



# Analysis of the paths followed by traffic within each country of LAC region

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Brazil (BR)

Chile (CL)

Colombia (CO)

Costa Rica (CR)

Dominican Republic (DO)

Ecuador (EC)

French Guiana (GF)

Guatemala (GT)

Guyana (GY)

Honduras (HN)

Haiti (HT)

Mexico (MX)

Nicaragua (NI)

Panama (PA)

Peru (PE)

Paraguay (PY)

El Salvador (SV)

Trinidad and Tobago (TT)

Uruguay (UY)

Venezuela (VE)

## Executive Summary

This document is part of a series that analyzes the measurements conducted by LACNIC in the LAC region during 2022. This document covers **internal measurements within a country. i.e., traffic that has its origin and destination in the same country.**

Traceroutes were used to perform active traffic measurements. Traceroutes were measured from different points of the network to IP addresses in each country, for a total of approximately [5,500 networks](#). Various analyses were carried out based on this data. These analyses are available to operators in the region and to other researchers who wish to delve deeper into the topic. The [data is also available](#) to anyone who wishes to conduct a more in-depth analysis.

Generally speaking, better latencies were measured in 2022 than in the 2020 campaign. Compared to the 2020 study, the current work adds the [paths perspective](#), in other words, the intermediate points traversed by the traffic.

Countries that are home to IXPs or large operators maintain more than 90% of their traffic within the country. In these cases, latency is typically less than 40 ms, and when [paths and latencies](#) are considered simultaneously, a reasonable picture emerges. This study also notes [traffic leaks](#), and where such leaks occur.

Zooming in to ASN level, it presents a ranking of each country with [the most central networks](#), i.e., those that captured the majority of the measurements. This ranking includes the networks of each country as well as those of other countries and those operating in multiple countries, and is led by established IXPs. In addition, [connectivity graphs](#) were created that show the relationships between different networks within each country.

One of the sections is dedicated to analyzing IXPs. It shows that IXPs typically route more than 40% of the measured traffic, that the traffic that traverses an IXP has a [shorter as-path](#), and that they have [a positive impact on latency](#) compared to traffic that does not traverse an IXP.

In addition, three annexes are provided with details of the destinations of outgoing traceroutes (ASNs), the routes with segments outside the country, and the connectivity graphs for each country.

- [Annex 1: Outgoing traceroute destinations \(ASNs\)](#)
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## Introduction: Regional Traffic Path Analyses

LACNIC has conducted several types of Internet measurements at the country level and especially at the regional level. One aspect we are interested in measuring is the connectivity between networks operating in the countries of the region, which is why we conducted studies based on latency. These studies showed a significant improvement in terms of connectivity times both within each country and between different countries. For example, see the study titled [Connectivity in the LAC Region in 2020](#) in the Technical Reports section of the LACNIC website.

Following community interest and inquiries about the results of these studies based on latency measurements, we conducted further studies based on information available from the regional routing tables: [BGP Interconnection in the Region of Latin America and the Caribbean](#) and [Local BGP Interconnection in Latin America and the Caribbean](#). These studies provided us with an overview of connectivity at the routing level within each country and at the regional level, complimenting the previous information.

For this new study, we sought to actively measure traffic behavior using traceroutes. These traceroutes are measured from different points on the network to IP addresses in each country. Among other things, these results allow us to analyze which ASNs are the most central within each country, whether path lengths are reasonable, whether they remain within each country or interconnections are made abroad, and whether there are local IXPs in the country.

## Data Used in this Study

### Data Sources

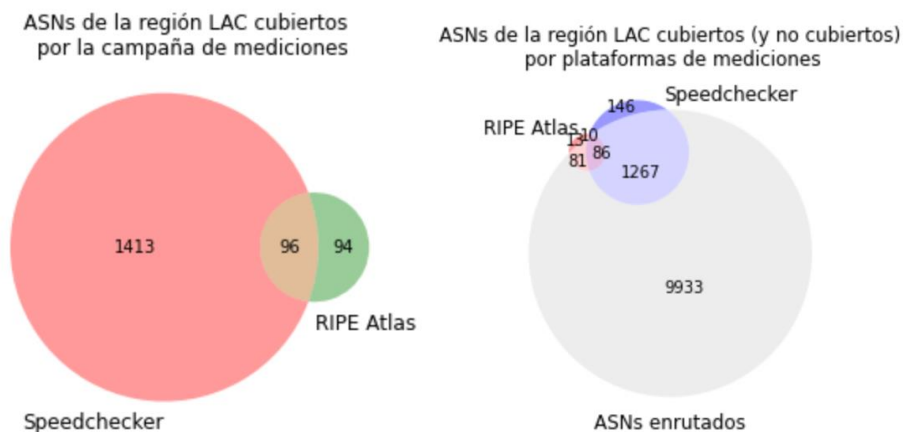
About the data sources used in this study:

- **LACNIC Geofeeds:** A service provided through MiLACNIC that allows members to add geolocation information for their IP blocks ([link](#)).
- **Registry information:** RIRs specify where IP addresses are registered, particularly those that appear in the dataset used in this study. The data is published by each RIR in the form of “delegated” files ([link](#)).
- **PeeringDB:** A freely available, user-maintained, database of networks ([link](#)). Specifically, the following datasets were used:
  - IX, with information about IXPs.
  - IXPF, or “IX prefix”, with information about which prefixes are used in each IXP.
  - The two data sources above allow us to obtain the IXPs traversed by the measurement traceroutes.
- **AS Names:** Contains the asns.txt dataset that lists the common names by which the ASNs are known and the countries where they are being used. These labels are used in different visualizations and tables ([link](#)).
- **AS Population:** Estimated customer populations per ASN, provided by APNIC. This data is useful to estimate the impact that the operation of an ASN has on end users. This data is only used in the section on [Traceroutes routed through another country](#) ([link](#)).
- **RIPE IPmap:** A platform that provides geolocation information for IP addresses inferred through active measurements ([link](#)).
- **RIPE RIS:** A routing data collection platform which, in addition to other large amounts of data, allows users to see which ASN originates a prefix on the Internet ([link](#)).
- **Speedchecker:** An active measurement platform that allows launching pings and traceroutes from probes in the region ([link](#)).

### Measurement Platforms

In previous studies, measurement platforms that could potentially be used for this type of study have been analyzed (see Introduction in [Connectivity in the LAC Region in 2020](#)). The conclusion was that RIPE Atlas and Speedchecker were the most appropriate.

RIPE Atlas and Speedchecker are complementary platforms, as they cover different types of networks using comparable mechanisms (both measure through the same protocols). While Speedchecker covers more networks than RIPE Atlas, the former does not replace the latter; it is expected that, if RIPE Atlas coverage improves, it will do so by covering networks (or segments of networks) that are not yet covered by the other platform. The networks covered by both platforms can be grouped as follows:



Given what has been discussed above about coverage and consistency with studies conducted in previous years, the

2022 measurement campaign was implemented through Speedchecker, without eliminating the option of carrying out a similar campaign with RIPE Atlas.

## Considerations about the Data

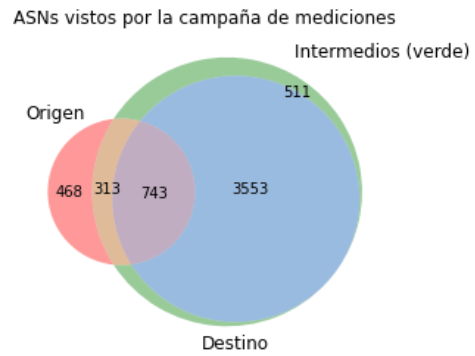
The data was analyzed with certain considerations in mind:

- Although the goal of the report was to cover the countries in the LAC region, at the end of the measurement campaign there were not enough results available for all the countries.
  - At the time of the measurements, probes had not been deployed in the following countries: Netherlands Antilles (AN), Aruba (AW), Belize (BZ), Cuba (CU), Falkland Islands (FK), South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands (GS), and Suriname (SR).
  - In the following countries, results were insufficient (less than 10) and have been omitted in some sections of the document: French Guiana (GF, 9 results), Guyana (GY, 5 results).
- Measurements showed that some networks operate at a global level. In this study, these networks do not have a specific country of registration; however, under geographic location, they were assigned the code **WW** (*worldwide*). These networks are as follows:
  - AS16625 AKAMAI-AS
  - AS1299 TWELVE99 Telia Company AB
  - AS3356 LEVEL3
  - AS13335 CLOUDFLARENET
  - AS6762 SEABONE-NET TELECOM ITALIA SPARKLE S.p.A.
  - AS12956 TELXIUS TELEFONICA GLOBAL SOLUTIONS SL
  - AS3549 LVLT-3549
  - AS7195 EDGEUNO SAS
  - AS18747 IFX18747
  - AS23520 COLUMBUS-NETWORKS
  - AS3257 GTT-BACKBONE GTT Communications Inc.
  - AS174 COGENT-174
  - AS1239 SPRINTLINK



## Scope of the Measurement Campaign

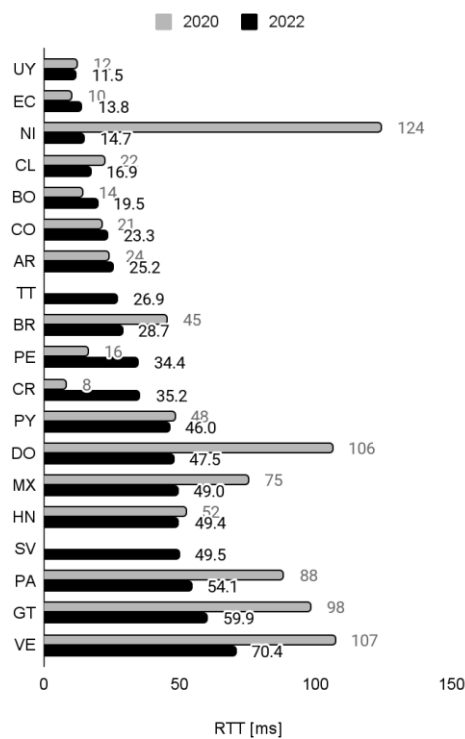
The measurement campaign covered a total of 5,588 networks. These networks either hosted a probe (measurement origin), hosted an IP address (measurement destination), or were in the path to be traversed by the measurement (intermediate network, neither the origin nor the destination of the measurement). It was observed that 511 networks did not have a measurement probe or a destination IP address, in other words, they are “intermediate” networks surveyed by the measurement campaign. The following graph shows the distribution of the networks.



## Latency

### Comparison between 2020 and 2022

Latencia interna

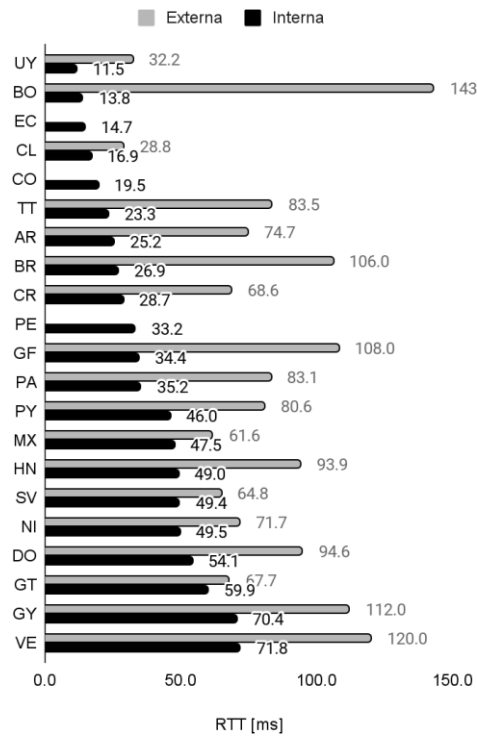


In 2020, a [latency study was conducted in the LAC region](#) which measured the internal latency of several countries in the region. Because both studies share similar platforms and methodologies, their results can be compared. The image on the left is a comparison of the latency measurements obtained in 2020 vs 2022. How do they compare?

A first observation is that many of the countries had lower latencies in 2022 than in 2020, particularly those countries with higher latencies. On average, the improvement was 44.4 ms.

Panama is a case worth noting. There, [a project to deploy measurement probes](#) began after the 2020 study for the purpose of improving the observability of regional connectivity. A comparison of the latencies in both years shows an improvement of ~34 ms.

### Latencia interna vs. externa



Given that this measurement campaign is based on traceroutes, it is possible to compare the number of hops that remain within a country against those that abandon (and then re-enter) the country. Without any major surprises, measurements are in line with expectations: the latency of the hops leaving the country is greater than the latency of internal hops by a wide margin.

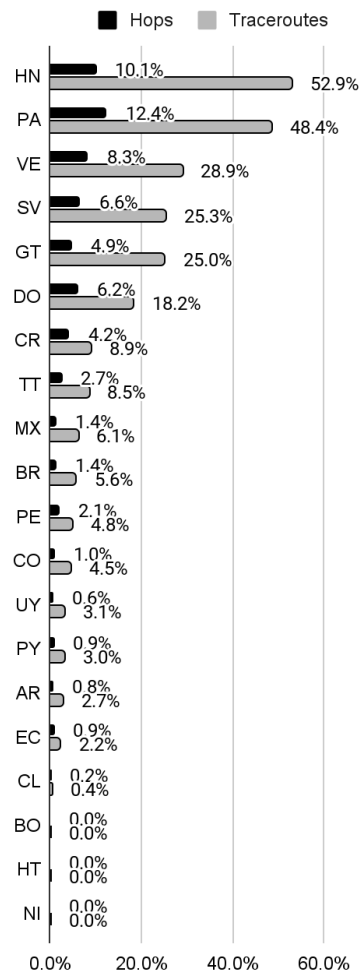
However, hops that abandon the country are an indicator of suboptimal routing, as the destination of these packets is an IP address in the same country.

In the [Latencies and Paths](#) section we will delve deeper into the difference in RTT between external and internal hops, and how this relates to the percentage of hops that exit a country.

## Paths

### Traceroutes Routed through Another Country

#### Hops y traceroutes enrutados por fuera de un país



A comparison of the paths that remained within a country against those that left the country allows certain observations.

First, we can compare the percentage of hops and traceroutes that leave each country. A hop is considered outgoing to a country if its IP address is not registered in the country of origin; a traceroute is considered outgoing if at least one hop of that traceroute is outgoing.

In addition to the country where an IP address (hop) is registered, latency is also considered. This criterion is detailed in the [Geolocation Corrections](#) section, which explains that the reason for this is to minimize the number of resources registered outside a country but operating within it (low latency). For example, an IP address registered in the United States but 20 ms (or less) from a probe located in Argentina will be considered to be located in Argentina.

The graph shows large countries where IXPs are present, such as Argentina, Brazil, or Chile, and where the percentage of outgoing traceroutes is low (2.7%, 5.6%, and 0.4%, respectively)

It also shows countries where large operators are present and these percentages are low, such as Mexico and Uruguay (6.1% and 3.1%, respectively).

The ranking of countries with the highest percentage of traceroutes routed outside the country was topped by Guyana, Honduras, Panama, Venezuela, El Salvador, Guatemala, and the Dominican Republic, with values above 10%. An analysis of ASNs with traceroutes traversing other countries shows the following: in Guyana, 100% of the ASNs observed by the experiment abandon the country; in Honduras, 66%; in Panama, 50%; in Venezuela, 41%, and in El Salvador, 25%. These “border crossings” are detailed in the table of [ASNs directing traceroutes through another country](#), which shows ASNs that decide to direct

traceroutes through another country (those that route more than 5% of all traceroutes originated in that country).

Another resource presented in this document is the table of [ASNs that appear most often in traceroutes, by country](#). It details *all* the ASNs that are seen the most in traceroutes launched from each country, not only those that cross a national border.

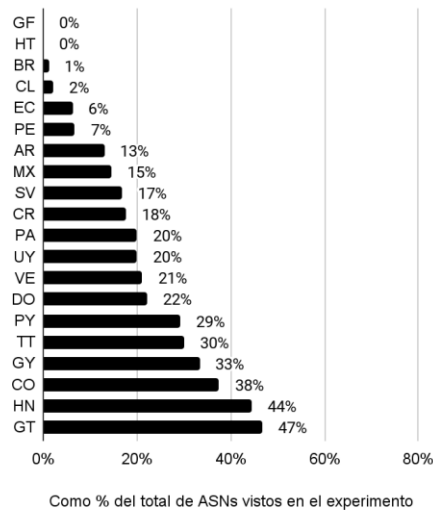
Note that one of the goals of this study is to describe as best as possible the outcomes and observations resulting from the experiment. **Readers have a better understanding of their local environment, so we invite them to use this study as a trigger to obtain a better interpretation of the data.**

Keep in mind that this document analyzes measurements that have their origin and destination in the same country. It is interesting to know the **number of ASNs** which must send a packet within one country but end up routing it through another, after which it returns to the country where it originated. This is the percentage of ASNs in each country that route packets through an ASN located outside the country, where 100% represents all the ASNs in that country observed in the experiment. The following graph shows the countries ranked based on this metric.

### Enrutamiento en países en LAC

Cantidad de ASNs

■ ASNs que enrutan tráfico fuera del país

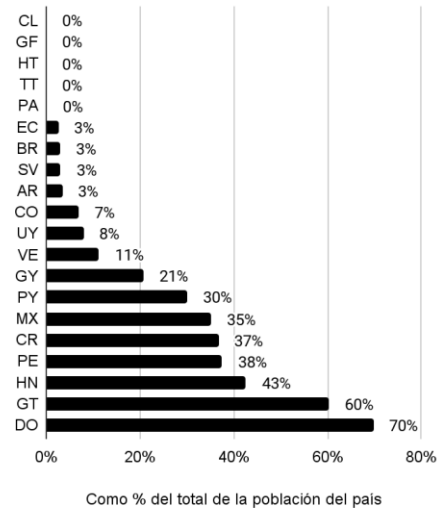


Having an estimate of the number of users per ASN also allows estimating what percentage of each **country's population** falls within the cases mentioned above. These are shown in the next graph.

### Enrutamiento en países en LAC

Porcentaje de la población

■ Población que es enrutada por fuera del país



Chile, Trinidad and Tobago, and Panama are of particular interest: even though some of their ASNs route outside these countries, because the number of users served by these ASNs is extremely low or inexistent, the percentage of the population ends up being zero.

They are followed in the ranking by some cases with a population of approximately 3%.

Typically, countries where the percentage is high (more than 3% of the country's population) have a large component in one or at most two ASNs. These characteristics can be attributed to:

- Colombia with greater participation of UFINET PANAMÁ and TV AZTECA SUCURSAL COLOMBIA (3 and 2% respectively)
- Uruguay with Telefónica Móviles del Uruguay
- Venezuela with TELEFÓNICA VENEZOLANA
- Guyana with E-Networks
- Paraguay with Núcleo
- Mexico with Uninet
- Costa Rica with Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad y Telecom
- Peru with Telefónica del Perú
- Honduras with Telefónica Celular and CABLECOLOR (27 and 14%)
- Guatemala with Telgu and COMCEL GUATEMALA (39 and 18%)
- Dominican Republic with Compañía Dominicana de Teléfonos and ALTICE DOMINICANA (64 and 23%)

## Tables

Given that the measurements have their origin and destination in the same country, it is interesting to determine the countries through which the measurements exit the country. Two tables were created. The first one shows the countries where the measurements originated; the second, the ASNs from which the measurements exited the country. The second table can be viewed as an extension of the first. In both cases, the table shows the rows (countries or ASNs) that represent more than 5% of the total number of traceroutes leaving that country. Percentages are calculated based on the following:

1. An outgoing traceroute is one that has at least one hop that first passes through an IP geolocated in the same country, and its next hop goes through an IP address geolocated in another country. For more information, see the [Geolocation](#) section.
2. To calculate the percentage, all outgoing traceroutes are counted and compared to the total number of traceroutes that originated in that country.

Note that, when geolocating networks that operate in multiple countries, they are assigned the code **ww**. For more information, go to the section titled [Considerations about the Data](#).

The first table (country level) is included below. [Annex 1: Outgoing Traceroute Destinations \(ASNs\)](#) shows the table in greater detail (ASN level).

Reference:

COUNTRY: Country where the measurements originated. It is also the measurements' destination country.

INTERMEDIATE\_COUNTRY: Country traversed by the measurements.

COUNTRY --> INTERMEDIATE\_COUNTRY --> COUNTRY

COUNTRY	INTERMEDIATE_COUNTRY	PERCENTAGE
<b>AR</b>		
	WW	94%
<b>BR</b>		
	WW	82%
	US	9%
<b>CL</b>		
	100%	
<b>CO</b>		
	WW	100%
<b>CR</b>		
	WW	88%
	GT	12%
<b>DO</b>		
	WW	100%
<b>EC</b>		
	WW	100%
<b>SV</b>		
	WW	100%
<b>GT</b>		
	WW	87%
	US	13%
<b>GY</b>		
	WW	100%

<b>HN</b>		
	WW	100%
<b>MX</b>		
	US	55%
	WW	44%
<b>PA</b>		
	WW	100%
<b>PY</b>		
	BR	50%
	WW	50%
<b>PE</b>		
	WW	100%
<b>TT</b>		
	WW	67%
	GD	25%
	JM	8%
<b>UY</b>		
	WW	75%
	BR	25%
<b>VE</b>		
	WW	69%
	CO	15%
	US	15%

## ASNs Observed Most Frequently in Traceroutes, by Country

Based on the measurements, it is possible to determine which networks are observed most frequently in traceroutes within a country, regardless of whether such networks are internal to the country or other networks traversed by the traceroutes. This metric can provide an idea of the importance of each network within the country. To do this, all traceroutes involving each network are counted and divided by the number of traceroutes launched from that country, to obtain a percentage. A ranking is then prepared based on this percentage and filters are applied to include only those networks that represent more than 5%. The results are included below (note that the percentages should not total 100%, as the same traceroute involves several networks).

### Argentina (AR)

AS7303 Telecom Argentina S.A.	AR	53.7%
AR-IX Cabase	AR	48.1%
AS19037 AMX Argentina S.A.	AR	11.1%
AS10834 Telefonica de Argentina	AR	8.5%
AS22927 Telefonica de Argentina	AR	7.8%
AS3549 LVLTL-3549	WW	6.8%
AS264797 Cablenet S.A.	AR	5.4%
AS262589 InterNexa Global Network	AR	5.1%
AS6762 SEABONE-NET TELECOM ITALIA SPARKLE S.p.A.	WW	5.1%
AS27813 Teledifusora S.A.	AR	5.0%

### Bolivia (BO)

AS26210 AXS Bolivia S. A.	BO	48.7%
PIT Bolivia	BO	39.8%
AS27839 Comteco Ltda	BO	23.9%
AS25620 COTAS LTDA.	BO	22.1%
AS262159 Digital TV CABLE DE EDMUND S.R.L.	BO	15.0%
AS6568 Entel S.A. - EntelNet	BO	14.2%
AS27882 Telefonica Celular de Bolivia S.A.	BO	13.3%

### Brazil (BR)

IX.br (PTT.br) São Paulo	BR	20.2%
AS28573 Claro NXT Telecomunicacoes Ltda	BR	15.6%
AS4230 CLARO S.A.	BR	12.6%
AS26599 TELEFONICA BRASIL S.A	BR	11.6%
AS3356 LEVEL3	WW	11.5%
AS4249 LILLY-AS	BR	11.0%
AS16735 ALGAR TELECOM SA	BR	7.0%
AS8167 V tal	BR	5.9%
AS27699 TELEFONICA BRASIL S.A	BR	5.7%
AS3549 LVLTL-3549	WW	5.6%
AS6057 Administracion Nacional de Telecomunicaciones	UY	5.4%

### Chile (CL)

PIT Santiago - PIT Chile	CL	34.0%
AS7418 TELEFONICA CHILE S.A.	CL	31.4%
AS7004 CTC Transmisiones Regionales S.A.	CL	19.4%
AS6535 Telmex Servicios Empresariales S.A.	CL	16.7%
AS14259 Gtd Internet S.A.	CL	12.3%
AS52305 NIC Chile	CL	8.8%

### Colombia (CO)

NAP Colombia	CO	39.6%
AS3549 LVLTL-3549	WW	16.8%
AS262186 TV AZTECA SUCURSAL COLOMBIA	CO	16.5%
AS13489 EPM Telecomunicaciones S.A. E.S.P.	CO	16.3%
AS52468 UFINET PANAMA S.A.	CO	15.5%
AS10620 Telmex Colombia S.A.	CO	15.2%
AS19429 ETB - Colombia	CO	11.5%
AS52320 GlobeNet Cabos Submarinos Colombia, S.A.S.	CO	8.4%
AS262928 DIRECTV COLOMBIA LTDA.	CO	7.6%

AS3816	COLOMBIA TELECOMUNICACIONES S.A. ESP	CO	6.3%
AS10299	EMPRESAS MUNICIPALES DE CALI E.I.C.E. E.S.P.	CO	5.8%
AS16625	AKAMAI-AS	WW	5.8%
<b>Costa Rica (CR)</b>			
	CRIX	CR	44.4%
AS52468	UFINET PANAMA S.A.	CR	31.9%
AS11830	Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad y Telecom.	CR	16.6%
AS262197	MILLICOM CABLE COSTA RICA S.A.	CR	14.6%
AS52228	Cable Tica	CR	10.5%
AS262202	Telefonica de Costa Rica TC, SA	CR	9.2%
AS265636	CoopeSantos R.L.	CR	9.2%
AS263762	COOPERATIVA DE ELECTRIFICACION RURAL DE GUANACASTE R.L.	CR	8.8%
AS263779	Academia Nacional de Ciencias	CR	8.5%
AS28022	CRISP S.A.	CR	7.5%
AS14754	Telgua	CR	5.8%
AS262149	Sistemas Fratec S.A.	CR	5.4%
<b>Dominican Republic (DO)</b>			
AS6400	Compania Dominicana de Telefonos S. A.	DO	76.4%
AS23520	COLUMBUS-NETWORKS	WW	15.0%
AS28118	ALTICE DOMINICANA S.A.	DO	10.0%
AS1299	TWELVE99 Telia Company AB	WW	8.6%
AS64126	DOMINICAN CABLE GROUP DCG, S.R.L.	DO	8.6%
AS264605	TELEVIADUCTO S.R.L.	DO	7.1%
AS264821	COMCAST-SRL	DO	7.1%
AS12066	ALTICE DOMINICANA S.A.	DO	6.4%
AS269965	LIGHTWAVE S.R.L	DO	6.4%
<b>Ecuador (EC)</b>			
AS27947	Telconet S.A	EC	29.1%
AS26613	CORPORACION NACIONAL DE TELECOMUNICACIONES - CNT EP	EC	24.6%
AS14522	Satnet	EC	22.9%
	NAP.EC - UIO	EC	22.3%
AS264668	NEDETEL S.A.	EC	21.1%
	NAP.EC - GYE	EC	8.0%
AS263238	Eliana Vanessa Morocho Ona	EC	6.9%
AS28006	CORPORACION NACIONAL DE TELECOMUNICACIONES - CNT EP	EC	6.9%
AS61468	CEDIA	EC	6.9%
AS4249	LILLY-AS	EC	6.3%
<b>French Guiana (GF)</b>			
AS21351	CANALPLUSTELECOM Canal + Telecom SAS	GP	100.0%
AS2200	FR-RENATER Reseau National de telecommunications pour la Tec	FR	100.0%
AS263175	GUYACOM	GF	100.0%
AS21351	CANALPLUSTELECOM Canal + Telecom SAS	GF	88.9%
<b>Guatemala (GT)</b>			
AS12956	TELXIUS TELEFONICA GLOBAL SOLUTIONS SL	WW	41.2%
AS23243	COMCEL GUATEMALA S.A.	GT	32.7%
AS52468	UFINET PANAMA S.A.	GT	32.7%
AS6453	AS6453	US	30.7%
AS14754	Telgua	GT	20.3%
AS263218	INTERNET TELECOMUNICATION COMPANY DE GUATEMALA, S.A.	GT	17.6%
AS174	COGENT-174	WW	13.1%
AS27742	Amnet Telecomunicaciones S.A.	GT	11.8%
AS27742	Amnet Telecomunicaciones S.A.	US	11.8%
AS267715	RED CENTROAMERICANA DE TELECOMUNICACIONES S.A, SUCURSAL GUAT	GT	8.5%
AS1299	TWELVE99 Telia Company AB	WW	7.8%
AS23520	COLUMBUS-NETWORKS	WW	7.8%
AS263763	REDES HIBRIDAS, S. A.	GT	7.2%
AS3257	GTT-BACKBONE GTT Communications Inc.	WW	5.2%
AS701	UUNET	US	5.2%
<b>Guyana (GY)</b>			
AS52253	E-Networks Inc.	GY	80.0%



AS19863 Guyana Telephone & Telegraph Co.	GY 60.0%
AS23520 COLUMBUS-NETWORKS	WW 60.0%

**Honduras (HN)**

AS52262 Telefonica Celular S.A	HN 52.2%
AS27884 CABLECOLOR S.A.	HN 47.8%
AS23693 TELKOMSEL-ASN-ID PT. Telekomunikasi Selular	ID 43.5%
AS1299 TWELVE99 Telia Company AB	WW 30.4%
AS23520 COLUMBUS-NETWORKS	WW 30.4%
AS27932 Redes y Telecomunicaciones	HN 26.1%
AS52422 Velco Globalnetwork	HN 13.0%
AS7727 Hondutel	HN 13.0%
AS1239 SPRINTLINK	WW 8.7%
AS12956 TELXIUS TELEFONICA GLOBAL SOLUTIONS SL	WW 8.7%
AS6453 AS6453	US 8.7%
AS7087 Administracion de Redes Colomsat S.A.	HN 8.7%

**Haiti (HT)**

AS52260 Telecommunications de Haiti Teleco	HT 70.5%
AS27759 ACCESS HAITI S.A.	HT 31.1%

**Mexico (MX)**

AS8151 Uninet S.A. de C.V.	MX 27.4%
AS18734 Operbes, S.A. de C.V.	MX 25.2%
AS32098 TRANSTELCO-INC	MX 23.3%
AS28548 Cablevision, S.A. de C.V.	MX 17.2%
AS4249 LILLY-AS	MX 8.9%
AS6503 Axtel, S.A.B. de C.V.	MX 8.7%
AS11888 Television Internacional, S.A. de C.V.	MX 8.2%
AS3356 LEVEL3	WW 7.6%
AS174 COGENT-174	WW 7.3%
AS28545 Cablemas Telecomunicaciones SA de CV	MX 6.0%
AS28504 Network Information Center Mexico	MX 5.3%

**Nicaragua (NI)**

AS14754 Telgua	NI 88.0%
AS25607 IBW Communications	NI 52.0%

**Panama (PA)**

AS18809 Cable Onda	PA 52.4%
InteRed Panama	PA 42.9%
AS11556 Cable & Wireless Panama	PA 40.5%
AS23520 COLUMBUS-NETWORKS	WW 35.7%
AS1299 TWELVE99 Telia Company AB	WW 31.0%
AS264676 Sistemas Inalambricos S.A	PA 28.6%
AS263215 WNET, S. A.	PA 16.7%
AS27930 Shadwell International Inc	PA 14.3%
AS28005 Digicel Panama, S.A	PA 7.1%

**Peru (PE)**

AS6147 Telefonica del Peru S.A.A.	PE 29.5%
AS267904 TELEVISORA DEL SUR SAC	PE 25.0%
AS262253 ECONOCABLE MEDIA SAC	PE 17.9%
AS262210 VIETTEL PERU S.A.C.	PE 17.0%
AS3132 Red Cientifica Peruana	PE 11.6%
AS28032 INTERNEXA PERU S.A	PE 10.7%
AS21575 ENTEL PERU S.A.	PE 8.9%
AS27843 OPTICAL TECHNOLOGIES S.A.C.	PE 8.0%
AS12956 TELXIUS TELEFONICA GLOBAL SOLUTIONS SL	WW 7.1%
AS61482 CONVERGIA	PE 5.4%

**Paraguay (PY)**

AS23201 Telecel S.A.	PY 65.8%
AS27768 COMPANIA PARAGUAYA DE COMUNICACIONES S.A. COPACO S.A.	PY 39.5%
AS28008 Telecel S.A.	PY 28.9%
IX.br (PTT.br) São Paulo	BR 17.1%

AS3356	LEVEL3	WW	11.8%
AS12956	TELXIUS TELEFONICA GLOBAL SOLUTIONS SL	WW	10.5%
AS61512	GIG@NET SOCIEDAD ANONIMA	PY	10.5%
AS266831	MONGELOS ARCE MARCIALDELTA NETWORKS	PY	9.2%
AS21928	T-MOBILE-AS21928	US	5.3%
AS270029	MEGANET S.R.L.	PY	5.3%
AS28103	TECNOLOGIA EN ELECTRONICA E INFORMATICA SOCIEDAD ANONIMA T.E	PY	5.3%
AS52468	UFINET PANAMA S.A.	PY	5.3%

**El Salvador (SV)**

AS27773	MILLICOM CABLE EL SALVADOR S.A. DE C.V.	SV	58.2%
AS27903	DIGICEL S.A. DE C.V.	SV	44.3%
AS33576	DIG001	JM	44.3%
AS3257	GTT-BACKBONE GTT Communications Inc.	WW	41.8%
AS6453	AS6453	US	30.4%
AS23520	COLUMBUS-NETWORKS	WW	17.7%
AS262199	Columbus Networks El Salvador SA de CV	SV	16.5%
AS3491	BTN-ASN	US	11.4%
AS1299	TWELVE99 Telia Company AB	WW	8.9%

**Trinidad and Tobago (TT)**

AS27800	Digicel Trinidad and Tobago Ltd.	TT	69.9%
AS27665	Columbus Communications Trinidad Limited.	TT	22.6%
AS393629	GDGR	TT	15.1%
AS5639	Telecommunication Services of Trinidad and Tobago	TT	10.0%
AS23520	COLUMBUS-NETWORKS	WW	9.6%
AS27789	GREENDOT	TT	7.9%
AS264811	AIR LINK COMMUNICATIONS	TT	7.5%
AS263222	RVR INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	TT	5.9%

AS6057	Administracion Nacional de Telecomunicaciones	UY	100.0%
AS28000	LACNIC - Latin American and Caribbean IP address	UY	36.8%
AS61455	LACTLD - LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN TLD ASSOCIATION	UY	36.8%
AS19422	Telefonica Moviles del Uruguay SA	UY	22.6%
AS12956	TELXIUS TELEFONICA GLOBAL SOLUTIONS SL	WW	21.8%

**Venezuela (VE)**

AS8048	CANTV Servicios, Venezuela	VE	76.9%
AS11562	Net Uno, C.A.	VE	9.0%
AS3549	LVLT-3549	WW	9.0%
AS6306	TELEFONICA VENEZOLANA, C.A.	VE	9.0%
AS28007	Gold Data C.A.	VE	5.8%
AS265641	TELECOMUNICACIONES ROCARLI C.A CIX BROADBAND	VE	5.1%
AS52320	GlobeNet Cabos Submarinos Colombia, S.A.S.	CO	5.1%

## Latency and Paths

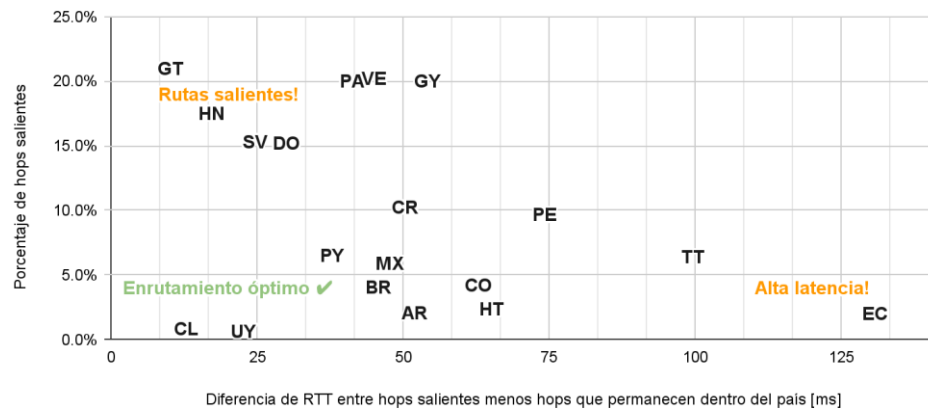
Measurements reveal two important findings:

- When sending packets to a destination within the same country, some countries route a part of these packets through *another* country.
- This often leads to increased latency compared to packets routed locally within the country.

The following graph illustrates these two variables, with the x-axis representing the difference in Round-Trip-Time (RTT) between packets that exit the country and packets that do not, while the y-axis represents the percentage of packets that exit the country.

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Hops que salen vs. hops que permanecen dentro de cada país



- x-axis: Difference in RTT between hops that leave the country and those that do not. High values reflect a penalty when packets exit the country. Low values suggest similar latencies.
- y-axis: Percentage of hops that exit the country. Typically, this number should be low. The cases of Bolivia, French Guyana, and Nicaragua are worth noting, as they did not have any hops outside the country.

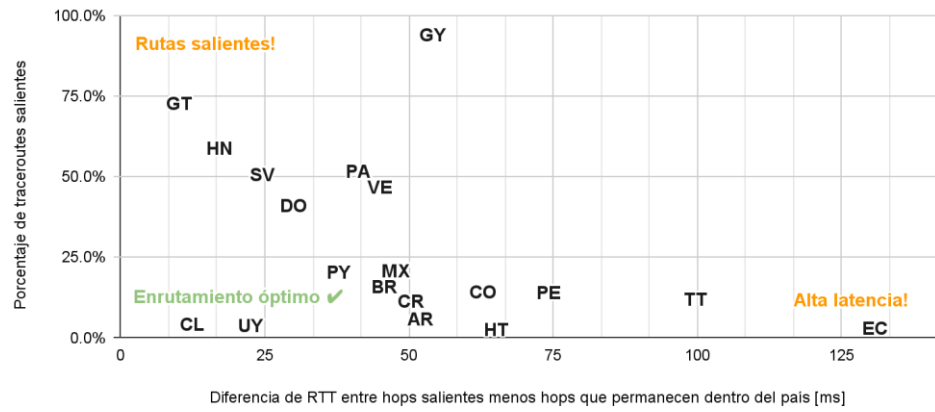
Based on the above, countries can be grouped into the following categories:

- Upper right quadrant: Countries that have an RTT penalty when leaving the country as well as high percentages. This quadrant is empty; connectivity at the country level should be reviewed.
- Lower right quadrant: Countries where a penalty is paid when routes exit the country, but this is infrequent. These are routes that exit the country and have **high latency**.
- Upper left quadrant: These countries pay a low penalty in terms of latency but have many **outgoing routes**.
- Lower left quadrant: A low penalty is paid, but this penalty is rare; this traffic could be considered **optimal routing**.

Similar observations can be made if instead of the number of outgoing packets, the graph shows the number of outgoing traceroutes. The distribution of the countries is similar, the major difference being that the percentage is higher (the traceroute is considered to exit the country if even a single hop is outside the country, hence the higher percentages):

## Latencia en países de LAC

Traceroutes que salen vs. traceroutes que permanecen dentro de cada país



## Graphs

Graphing measurement results is useful, as it allows applying known methods. For example, loops or circuits can be detected. Based on the traceroute results, a graph was created for each country, where:

- Each node represents a network, either an ASN or an IXP
- Each edge of the graph represents the hop on a traceroute between consecutive ASNs.

The following is an example traceroute that was part of the measurement campaign. It should be noted that each row corresponds to a hop of the traceroute, in other words, the *asn\_origin* and *asn\_destination* columns represent the origin and destination of that hop.

The traceroute's origin ASN is the *asn\_origin* of the first hop, while the traceroute's destination ASN is the *asn\_destination* of the last hop (last row). In the following case, the traceroute is launched from AS **6057** and its destination is AS **19422**.

ip_origin	ip_destination	asn_origin	asn_destination	hop_number	min_rtt
<b>167.57.114.53</b>	200.40.162.205	<b>6057</b>	6057	2	4.23
167.57.114.53	200.40.162.4	6057	6057	3	4.29
167.57.114.53	179.31.59.225	6057	6057	4	8.21
167.57.114.53	179.31.59.228	6057	6057	5	9.08
167.57.114.53	200.40.64.1	6057	6057	6	9.3
167.57.114.53	81.173.106.84	6057	12956	7	14.2
167.57.114.53	94.142.119.30	6057	12956	8	8.87
167.57.114.53	176.52.252.61	6057	12956	9	0
167.57.114.53	200.58.128.42	6057	19422	10	15.1
167.57.114.53	<b>200.58.155.34</b>	6057	<b>19422</b>	11	14.7

Example of a traceroute from the measurement campaign, with its origin and destination ASNs highlighted in bold.

The traceroute above provides the following information:

- It originates from the probe with the address 167.57.114.53, announced by ASN 6057.
- Its destination is 200.58.155.34, announced by ASN 19422.
- The traceroute traverses ASNs 6057 → 12956 → 19422.
- It has 11 hops and a variable RTT.

The traceroute above contains more information than necessary to build the latency graph. Since we are looking for hops *between* ASNs, we can discard any hops that do not connect two ASNs. In addition, we will maintain the RTT difference between ASNs, i.e.,  $RTT_{n+1} - RTT_n$ . This allows reducing the amount of information for a traceroute, maintaining **pairs of hops** (rows 1-2, 3-4, etc.):

ip_origin	ip_destination	asn_origin	asn_destination	hop_number	min_rtt
167.57.114.53	200.40.64.1	6057	6057	6	9.3
167.57.114.53	81.173.106.84	6057	12956	7	14.2
167.57.114.53	176.52.252.61	6057	12956	9	0
167.57.114.53	200.58.128.42	6057	19422	10	15.1

Example of a traceroute reduced to the necessary data, which will be included in the corresponding country graph.

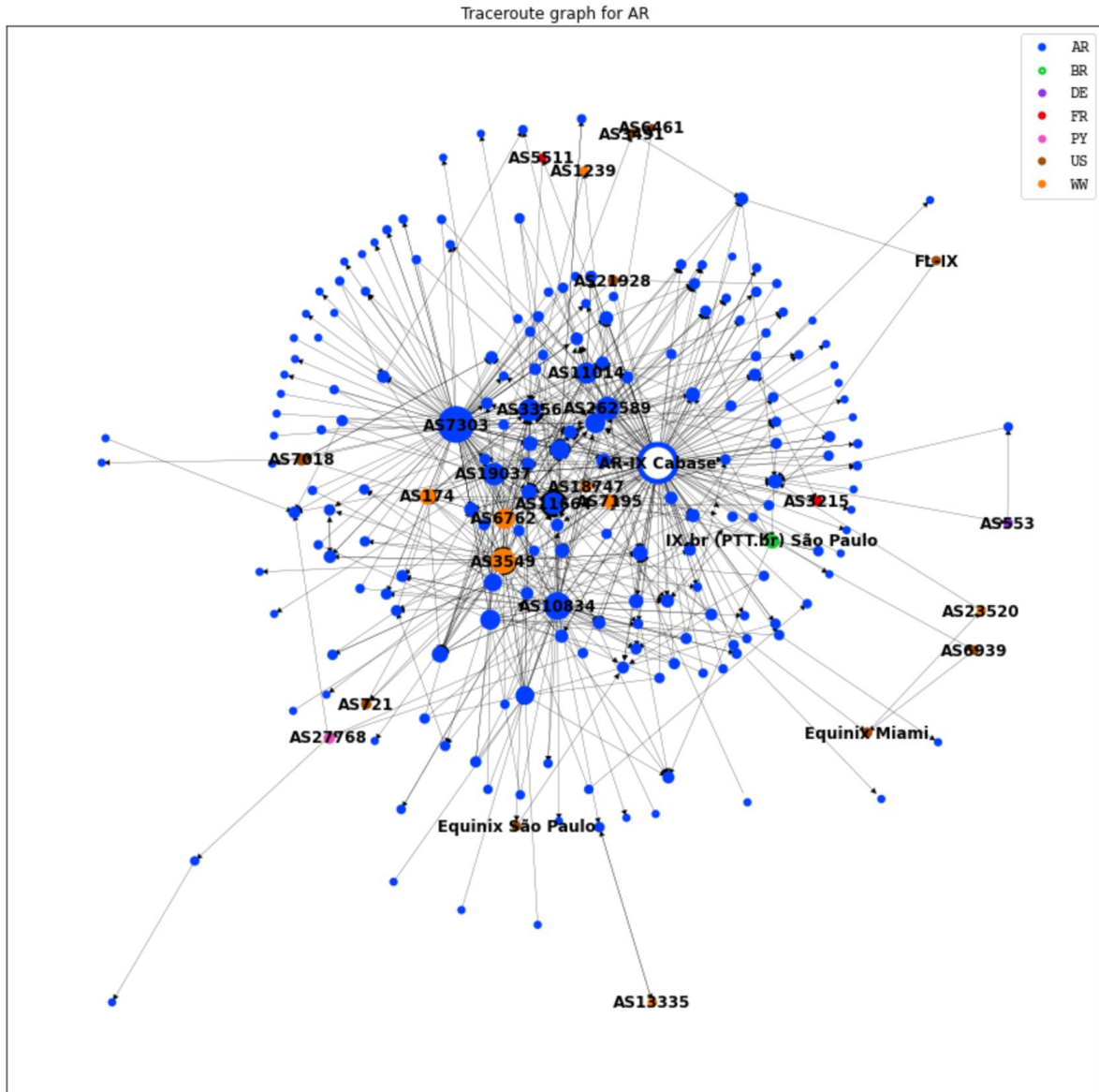
Based on this information, a graph with the following characteristics can be created:

- 3 nodes: 6057, 12956, and 19422
- 2 edges: 6057 → 12956 and 12956 → 19422
- An RTT value is added to the edges, which will be used by the graph library to calculate the position of the nodes when coloring them: nodes with lower RTT will be located closer to each other. This is the RTT difference between  $hop_n$  and  $hop_{n+1}$ .

- Between 6057 → 12956, the difference in RTT is 14.2 ms - 9.3 ms = 4.9 ms
- Between 12956 → 19422, it is 15.1 - 14.2 = 0.9 ms

A color scale can also be created where each color represents the country where the node is located (ASN). Nodes are marked with a colored circle, while white circles represent an IXP. The ASN → country relationship was determined as follows:

1. Based on the IP address of each traceroute hop, we queried:
  - a. The whois for the country where the address was registered,
  - b. The RIPE RIS for the ASN announcing the address to the Internet.
2. With an IP address and an ASN for points 1.a and 1.b, it can be concluded that the ASN is assigned in that country.
  - a. If there are multiple IP addresses announced by the same ASN and all these IP addresses are registered in the same country, then the ASN is still located in the only country obtained from 1.a. However, if the ASN announces addresses registered in different countries, for example, in countries XX and YY, then the ASN is marked as assigned in **XX | YY**.
3. In addition, if a country cannot be determined for an ASN after applying the method above, a potaroo.net database is used which contains the country where the ASN is estimated to operate. ASNs localized this way, for example to country **XX**, are identified as **XX\***.



This analysis was applied to all countries in the region and the results are shown in [Annex 3: Graphs for the Countries in LAC.](#)

## Internet Exchange Points

### Presence

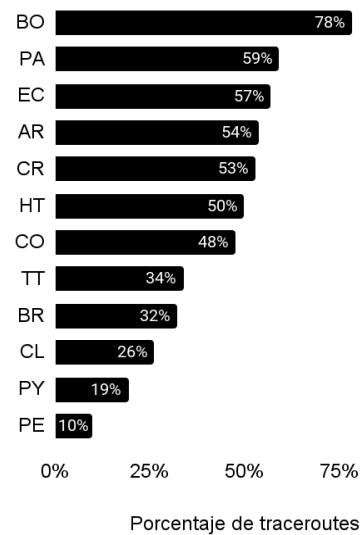
By observing the traceroutes we can determine what percentage of the traceroutes launched in one country traverse IXPs located in the same country. To do so, we compare the IP addresses seen in the traceroutes against the IP addresses assigned to IXPs registered in PeeringDB. It should be noted that, if the IXPs of a given country did not register their networks in PeeringDB, they will not be considered and will not be counted as IXPs. If we count the number of traceroutes that traverse an IXP in that country, we obtain the following:

#### IXPs seen by traceroutes in the measurement campaign

AR AR-IX Cabase (Argentina)  
 BO PIT Bolivia (La Paz)  
 BR IX.br (PTT.br)  
 CL PIT Santiago - PIT Chile (Santiago)  
 CO NAP Colombia (Bogota)  
 CR CRIX (San Jose)  
 EC NAP.EC - UIO (Quito/UIO)  
 HN IXP-HN (Tegucigalpa)  
 PA InteRed Panama (Panama)  
 PE Peru IX (PIT Peru sac) - Lima (Lima)  
 PY IXpy (San Lorenzo)  
 TT TTIx (Barataria)

#### Presencia de IXPs

Traceroutes que pasan por el IXP



As the graph shows, typically between 40 and 50% of the measured traffic traverses an IXP. Two cases that should be noted are those of Brazil and Chile, where we expected to obtain a much higher number of routes through the IXP. These cases do not speak so much about the presence of an IXP, but rather about the bias of the measurement platform.

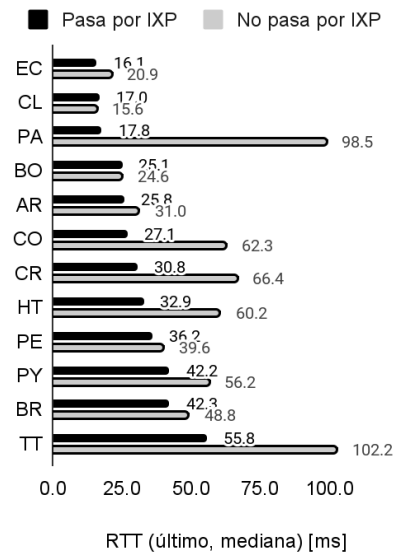
### Latencies

It is also useful to analyze the latency of traceroutes that traverse an IXP and compare this with the latency of those that



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do not. In this case, the RTT of the last hop of the traceroute was considered. A graph of these values is shown on the left.

A first glance shows that traceroutes that traverse an IXP have lower latencies. The exception where the highest latencies are those of traceroutes that traverse an IXP is Chile, where the latencies differ by very little (17.0 vs. 15.6 for traceroutes that traverse and do not traverse an IXP, respectively).

Two cases worth noting are Panama and Trinidad and Tobago, where the latencies of traceroutes that traverse an IXP are lower and in line with the rest of the region (black bars). However, the latencies of traceroutes that do not traverse an IXP are noticeably high (gray bars).

## Presence and Latencies

In this section we will perform an analysis similar to the one we performed in the [Latencies and Paths](#) section, i.e., considering two variables and plotting them on a Cartesian coordinate system. This allows for a quick analysis of the region and dividing the cases into four quadrants.

The **difference in RTT** between the traceroutes that traverse an IXP and those that do not allows quantifying the impact of an IXP on the local ecosystem. In addition, the **percentage of traceroutes that do not traverse an IXP** with respect to the total number of traceroutes that are launched allows quantifying the frequency of this behavior. These two metrics provide an idea of:

- Whether a high penalty is paid (RTT difference)
- How frequently this penalty is paid (percentage of traceroutes)

If these two metrics are plotted with the RTT difference on the x-axis and the percentage of traceroutes that do not traverse an IXP on the y-axis, different cases can be quickly detected:

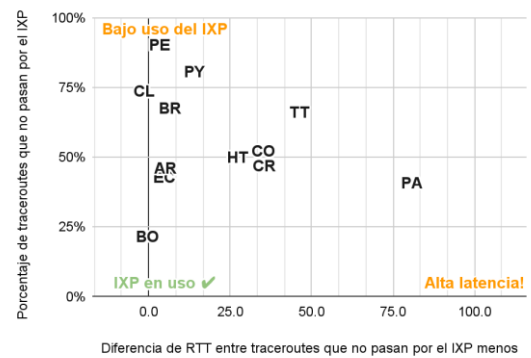
- Upper right quadrant: Fortunately, there are no countries in this quadrant. These would be cases

where little traffic traverses the local IXP, and the traffic that does so pays a very high latency penalty.

- Lower right quadrant: For example, Panama (PA). A lot of traffic traverses the IXP and anyone who decides not to do so pays a latency penalty.
- Upper left quadrant: For example, Peru (PE). Not much traffic traverses the IXP. However, the penalty for not doing so is very low.
- Lower left quadrant: For example, Bolivia (BO). Much of the traffic traverses the IXP. However, the penalty for not doing so is not very high.

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Traceroutes que pasan por un IXP vs. los que no lo hacen

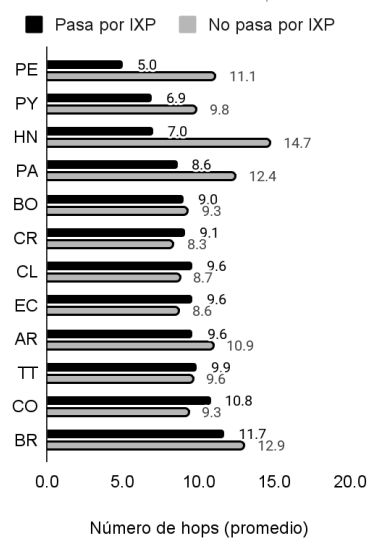


## Number of Hops and Networks

Two metrics can be determined based on the traceroutes: the number of hops in a traceroute, and the number of networks it traverses. There are two types of networks: ASNs and IXPs. To determine the type of network, two data sources are considered: reverse IP to ASN lookup according to RIPE RIS, and IXP information from PeeringDB.

### Número de hops

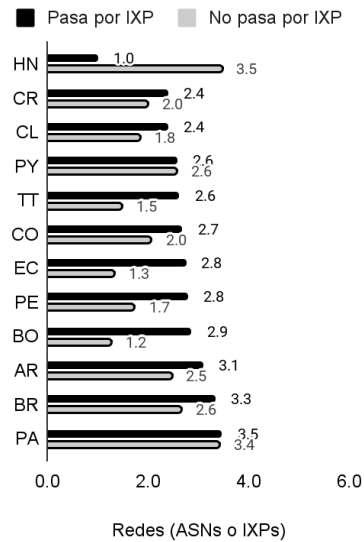
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The graph on the left is obtained by applying the same concept to the number of hops in each traceroute. This information shows that traceroutes that traverse an IXP are typically shorter, but with some caveats. In Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Trinidad and Tobago there are more hops in traceroutes that use the IXP. As discussed in the previous section, with the exception of Chile, these five countries have better latency values when using the IXP, so the number of hops is not very useful for measuring impact.

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Similarly, the number of *networks* (whether ASNs or IXPs) traversed by the traceroutes can be graphed.

The initial expectation is that the influence of an IXP will be visible in the countries where an IXP is present. It should be noted that this metric includes the IXP traversed by the traceroute. To limit the number to just the ASNs, we must subtract 1. For instance, Costa Rica (CR) has an average of 2.4 networks; by subtracting 1, this becomes 1.4 ASNs.

The first observation is that there were instances where traceroutes involving the local IXP featured more networks than those with no IXP involvement. The first case is that of Honduras, where the number of networks that go through IXP-HN (Tegucigalpa) is reported as 1.0. The reason for this is that all other IP addresses for the traceroutes traversing the IXP are private addresses, and it is not possible to determine an ASN for them. This is why, in this case, the only network that counts is that of the IXP. The same problem might be happening in other cases and skewing the data.

This inconsistency led to the question of whether data quality might be improved. Could we apply filters to ensure that the data we work with is more reliable when counting networks? A simple rule was applied:

- For traceroutes involving the IXP, a minimum of three networks must be observed, including the IXP network: ASN1 --> IXP --> ASN2.

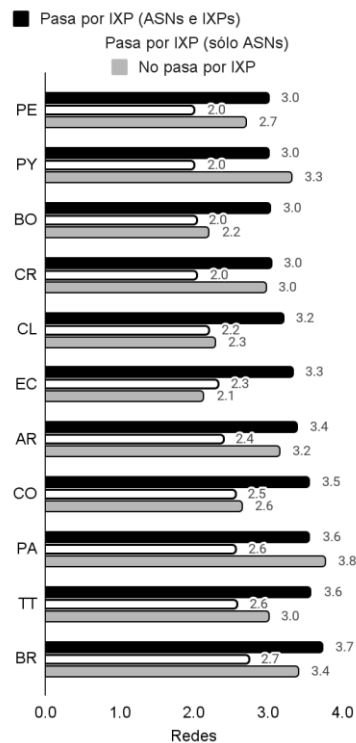
- For traceroutes not involving the IXP, this minimum is reduced to two: ASN1 --> ASN2.

Once this restriction is applied, the data is more in line with expectations (similar number of networks in both cases). The case of Honduras mentioned above is automatically dropped.

In this case it was also decided to include an additional metric: the number of networks in a traceroute that traverses an IXP, excluding the IXP. In other words, this metric counts only the ASNs involved in the traceroute and is represented by the white bars in the graph.

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Once filtered, the data shows that traceroutes generally involve a smaller number of ASNs, as they involve the local IXP.

Some cases that should be noted:

- In the case of Haiti, a single sample was obtained that passed through HIX Haiti (Port-au-Prince), so it was dropped and removed from the graph.
- In Peru, only five traceroutes traversed Perú IX (PIT Peru sac) - Lima (Lima), originating from two networks (out of a total of 8 seen by the measurement campaign).

## Example: Argentina

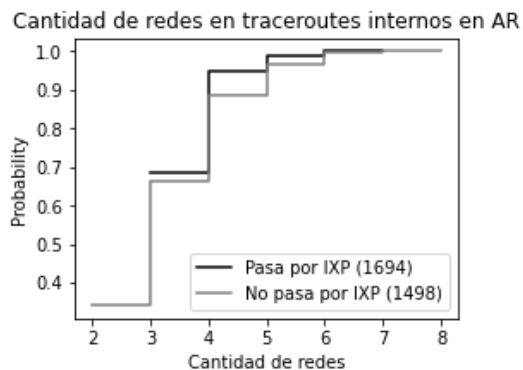
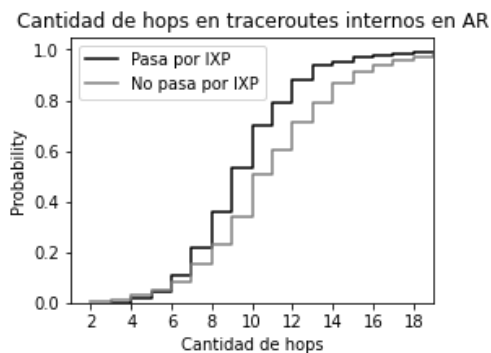
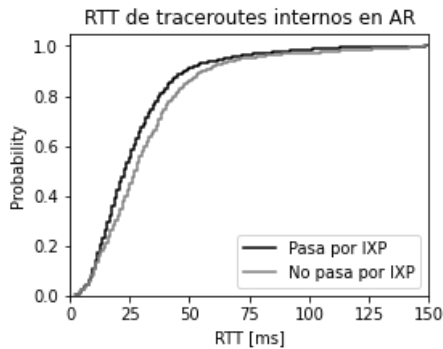
In the previous sections we saw that it is common to have lower latencies and a smaller number of hops in those traceroutes that traverse an IXP. Let's consider the example of Argentina, a country with a strong IXP presence and a considerable number of measurements. A look at the details of the dataset shows the following:

In terms of latency, the median RTT of the slowest traceroutes (99<sup>th</sup> percentile) is 175 ms for those that traverse an IXP and 215 ms for those that do not. Even though we are talking about the slowest cases, a difference of 40 ms is not trivial. The typical traceroute (50<sup>th</sup> percentile) has a median of 21.3 ms if it goes through an IXP, and 24.4 if it does not. This is a 3 ms difference. Below 12 ms there is no significant difference. This occurs approximately at the 20<sup>th</sup> percentile, which means that the 20% of the fastest traceroutes have similar latency values when comparing those that go through an IXP against those that do not.

In terms of the number of hops, in the worst-case scenario (99<sup>th</sup> percentile), traceroutes require 19 hops to reach their destination if they traverse an IXP. If they do not go through an IXP, they require 21. The typical case (50<sup>th</sup> percentile) is 9 hops if they go through an IXP, and 11 if they don't. For the shortest traceroutes (7<sup>th</sup> percentile, less than 6 hops) there are no differences.

In terms of the number of networks traversed by the traceroutes, very similar values are noted. Two additional observations:

- Traceroutes that traverse an IXP include a minimum of three networks: the origin network, the IXP, and the destination network.
- Traceroutes that do not traverse an IXP include a minimum of two: this is the case of a direct connection.



The clearest conclusion is that the measurements that pass through an IXP in Argentina have measurably better latency and number of hops. For a typical traceroute in this measurement campaign, the improvement is  $\sim 18\%$  in terms of hops and  $\sim 12\%$  in terms of latency. For shorter or lower latency traceroutes (less than 7 hops or less than 20 ms) the improvement is almost zero.

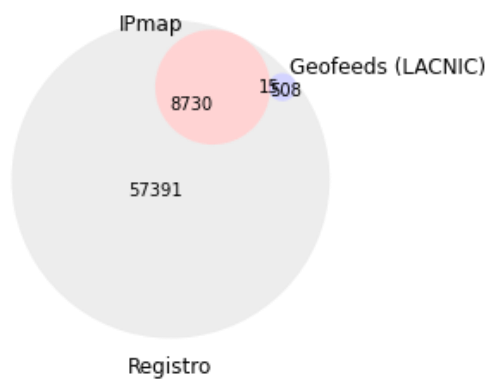
## Geolocation

### Data Sources

The main geolocation source for this study were the [delegated-extended files](#) provided by the different RIRs. These files list the country where the legal entity responsible for an IP block is incorporated, and this in itself is a source of errors. This is why it was necessary to make some corrections.

A secondary geolocation source was [RIPE IPmap](#), where the geolocation of IP addresses is based on active measurements by Atlas probes. Geographic location can be inferred for IP addresses that respond with a sufficiently low ping to a probe with a known location.

Another secondary source of data was [LACNIC's Geofeeds](#) service, where prefix holders can specify the geographic location where the addresses are being used.



The three geolocation sources are included based on the following criteria, with the sources listed in descending order of precision:

1. First, the information from the [Considerations about the Data](#) section, which are IP addresses belonging to global networks operating in multiple countries.
2. Next, the information from Geofeeds, considered to be the most reliable source of information, as it reflects the operators' statements of where the IP address blocks are being used.
3. If no information is available in Geofeeds, the information from IPmap is considered.
4. Similarly, information is taken from registry files.

### Corrections: Delta RTT

When analyzing the data, very low latency values between distant countries were observed, for example, measurements of 5 ms between Argentina and the United States. This led to an analysis of the latency of hops in the same traceroute, as follows:

1. Each traceroute is observed from hop #1 to the last hop, analyzing each pair of adjacent hops (1-2, 2-3, 3-4, etc.).
2. Comparisons of pairs of hops that belong to the same country are discarded.
3. The difference in RTT, or Delta RTT, between the two hops of each pair of hops is calculated as  $RTT_{n+1} - RTT_n$ . This means that, if the first hop responds with 3 ms and the second with 4 ms, Delta RTT is 4 ms - 3 ms = 1 ms. If the first hop responds with 4 ms and the second with 3 ms, Delta RTT is -1 ms. This is possible because the hops that are further away do not necessarily respond with higher latency values due to various

factors, including the fact that measurements are not taken at exactly the same moment, the load level of the routers varies, and others.

4. The Delta RTT values allow determining whether the IPs at the ends of the link are close to each other in terms of latency. In the section titled [Determining the Latency Threshold](#) we will discuss how *proximity* is defined in the context of this study. Based on this metric, the following modification can be introduced:
  - a. For IP addresses at the ends of the link with known geolocation obtained by the methods listed above, the countries where they are registered can be compared.
  - b. If these are different countries and have a very low latency, the registry information is considered not to reflect the latency, and the country of  $\text{hop}_{n+1}$  is overwritten with that of the country of  $\text{hop}_n$ .

After incorporating the concept of Delta RTT, it is placed in fourth place on the list of geolocation sources to be queried (more reliable than registry information but less reliable than IPmap). This is what the final list looks like (the percentage of geolocated IPs is included between parentheses):

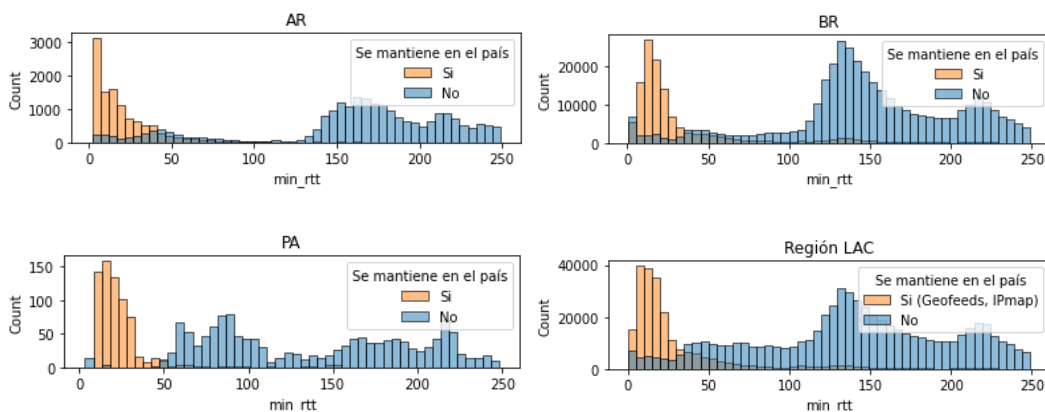
1. Global networks (26%)
2. Geofeeds (1.7%)
3. IPmap (10%)
4. Delta RTT (1.9%)
5. Registry (60%)

This shows that geolocation for 40% of the IPs does not come from registry files, which represents a considerable improvement in data quality.

### Determining the Latency Threshold

So far, we have talked about the concept of low latency, but how low must the latency be to consider that  $\text{IP}_{n+1}$  is in the same country as  $\text{IP}_n$ ? One possible reference is the threshold that RIPE IPmap uses to determine that an IP address is very close to a RIPE Atlas probe: 10 ms.

Before determining a threshold, what do national latency profiles show? Let's compare the latency as a function of the location of the IP addresses, using information from reliable sources (Geofeeds and IPmap). The latency profiles of some countries are included below, specifying whether the IP address remains in the country or not.



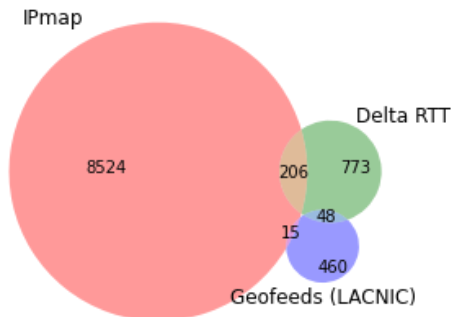
These profiles share similar characteristics: a main latency component corresponding to measurements that remain within the country (orange bars), and the remaining measurements with one or more components. In almost all countries the main component is usually clearly delimited and below 50 ms. This serves as a first estimate of a latency threshold that can help distinguish whether an RTT is within a country or not.

An analysis of the measurements of the region as a whole shows that the primary component is centered around 17.4 ms (median). In order to have a simple and easy-to-remember criterion, the threshold for this measurement campaign was set at **20 ms**.

An open question is whether a uniform threshold should be applied to every country, given their substantial variation in size, number of networks, and other characteristics.

Another open question is whether the threshold for RTTs remaining within a country should be the same as the threshold for RTTs exiting the country. In other words, will there be an  $RTT_1$  for measurements that remain and an  $RTT_2$  for measurements that exit the country? Examples of this include countries such as Brazil and Argentina, where the measurements that remain in the country tend to be under 50 ms and those that leave the country are typically above 100 ms.

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Direcciones IP provistas por cada fuente.



After applying the Delta RTT criterion across the entire set of measurements, it became evident that this approach provided information that supplemented the other methods. The following graph shows the number of unique IP addresses for which each method adds geolocation information. As the graph shows, out of the three sources, IPmap contributes the most in terms of geolocation. It also shows that the contributions of each source are complementary, with little overlap (IP addresses for which two different sources provide a result).

An example where *delta RTT* had an impact is the case of Mexico, a country that is very close to the United States in terms of latency. Of the geolocation corrections applied, 16% of the addresses registered in the United States were corrected to Mexico. It was also noted that 52% of

hops go through operators such as Cogent (AS174, with 8.2% of cases in that interval) or Level 3 (AS3356 and AS3549, with 6.1%). Similar observations were made for the other countries. In the case of Argentina, 55% of cases were in that interval (worth noting are the cases of Telecom Italia with 2.3% and Level 3 with 1.4%), while in Colombia it was 37% (Level 3 with 11.3% and GTT Communications with 3.7%).

## Conclusions

While not the primary objective of this research, a comparison between the 2020 and 2023 results revealed that **the latency values for 2023 are notably better** for most countries.

As for the **traffic maintained locally within a country**, in most cases percentages exceed 90%, which is a good number. In larger countries such as Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico, these percentages were high (97%, 94%, and 94% respectively). The presence of IXPs and large operators contributes to the high percentages. Only in certain specific cases the percentages were under 90%.

If we also take into account the latency introduced when sending traffic abroad (and then having it return to the country), few countries introduce alarming latencies. Generally speaking, **no traffic leaks** through other countries, and when it does, the latency that is introduced is not cause for concern.

An analysis of the centrality of the networks, i.e., the amount of traffic that traverses each network, showed that **IXPs and the main networks are at the top of the ranking** in each country.

**Local IXPs in different countries are visible both in terms of the amount of traffic as well as in terms of performance.** Additionally, the traffic that circulated through an IXP had lower latencies than the rest of the traffic.

With an increasingly globalized and optimized Internet, finding **reliable geolocation sources** is extremely important. RIR registry information is not precise enough to geolocate Internet infrastructure. The study considers various geolocation sources and adds one of its own. Overall, the precision of 40% of results is improved.



## Annex 1: Outgoing Traceroute Destinations (ASNs)

## Legend

## COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	PAIS_INTERMEDIO	AS_ORIGEN	AS_DESTINO	AS_DESTINO_NOMBRE	PORCENTAJE
<b>AR</b>	WW AS7303	AS18747	IFX18747		18%
	WW AS22927	AS12956	TELXIUS		9%
	WW AS7303	AS3549	LVLT-3549		5%
<b>BR</b>	WW AS18881	AS3356	LEVEL3		14%
	WW AS27699	AS3356	LEVEL3		9%
	WW AS7738	AS3356	LEVEL3		9%
	WW AS28573	AS3356	LEVEL3		6%
<b>CL</b>	WW AS22047	AS18747	IFX18747		100%
<b>CO</b>	WW AS27831	AS3549	LVLT-3549		42%
	WW AS13489	AS3549	LVLT-3549		17%
	WW AS10620	AS3549	LVLT-3549		8%
	WW AS262186	AS23520	COLUMBUS-N		8%
	WW AS262186	AS3549	LVLT-3549		8%
	WW AS262589	AS3549	LVLT-3549		8%
	WW AS267790	AS3549	LVLT-3549		8%
<b>CR</b>	WW AS262197	AS174	COGENT-174		41%
	WW AS262197	AS1299	TWELVE99		35%
	GT AS262197	AS262206	COMCEL		12%
	WW AS262197	AS3257	GTT-BACKBO		6%
	WW AS263698	AS23520	COLUMBUS-N		6%
<b>DO</b>	WW AS6400	AS1299	TWELVE99		88%
	WW AS264605	AS23520	COLUMBUS-N		12%
<b>EC</b>	WW AS28006	AS6762	SEABONE-NE		100%
<b>SV</b>	WW AS27773	AS3257	GTT-BACKBO		84%
	WW AS27773	AS1299	TWELVE99		16%
<b>GT</b>	WW AS52362	AS1299	TWELVE99		30%
	WW AS52362	AS174	COGENT-174		20%
	WW AS269840	AS12956	TELXIUS		13%
	US AS52362	AS701	UUNET		10%
	WW AS14754	AS12956	TELXIUS		10%
	WW AS22869	AS12956	TELXIUS		10%
<b>GY</b>	WW AS19863	AS23520	COLUMBUS-N		50%
	WW AS264694	AS23520	COLUMBUS-N		50%
<b>HN</b>	WW AS20299	AS1299	TWELVE99		78%
	WW AS20299	AS3257	GTT-BACKBO		11%
	WW AS27884	AS12956	TELXIUS		11%
<b>MX</b>	US AS265515	AS6621	HNS-DIRECP		40%
	WW AS11888	AS174	COGENT-174		13%
	WW AS28403	AS1299	TWELVE99		5%
<b>PA</b>	WW AS11556	AS23520	COLUMBUS-N		53%
	WW AS18809	AS1299	TWELVE99		27%
	WW AS18809	AS23520	COLUMBUS-N		20%

<b>PY</b>	BR AS23201	IX.br (PTT.br)	São Paulo IX.br (PTT.br) São Paulo	50%
	WW AS23201	AS12956	TELXIUS	50%
<b>PE</b>	WW AS262210	AS6762	SEABONE-NE	67%
	WW AS6147	AS12956	TELXIUS	33%
<b>TT</b>	WW AS27665	AS23520	COLUMBUS-N	58%
	GD AS27800	AS46650	ASN46650-C	25%
	JM AS27800	AS33576	DIG001	8%
	WW AS5639	AS23520	COLUMBUS-N	8%
<b>UY</b>	WW AS6057	AS12956	TELXIUS	75%
	BR AS6057	AS10429	TELEFONICA	25%
<b>VE</b>	WW AS8048	AS6762	SEABONE-NE	38%
	CO AS8048	AS52320	GlobeNet	15%
	US AS269807	AS6939	HURRICANE	8%
	US AS271909	Equinix Miami	Equinix Miami	8%
	WW AS11562	AS174	COGENT-174	8%
	WW AS271909	AS3356	LEVEL3	8%
	WW AS271909	AS3549	LVLT-3549	8%
	WW AS6306	AS23520	COLUMBUS-N	8%

## Annex 2: Routes with Segments outside the Country

### Summary of Segments

The following is a list of traceroutes that exit the country. In other words, traceroutes that originated in an ASN, traversed through a foreign country, and then re-entered the same ASN. These cases might be an indication of suboptimal routing.

The tables are presented in a condensed format to better display all the information. Description of the columns:

**ip\_o**: ip\_origin, probe IP address  
**ip\_d**: ip\_destination, hop IP address  
**asn\_o**: asn\_origin, probe ASN  
**asn\_d**: asn\_destination, hop ASN  
**co**: country\_origin, country where the probe is located  
**cd**: country\_destination, country where the hop is located  
**h**: hop\_number, hop number  
**r**: RTT

ASNs in **AR** with a route that traverses another country

AS262229 (COOP DE LUZ Y FUERZA DE LIB.GRAL.SAN MARTIN LTDA) --> AS7018 (ATT-INTERNET4, US) --  
 > AS262229 (COOP DE LUZ Y FUERZA DE LIB.GRAL.SAN MARTIN LTDA)

ip_o	ip_d	asn_o	asn_d	co	cd	h	r
186.5.240.254	172.0.0.1	262229	7018	AR	US	3	55.8
186.5.240.254	186.5.240.253	262229	262229	AR	AR	4	128
186.5.240.254	8.243.135.181	262229	3356	AR	WW	7	65.2
186.5.240.254	186.183.22.12	262229	28114	AR	AR	9	168
186.5.240.254	186.183.22.10	262229	28114	AR	AR	10	896

ip_o	ip_d	asn_o	asn_d	co	cd	h	r
186.5.240.254	172.0.0.1	262229	7018	AR	US	3	266
186.5.240.254	186.5.240.253	262229	262229	AR	AR	4	497
186.5.240.254	181.96.86.145	262229	7303	AR	AR	5	43.6
186.5.240.254	181.89.3.104	262229	7303	AR	AR	6	106
186.5.240.254	200.0.17.12	262229	AR-IX Cabase	AR	AR	9	1414
186.5.240.254	200.115.95.118	262229	52376	AR	AR	10	64.9
186.5.240.254	200.108.148.50	262229	42	AR	AR	11	679

ip_o	ip_d	asn_o	asn_d	co	cd	h	r
186.5.240.254	172.0.0.1	262229	7018	AR	US	3	120
186.5.240.254	186.5.240.253	262229	262229	AR	AR	4	275
186.5.240.254	181.15.6.161	262229	7303	AR	AR	5	898
186.5.240.254	181.89.3.110	262229	7303	AR	AR	6	220
186.5.240.254	181.96.113.234	262229	7303	AR	AR	8	61
186.5.240.254	195.22.220.56	262229	6762	AR	WW	9	620
186.5.240.254	185.70.203.99	262229	6762	AR	WW	10	166
186.5.240.254	195.22.220.63	262229	6762	AR	WW	11	63.7
186.5.240.254	67.16.164.165	262229	3549	AR	WW	13	141
186.5.240.254	200.41.68.70	262229	3549	AR	WW	14	112
186.5.240.254	190.122.135.61	262229	27953	AR	AR	15	54.7
186.5.240.254	186.64.92.174	262229	27953	AR	AR	16	86.8
186.5.240.254	138.118.216.18	262229	263780	AR	AR	17	513
186.5.240.254	138.118.216.26	262229	263780	AR	AR	18	97.3
186.5.240.254	190.11.195.144	262229	27953	AR	AR	19	294

ip_o	ip_d	asn_o	asn_d	co	cd	h	r
186.5.240.254	172.0.0.1	262229	7018	AR	US	3	21.1
186.5.240.254	186.5.240.253	262229	262229	AR	AR	4	59.3
186.5.240.254	181.89.3.104	262229	7303	AR	AR	6	29
186.5.240.254	200.0.17.65	262229	AR-IX Cabase	AR	AR	9	42.3
186.5.240.254	45.229.204.8	262229	266721	AR	AR	10	41.9

ASNs in **CO** with a route that traverses another country

AS265688 (SINERGY SOLUCIONES INTEGRALES) --> AS7018 (ATT-INTERNET4, US) --> AS265688 (SINERGY SOLUCIONES INTEGRALES)

ip_o	ip_d	asn_o	asn_d	co	cd	h	r
138.117.84.115	172.0.1.1	265688	7018	CO	US	3	3.07
138.117.84.115	172.10.10.9	265688	7018	CO	US	4	24.7
138.117.84.115	138.117.84.113	265688	265688	CO	CO	5	55.3

ASNs in **PE** with a route that traverses another country

AS6147 (Telefonica del Peru S.A.A.) --> AS12956 (TELXIUS TELEFONICA GLOBAL SOLUTIONS SL, WW) --> AS6147 (Telefonica del Peru S.A.A.)

ip_o	ip_d	asn_o	asn_d	co	cd	h	r
181.64.99.21	181.64.99.1	6147	6147	PE	PE	2	11.6
181.64.99.21	84.16.11.188	6147	12956	PE	WW	7	108
181.64.99.21	181.64.99.21	6147	6147	PE	PE	9	153

ASNs in **UY** with a route that traverses another country

**Note:** This case was analyzed together with the operators of AS 6057. An attempt was made to reproduce the path with RIPE Atlas probes, but this was not possible because the traceroute had no segments.

AS6057 (Administracion Nacional de Telecomunicaciones) --> AS10429 (TELEFONICA BRASIL S.A, BR) --> AS26599 (TELEFONICA BRASIL S.A, BR) --> AS8167 (V tal, BR) --> AS6057 (Administracion Nacional de Telecomunicaciones)

ip_o	ip_d	asn_o	asn_d	co	cd	h	r
186.54.16.251	200.40.162.205	6057	6057	UY	UY	2	4.85
186.54.16.251	200.40.162.4	6057	6057	UY	UY	3	4.18
186.54.16.251	179.31.59.229	6057	6057	UY	UY	4	6.48
186.54.16.251	179.31.59.235	6057	6057	UY	UY	5	6.83
186.54.16.251	179.31.62.33	6057	6057	UY	UY	6	0
186.54.16.251	179.31.62.39	6057	6057	UY	UY	7	0
186.54.16.251	179.31.62.19	6057	6057	UY	UY	8	0
186.54.16.251	186.239.162.142	6057	10429	UY	BR	9	32.2
186.54.16.251	186.239.162.141	6057	10429	UY	BR	10	31.5
186.54.16.251	152.255.192.58	6057	26599	UY	BR	11	31.4
186.54.16.251	152.255.191.45	6057	26599	UY	BR	12	31
186.54.16.251	152.255.167.65	6057	26599	UY	BR	15	49.3
186.54.16.251	152.255.165.219	6057	26599	UY	BR	16	48.7
186.54.16.251	200.180.250.6	6057	8167	UY	BR	21	42.5
186.54.16.251	179.31.49.26	6057	6057	UY	UY	22	14.2



## Annex 3: Graphs for the Different Countries in LAC

### Download

The data supporting the graphs in this document (graphs with origin and destination in the same country) can be found in the downloads section of the [LACNIC website](#). These are CSV files where each line corresponds to an edge of the graph, and contains the following information:

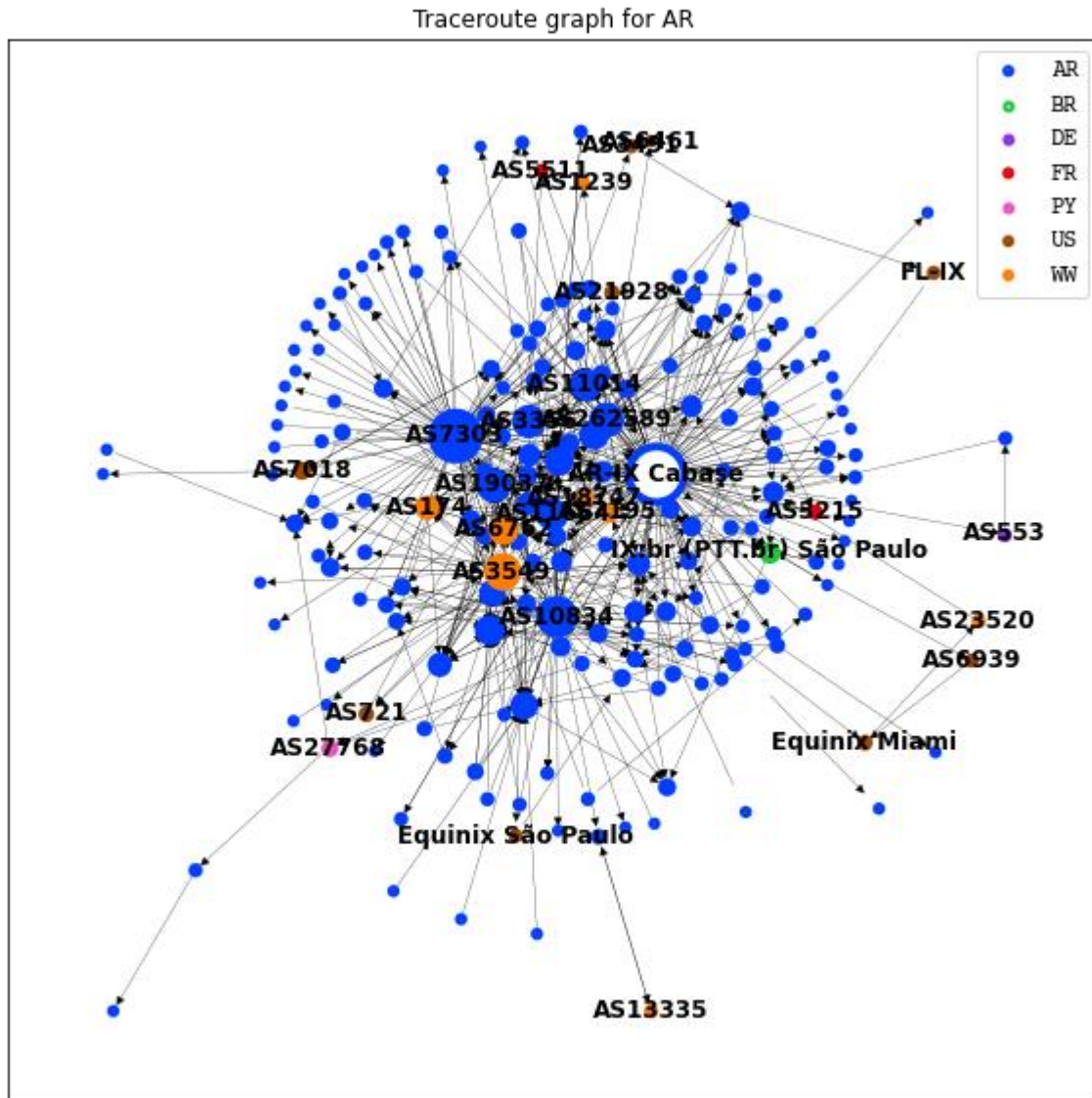
- Origin network: Given a traceroute with  $\text{hop}_n$  and  $\text{hop}_{n+1}$ , this network is the ASN or IXP corresponding to  $\text{hop}_n$
- Destination network: The same, but for  $\text{hop}_{n+1}$
- RTT (diff): Difference between  $\text{RTT}_{n+1}$  and  $\text{RTT}_n$

Readers' collaboration is of great interest in terms of successive analyses of the data or their visualization.

## Visual Representation

This section shows a visual representation of the graphs calculated during the study. The methodology used to prepare the graphs can be found in the [Graphs](#) section.

### Argentina (AR)



#### Graph centrality (top 20)

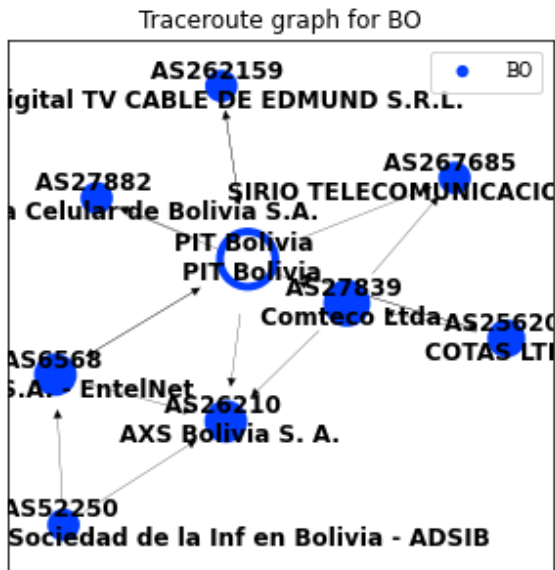
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- Interactivas S.A.
9. AS11014 CPS
  10. AS6762 SEABONE-NET TELECOM ITALIA  
SPARKLE S.p.A.

- SOLUTIONS SL
18. AS265862 BM SOLUCIONES S.R.L.
  19. AS20207 Gigared S.A.
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Datos y Serv en Linea



## Bolivia (BO)

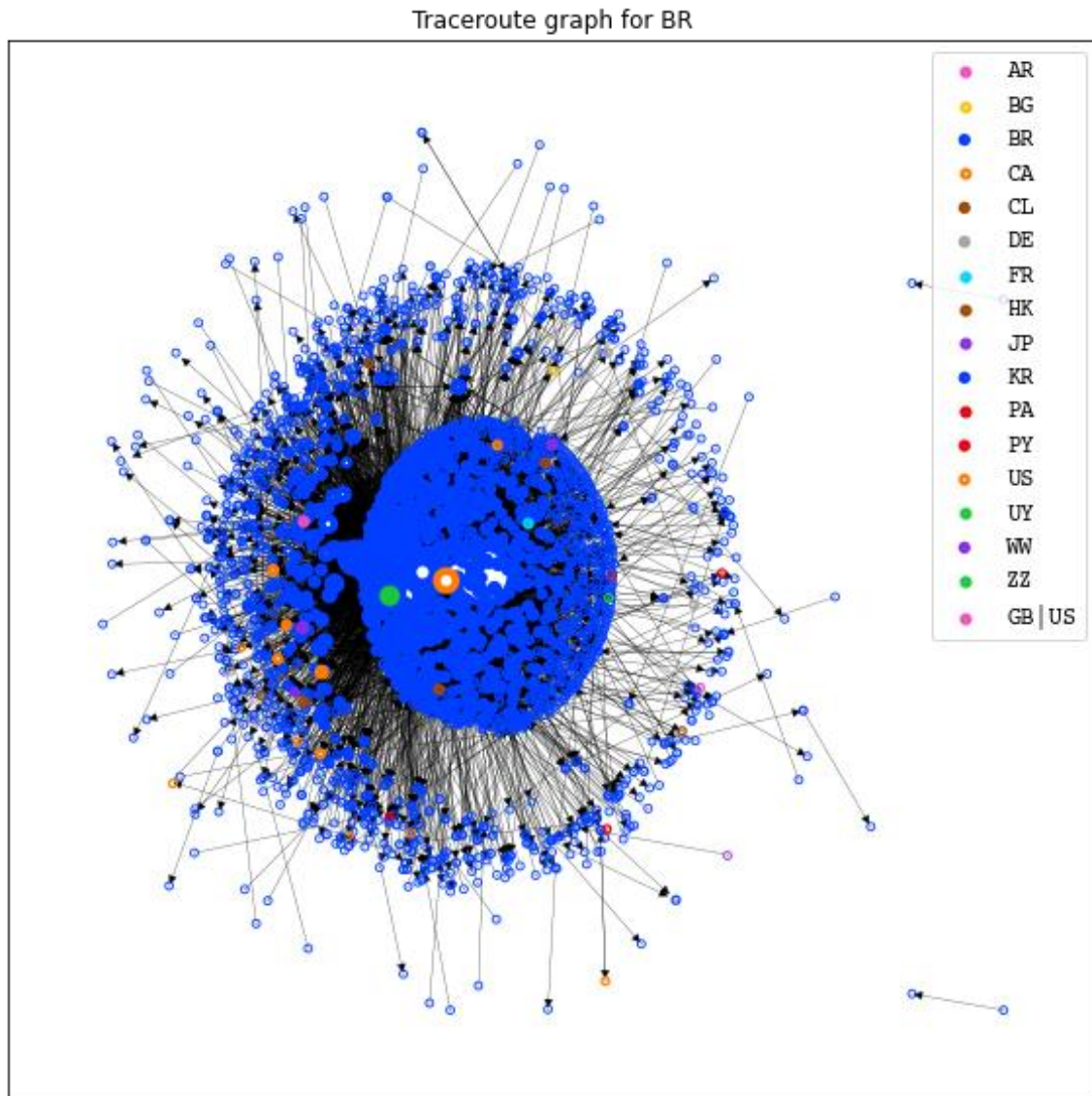


### Graph centrality (top 20)

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3. AS26210 AXS Bolivia S. A.
4. AS6568 Entel S.A. - EntelNet
5. AS25620 COTAS LTDA.
6. AS27882 Telefonica Celular de Bolivia S.A.
7. AS262159 Digital TV CABLE DE EDMUND S.R.L.
8. AS52250 Ag para el Desarrollo de la Sociedad de la Inf en Bolivia - ADSIB
9. AS267685 SIRIO TELECOMUNICACIONES S.R.L

## Brazil (BR)

(Labels omitted because of the large number of nodes)



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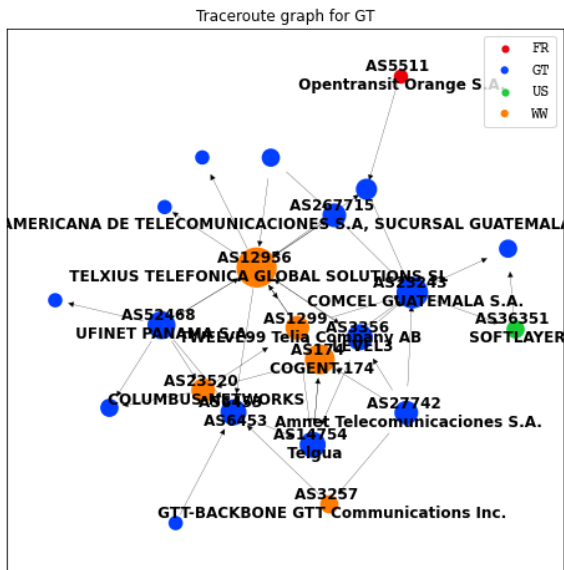
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| 3. AS3356 LEVEL3                 | 13. AS10429 TELEFONICA BRASIL S.A                      |
| 4. AS4230 CLARO S.A.             | 14. AS28573 Claro NXT Telecomunicacoes Ltda            |
| 5. IX.br (PTT.br) Porto Alegre   | 15. IX.br (PTT.br) Curitiba                            |
| 6. AS8167 V tal                  | 16. AS25933 Vogel Solucoes em Telecom e Informatica SA |
| 7. AS26599 TELEFONICA BRASIL S.A | 17. Equinix São Paulo                                  |
| 8. AS3549 LVL-3549               | 18. AS268886 WILLYNET PROVEDOR                         |
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| 10. AS26615 TIM SA               | 20. AS53062 GGNET TELECOM BACKBONE                     |







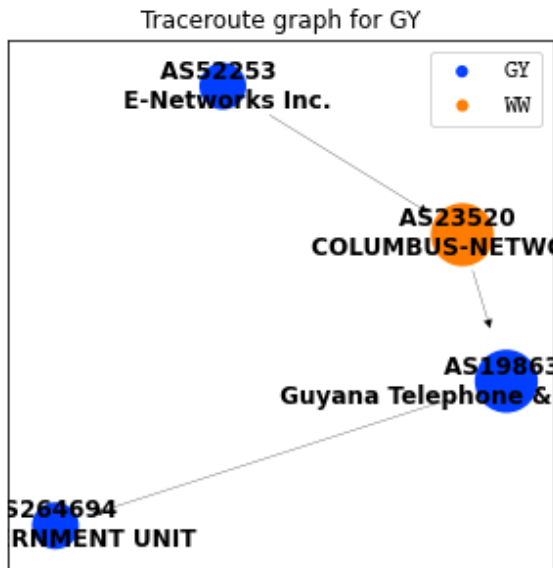
### Guatemala (GT)



#### Graph centrality (top 10)

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2. AS23243 COMCEL GUATEMALA S.A.
3. AS174 COGENT-174
4. AS52468 UFINET PANAMA S.A.
5. AS14754 Telgua
6. AS6453 AS6453
7. AS3356 LEVEL3
8. AS27742 Amnet Telecomunicaciones S.A.
9. AS267715 RED CENTROAMERICANA DE TELECOMUNICACIONES S.A, SUCURSAL GUATEMALA, SOCIEDAD EXTRANJERA
10. AS1299 TWELVE99 Telia Company AB

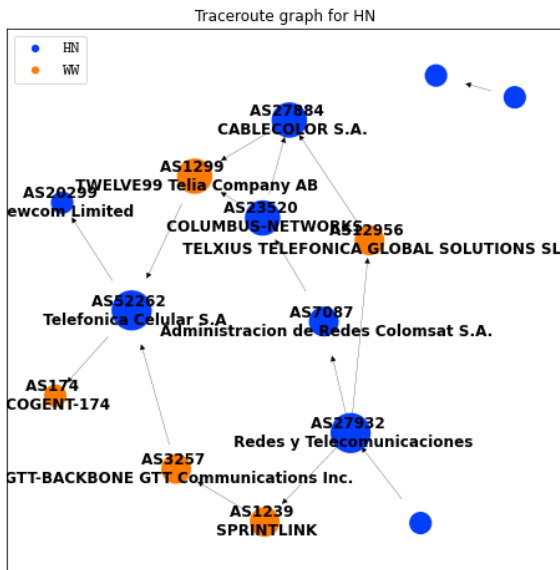
### Guyana (GY)



#### Graph centrality (top 10)

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2. AS23520 COLUMBUS-NETWORKS
3. AS264694 EGOVERNMENT UNIT
4. AS52253 E-Networks Inc.

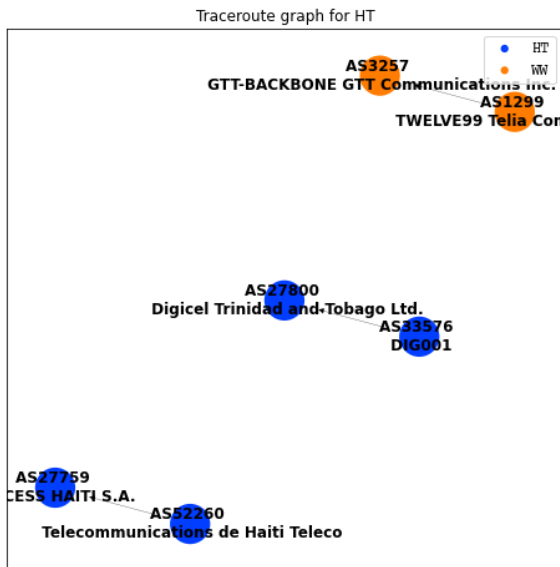
## Honduras (HN)



### Graph centrality (top 10)

1. AS52262 Telefonica Celular S.A
2. AS27932 Redes y Telecomunicaciones
3. AS1299 TWELVE99 Telia Company AB
4. AS23520 COLUMBUS-NETWORKS
5. AS27884 CABLECOLOR S.A.
6. AS7087 Administracion de Redes Colomsat S.A.
7. AS12956 TELXIUS TELEFONICA GLOBAL SOLUTIONS SL
8. AS3257 GTT-BACKBONE GTT Communications Inc.
9. AS1239 SPRINTLINK
10. AS20299 Newcom Limited

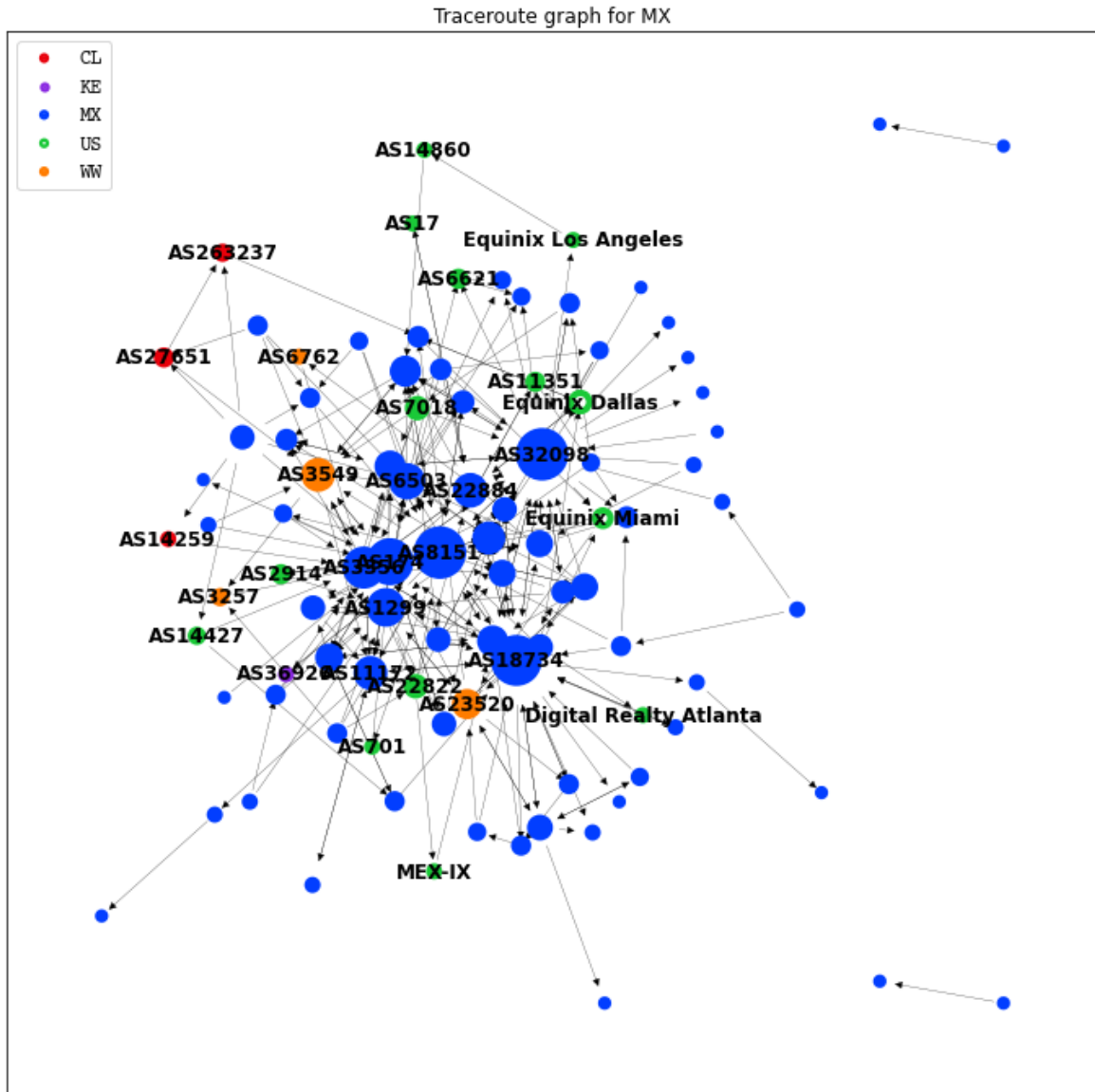
## Haiti (HT)



### Graph centrality (top 10)

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4. AS33576 DIG001
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6. AS1299 TWELVE99 Telia Company AB

Mexico (MX)



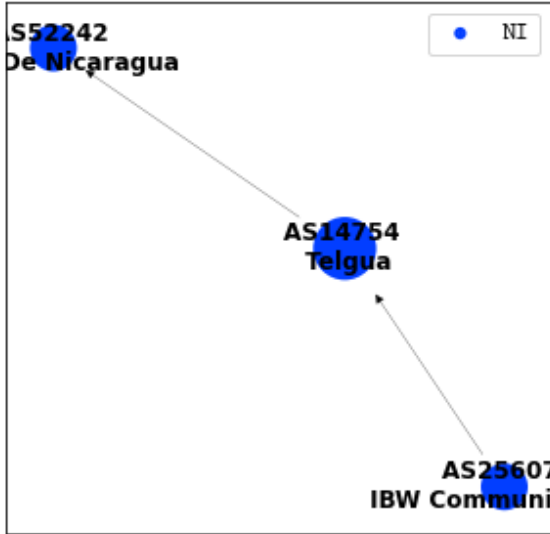
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### Nicaragua (NI)

Traceroute graph for NI

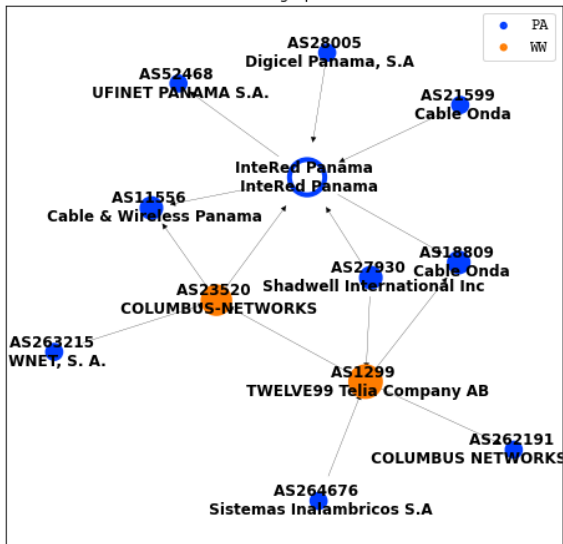


Graph centrality (top 10)

1. AS14754 Telgua
2. AS2242 Yota De Nicaragua
3. AS25607 IBW Communications

### Panama (PA)

Traceroute graph for PA



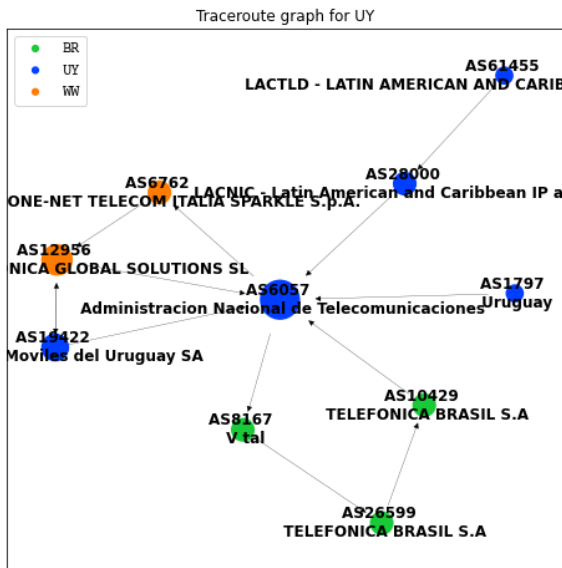
Graph centrality (top 10)

1. InteRed Panama
2. AS1299 TWELVE99 Telia Company AB
3. AS23520 COLUMBUS-NETWORKS
4. AS18809 Cable Onda
5. AS11556 Cable & Wireless Panama
6. AS27930 Shadwell International Inc
7. AS52468 UFINET PANAMA S.A.
8. AS21599 Cable Onda
9. AS28005 Digicel Panama, S.A
10. AS262191 COLUMBUS NETWORKS COLOMBIA





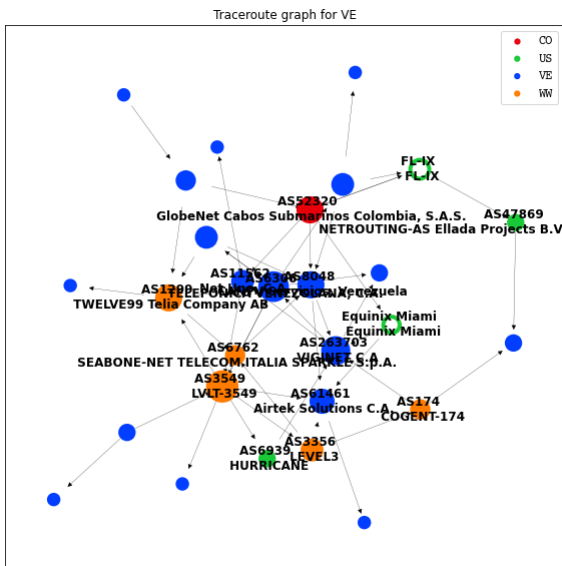
## Uruguay (UY)



### Graph centrality (top 10)

1. AS6057 Administracion Nacional de Telecomunicaciones
2. AS12956 TELXUS GLOBAL SOLUTIONS SL
3. AS19422 Telefonica Moviles del Uruguay SA
4. AS28000 LACNIC - Latin American and Caribbean IP address
5. AS6762 SEABONE-NET TELECOM ITALIA SPARKLE S.p.A.
6. AS10429 TELEFONICA BRASIL S.A
7. AS26599 TELEFONICA BRASIL S.A
8. AS8167 V tal
9. AS61455 LACTLD - LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN TLD ASSOCIATION
10. AS1797 Uruguay

## Venezuela (VE)



### Graph centrality (top 10)

1. AS3549 LVL3 HURRICANE
2. AS6306 TELEFONICA VENEZOLANA, C.A.
3. AS263703 VIGINET C.A
4. AS8048 CANTV Servicios, Venezuela
5. AS52320 GlobeNet Cabos Submarinos Colombia, S.A.S.
6. AS1299 TWELVE99 Telia Company AB
7. AS61461 Airtek Solutions C.A.
8. AS3356 LEVEL3
9. FL-IX
10. AS11562 Net Uno, C.A.