# 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**
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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.

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# 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

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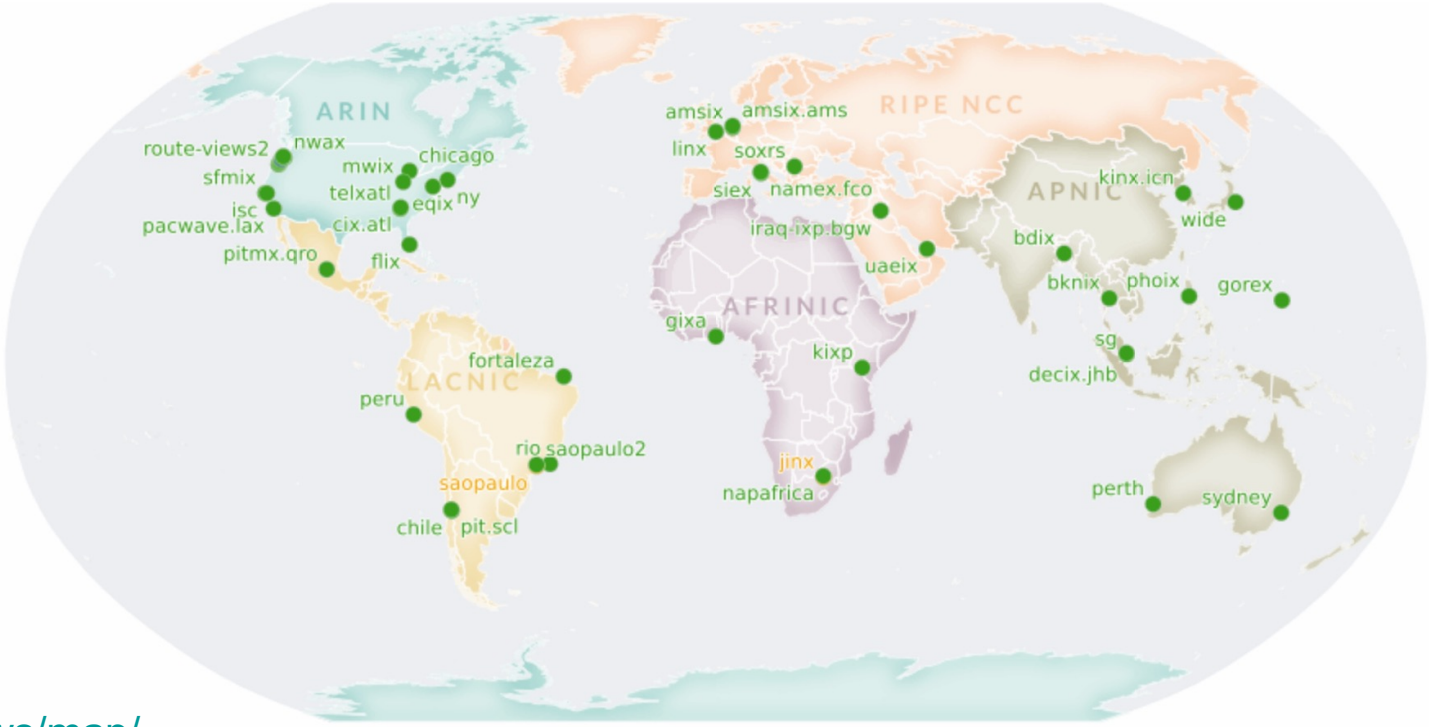
# RouteViews Collector Map

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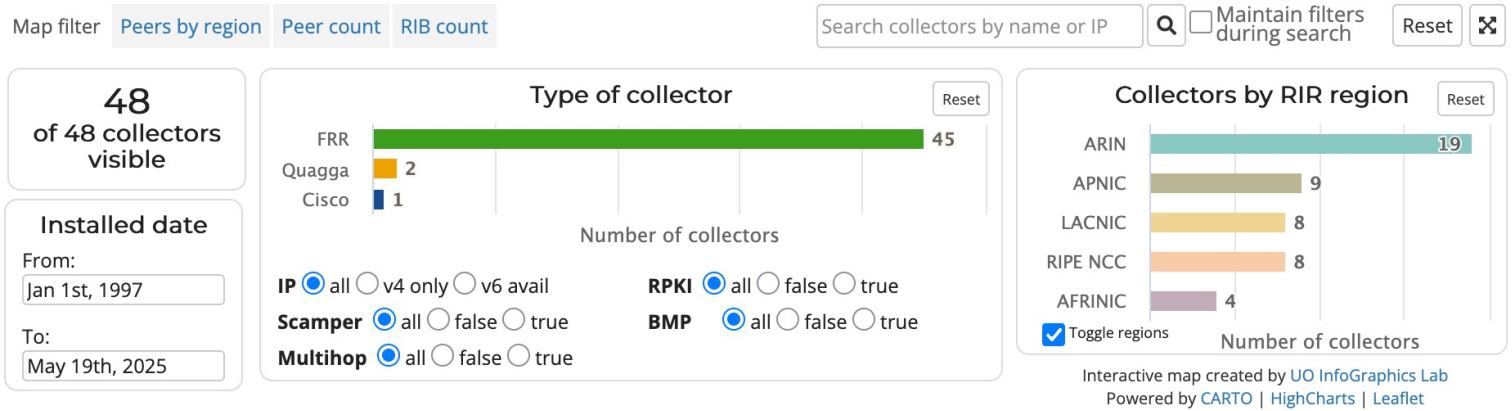

What's happening at RouteViews

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# RouteViews News

- Collectors:
  - All software collectors use FRR[1] (version 10.2)
  - One Cisco ASR1004 (as a tribute to the original!)
  - Moving collectors from metal to VMs (easier deployment & management)
- Location update:
  - Most recent additions include CIX Atlanta, DR Fortress (Hawaii) and InterLAN (Romania)
  - Several new locations offered; resources required to fulfil those offers

[1]FRRouting Project: https://frrouting.org/

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# RouteViews Development Projects: API

- API allows programmatic access to live RouteViews data
  - (our collectors currently allow telnet access, which 1000s of automated scripts hammer daily)
- Two access levels:
  - Unauthenticated for casual (infrequent queries)
  - Authenticated access (using verified PeeringDB users) for more serious research
- API currently supports ten collectors
  - More will be added as resources become available
- Please consult the docs on how to use the API
  - https://api.routeviews.org/docs/

| Exchange | collector |
|---|---|
| AMS-IX Amsterdam, Netherlands | route-views.amsix.routeviews.org |
| LINX, London, United Kingdom | route-views.linx.routeviews.org |
| NAPAfrica, Johannesburg, South Africa | route-views.napafrica.routeviews.org |
| Equinix SG1, Singapore, Singapore | route-views.sg.routeviews.org |
| Equinix SYD1, Sydney, Australia | route-views.sydney.routeviews.org |
| SAOPAULO (PTT Metro, NIC.br), Sao Paulo, Brazil | route-views2.saopaulo.routeviews.org |
| Multi-hop at U of Oregon | route-views3.routeviews.org |
| Multi-hop at U of Oregon | route-views4.routeviews.org |
| Multi-hop at U of Oregon | route-views5.routeviews.org |
| Multi-hop at U of Oregon | route-views6.routeviews.org |

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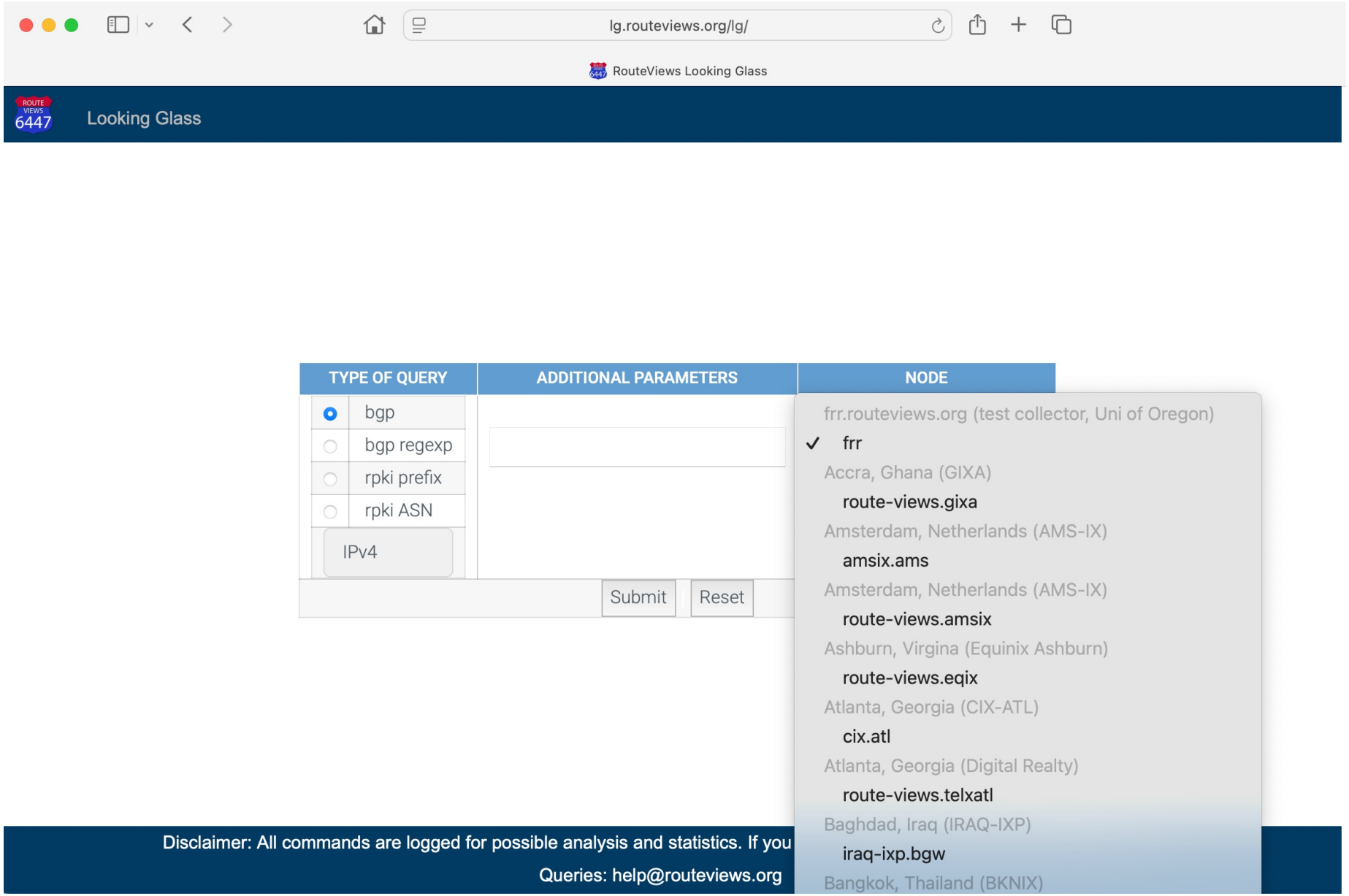
# RouteViews Development Projects: LG

- telnet access is unsustainable
  - Gives open access to the collector command line interface to run “show” commands
- Looking Glass will soon become the default access for each collector
  - Permits the most commonly used BGP diagnostic commands
  - telnet remains available on route-views.routeviews.org (the Cisco ASR1004) for legacy access
- Looking Glass has completed internal testing and is now available for general use
  - telnet access will be removed after due notice to the community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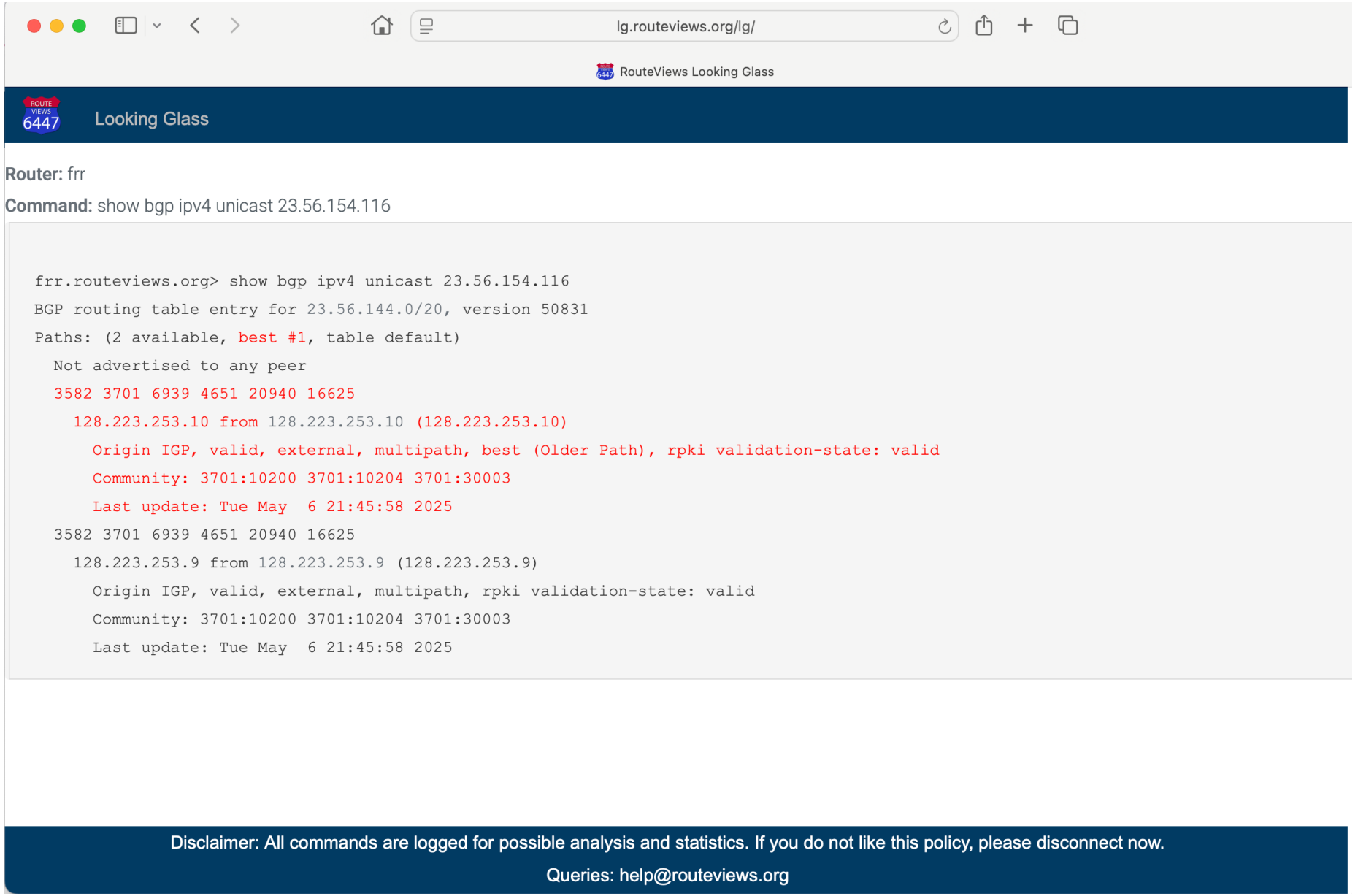
TYPE OF QUERY
ADDITIONAL PARAMETERS
NODE
bgp
bgp regexp
rpki prefix
rpki ASN
IPv4
Submit
Reset
frr.routeviews.org (test collector, Uni of Oregon)
frr
Accra, Ghana (GIXA)
route-views.gixa
Amsterdam, Netherlands (AMS-IX)
amsix.ams
Amsterdam, Netherlands (AMS-IX)
route-views.amsix
Ashburn, Virgina (Equinix Ashburn)
route-views.eqix
Atlanta, Georgia (CIX-ATL)
cix.atl
Atlanta, Georgia (Digital Realty)
route-views.telxatl
Baghdad, Iraq (IRAQ-IXP)
iraq-ixp.bgw
Bangkok, Thailand (BKNIX)
Disclaimer: All commands are logged for possible analysis and statistics. If you
Queries: help@routeviews.org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Looking Glass
Router: frr
Command: show bgp ipv4 unicast 23.56.154.116
frr.routeviews.org> show bgp ipv4 unicast 23.56.154.116
BGP routing table entry for 23.56.144.0/20, version 50831
Paths: (2 available, best #1, table default)
Not advertised to any peer
3582 3701 6939 4651 20940 16625
128.223.253.10 from 128.223.253.10 (128.223.253.10)
Origin IGP, valid, external, multipath, best (Older Path), rpki validation-state: valid
Community: 3701:10200 3701:10204 3701:30003
Last update: Tue May 6 21:45:58 2025
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128.223.253.9 from 128.223.253.9 (128.223.253.9)
Origin IGP, valid, external, multipath, rpki validation-state: valid
Community: 3701:10200 3701:10204 3701:30003
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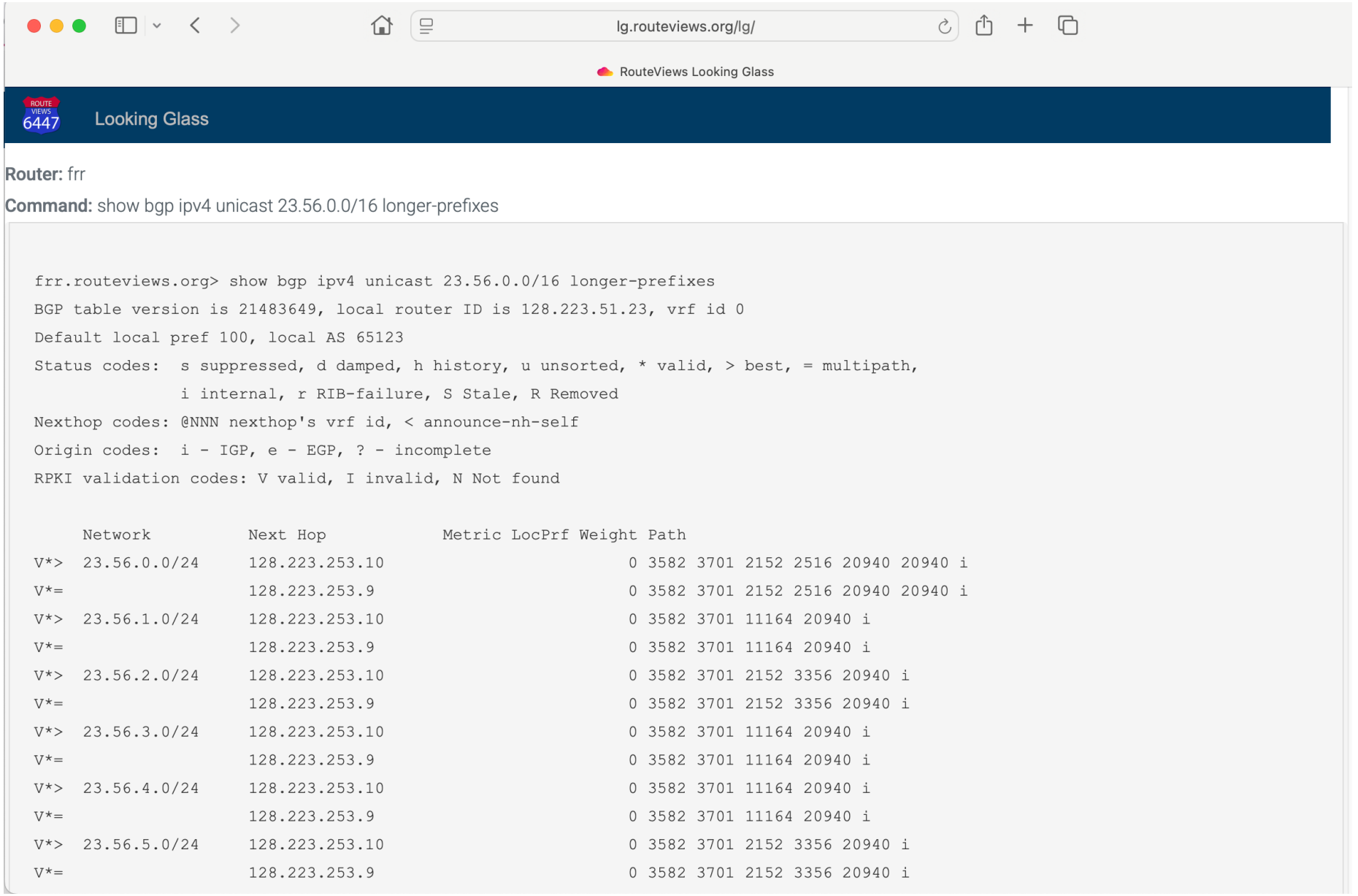
Queries: help@routeviews.org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Looking Glass
Router: frr
Command: show bgp ipv4 unicast 23.56.0.0/16 longer-prefixes
frr.routeviews.org> show bgp ipv4 unicast 23.56.0.0/16 longer-prefixes
BGP table version is 21483649, local router ID is 128.223.51.23, vrf id 0
Default local pref 100, local AS 65123
Status codes: s suppressed, d damped, h history, u unsorted, * 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
V*> 23.56.0.0/24 128.223.253.10 0 3582 3701 2152 2516 20940 20940 i
V*= 128.223.253.9 0 3582 3701 2152 2516 20940 20940 i
V*> 23.56.1.0/24 128.223.253.10 0 3582 3701 11164 20940 i
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V*> 23.56.2.0/24 128.223.253.10 0 3582 3701 2152 3356 20940 i
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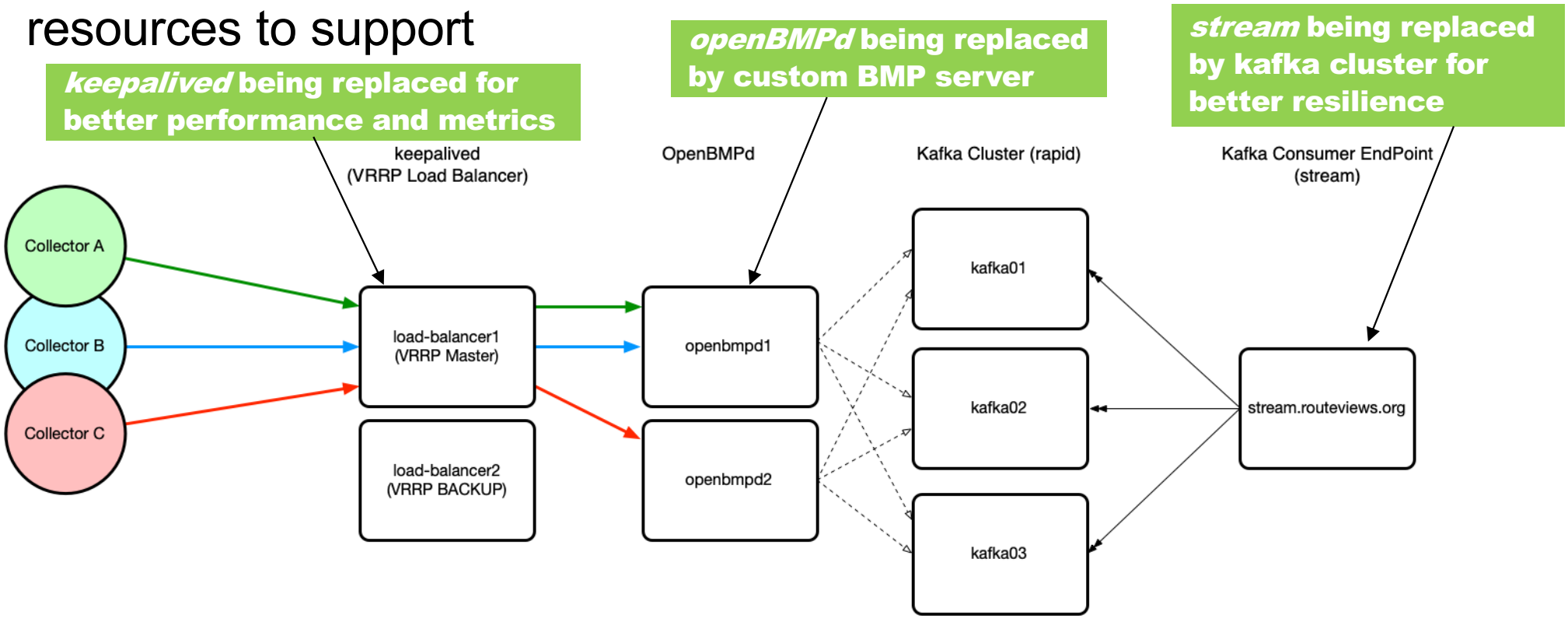
V*= 128.223.253.9 0 3582 3701 2152 3356 20940 i

# RouteViews Development Projects: BMP

- Live feed from collectors for BGP data consumers
- Challenge is to make this scale and provide the infrastructure resources to support



# RouteViews Behind the Scenes Projects

- Upgrading archive infrastructure and storage
  - RouteViews stores BGP data from 1997 – over 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
  - Tuning Linux TCP parameters to improve BGP peer performance
    - https://fasterdata.es.net/host-tuning/linux/
  - “Badly behaving peers” (*aka* slow and/or noisy peers)

# RouteViews Future Planning

- Collectors & hosts in new locations outside North America
  - Large IXPs with dense interconnection
  - Unique or specialist environments (e.g. 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 recommendations are welcome! 🙏

For network operators & researchers

# USING ROUTEVIEWS

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# 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

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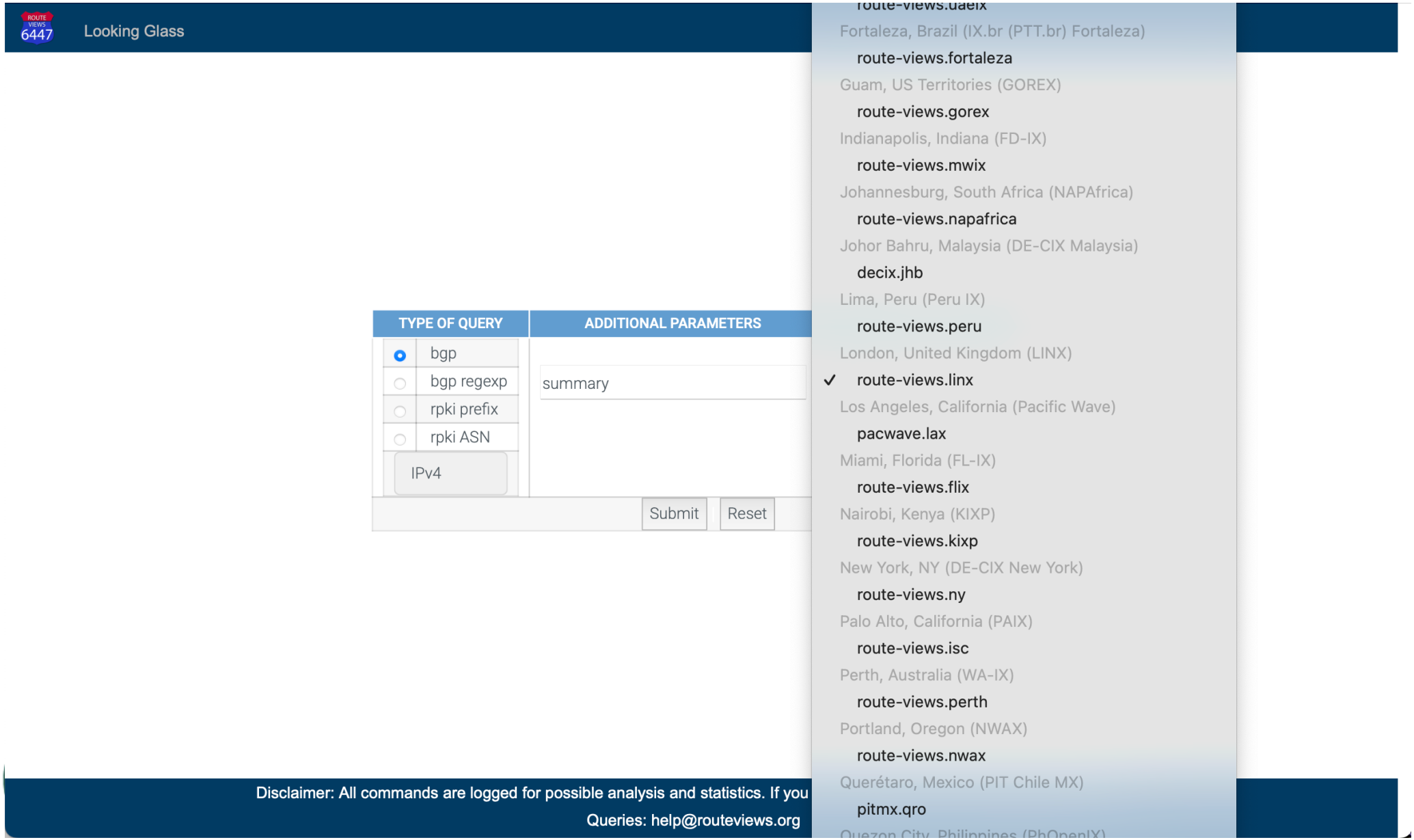
Looking Glass
route-views.daeix
Fortaleza, Brazil (IX.br (PTT.br) Fortaleza)
route-views.fortaleza
Guam, US Territories (GOREX)
route-views.gorex
Indianapolis, Indiana (FD-IX)
route-views.mwix
Johannesburg, South Africa (NAPAfrica)
route-views.napafrica
Johor Bahru, Malaysia (DE-CIX Malaysia)
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Lima, Peru (Peru IX)
route-views.peru
London, United Kingdom (LINX)
route-views.linx
Los Angeles, California (Pacific Wave)
pacwave.lax
Miami, Florida (FL-IX)
route-views.flix
Nairobi, Kenya (KIXP)
route-views.kixp
New York, NY (DE-CIX New York)
route-views.ny
Palo Alto, California (PAIX)
route-views.isc
Perth, Australia (WA-IX)
route-views.perth
Portland, Oregon (NWAX)
route-views.nwax
Querétaro, Mexico (PIT Chile MX)
pitmx.qro
TYPE OF QUERY
ADDITIONAL PARAMETERS
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IPv4
summary
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Looking Glass

**Router:** route-views.linx

**Command:** show bgp ipv4 unicast summary

```
route-views.linx> show bgp ipv4 unicast summary
BGP router identifier 195.66.225.222, local AS number 6447 VRF default vrf-id 0
BGP table version 309367728
RIB entries 1960257, using 239 MiB of memory
Peers 59, using 1402 KiB of memory

Neighbor        V         AS   MsgRcvd   MsgSent   TblVer  InQ OutQ  Up/Down State/PfxRcd   PfxSnt Desc
195.66.224.12   4      47957  12686566    175336 309367728    0    0 08w4d21h       429688        0 Ingenico Solutions
195.66.224.21   4       6939  13824625     87669 309367728    0    0 08w4d21h       998128        0 Hurricane Electric
195.66.224.25   4      37497  13990578    108820 309367728    0    0 08w4d21h       978133        0 Network Platforms
195.66.224.29   4       5413    178038    175336 309367728    0    0 08w4d21h            0        0 Daisy Corporate
195.66.224.32   4       3257  39273641    175478 309367728    0    0 08:15:53       973113        0 GTT Communications
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195.66.224.64   4       3292    181363    175336 309367728    0    0 08w4d21h          645        0 Tele Danmark
195.66.224.66   4       8426    103378     87669 309367728    0    0 08w4d21h          118        0 Claranet
195.66.224.83   4       5511   1926542    175336 309367728    0    0 08w4d21h       143805        0 Orange S.A.
195.66.224.89   4       6830  25270342    175044 309367728    0    0 03w4d06h       973086        0 Liberty Global B.V.
195.66.224.99   4      13237  91674008     87669 309367728    0    0 08w4d21h       977005        0 euNetworks Group
195.66.224.114  4       6667  42436550    174822 309367728    0    0 04w5d08h       974317        0 Elisa Corporation
195.66.224.118  4      14537  28534432    175336 309367728    0    0 08w4d21h       977143        0 Continent 8
195.66.224.138  4       2914  21709483    175044 309367728    0    0 03w4d06h       973489        0 NTT Global IP
195.66.224.153  4       6762   5153973    175341 309367728    0    0 02w6d21h       212040        0 Telecom Italia
195.66.224.157  4      16552  26255740    175336 309367728    0    0 08w4d21h       974632        0 Tiggee LLC
195.66.224.165  4      38880  21790409     87669 309367728    0    0 08w4d21h      1014829        0 Micron21 Datacentre
195.66.224.167  4       3491  10385507     87669 309367728    0    0 08w4d21h       970203        0 PCCW Global
195.66.224.175  4      13030  29719579     87669 309367728    0    0 08w4d21h       974063        0 Init7 (Switzerland)
195.66.224.193  4       9002  14866344    175336 309367728    0    0 08w4d21h       974480        0 RETN
195.66.224.215  4      31500    140603     87594 309367728    0    0 04w3d15h         3585        0 Global Network
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59 peers

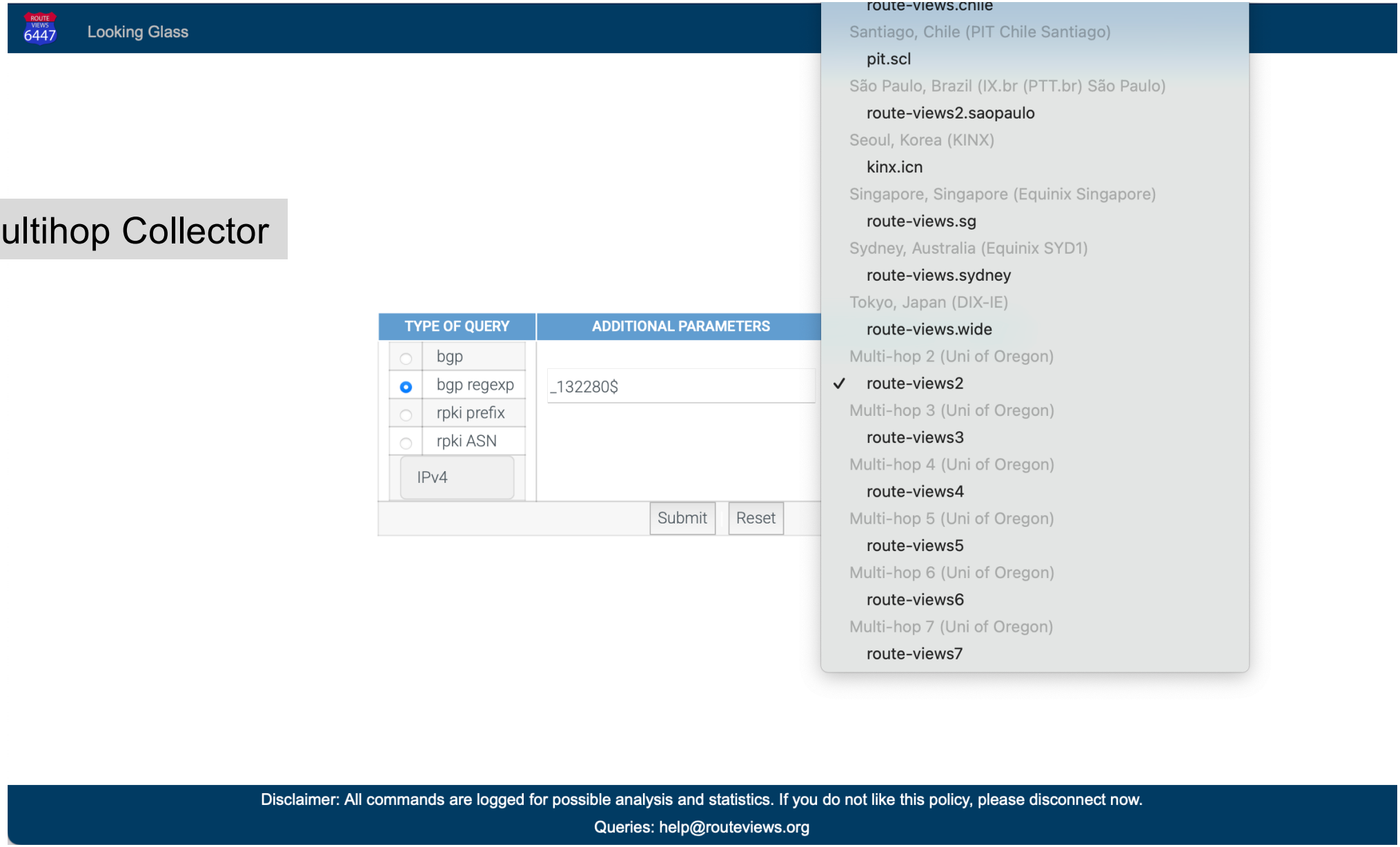
Lots of full tables

# RouteViews 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 AS132280 as an example

# Multihop Collector



Looking Glass

**Router:** route-views2

**Command:** show bgp ipv4 unicast regexp _132280$

```
route-views2.routeviews.org> show bgp ipv4 unicast regexp _132280$

BGP table version is 39892536, local router ID is 128.223.51.102, vrf id 0
Default local pref 100, local AS 6447
Status codes:  s suppressed, d damped, h history, u unsorted, * valid, > best, = multipath,
               i internal, r RIB-failure, S Stale, R Removed
Nexthop codes: @NNN nexthop's vrf id, < announce-nh-self
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     Network          Next Hop            Metric LocPrf Weight Path
N*u  43.229.44.0/22   137.164.16.84                          0 2152 6939 132876 132280 132280 132280 i
N*>                   129.250.1.71             5519          0 2914 132876 132280 132280 132280 i
N*                    105.16.0.247                           0 37100 132876 132280 132280 132280 i
N*                    217.192.89.50                          0 3303 132876 132280 132280 132280 i
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N*                    64.71.137.241                          0 6939 132876 132280 132280 132280 i
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N*                    37.139.139.17               0          0 57866 2914 132876 132280 132280 132280 i
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N*                    94.156.252.18               0          0 34224 6939 132876 132280 132280 132280 i
N*                    198.129.33.85             710          0 293 2914 132876 132280 132280 132280 i
N*                    202.232.0.3                            0 2497 2914 132876 132280 132280 132280 i
N*                    140.192.8.16                           0 20130 6939 132876 132280 132280 132280 i
N*                    147.28.7.2                  0          0 3130 174 132876 132280 132280 132280 i
N*                    162.251.163.2                          0 53767 6939 132876 132280 132280 132280 i
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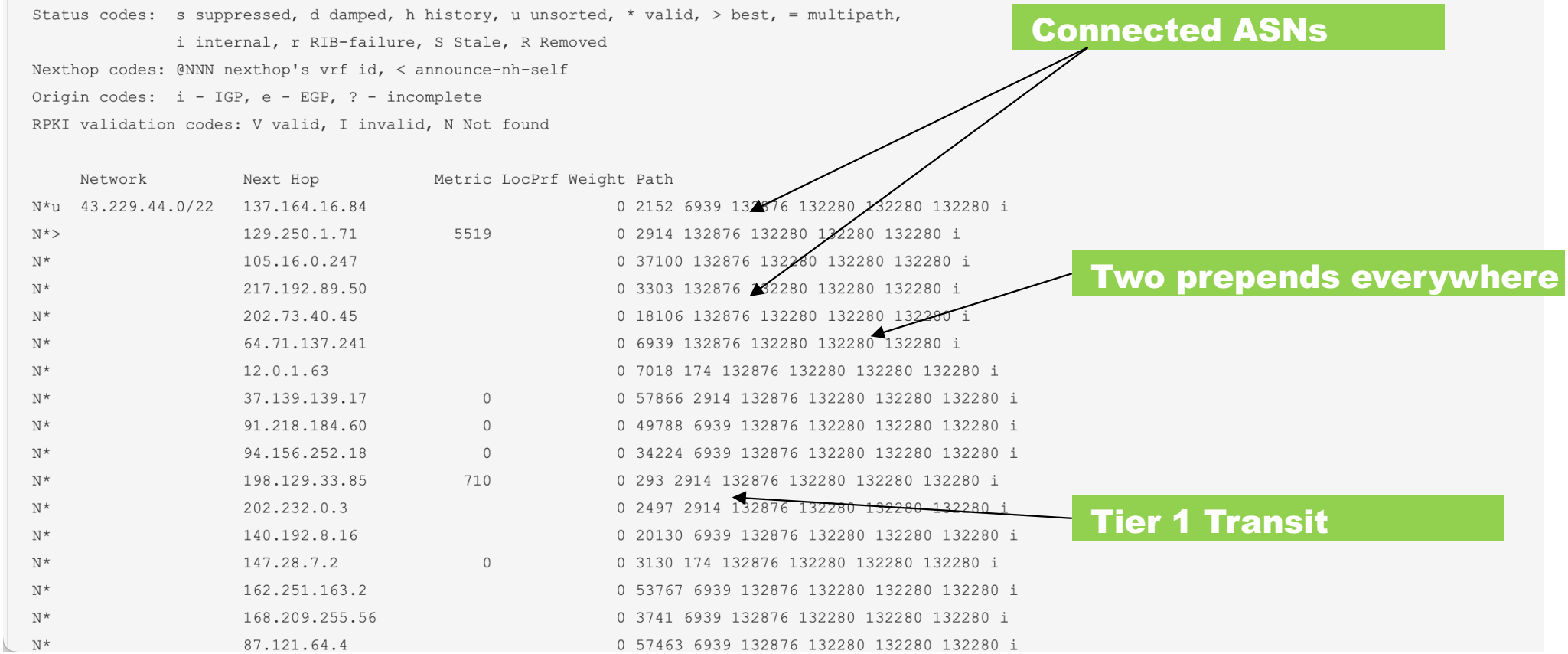
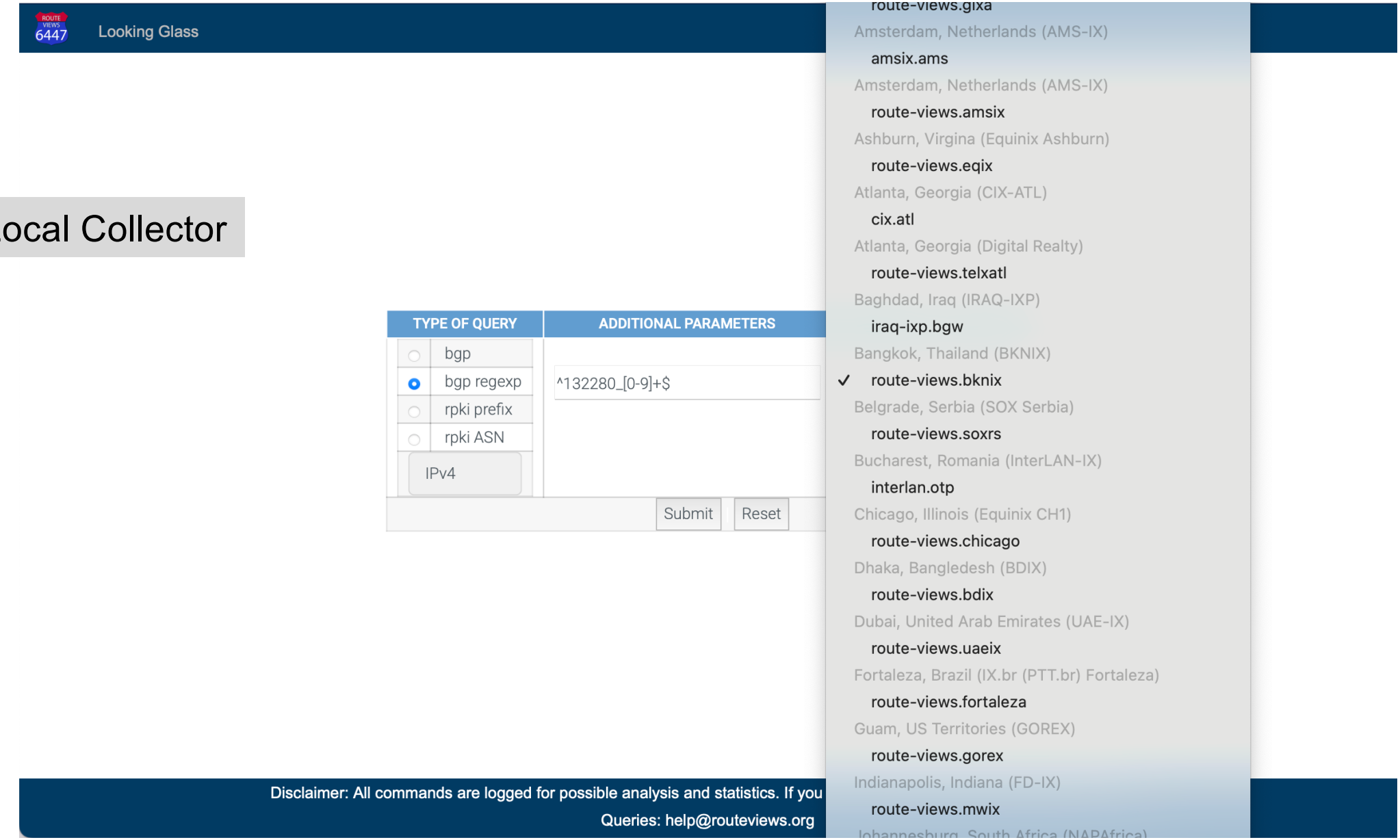


# Local Collector



Looking Glass

**Router:** route-views.bknix

**Command:** show bgp ipv4 unicast regexp ^132280_[0-9]+$

```
route-views.bknix.routeviews.org> show bgp ipv4 unicast regexp ^132280_[0-9]+$
BGP table version is 104841276, local router ID is 203.159.68.20, vrf id 0
Default local pref 100, local AS 6447
Status codes:  s suppressed, d damped, h history, u unsorted, * valid, > best, = multipath,
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     Network          Next Hop            Metric LocPrf Weight Path
N*>  16.10.6.0/24     203.159.68.122                         0 132280 210873 ?
N*                    203.159.68.122                         0 132280 210873 ?
N*                    203.159.68.122                         0 132280 210873 ?
N*>  38.211.232.0/24  203.159.68.122                         0 132280 139844 i
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V*>  43.245.200.0/23  203.159.68.122                         0 132280 59318 i
V*                    203.159.68.122                         0 132280 59318 i
V*                    203.159.68.122                         0 132280 59318 i
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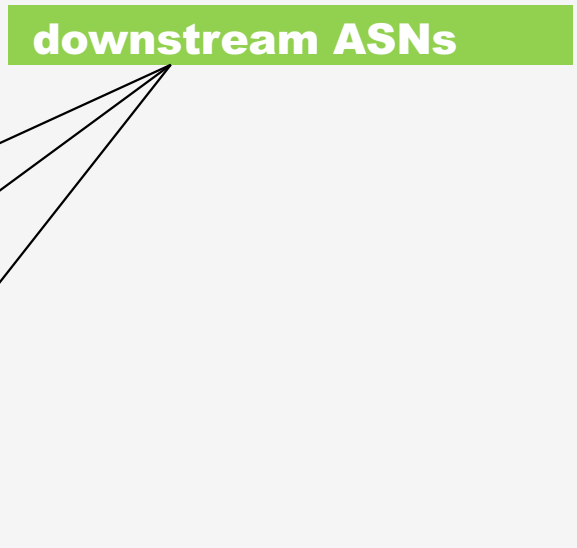

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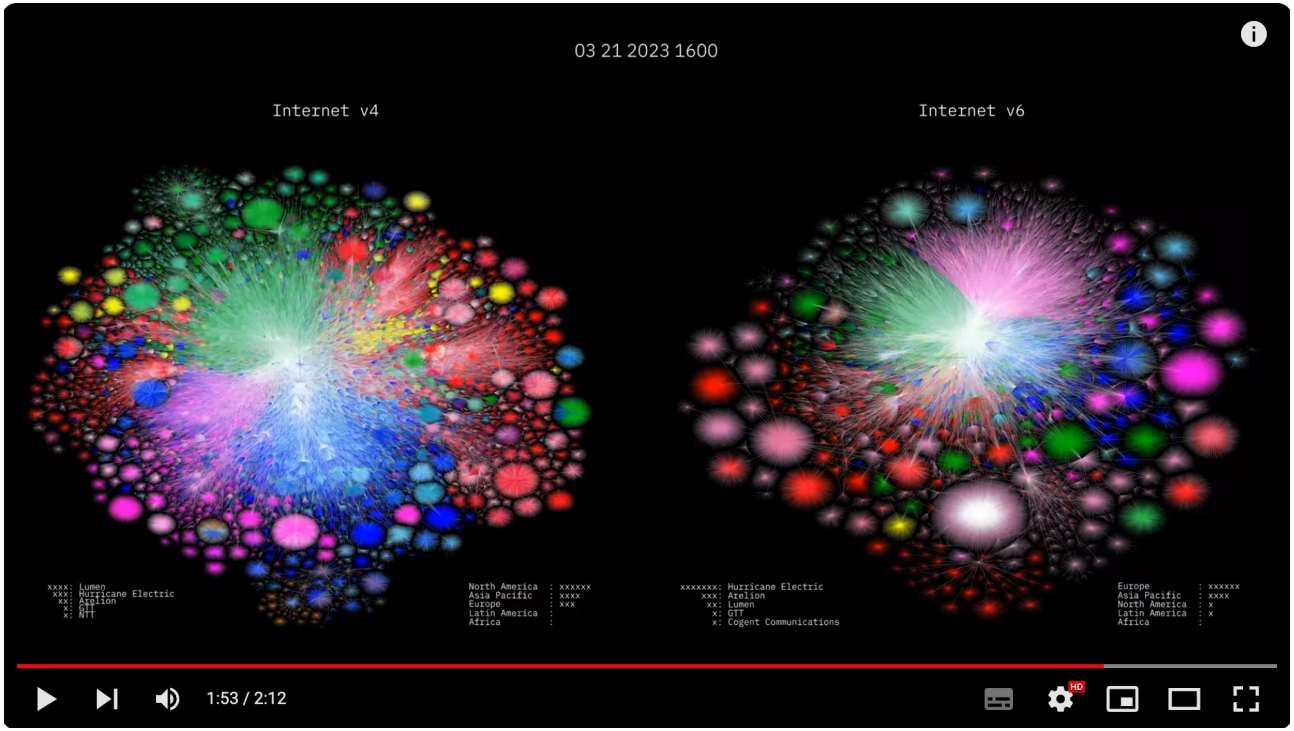


Barrett Lyon: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vo5glK9czIE

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# Consumers of RouteViews data

If you use RouteViews data for your products or services:

- Please acknowledge the source!
  - Your product or service likely would not work without our data!
- Please do *NOT* send your customers of your products or services to us for technical support:
  - We simply collect what is seen in the global routing table
  - We cannot fix mistakes made by network operators
  - We cannot fix bugs in BGP implementations
  - We cannot remove BGP announcements we receive
  - We cannot change what is seen in the global routing table

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For Peering Coordinators

# PEERING WITH ROUTEVIEWS

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# Peering with RouteViews

- RouteViews has a Selective 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)
  - We do not send you any prefixes (please don't ask)

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# Peering with RouteViews: General Requirements

- Peer must operate stable equipment
  - RouteViews will shutdown BGP sessions that impact the stability of the RouteViews platform
- Peer must have a public 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 have up-to-date information in PeeringDB, including the NOC email address
- Peer must filter RFC6890 space and must not send default routes
- RouteViews does not accept addpath-RX or TX

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# Peering with RouteViews: IXP & Multihop

**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.

# Why a Selective Peering policy?

- Balancing operational overhead, 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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# HOSTING ROUTEVIEWS

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# 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)

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# 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
  - MRT[1] 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 ROUTEVIEWS



# 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
  - Many commercial products and services rely on RouteViews data

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# Supporting RouteViews

Please consider supporting RouteViews:

- By peering with one of our collectors
- By publicly acknowledging the value of the information we have collected
  - For citations, our DOI is *10.7264/1y7v-2d90*
- If your product or service is commercially successful, we look forward to receiving your support to keep your product or service that way!
- In any other way that helps keep this community service going

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Thank you!