Network Security and Measurement Assignment 05

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The data for these exercises is located in `shared-data/haw/bgp`. Details on the structure can be found here (`https://bgpstream.caida.org/docs/tools/bgpreader`) under *BGP Elem Format*. If you load the data into a DataFrame you can convert a column to time using `pd.to_datetime`. `group_by` works on time as well using a `Grouper` object.

1. **AS Peers**

   We want to discover peers of our upstream provider.

   Tools: pandas, pysubnettree[1]

   Data: RIB from Routeviews route collectors at 4PM on December 6, 2020:
   `ribs.routeviews.06-12-2020.csv`.

   (a) First, find out your public IP address. While this should be easy for our servers, just as a thought experiment consider how you could do the same for your home computer, which is likely behind a NAT.

   (b) `mobi8` should be reachable via `141.22.28.18`. Analyze the table dump noted under *Data*. Explain and implement one approach to figure out to which origin AS this IP address belongs to.

   (c) List the autonomous systems that peer with our ISP (based on your data set). Explain why this view is very likely incomplete.

   Note that you can resolve the AS numbers via `whois` *or* `https://www.potaroo.net/bgp/iana/asn-ctl.txt`*. A CSV-formatted snapshot of the potaroo list is located in* `shared-data/haw/asname`*, the separator is "|".*

2. **RIPE RIS BGP Beacons Timing**

   We want to measure the timing behavior of the RIPE RIS BGP beacons[2].

   Tools: pandas, matplotlib

   Data: Updates from RIPE RIS route collectors RRC00 and RRC23 for April 20, 2019:
   `update.ris.rrc{00,23}.20-04-2019.csv.gz`.

   (a) Visualize the update patterns of the BGP beacons `84.205.64.0/24` and `93.175.151.0/24`.

   (b) Do the update patterns comply with the publicly documented announcement and withdrawal schedule?

   (c) Which time offsets do you observe between updates in the BGP dumps compared to the schedule? (Offsets are peer-specific.)

[1] https://github.com/zeek/pysubnettree

[2] `https://www.ripe.net/analyse/internet-measurements/routing-information-service-ris/current-ris-routing-beacons`

3. **BGP Zombies**

When an IP prefix is withdrawn form its origin AS it should disappear from all routing tables–sooner or later.

Tools: pandas

Data: RIBs from RIPE RIS route collectors on December 6,
`rib.ris.rrc00.06-12-2020.csv.gz`.

(a) Explain the term *BGP zombie*.

(b) Given the RIBs on the day, how could you check for zombies of the beacon prefix?

(c) Apply your measurement methodology on the data set. *Warning: In the CSV, RIBs are prefixed with a* ***B****egin and* ***E****nd row. These rows have a different column length. Check the* ***`ASCII Output Formats`*** *in the bgpreader docs. The pandas* ***`read_csv`*** *function can still read the data into a DataFrame by setting the argument* *`low_memory=False`*