

CSE 468 Course Intro

Computer Network Security

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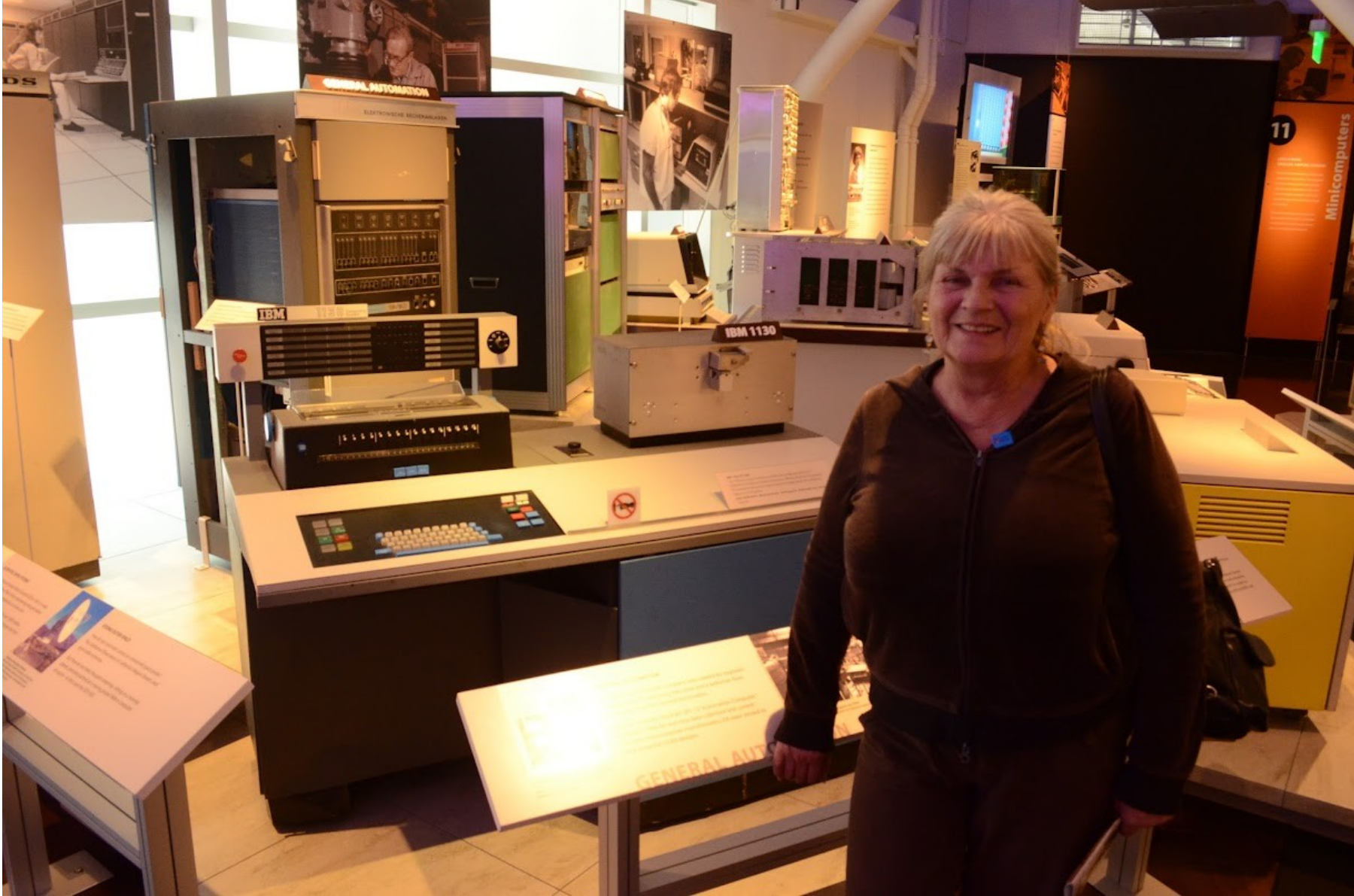
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Syllabus in a nutshell

- Attendance not recorded
- Plan to record lectures
 - Only me, the class, and the TA will have access
- Midterm and final are in-person
- Check both Canvas and the course website

A bit about me...

- Associate Professor, *SCAI and* Biodesign Center for Biocomputation, Security, and Society
- Research is about Internet Freedom, including:
 - Internet censorship (measurement and evasion)
 - Machine-in-the-middle attacks, adversarial networking, VPNs
 - Privacy, forensics, and a few other things





IBM 1130

IBM



IBM 1130, 1965
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Welcome to Debian Linux 1.1!

This is the Debian Linux Boot Disk. On most systems, you can go ahead and press <ENTER> to begin installation. You will probably want to try doing that before you try anything else. If you run into trouble, or if you already have questions, press the function key <F1> for quick installation help.

WARNING: You should completely back up all of your hard disks before proceeding. The installation procedure can completely and irreversibly erase them! If you haven't made backups yet, remove the floppy from the disk drive and press <RESET> or <Control-Alt-Del> to get back to your old system.

Debian Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by applicable law. For copyright information, press <F5>.

This boot floppy installs the Linux kernel version 2.0.0.

Press <F1> for help, or <ENTER> to boot!

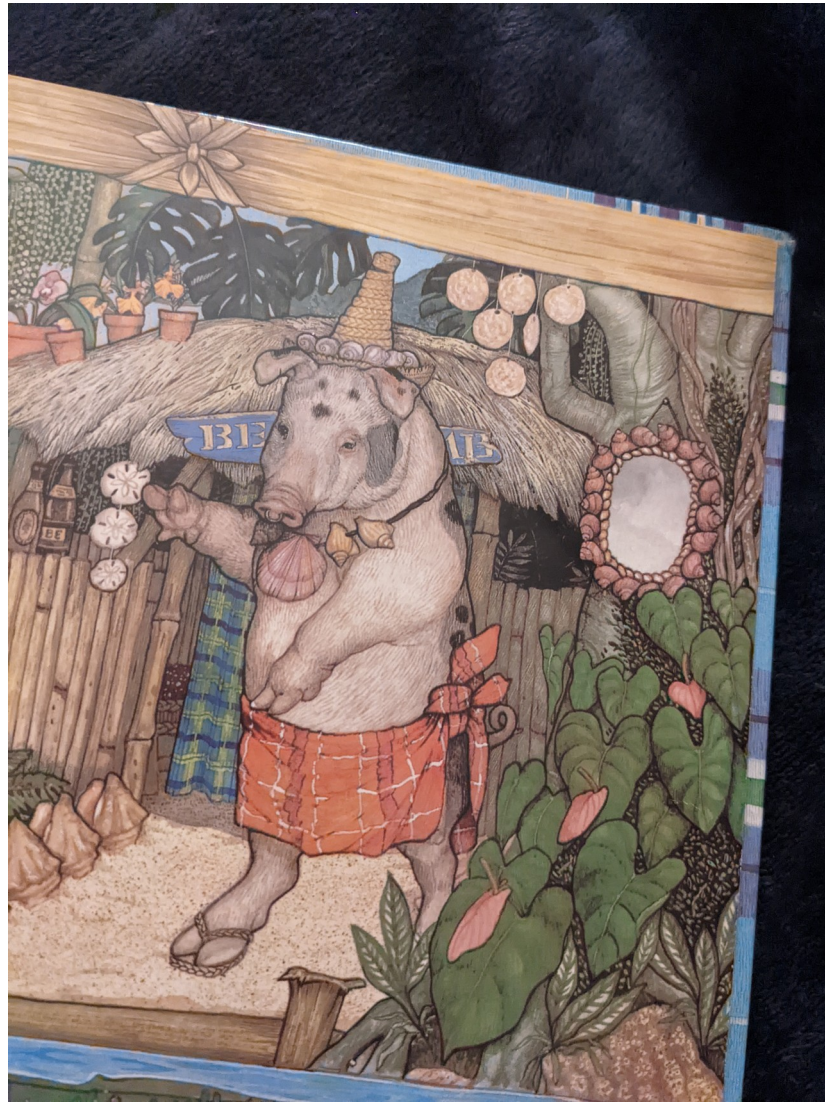
boot: _

https://archive.org/details/debian_1.1

UNIX, C, and the Internet...

- UNIX was developed to run on anything
 - Bell Labs, 1969 (Thompson and Ritchie)
 - Contrast with TOPS10
- C provides direct access to hardware, virtually no runtime environment
 - Bell Labs, 1972-1973 (Ritchie)
 - Contrast with COBOL

UNIX example...



```
jedi@mariposa:~$ cat /usr/share/dict/american-english | tr [a-z] [A-Z] | grep "MB$" | head -n 20
COULOMB
HOLCOMB
LAMB
LIPSCOMB
MB
MB
APLOMB
BENUMB
BOMB
CATACOMB
CLIMB
COCKSCOMB
COMB
COXCOMB
CRUMB
CURRYCOMB
DUMB
ENTOMB
FIREBOMB
HONEYCOMB
jedi@mariposa:~$
```

TOPS10 example...

A TOPS-10 command primer

But

```
C:\> mkdir foo
C:\> cd foo
C:\FOO> dir
```

becomes:

```
.r credir
Create directory: [,,foo]
  Created DSKC0:[42,42,
FOO].SFD/PROTECTION:775
Create directory: ^Z

.r setsrc
*cp [,,foo]
*^Z
EXIT
.dir
%WLDDEM Directory is empty
```



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C example...

```
jedi@mariposa:/tmp$ cat cast.c
#include<stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    for (char *p = (char *) *argv; p < (char *) *argv + 20; p++)
        printf("%02x", *p);
    puts("\n");
    return 0;
}
jedi@mariposa:/tmp$ gcc cast.c -o cast
jedi@mariposa:/tmp$ ./cast AAAA BBBB
2e2f636173740041414141004242424200534845

jedi@mariposa:/tmp$ █
```

COBOL example...

```
000024  
000025 PROCEDURE DIVISION.  
000026 0001-MAIN.  
000027     INSPECT FUNCTION REVERSE(STR-1)  
000028         TALLYING WS-LEN1 FOR LEADING SPACES.  
000029     COMPUTE WS-LEN = LENGTH OF STR-1 - WS-LEN1.  
000030     DISPLAY WS-LEN.  
000031     MOVE 1 TO I.  
000032     MOVE WS-LEN TO J.  
000033     PERFORM REV-PARA WS-LEN TIMES.  
000034     DISPLAY STR-1.  
000035     DISPLAY STR-2.  
000036     GOBACK.  
000037 REV-PARA.  
000038     MOVE STR-1(J:1) TO STR-2(I:1).  
000039     SUBTRACT 1 FROM J.  
000040     ADD 1 TO I.  
000041     EXIT.  
***** Bottom of Data *****
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<https://medium.com/@yvanscher/7-cobol-examples-with-explanations-ae1784b4d576>

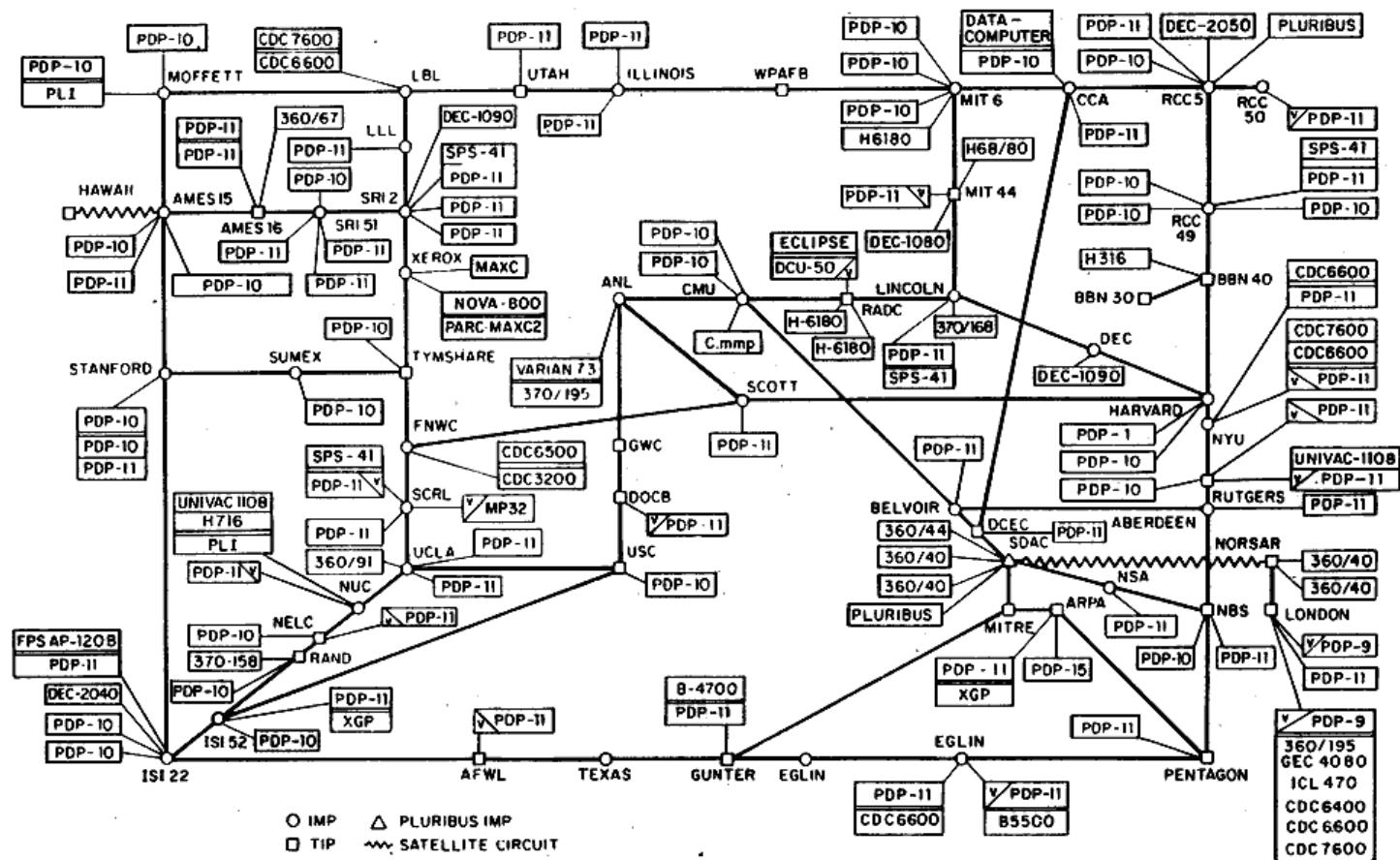
What does all this mean?

The Internet is more like UNIX and C than it is like TOPS-10 or COBOL. This means the smarts are in the end hosts, not the internal routing nodes, and it's really hard to tell what two machines are saying to each other even if you know the protocol.

What to expect this semester

- You should be able to look at any PCAP and critically analyze it *w.r.t.* network security and privacy
 - So, we need to study crypto and physics (and build a quantum computer)
 - We need to understand the ways in which our tools (*e.g.*, Wireshark) can be wrong
 - *E.g.*, overlapping IP fragments
 - We need to think critically about what can make a bit pattern “malicious”

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)

NAMES SHOWN ARE IMP NAMES, NOT (NECESSARILY) HOST NAMES

Postel's Law

- “be conservative in what you do, be liberal in what you accept from others”
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robustness_principle



End-to-end principle

- Put the smarts in the end nodes (security, reliability, QoS, *etc.*)
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/End-to-end_principle



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Example: Congestion control

- Congestion collapse
- Van Jacobson
- TCP Tahoe, Reno, Vegas, CUBIC...
- Random Early Detection (RED)

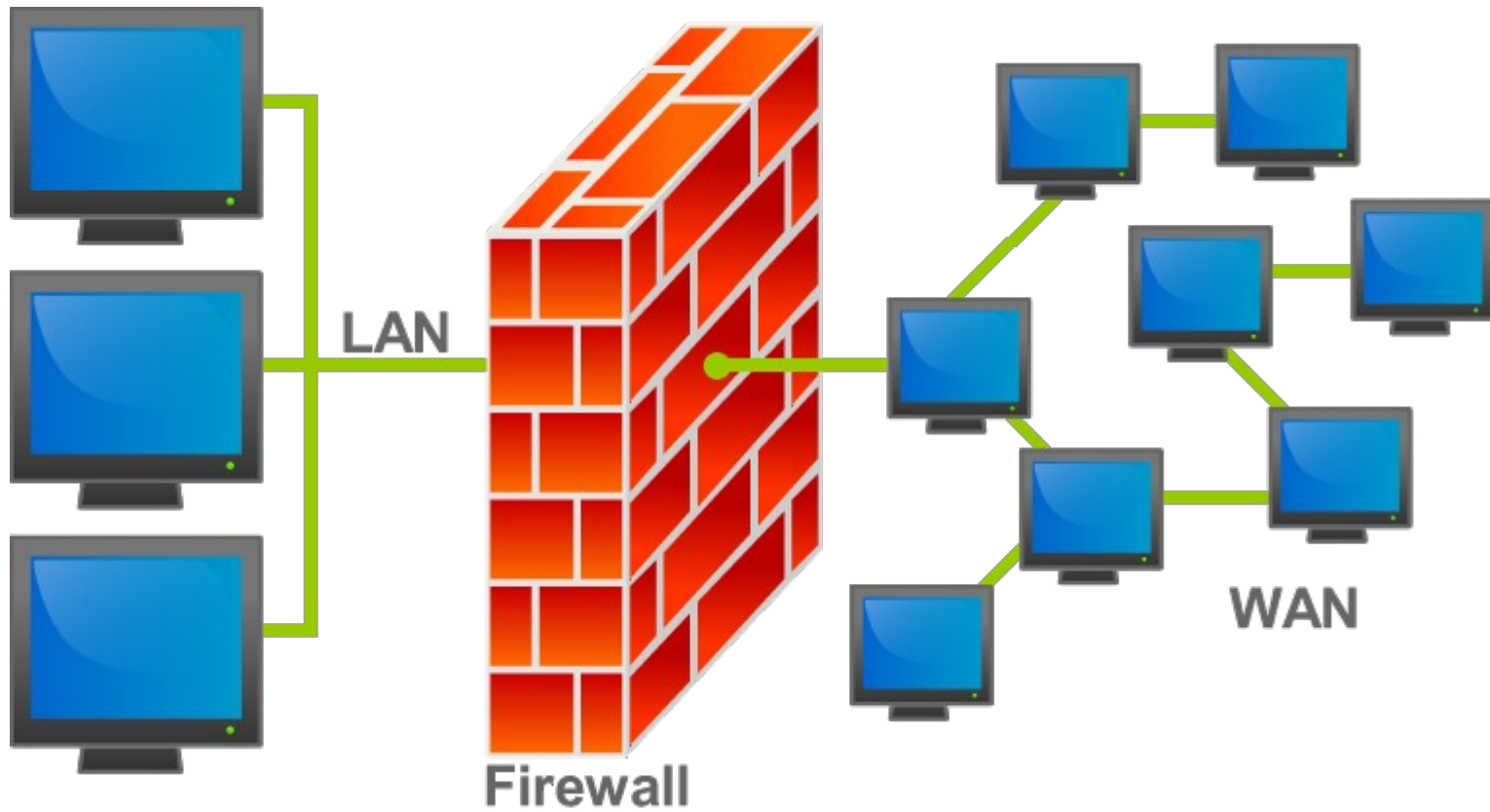


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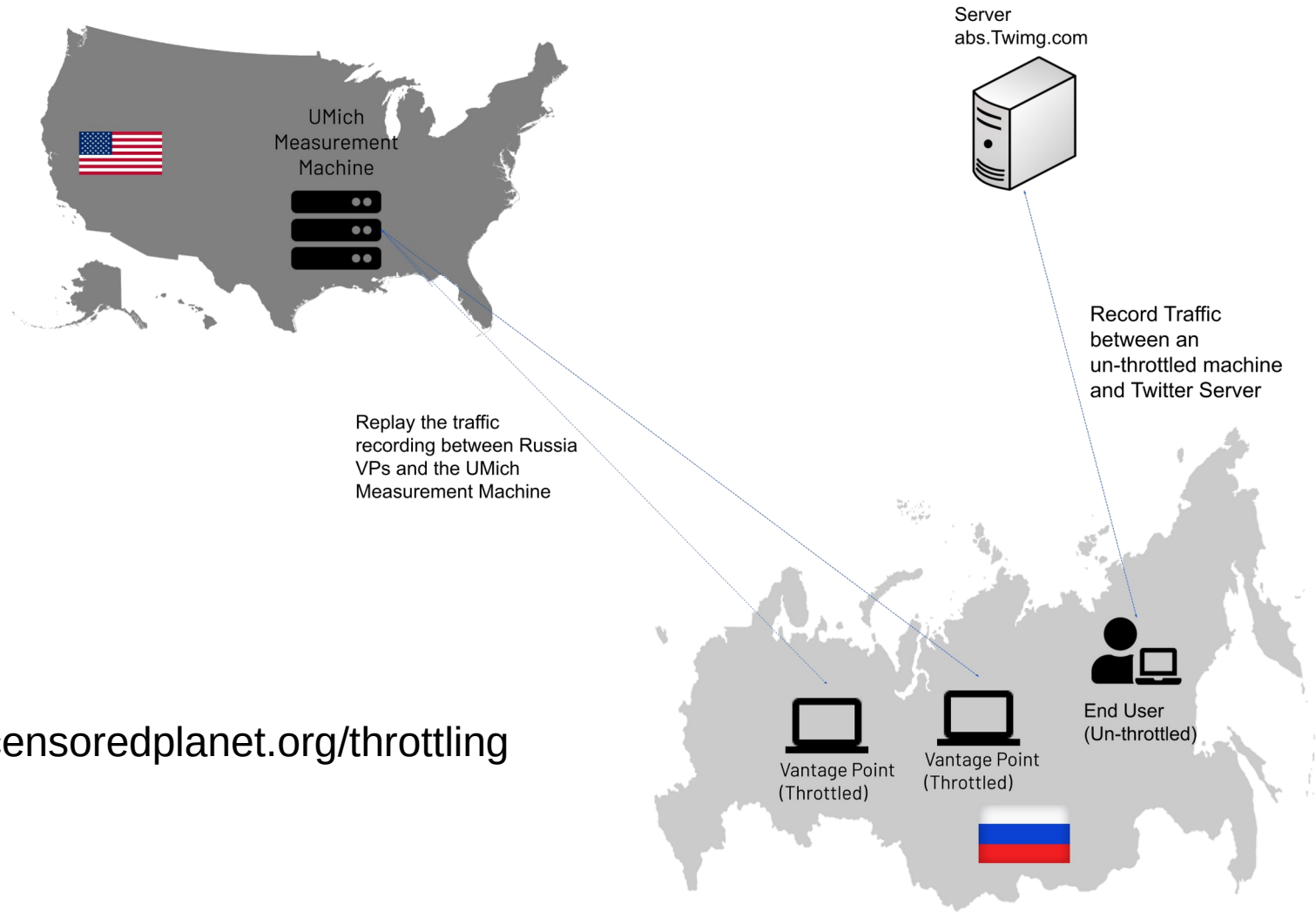
Good design, w/ consequences...

- Every device on the Internet is basically “doing its own thing” *w.r.t.* what packets it sends and how it interprets the packets it receives. (Postel’s Law)
- State is kept in many places without any explicit synchronization mechanisms. (End-to-end principle)

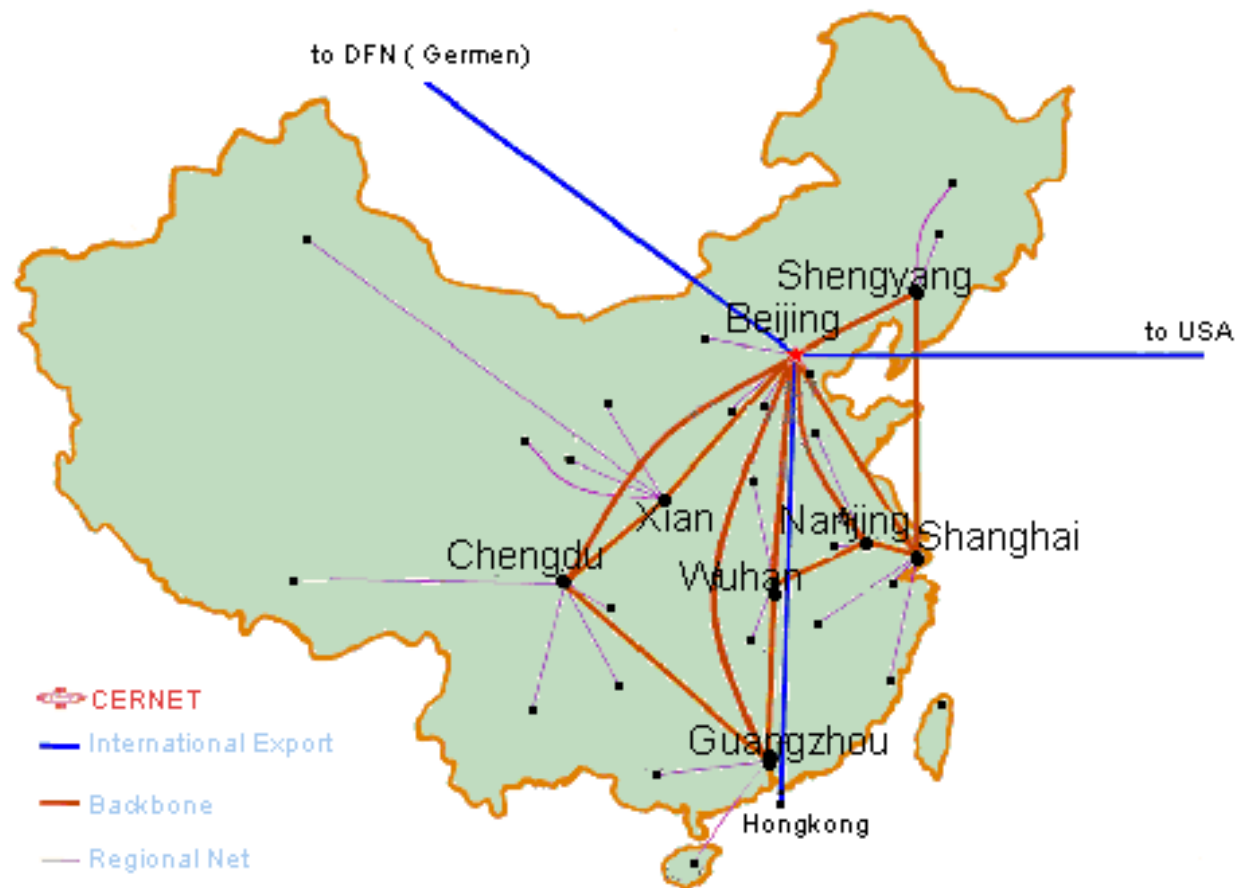
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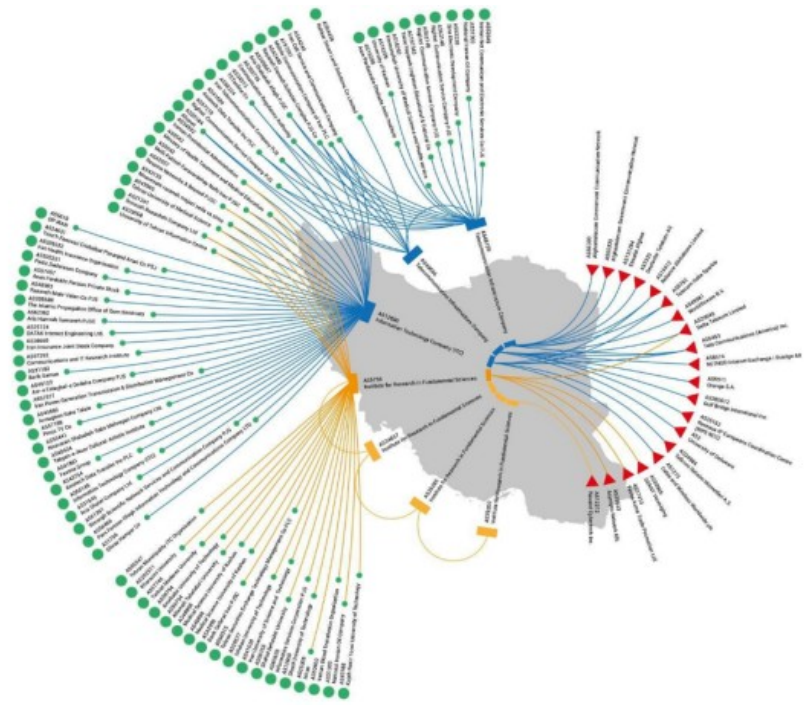
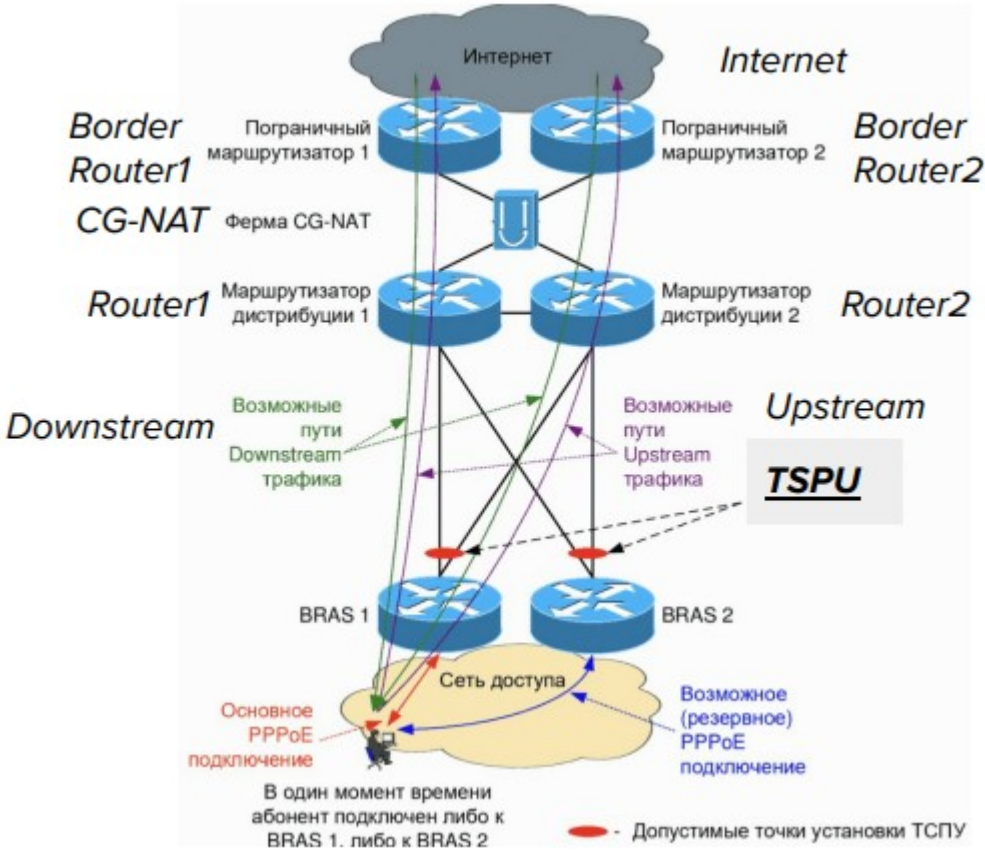


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Two Types of Collection



Upstream

- Collection of communications on fiber cables and infrastructure as data flows past.
- (FAIRVIEW, ██████████, BLARNEY, ██████████)

**You
Should
Use Both**

PRISM

- Collection directly from the servers of these U.S. Service Providers: Microsoft, Yahoo, Google, Facebook, PalTalk, AOL, Skype, YouTube, Apple.

[Cypherpunks want] “a guarantee -- with physics and mathematics, not with laws -- that we can give ourselves real privacy of personal communications.”

“We are literally in a race between our ability to build and deploy technology, and their ability to build and deploy laws and treaties. Neither side is likely to back down or wise up until it has definitively lost the race.”

--John Gilmore

Think about this over the weekend, and feel free to Google around for an answer if you like...

Why does light “bend” when it goes through a medium (like a glass of water)?