

The RouteViews Project: Update

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Background

- **RouteViews was first started in 1995**
- Now a growing network of 40+ collectors positioned strategically at Internet Exchange Points around the world
- RouteViews collaborates with the Center for Applied Internet Data Analysis (CAIDA) working with NSF grants that support Designing a Global Measurement Infrastructure to Improve Internet Security, GMI3S ([OAC-2131987](#)), and an Integrated Library for Advancing Network Data Science, ILANDS ([CNS-2120399](#)).
- RouteViews is supported with financial and in-kind donations by multiple organizations
- **RouteViews is based at the University of Oregon and operated by NSRC**
- NSRC supports the growth of global Internet infrastructure by providing engineering assistance, collaborative technical workshops, training, and other resources to university, research & education networks worldwide.
- NSRC is partially funded by the IRNC program of the NSF ([OAC-2029309](#)) and Google with other contributions from public and private organizations.
- The University of Oregon is a public research institution in Eugene, Oregon, USA founded in 1876.



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What is RouteViews

- A tool that allows Internet network operators to look at the BGP table from different backbones and locations around the world to troubleshoot and to assess:
 - Reachability, hijacks, bugs, peer visibility, mass withdrawals, RPKI status,...
- Operators who find it a valuable tool also peer to contribute to the value
- RouteViews operates collectors strategically positioned at IXPs around the world.
 - It also hosts a few multi-hop collectors at UO for those operators who are not present at IXPs.

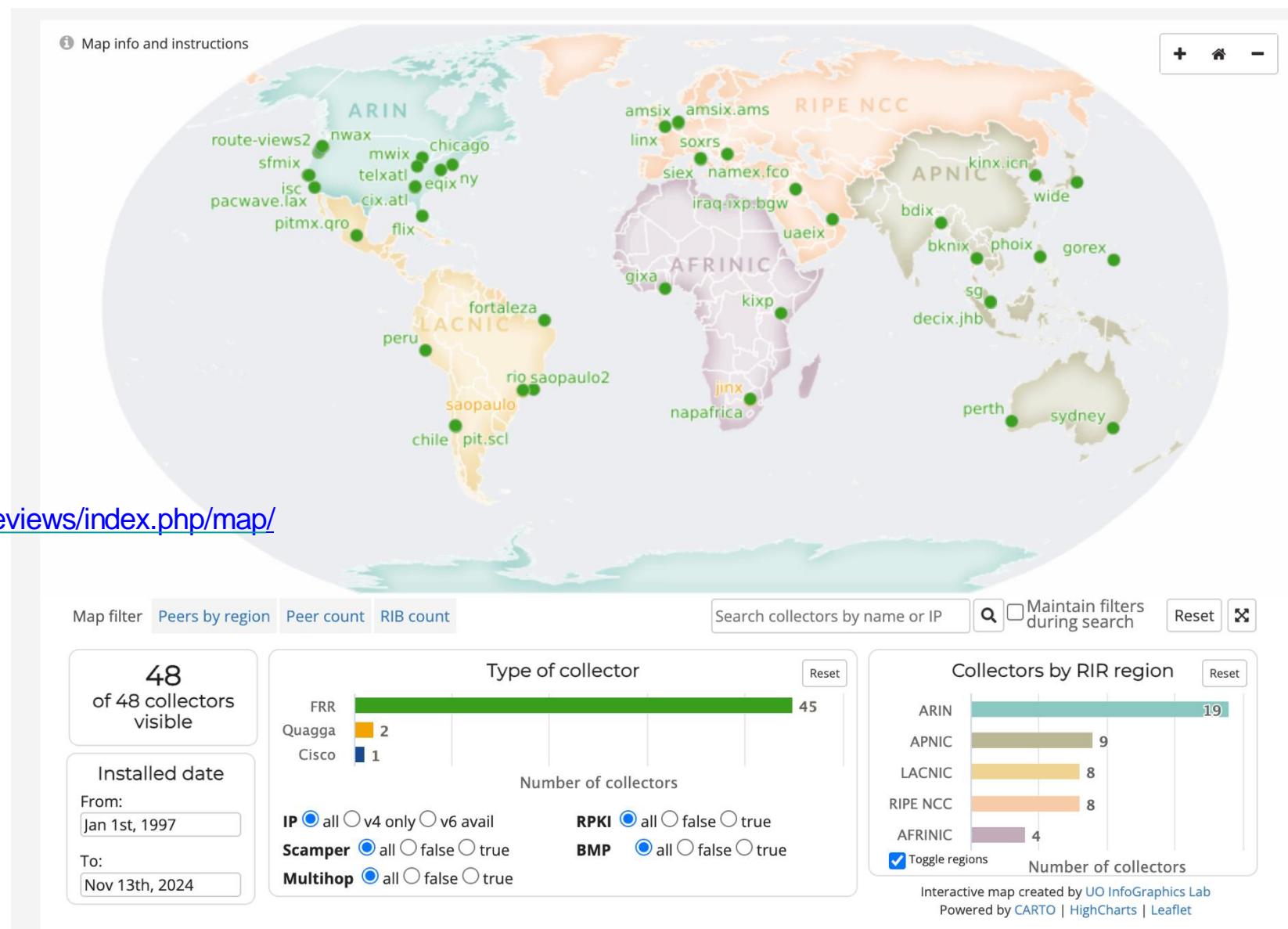
What is RouteViews

- Many free and commercial tools used by network engineers every day include data from RouteViews
 - CAIDA ASRANK
 - CAIDA BGP Reader
 - HE BGP Tools
 - Kentik Market Intelligence
 - Kentik BGP monitoring
 - Catchpoint
 - BGPMon
 - And many more



RouteViews Collector Map

<http://www.routeviews.org/routeviews/index.php/map/>



For network operators & researchers

USING ROUTEIEWS



Using RouteViews

- Network Operators use the live data to analyse how their routes appear on the Global Routing System
- Researchers use the 27-year-old data archive to study trends, route hijacks, and changes such as:
 - Origin change
 - Next-hop change
 - New prefix / more specifics
 - New neighbours
 - Operator ASN appearing in a new transit path
 - Bogons



Use Cases – peering negotiation

Understanding your prospects connectivity can be key to a good negotiation

- Who are the upstreams?
- Who are the peers?
- Who are the customers?

Let's have a look at AS2018 as an example

Connected Networks: Multihop Collector

route-views2.routeviews.org> sh bgp sum

32 peers, multi-hop

IPv4 Unicast Summary (VRF default):
BGP router identifier 128.223.51.102, local AS number 6447 vrf-id 0
BGP table version 2376140
RIB entries 1842070, using 169 MiB of memory
Peers 32, using 644 KiB of memory

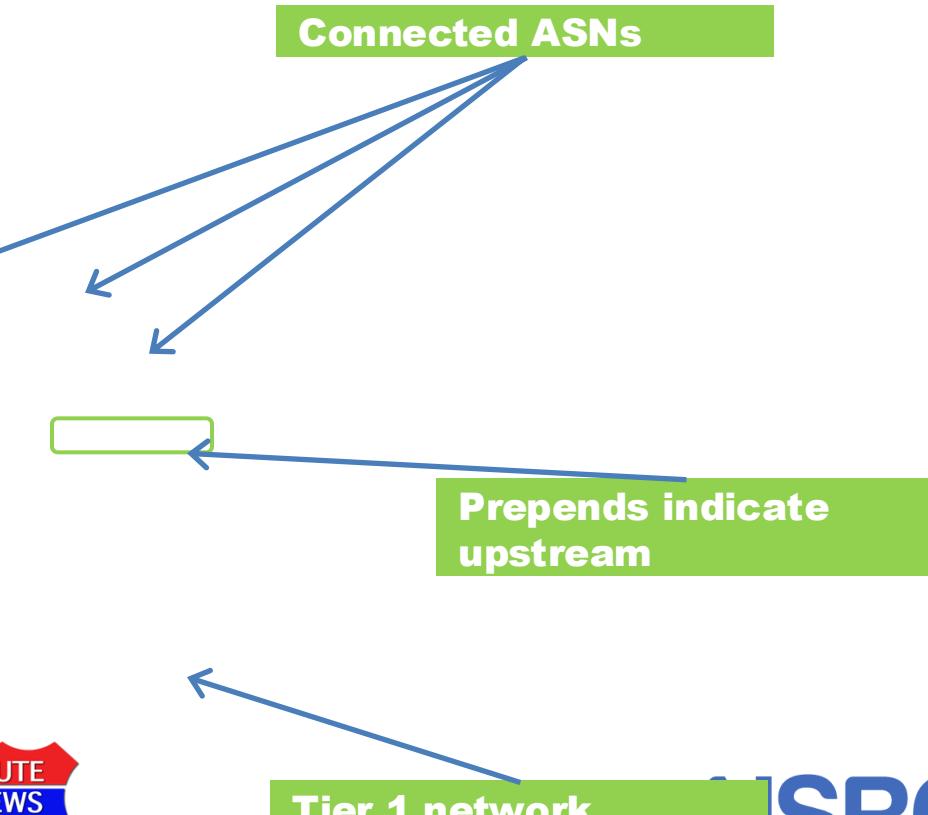
Lots of full tables

Neighbor	V	AS	MsgRcvd	MsgSent	TblVer	InQ	OutQ	Up/Down	State/PfxRcd	PfxSnt	Desc
12.0.1.63	4	7018	278377	377	2376140	0	0	06:14:18	938553	0	ATT
37.139.139.17	4	57866	281167	751	2376140	0	0	06:14:18	941733	0	Fusix
45.61.0.85	4	22652	430462	754	2376140	0	0	05:30:45	943602	0	FIBRENOIRE
62.115.128.137	4	1299	1145666	377	2376140	0	0	06:14:18	919817	0	Telia
64.71.137.241	4	6939	222621	376	2376140	0	0	06:14:18	961672	0	Hurricane Electric
77.39.192.30	4	20912	199676	2247	2376140	0	0	06:14:18	942334	0	PANSERVICE
87.121.64.4	4	57463	124693	375	2376140	0	0	06:13:35	483102	0	NETIXLTD
89.149.178.10	4	3257	301777	377	2376140	0	0	06:14:18	939075	0	Tiscali
91.218.184.60	4	49788	280255	376	2376140	0	0	06:14:18	943183	0	NEXTHOPNO
94.156.252.18	4	34224	365615	376	2376140	0	0	06:14:17	965856	0	NETERRA
105.16.0.247	4	37100	304500	746	2376140	0	0	06:11:16	942394	0	SEACOM
129.250.1.71	4	2914	267752	751	2376140	0	0	06:14:18	939523	0	NTT-A
137.164.16.84	4	2152	219827	376	2376140	0	0	06:14:18	941035	0	CENIC
140.192.8.16	4	20130	247609	751	2376140	0	0	06:14:18	964417	0	DEPAULEDU
144.228.241.130	4	1239	4442	377	2376140	0	0	06:14:17	45863	0	Sprint
147.28.7.1	4	3130	421	376	2376140	0	0	06:14:18	14	0	RGnet, LLC

Connected networks: Multihop Collector

```
route-views3.routeviews.org# sh ip bg regexp _2018$  
BGP table version is 12697779, local router ID is 128.223.51.108, vrf id 0  
Default local pref 100, local AS 6447  
Status codes: s suppressed, d damped, h history, * valid, > best, = multipath,  
i internal, r RIB-failure, S Stale, R Removed  
Nexthop codes: @NNN nexthop's vrf id, < announce-nh-self  
Origin codes: i - IGP, e - EGP, ? - incomplete  
RPKI validation codes: V valid, I invalid, N Not found
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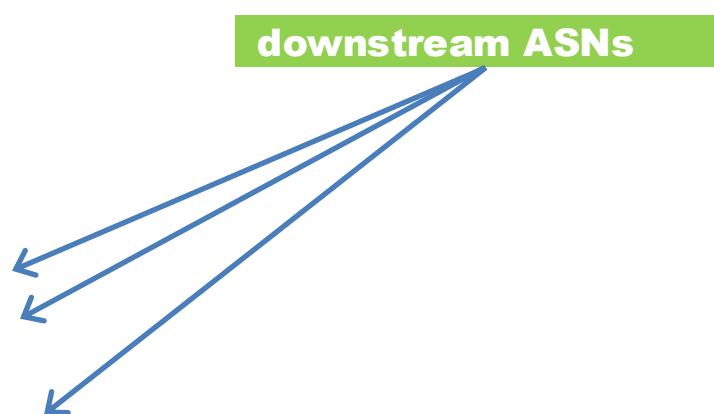
Network	Next Hop	Metric	LocPrf	Weight	Path			
N* 41.74.144.0/22	195.239.77.236	0	3216	2018	i			
N*	109.233.62.1	0	29479	50304	2018 i			
N*	195.239.252.124		0	3216	2018 i			
N*	104.251.122.1	0	14315	2914	20080 2018 i			
N*	158.106.197.135		0	46450	2914	20080 2018 i		
N*	202.150.221.33	0	38001	2914	20080 2018 i			
N*	89.149.178.10	10	0	3257	174	2018 2018 i		
N*	190.15.124.18		0	61568	2018 i			
N*	163.253.3.22	0	11537	2018 i				
N*	205.171.200.245	0	0	209	3356	2914	20080 2018 i	
N*	67.219.192.5		0	19653	2914	20080 2018 i		
N*	203.62.187.103		0	9268	4764	3356	2914	20080 2018 i
N*	210.5.41.225		0	45352	2018 i			
N*	64.71.137.241		0	6939	2018 i			
N*	203.62.187.102		0	9268	4764	3356	2914	20080 2018 i
N*=	94.101.60.146		0	39120	2018 i			
N*>	89.21.210.85		0	39120	2018 i			



Downstreams: Local Collector

```
route-views.napafrica.routeviews.org# sh ip bgp regexp ^2018(_.+)+$  
BGP table version is 250650352, local router ID is 196.60.9.68, vrf id 0  
Default local pref 100, local AS 6447  
Status codes: s suppressed, d damped, h history, * valid, > best, = multipath,  
i internal, r RIB-failure, S Stale, R Removed  
Nexthop codes: @NNN nexthop's vrf id, < announce-nh-self  
Origin codes: i - IGP, e - EGP, ? - incomplete  
RPKI validation codes: V valid, I invalid, N Not found
```

Network	Next Hop	Metric	LocPrf	Weight	Path
N*> 137.158.0.0/16	196.60.8.216	0	2018	36982	i
N*> 143.160.0.0/24	196.60.8.216	0	2018	8094	i
N*> 143.160.240.0/20	196.60.8.216	0	2018	8094	i
N*> 146.182.0.0/16	196.60.8.216	0	2018	37501	i
N*> 146.182.0.0/17	196.60.8.216	0	2018	37501	i
N*> 146.182.128.0/17	196.60.8.216	0	2018	37501	i
N*> 146.231.0.0/16	196.60.8.216	0	2018	37520	i
V*> 154.114.25.0/24	196.60.8.216	0	2018	36982	i
V*> 154.115.0.0/24	196.60.8.216	0	2018	6149	i
V*> 154.115.112.0/20	196.60.8.216	0	2018	36982	i
N*> 192.42.99.0/24	196.60.8.216	0	2018	37520	i
N*> 196.6.221.0/24	196.60.8.216	0	2018	8094	i
V*> 196.21.40.0/24	196.60.8.216	0	2018	37501	i
V*> 196.21.158.0/24	196.60.8.216	0	2018	37501	i
V*> 196.21.159.0/24	196.60.8.216	0	2018	37501	i
V*> 196.21.164.0/22	196.60.8.216	0	2018	8094	i



Make life easier for your NOC

Often customers and peers contact your noc with routing issues. Announcing your routes to RouteViews, helps your engineers to see your network from the rest of the Internet.

Example: You want to balance traffic between your upstreams but the deaggregation scheme is not working

upstream

Make life easier for your NOC

```
route-views3.routeviews.org# sh ip bg 220.239.64.0
BGP routing table entry for 220.239.64.0/20, version 10370995
Paths: (1 available, best #1, table default)
  Not advertised to any peer
  38001 7473 4804 4804
    202.150.221.33 from 202.150.221.33 (10.11.33.29)
      Origin IGP, valid, external, best (First path received), rpk
      i validation-state: invalid
      Community: 38001:100 38001:3003 38001:8003
      Last update: Sun Nov 10 14:28:09 2024
route-views3.routeviews.org#
```

RPKI state

upstream

Make life easier for your NOC

```
route-views3.routeviews.org# sh ip bg 220.239.64.0/19
BGP routing table entry for 220.239.64.0/19, version 9454097
Paths: (25 available, best #24, table default)
Not advertised to any peer
  9268 4764 1221 7474 4804, (aggregated by 4804 198.142.65.160)
  203.62.187.103 from 203.62.187.103 (203.62.187.103)
    Origin IGP, valid, external, atomic-aggregate, rpki validation-state: valid
    Community: 0:2011 9268:2124
    Last update: Mon Nov 4 04:04:03 2024
  9268 4764 1221 7474 4804, (aggregated by 4804 198.142.65.160)
  203.62.187.102 from 203.62.187.102 (203.62.187.102)
    Origin IGP, valid, external, atomic-aggregate, rpki validation-state: valid
    Community: 0:2011 9268:2124
    Last update: Mon Nov 4 02:34:28 2024
route-views3.routeviews.org#
```

Make life easier for your NOC

Ups – we forgot to create new ROAs so networks are dropping the longer prefixes

Go fix

For Peering Coordinators

PEERING WITH ROUTE VIEWS



Peering with RouteViews

- RouteViews has an Open peering policy
 - PeeringDB: <https://www.peeringdb.com/asn/6447>
- We require all peers to have a PeeringDB entry
 - Our tools build peering options (for IXP based collectors) and configurations from PeeringDB
- Peering:
 - Over IPv4 (for IPv4 prefixes) and IPv6 (for IPv6 prefixes)
 - We want to receive the entire BGP table (if operationally possible)
 - Please do not use “add-path” or send us bogon routes
 - We do not send you any prefixes (please don’t ask)

RouteViews Peering Policy

General requirements:

- Peer must operate stable equipment - RouteViews will shutdown BGP sessions that disturb the stability of the RouteViews platform
- Peer must have a routable ASN
- Peer must not be a hobby network
- Peer's full view of the global routing table is preferred
- Routes should be aggregated as much as possible (no longer than /24 for IPv4 and /48 for IPv6)
- Peer must be present with up-to-date information in PeeringDB - including the NOC email address
- Peer must filter RFC6890 space
- RouteViews does not accept addpath-RX or TX
- Peers must not send default routes

IXP peering:

- We happily accept everyone's routes from the route servers.
- We will set up bilateral sessions with anyone who meets the general requirements and will send us their full table.
- We will peer at all mutual exchanges if requested.

Multihop peering:

- We will accept multihop peers who are not on any mutual IXPs.
- Peers must provide their full view of the Internet as they see it.
- We accept two sessions for redundancy; more than two sessions can be set up if the feeds are sufficiently different.



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Why a selective Policy?

- Balance operational OH, scale and information from the data
- Hobby Networks
- Full View of the Internet
- What makes a peering interesting?
 - Networks in regions where we have limited visibility
 - Networks demonstrating new interconnection patterns
 - Networks using innovative routing practices
 - Networks that help us understand emerging market dynamics

Or maybe something we haven't thought about yet



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What's happening at RouteViews

ROUTEVIEWS NEWS



RouteViews News

- Collectors:
 - The majority use FRR¹ (either version 9.1 or 10)
 - One Cisco ASR1004 and one (still) using Quagga
 - Moving collectors from metal to VMs (easier deployment & management)
- Location update:
 - Recent additions include CIX-ATL, PacWave LAX, Iraq IX, PIT Mexico & Santiago, DE-CIX Johor Bahru
 - Several new locations offered; resources required to fulfil those offers

¹FRRouting Project: <https://frrouting.org/>

RouteViews Development Projects

- API
 - Allow programmatic access to live RouteViews data
 - (our collectors currently allow **telnet** access, which 1000s of automated scripts hammer on a daily basis)
 - A BETA version is available at api.routeviews.org
- LookingGlass
 - **telnet** access is unsustainable
 - Aim to making LookingGlass default access for each collector
 - **telnet** will remain available on one collector for legacy
- BMP
 - Live feed from collectors for BGP data consumers



RouteViews Behind the Scenes Projects

Months of ongoing effort:

- Upgrading archive infrastructure and storage
 - RouteViews stores BGP data from 1997 – around 50 TBytes (compressed)
- Tooling
 - Automation tools for managing the whole infrastructure and deploying new peers
- Collector OS (from CentOS to Ubuntu)
 - CentOS end-of-life – half the collectors still running CentOS
- FRR performance
 - Standardising on two latest releases, upgrading from old releases
 - “Badly behaving peers” (aka slow peers)

RouteViews Future Planning

- Collectors & hosts in new locations outside North America
 - Large IXPs with dense interconnection
 - Unique or specialist environments (eg R&E exchanges)
- Scalable and diverse archiving
- Improved community support
 - Running this infrastructure costs money!
 - We hugely appreciate our generous supporters
 - <https://www.routeviews.org/routeviews/index.php/supporters/>
- Your suggestions are very welcome! 

For potential hosts of collectors

HOSTING ROUTEIEWS



Hosting RouteViews

- RouteViews is interested in new locations
 - Especially in regions or economies we have no collector
 - Where there are IXPs with large numbers of peers (>100)
- Hosting a RouteViews collector
 - Hosts can be IXPs themselves
 - Hosts can be members of IXPs
 - Hosts sponsor the IXP port and the (~10Mbps) transit required
 - Hosts sponsor the VM needed for the collector
 - Physical hardware is less preferred due to being harder to manage
 - VMs sometimes may not be possible due to operational requirements



Collector Specifications

- Virtual Machine:
 - 16GB RAM min (prefer 32GB)
 - 100GB disk
 - 4 vCPUs
 - 1 transit interface (management and public CLI access, low traffic)
 - 1 peering interface on the IX
- Physical Hardware:
 - 32GB – 64GB RAM
 - 400GB – 1TB SSD
 - 4+ CPUs
 - Ethernet port for transit interface (1Gbps is enough)
 - Ethernet port for IX peering (10Gbps is the standard now)



Collector Software

- Ubuntu 24.04 is RouteViews standard OS
 - We require a minimal Ubuntu Server install
 - Our deployment scripts do the rest
- Routing daemon we install is FRR
 - MRT¹ used for BGP RIBs (archived every 2 hours) and BGP updates (archived every 15 minutes)

¹ Multi-Threaded Routing Toolkit: <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc6396>

Collector Host

- Acknowledged on RouteViews website as a sponsor
- Contact details kept up to date with RouteViews team
 - An up-to-date PeeringDB entry helps 😊

How you can help

SUPPORTING ROUTEIEWS



Supporting RouteViews

- The project was started in 1995 because network operators wished to see what their BGP announcements looked like from an external viewpoint
 - Thousands of network operators & researchers all around the world now rely on RouteViews
 - Many everyday tools we all rely on use RouteViews data
- Please consider supporting RouteViews:
 - By peering with one of our collectors
 - By publicly acknowledging the value of the information we have collected
 - In any other way that helps keep this community service going

Thank you!

