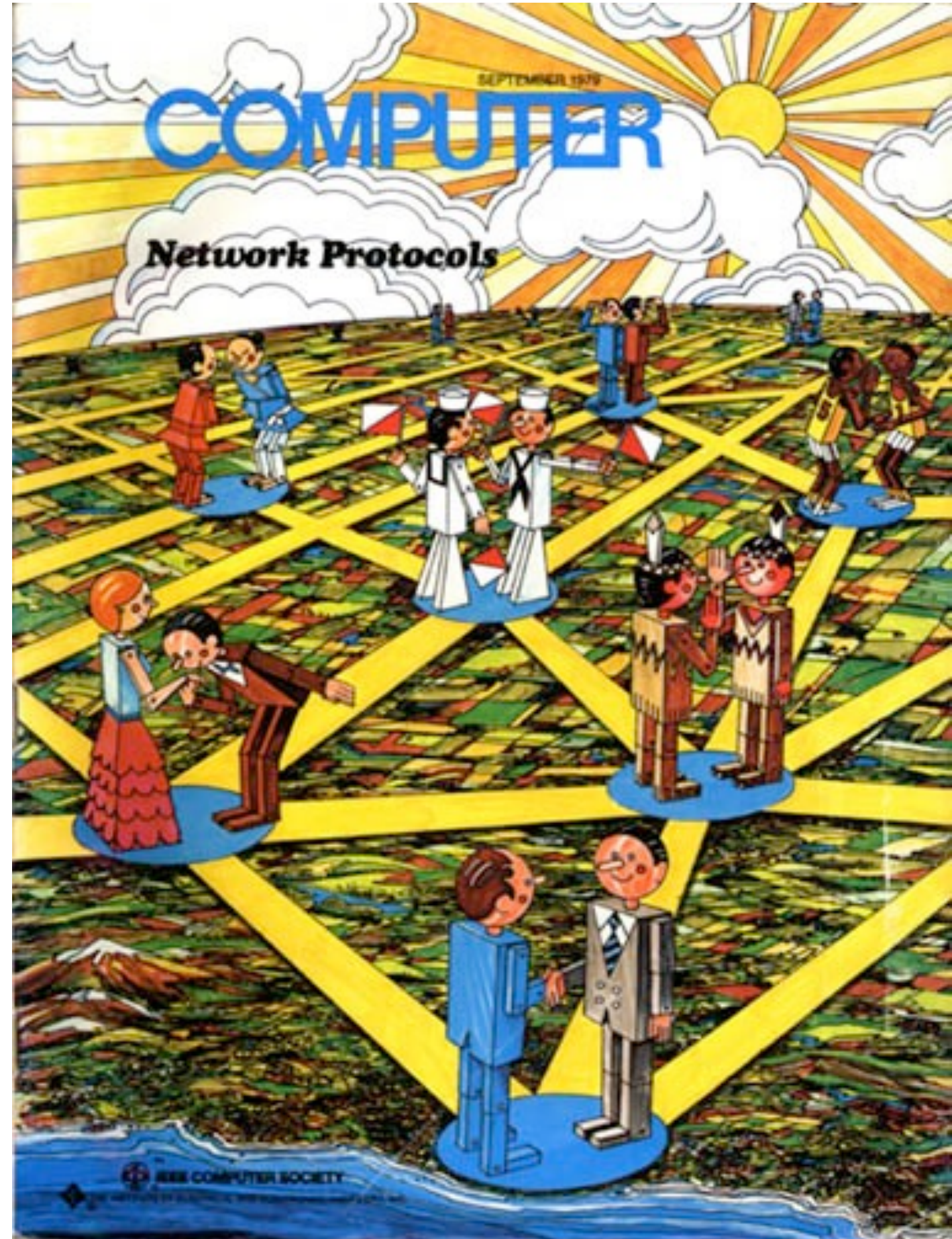
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```
import urllib2
urllib2.urlopen(
    "http://python.org").read()
```

HyperText Transfer Protocol
HyperText Markup Language

How to be a web server



```
class HTTPProtocol(basic.LineReceiver):
    def __init__(self):
        self.lines = []

    def lineReceived(self, line):
        self.lines.append(line)
        if not line:
            self.sendResponse()

    def sendResponse(self):
        self.sendLine("HTTP/1.1 200 OK")
        self.sendLine("")
        for line in self.lines:
            self.sendLine(line)
        self.transportloseConnection()
```

Twisted HTTP
echo server

```
reactor.listenTCP(80, HTTPFactory())
reactor.run()
```



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HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP)

Clients use HTTP to request
resources from servers

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You type <http://python.org> into your browser bar and press Enter. What happens?



HTTP
TCP
IP

requesting resources

reliable delivery

addressing and routing



DNS

hostnames → IP addresses

HTTP
TCP
IP



DNS

<wireshark demo>



The World's Most Popular Network Protocol Analyzer

Capture

- Interface List**
Live list of the capture interfaces (counts incoming packets)
- Start**
Choose one or more interfaces to capture from, then **Start**
 - fw0
 - en1
 - p2p0
 - lo0 (loopback)
- Capture Options**
Start a capture with detailed options

Capture Help

- How to Capture**
Step by step to a successful capture setup
- Network Media**

Files

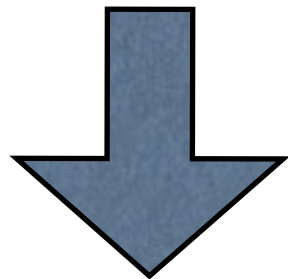
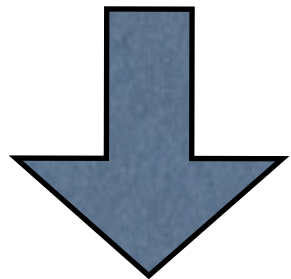
- Open**
Open a previously captured file

Open Recent:
 - [/Users/jesstess/Desktop/pycon_capture \(6106 KB\)](#)
 - [/Users/jesstess/Desktop ... op/getting_wireless_at_philly-2010-12-24 \[no](#)
 - [/Users/jesstess/Desktop/getting_wireless_at_logan-2010-12-24 \[not f](#)
- Sample Captures**
A rich assortment of example capture files on the wiki

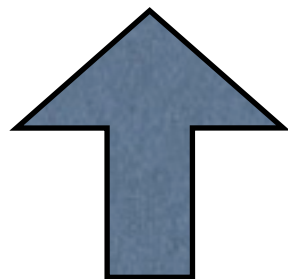
Surfing the web

source IP

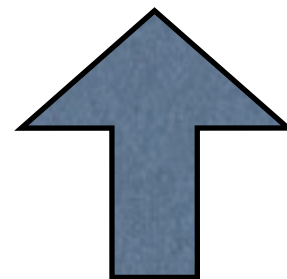
protocol



192.168.1.1	192.168.1.127	DNS	Standard query response 0x119e CNAME www.meetup.com A
192.168.1.1	192.168.1.127	DNS	Standard query response 0x16f8 A 38.123.132.30
192.168.1.127	38.123.132.30	TCP	60546 > http [SYN] Seq=0 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=16
192.168.1.127	38.123.132.30	TCP	60547 > http [SYN] Seq=0 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=16
38.123.132.30	192.168.1.127	TCP	http > 60547 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=5840 Len=0 MSS=
192.168.1.127	38.123.132.30	TCP	60547 > http [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=65535 Len=0
192.168.1.127	38.123.132.30	HTTP	GET /bostonpython/ HTTP/1.1
38.123.132.30	192.168.1.127	TCP	http > 60546 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=5840 Len=0 MSS=
192.168.1.127	38.123.132.30	TCP	60546 > http [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=65535 Len=0
38.123.132.30	192.168.1.127	TCP	http > 60547 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1127 Win=7882 Len=0
192.168.1.127	74.125.226.214	TCP	[TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
192.168.1.127	74.125.226.214	TCP	[TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]



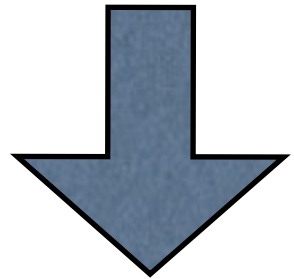
destination IP



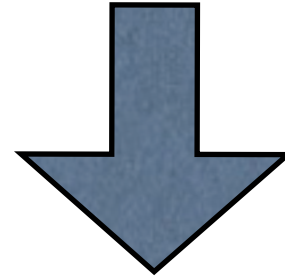
protocol data

Lonely printers

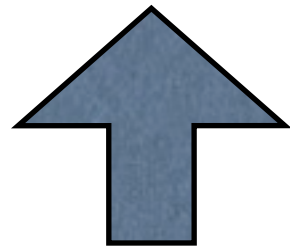
source IP



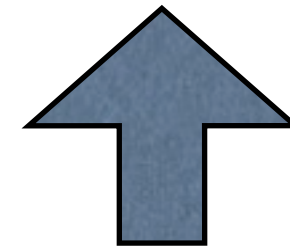
protocol



192.168.1.127	192.168.1.255	BJNP	Printer Command: Discover
192.168.1.127	224.0.0.1	BJNP	Printer Command: Discover
22:e5:2a:4d:88:b3	Apple_c4:e6:47	ARP	Who has 192.168.1.127? Tell 192.168.1.1
Apple_c4:e6:47	22:e5:2a:4d:88:b3	ARP	192.168.1.127 is at 20:c9:d0:c4:e6:47



destination IP



protocol data

Lonely TiVos

9753	260.151096	192.168.1.127	72.21.91.111	TCP	60642 > https [ACK] Seq=
9754	260.759240	192.168.1.143	192.168.1.255	TiVoConnect	Discovery Beacon fizgig
9755	261.377265	54.243.101.69	192.168.1.127	TCP	http > 60646 [FIN, ACK]

▶ Frame 9754: 195 bytes on wire (1560 bits), 195 bytes captured (1560 bits)

▶ Ethernet II, Src: Tivo_38:b9:db (00:11:d9:38:b9:db), Dst: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)

▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.143 (192.168.1.143), Dst: 192.168.1.255 (192.168.1.255)

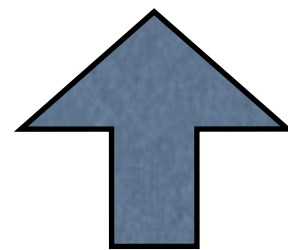
▶ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: tivoconnect (2190), Dst Port: tivoconnect (2190)

▼ TiVoConnect Discovery Protocol, fizgig (7460001908A9F7D)

- Flavor: 1
- Version: 20.2.2.1-01-2-746
- Method: broadcast
- Identity: 7460001908A9F7D
- Machine: fizgig
- Platform: tcd/Series4
- Services: TiVoMediaServer:80/http

Errors

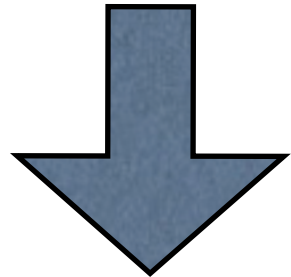
64.94.107.62	192.168.1.127	TLSv1	Application Data, Application Data
192.168.1.127	64.94.107.62	TCP	60706 > https [ACK] Seq=1722 Ack=460 Win=
192.168.1.127	64.94.107.62	TCP	60706 > https [FIN, ACK] Seq=1722 Ack=46
184.173.189.190	192.168.1.127	TCP	http > 60705 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=5841 Win=21
184.173.189.190	192.168.1.127	TCP	[TCP Window Update] http > 60705 [ACK] s
184.173.189.190	192.168.1.127	TCP	[TCP Dup ACK 8064#1] http > 60705 [ACK]
184.173.189.190	192.168.1.127	TCP	[TCP Dup ACK 8064#2] http > 60705 [ACK]
192.168.1.127	184.173.189.190	TCP	[TCP Fast Retransmission] [TCP segment c
184.173.189.190	192.168.1.127	TCP	http > 60705 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=6946 Win=26
23.22.96.69	192.168.1.127	TCP	http > 60709 [ACK] Seq=2 Ack=346 Win=156
204.13.194.186	192.168.1.127	TCP	https > 60711 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win



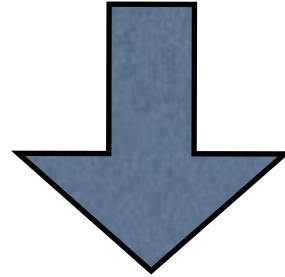
TCP protocol,
retransmitting lost data

Encrypted communication

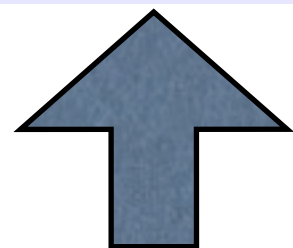
source IP



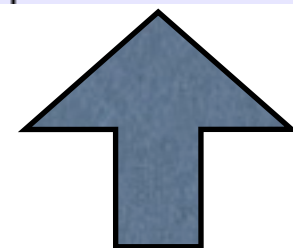
protocol



192.168.1.127	199.59.148.10	TLSv1	Client Hello
199.59.148.10	192.168.1.127	TLSv1	Server Hello
199.59.148.10	192.168.1.127	TLSv1	Certificate, Server Hello Done
192.168.1.127	199.59.148.10	TLSv1	Client Key Exchange, Change Cipher Spec,
199.59.148.10	192.168.1.127	TLSv1	New Session Ticket, Change Cipher Spec,
192.168.1.127	199.59.148.10	TLSv1	Application Data
192.168.1.127	199.59.148.10	TLSv1	Application Data
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199.59.148.10	192.168.1.127	TLSv1	Application Data
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192.168.1.127	74.125.226.214	TLSv1.1	Application Data



destination IP



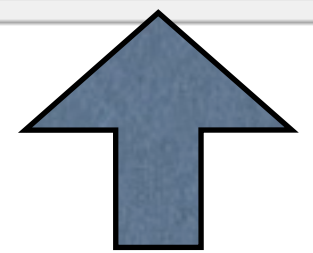
protocol data

IRC

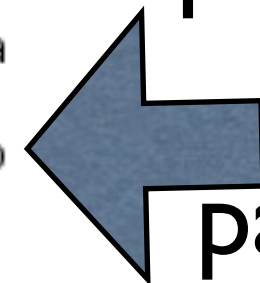
192.168.1.127	82.96.64.4	IRC	Request (CAP)
82.96.64.4	192.168.1.127	IRC	Response (NOTICE)
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82.96.64.4	192.168.1.127	IRC	Response (NOTICE)
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192.168.1.127	82.96.64.4	IRC	Request (NICKSERV)
82.96.64.4	192.168.1.127	IRC	Response (NOTICE)
192.168.1.127	82.96.64.4	IRC	Request (JOIN)
82.96.64.4	192.168.1.127	IRC	Response (JOIN)
82.96.64.4	192.168.1.127	IRC	Response (MODE) (353) (366)
192.168.1.127	82.96.64.4	IRC	Request (WHO)
82.96.64.4	192.168.1.127	IRC	Response (352)
82.96.64.4	192.168.1.127	IRC	Response (315)

IRC

58	5.933268	82.96.64.4	192.168.1.127	IRC	Response (NOTICE)
70	12.196841	192.168.1.127	82.96.64.4	IRC	Request (NICKSERV)
.....					
Frame 58: 231 bytes on wire (1848 bits), 231 bytes captured (1848 bits)					
Ethernet II, Src: 22:e5:2a:4d:88:b3 (22:e5:2a:4d:88:b3), Dst: Apple_c4:e6:47 (20:c9:d0:c4:e6:47)					
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 82.96.64.4 (82.96.64.4), Dst: 192.168.1.127 (192.168.1.127)					
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 6667 (6667), Dst Port: 61339 (61339), Seq: 6456, Ack:					
Internet Relay Chat					
Response: :NickServ!NickServ@services. NOTICE jesstess :This nickname is registered. Please c					
.....					
010	00 09 10 00 40 00 55 00	14 95 32 00 40 04 c0 a8	@.S. ..R @...		
020	01 7f 1a 0b ef 9b 60 6e	cf b9 db f8 e1 b1 80 18	`n		
030	00 2e 42 c7 00 00 01 01	08 0a 4f d8 4e ee 42 9b	..B..... ..O.N.B.		
040	01 32 3a 4e 69 63 6b 53	65 72 76 21 4e 69 63 6b	.2:NickS erv!Nick		
050	53 65 72 76 40 73 65 72	76 69 63 65 73 2e 20 4e	Serv@ser vices. N		
060	4f 54 49 43 45 20 6a 65	73 73 74 65 73 73 20 3a	OTICE je sstess :		
070	54 68 69 73 20 6e 69 63	6b 6e 61 6d 65 20 69 73	This nic kname is		
080	20 72 65 67 69 73 74 65	72 65 64 2e 20 50 6c 65	registe red. Ple		
090	61 73 65 20 63 68 6f 6f	73 65 20 61 20 64 69 66	ase choo se a dif		
0a0	66 65 72 65 6e 74 20 6e	69 63 6b 6e 61 6d 65 2c	ferent n ickname,		
0b0	20 6f 72 20 69 64 65 6e	74 69 66 79 20 76 69 61	or iden tify via		
0c0	20 02 2f 6d 73 67 20 4e	69 63 6b 53 65 72 76 20	./msg N ickServ		
0d0	69 64 65 6e 74 69 66 79	20 3c 70 61 73 73 77 6f	identify <passwo		
0e0	72 64 3e 02 2e 0d 0a		rd>....		



IRC server
prompting
for a
password



IRC

70	12.196841	192.168.1.127	82.96.64.4	IRC	F
▶ Frame 70: 97 bytes on wire (776 bits), 97 bytes captured (776 bits)					
▶ Ethernet II, Src: Apple_c4:e6:47 (20:c9:d0:c4:e6:47), Dst: 22:e5:2a:4d:88:b3					
▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.127 (192.168.1.127), Dst: 82.96.64.4					
▶ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 61339 (61339), Dst Port: 6667					
▼ Internet Relay Chat					
▶ Request: NICKSERV IDENTIFY django4life					
0000	22 e5 2a 4d 88 b3 20 c9 d0 c4 e6 47 08 00 45 00	".*M.. . .G..E.			
0010	00 53 74 10 40 00 40 06 72 09 c0 a8 01 7f 52 60	.St.@.@. r.....R`			
0020	40 04 ef 9b 1a 0b db f8 e1 b1 60 6e d0 5e 80 18	@..... ..`n.^..			
0030	20 00 46 c4 00 00 01 01 08 0a 42 9b 1b 24 4f d8	.F..... ..B..\$0.			
0040	4e ee 4e 49 43 4b 53 45 52 56 20 49 44 45 4e 54	N.NICKSERV IDENT			
0050	49 46 59 20 64 6a 61 6e 67 6f 34 6c 69 66 65 0d	IFY djan go4life.			
0060	0a	.			

My password, django4life

</wireshark demo>

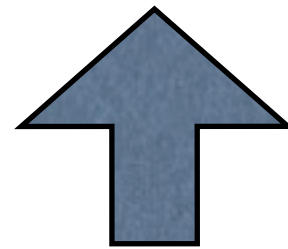


One last demo

How to propose marriage
on your local network
using Scapy and ARP-cache
poisoning

Lonely printers

192.168.1.127	192.168.1.255	BJNP	Printer Command: Discover
192.168.1.127	224.0.0.1	BJNP	Printer Command: Discover
22:e5:2a:4d:88:b3	Apple_c4:e6:47	ARP	Who has 192.168.1.127? Tell 192.168.1.1
Apple_c4:e6:47	22:e5:2a:4d:88:b3	ARP	192.168.1.127 is at 20:c9:d0:c4:e6:47



Address Resolution

Protocol (ARP) maps hardware (MAC) addresses to IP addresses

#



When nerds get married

Universal logic gate rings

NAND = me

NOR = him



What next?

- Twisted
- Scapy
- wireshark



Twisted

Glasgow Haskell
Compiler

PyPy

LLVM

Bash

Berkley DB



ZeroMQ

Git

nginx

Mercurial

CC BY 3.0
All proceeds to
Amnesty International



Hot off the press!



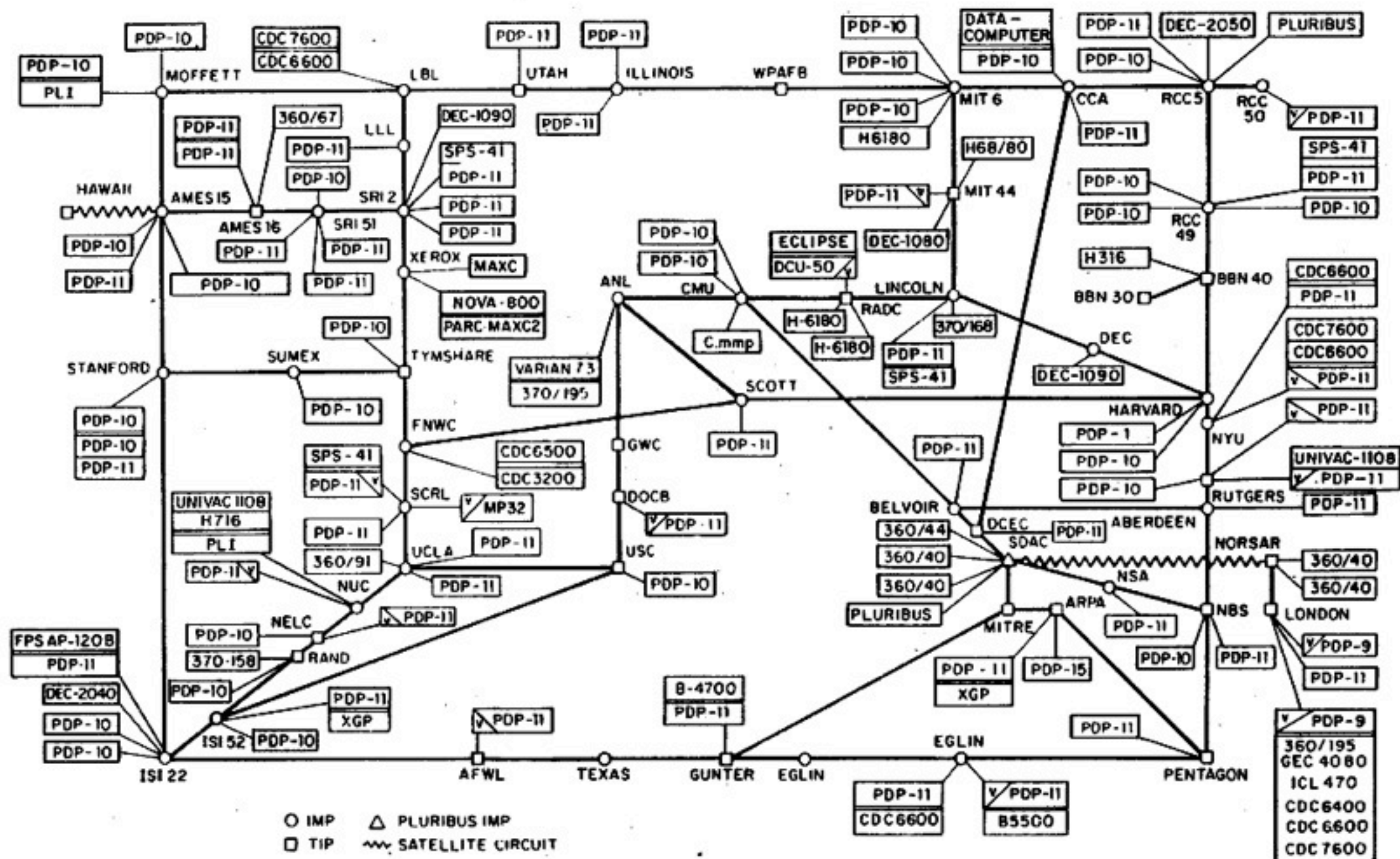
Thank you!

@jessicamckellar
<http://jesstess.com>



A map of the entire Internet in 1977

ARPANET LOGICAL MAP, MARCH 1977



(PLEASE NOTE THAT WHILE THIS MAP SHOWS THE HOST POPULATION OF THE NETWORK ACCORDING TO THE BEST INFORMATION OBTAINABLE, NO CLAIM CAN BE MADE FOR ITS ACCURACY)

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