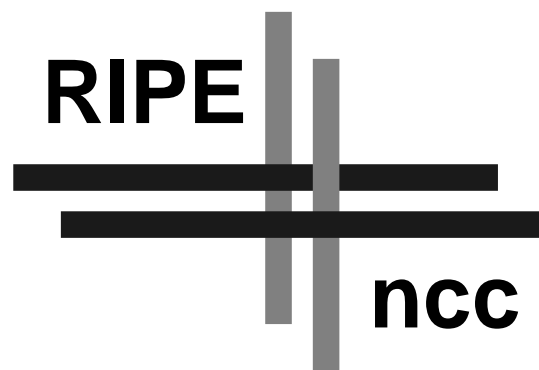


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Introduction

RIPE (Réseaux IP Européens) is a collaborative organisation open to all European Internet service providers. The objective of RIPE is to ensure the necessary administrative and technical coordination to allow the operation of a pan-European IP network. RIPE does *not* operate a network of its own.

RIPE has been functioning since 1989. Currently more than 60 organisations participate in the work. The result of the RIPE coordination effort is that the individual end-user is presented on their desktop with a uniform IP service irrespective of the particular network his or her workstation is attached to. In March 1993 more than 355,000 hosts throughout Europe are reachable via networks coordinated by RIPE. The total number of systems reachable worldwide is estimated at more than one million.

The RIPE Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC) is a European organisation chartered to support all those RIPE activities which cannot be effectively performed by volunteers from the participating organisations. As such, it provides a wide range of technical and administrative support to network operators in the Internet community across Europe. The charter of the NCC is formally described in the NCC Activity Plan (document `ripe-35` in the RIPE document store). The RIPE NCC currently has 3 permanent staff members. The RARE association provides the legal and financial framework for the NCC. Funding for the first year of operation of the NCC is provided by EARN, the national members of RARE, Israel and EUnet.

This is the fourth quarterly report produced by the RIPE NCC and marks the completion of one year of operation. A yearly report will be produced, which summarises the activities and achievements of the RIPE NCC's first year of operation.

As always, comments and suggestions are very welcome.

Note on Statistics

The arrangement of categories including country codes in some statistical tables and figures have been standardised to make the data more easily comparable between different tables and editions of these reports. As a consequence some categories appear with no data and/or seemingly nonsensical combinations.

In the PostScript version of this document much information is presented both in graphical and in table form. This apparent duplication is necessary because the graphics cannot be represented in the ASCII version of the document which has to contain the same information as the PostScript version.

Management Summary

RIPE NCC operations have been running smoothly during the reporting period. Two joint projects supported by the NCC have been started.

Delegated Registry

European Internet Registry operations are continuing successfully. To date more than 10,000 IP network numbers have been assigned, about 500 of which are being routed on the Internet at present. DNS reverse mapping (in-addr.arpa) has been decentralised for the European block of class C networks. Coordination issues with the Global Internet Registry mentioned in the last report have all been followed up and most of them have been solved.

Joint Projects

Two joint RARE Technical Committee and RIPE projects have started at the NCC with RARE funding: Generic Internet Service Specification (GISS) and European Route Server. Both projects have already produced tangible results. The Route Server project has resulted in particularly good progress being made with the Routing Registry.

RIPE Database

The RIPE database has been enhanced to store the necessary objects to support the Routing Registry. Database update procedures have been enhanced. A guarded update procedure for routing policy related data has been implemented and is due to be operational in May. The number of database updates processed at the NCC has more than doubled from last quarter and now stands at 465 per working day.

Funding

The first year of RIPE NCC operations has been successful. At this point continued funding of NCC activities in 1994 and beyond needs to be secured. The NCC has assisted the RIPE chair in document outlining a funding model. The European Internet operators cooperating in RIPE need to establish consensus over the model and commit to funding if NCC activities are to continue.

Funding Paper Published

The RARE association provides the legal and financial framework for the NCC. Funding for the first year of operation of the NCC has been provided by EARN, the full national members of RARE, Israel and EUnet. These organisations have agreed to guarantee funding of NCC operation during the remaining three quarters of 1993. At the same time they have expressed that -while they guarantee continued funding - it is imperative that the remaining European Internet service providers start contributing to NCC funding as soon as possible. As all European Internet service providers benefit from NCC services, the costs should be shared appropriately.

Because of this RIPE seeks to establish agreement about a funding model among European Internet service providers and other organisations interested in contributing. To this end a RIPE paper was written by Rob Blokzijl and Daniel Karrenberg (Doc ID:ripe-84) in which an approach to analysing the problem of funding was made by categorising the services and user communities of the NCC and a funding model is proposed. It is very important that RIPE agrees on a funding model soon. The topic will therefore be an item on the agenda for discussion at the forthcoming 15th RIPE meeting in Amsterdam.

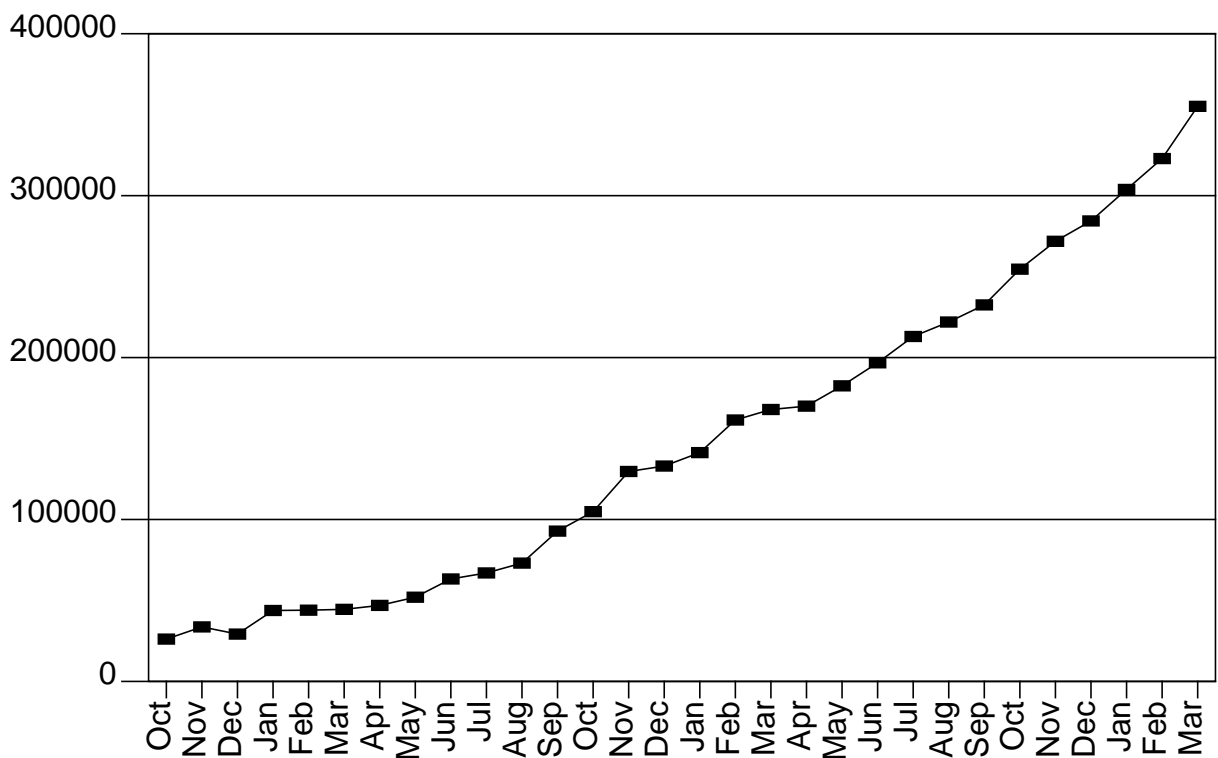
Activities

DNS Coordination

DNS Hostcount

Nothing has changed to the hostcount procedure. The collection of the data is done centrally from the RIPE NCC, except for the data for the UK and Germany. In these countries the data is collected locally, and then transported to the RIPE NCC for incorporation in the statistics. The March 1993 hostcount shows a total of over 355,000 hosts in Europe, where Cyprus (CY) is the only country added to the hostcount.

RIPE DNS Hostcount History 1990-1993



In the hostcount, any machine that appears in the Domain Name System with an A record is counted as a host. Hosts with more than one A record are uncounted once, and hosts with the same A record, but different domain names inside the same top level domain are also counted just once.

All DNS output, not just the A records, are saved and are available in the RIPE document store, two files for each country: the standard output, and the error messages. Please check the README file in [ftp.ripe.net:ripe/hostcount](ftp://ftp.ripe.net:ripe/hostcount) for more details.

1990	Oct	26141
	Nov	33665
	Dec	29226
1991	Jan	43799
	Feb	44000
	Mar	44506
	Apr	46948
	May	52000
	Jun	63267
	Jul	67000
	Aug	73069
	Sep	92834
	Oct	104828
	Nov	129652
	Dec	133000
1992	Jan	141308
	Feb	161431
	Mar	167931
	Apr	170000
	May	182528
	Jun	196758
	Jul	213017
	Aug	221951
	Sep	232522
	Oct	254585
	Nov	271795
	Dec	284374
1993	Jan	303828
	Feb	322902
	Mar	355140

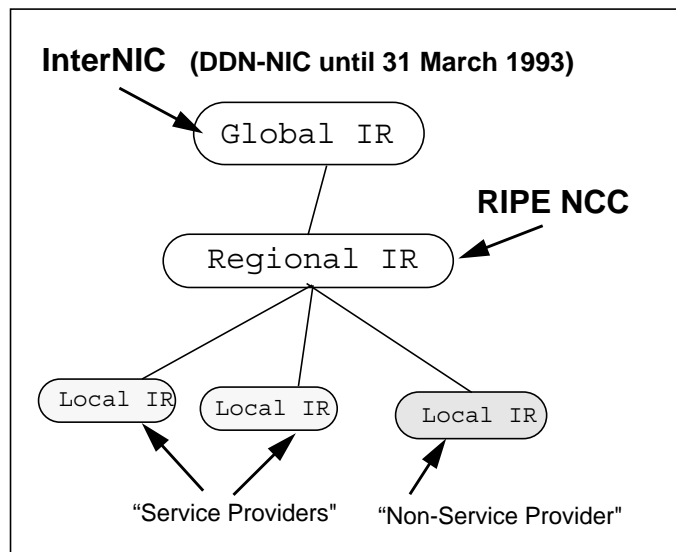
Internet Registry

Delegated Internet Registry (IR)

The RIPE NCC has now been acting as a delegated regional IR for a period of eight months (the transition from the previously centralised procedures is described in RIPE document ripe-79) handling both e-mail, fax and letter applications and telephone enquiries. As reported in the last quarterly report, this means that Europe has already been operating for some months, ahead of schedule at stage 3 of the 'Schedule for IP Address Space Guidelines' (RFC1367).

Terminology

To stem possible confusion regarding the entities that are involved in managing the European address space, the RIPE NCC has endeavoured to be consistent over the last quarter with reference to the terminology used to describe the organisations involved. The diagram below illustrates the relationships and terminology used.



The most important thing to stress in this diagram is that the Local IR's comprise two types: local IR's which are service providers and allocate network numbers to their customers. There are also local IR's which allocate to organisations without service providers or without any intention to connect to the Internet.

InterNIC

The global Internet Registry moved to a new organisation called the InterNIC funded by the US National Science Foundation. InterNIC services are actually provided by three different organisations. The registry service is provided by Network Solutions Inc., who in the past provided the DDN NIC services. InterNIC starts operation on April 1st 1993. Changes in registration procedures outside Europe have been published as RFC1400. Unfortunately this RFC has been published without consulting the RIPE NCC and does not mention that different procedures apply to European registrations. Work is in progress on a revised version which clarifies these points.

The RIPE NCC has established contacts to Network Solutions and a number of pending problems mentioned in the last quarterly report (Doc ID: ripe-79) have been resolved during the reporting period even before the InterNIC officially started operation.

Common Template

At the 14th RIPE meeting in Prague, the basic format of the common template for requesting IP network numbers was agreed. It was reported in the last quarterly report (Doc ID: ripe-79) that a common European IP request form was needed with the objective of standardising procedures for handling IP requests throughout Europe. This was to be realised by improving the quality of technical information supplied and by maintaining the template in English so that it could easily be passed between registries where necessary, with the option to translate the supporting notes into the appropriate local language.

With the operating experience gained from acting as a delegated registry for the past eight months, the RIPE NCC, combined with the input from the local registries, has thus refined both the format and the content of the documents. The new documentation comprises: a "bare bones" template and accompanying supporting notes which describe how to fill in the template. This has now been published as a RIPE document (Doc ID: ripe-83) in both ascii and PostScript.

To complement the documentation, "Helpful Hints" are planned and will be prepared for discussion at the next RIPE meeting in Amsterdam in April.

Registration Procedures

Once again thanks must be extended to the local registries for their work. The work of the 'non-provider' registries is much appreciated, especially since the work they do is performed voluntarily and often time consuming.

The number of local registries, especially the local 'non-provider' registries has increased. These are registries to whom the NCC is able to forward all requests from organisations without IP service providers. Also additional IP service providers have made themselves known to the NCC, enabling further delegation of blocks of class C numbers.

To date, local non-provider registries exist for the following countries: Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain, Hungary, Israel, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, The Soviet Union (covering the states/countries which comprised the former Soviet Union), Estonia, Bulgaria and Iceland and Poland. New registries established since the last quarter comprise Estonia, Bulgaria, Iceland and Poland. Thanks are extended to those who have volunteered to undertake this work. Furthermore we would like to encourage other organisations or individuals to make themselves known to the NCC if they feel that they are able to undertake this work.

Applicants who contact the InterNIC for IP network numbers in Europe will be referred to the RIPE NCC. Once again, for this reason we have noticed an increase in both the number of telephone calls enquiring about procedures. Additionally there are more direct requests coming into the NCC, bypassing the global registry. This is due to a copy of the European IP network number request form being placed on the InterNIC server.

Please refer to the last quarterly report (Doc-ID: ripe-79) for a description of the procedures for acquiring a valid IP network number.

Class B Network Numbers

The RIPE NCC performs all actual class B network number assignments to European Organisations.

The procedure is to briefly evaluate the request, consulting the appropriate local registry if necessary. In more than 90% of the cases evaluated, the request is found unjustified according to the criteria agreed with the global registry and IANA. In these cases the NCC forwards the request to the appropriate local registry for assignment of class C network number(s). If a class B network number is justified, the NCC will allocate out of a small pool it keeps for this purpose and will notify any local registry involved.

For details of class B allocation criteria see the revision of RFC1136 which is due to appear shortly. This revision incorporates a number of comments from RIPE and the RIPE NCC. It will clarify the issues raised in the last report.

Some European organisations still have (sometimes quite large) blocks of class B numbers. RIPE asked the NCC to try to recover as many as possible of such unused class B network numbers for re-assignment to European organisations which do need B numbers. The total extent of this is still unknown as we do not

know which European organisations hold such blocks. The global registry have agreed to make their whole database available to the NCC during the next quarter which will enable us to pursue this more vigorously.

During the reporting period DFN have returned 7 class B numbers; 2 numbers were returned by the Prague Institute of Chemical Technology and Schering AG exchanged a B number for a set of C numbers. We thank all these organisations.

Reverse Name Lookup for 193.x.y.0 Networks

Due to the fact that the NCC has been delegated all IP address space starting with 193, it became possible to also delegate the complete 193.in-addr.arpa zone to the RIPE NCC. This results in all reverse zone requests for networks inside 193.x.y to be handled directly by the RIPE NCC. The actual delegation of 193.in-addr.arpa was done on March 16th by the InterNIC who maintain the root servers. Because of the address assignment following the CIDR (RFC 1338) model, in which blocks of 256 class C network numbers are delegated to local registries for further assignment, a similar delegation scheme for subdomains in 193.in-addr.arpa could be followed. A document describing the procedures for delegation subdomains in 193.in-addr.arpa was written, and will be a RIPE document shortly. Currently the version number is 1.3, and it can be found in the `ripe-drafts/` directory in the RIPE document store.

At this stage, 11 subdomains in 193.in-addr.arpa have been delegated to local registries who were assigned class C blocks.

NCC Workload and Performance

In order to quantify the workload generated at the NCC and to monitor the service quality, the NCC has kept a log of actions related to the delegated registry function. The numbers in brackets relate to the previous quarter.

The total number of applications received over the reporting period quarter was 143 (178). Of these 51 (97) were received from the IR, (6) 5 were received from the local registries and 86 (76) were sent directly to the NCC. Simple referrals to the appropriate local registry without receiving an application are not logged. More requests are being made directly to the NCC instead of going through the global registry. This positive trend continues from the last quarter.

The portion of requests handled via E-mail has risen slightly during the reporting period. Of all the requests, 82.5% (86%) were answered (not only acknowledged) the day they were received. 97.9% (97%) of all requests were answered within seven calendar days of receipt by the NCC. The average elapsed time of a class C allocation via the NCC is just under five days. Taking into account that class C allocations via the NCC frequently concern large blocks with all the needed technical justification, this is a good average. The average elapsed time of a class B allocation is just under 10 days.

Address Space Usage

During the reporting period, the NCC assigned a total of 14 class B network numbers, delegated 32 blocks of class C network numbers and reserved have 15 blocks of class C network numbers. The assignment and reservation of class C blocks was done in accordance with the CIDR scheme to allow route aggregation in the future. It should be noted that blocks are reserved based on usage estimates given by the local registries for a period of about 24 months. Should the assignment rate differ from the estimated one, reserved blocks can and will be used for other purposes.

During the reporting period the European registries have assigned a total of 3235 class C networks to bring the total to 10348 network.s. Out of these 10348, 462 actually ended up the routing table of amsterdam-ebc1.ebone.net.

The detailed status of the address space delegated to the RIPE NCC can be found in Appendix B and C for class B and class C network numbers respectively.

RIPE Network Management Database

Database Software

The effort for a complete rewrite of the whois server software is still underway. Prototype results look promising.

The current RIPE database software has been adapted to support the autonomous system objects required for implementation of the RIPE routing registry.

52 autonomous system objects have been registered so far. A guarded update procedure for the autonomous system attribute of the network object has been implemented and is planned to be put into operation after the 15th RIPE meeting. The acknowledgement messages generated by the standard update procedure have been enhanced to make better use of the header information contained in update messages received. These acknowledgments now provide information derived from subject line of the update messages received to simplify matching of acknowledgements with updates.

It is also possible to receive positive acknowledgements as each object is updated.

Database Updates

The frequency of update runs remains at once per working day with an occasional run skipped and some days with multiple runs as demanded by the volume of updates received. This ensures that users perceive the database update process as predictable. During the reporting period the NCC has processed

27938 object updates, an average of 465 per working day. The number of updates received per month varies widely with peaks usually occurring just before RIPE meetings.

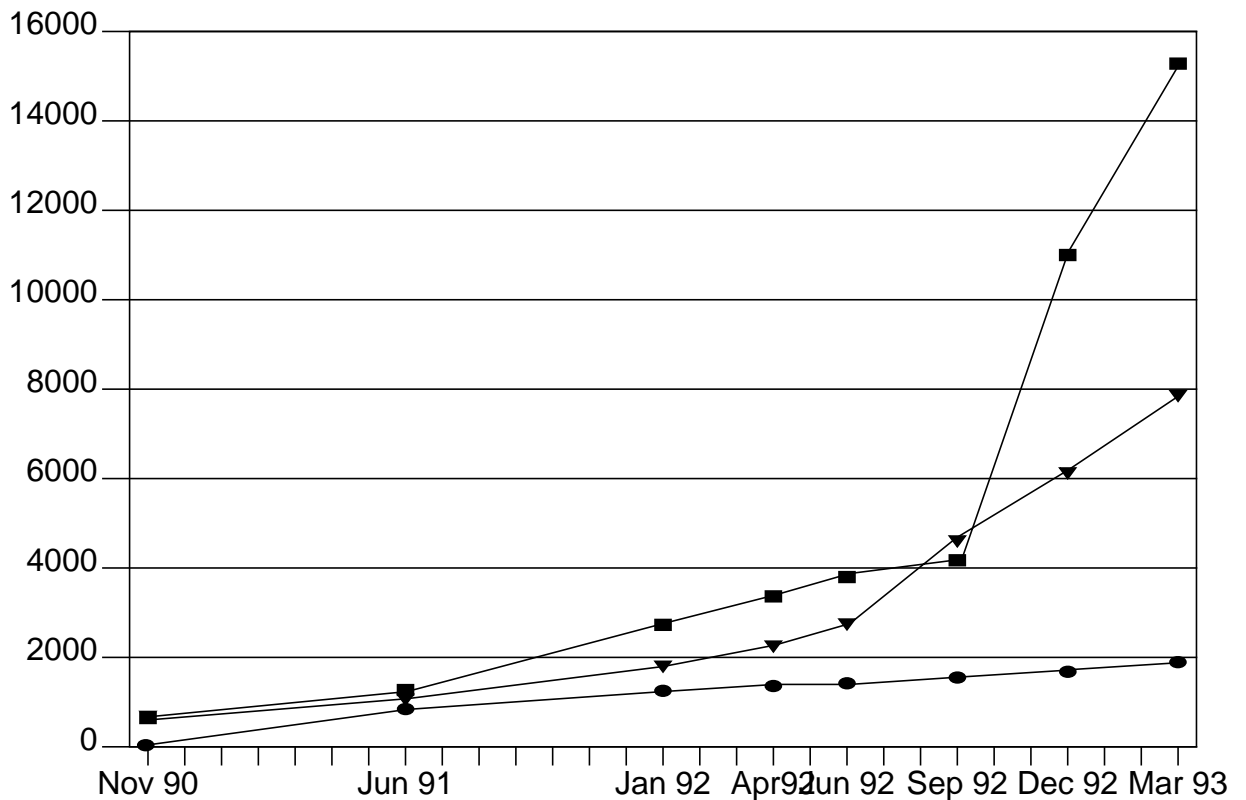
The updates consist of additions and changes as well as so called "NOOPS". NOOPS are updates received which do not differ from the information already recorded in the database. The NCC accepts such requests because it makes bulk updates from secondary NICs easier: secondary NICs can just send in their whole database without having to select just the records which changed since the last bulk update was sent to the NCC.

Database Action	Q3 1992 (number)	Q3 1992 (perc)	Q4 1992 (number)	Q4 1992 (perc)	Q1 1993 (number)	Q1 1993 (perc)
Updated	1372	8%	9235	64%	18586	66%
Added	2505	14%	3632	11%	3885	20%
NOOP	13578	78%	1558	25%	5467	14%

Database Statistics

Again the number of networks in the database has increased significantly due to the large number of newly assigned class C network numbers.

RIPE Database Objects



Month	Nets	Persons	Domains
Nov 90	643	670	0
Jun 91	1270	1053	845
Jan 92	2728	1792	1254
Apr 92	3365	2242	1360
Jun 92	3797	2736	1422
Sep 92	4172	4594	1549
Dec 92	11080	6116	1680
Mar 93	15281	7846	1894

The database coverage has increased slightly but is still lower than it should be.

Country	Nets in DNS Q1 1993	Nets in DB Q1 1993	% Q2 1992	% Q3 1992	% Q4 1992	% Q1 1993
TN	2	2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
RO	1	1	-	-	-	100.0
LV	1	1	-	-	-	100.0
HU	16	16	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
CY	2	2	-	-	-	100.0
BG	1	1	-	-	-	100.0
PL	27	25	86.7	90.0	100.0	92.6
FR	472	433	94.1	95.5	94.5	91.7
AT	104	93	67.2	63.8	82.9	89.4
DE	453	397	82.5	80.5	83.0	87.6
CH	121	106	87.6	93.1	85.4	87.6
ES	32	28	91.7	88.9	95.8	87.5
NL	135	117	82.9	80.9	86.4	86.7
PT	72	62	85.0	80.0	86.3	86.1
IS	13	11	75.0	50.0	83.3	84.6
HR	6	5	-	-	-	83.3
IE	34	28	87.5	90.9	86.4	82.4
BE	17	14	100.0	100.0	100.0	82.4
IT	151	123	84.5	82.4	81.1	81.5
NO	73	56	56.9	58.5	70.4	76.7
IL	29	22	73.9	71.4	76.0	75.9
SI	12	9	-	-	100.0	75.0
GR	15	11	78.6	66.7	75.0	73.3
UK	324	252	67.3	67.8	70.7	70.9
SE	206	146	57.8	49.3	59.8	70.9
YU	2	1	100.0	100.0	50.0	50.0
LU	8	4	33.3	50.0	60.0	50.0
FI	225	101	8.8	6.9	39.3	44.9
DK	34	12	45.0	40.0	39.3	35.3
CS	54	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	27.8
SU	6	1	-	-	-	16.7

Worldwide Database Coordination

The synchronization of the databases between the RIPE NCC, InterNIC and MERIT is progressing. InterNIC has started first tests with the automatic inclusion of network and contact person information received from the RIPE NCC into their global network database. The NCC has provided the InterNIC with all the 193.x.y networks and contact persons in exchange syntax for this purpose. The first trials seem promising, the success rate of inclusion of objects is now approaching 80%. The NCC has asked the InterNIC for the global database in exchange syntax in order to start some consistency checking. The InterNIC and the NCC are jointly designing a database model where each object will have a primary maintainer who will be responsible for updates to that object. A registry which is not the primary maintainer will forward all update requests to the primary maintainer. This model will also be useful in cases where European local registries maintain part of the database themselves like INRIA does for France and the GARR NIS does for Italy.

MERIT has taken the complete database from the NCC in exchange syntax without contact information. They will start some basic consistency checks on the RIPE, InterNIC and MERIT databases, using X.500. Initially only network number, network name and country code will be checked for consistency.

MERIT no longer keeps contact person information in their NSFnet routing policy database. You will find that the relevant files in the RIPE document store have been left empty. This is intentional. This also means that the contact information with source "MERIT" has disappeared from the whois server. The NCC will start using the network information MERIT provides in exchange syntax shortly now. This will mean that the MERIT data in the whois server will be updated once per day. We hope to come to a similar arrangement with the InterNIC.

The complete synchronization of all databases is a long process, but we find that there is certainly progress.

Joint Projects

A new activity at the NCC are two development projects. These projects are joint projects between RIPE and the RARE technical program funded by SURFnet through RARE.

RARE has employed Mr. Tony Bates to work at the NCC executing these projects. Both projects depend on the expertise present at the NCC for their success. The Route Server Project in particular is very closely linked with the RIPE database and the RIPE routing registry. Thus the development of the route server and the routing registry are tackled as a single problem by regular NCC staff and Mr. Bates.

Router Server

The goal of this project is to produce a functioning Route Server as specified in "Internet Routing in a Multi Provider, Multi Path Open Environment" by Bates, Karrenberg, Lothberg, Stockman and Terpstra. The function of the Route Server will be to present unified routes to European destinations to routers on the proto-GIX in Washington D.C.

This project requires close coordination with the RIPE NCC for the database related aspects and with the operators of transatlantic links, especially EBONE.

The project is progressing extremely well. The project essentially falls into two key aspects as outlined in the above document which was recently published as RIPE document, (Doc ID: ripe-82) - creation of a European Routing Registry and proto-typing a Route server on the proto-GIX. In terms of the Routing Registry part of the project, the initial thrust of has been to define a new mechanism for registering routing policy information within the RIPE database. The outcome of this was a draft document presented at the Prague RIPE meeting in January, "Representation of IP Routing Policies in the RIPE database" by Bates, Jouanigot, Karrenberg, Lothberg and Terpstra" (Doc ID: ripe-81) which received a good reception from the RIPE community. The registration process is needed to make sure the European Route Server has a full and consistent database of the desired routing policy of any given network within Europe. Following this specification a large amount of effort has been put into the collection of the routing policy information itself. So far, we have received approximately 30% of the possible routing policies within the European Internet. To aid in this collection effort some automated scripts have been produced to show to network providers what the perceived (i.e. as seen from Internet routing tables) routing policy is as opposed to what is currently in the database. It is recommended that all service providers look at this data which can be found on the ripe document store, `ftp.ripe.net` in the directory `ripe/as`. Any questions regarding this data should be directed to `ncc@ripe.net`. Several tools are in test "in-house", to make it easier to make use of the routing policy information including a router access list generator for both cisco and gated software, a basic configurator and a prototype "policy traceroute" tool. It

is hoped to have an alpha release available for selected organisations within the next month. A revised update procedure is under development and should be in use very shortly. The routing policy document has been published as a RIPE document and presented at the 26th IETF in Columbus at both the BGP Deployment and IEPG meetings. Again, the presentations were well received. It was announced at the IEPG that the CIX association would use the "ripe-81" format, software and tools as part of a Route Server they plan to install on the proto-GIX.

In terms of the Route Server itself progress has also been extremely good. In early March, the physical route server was installed on the proto-GIX in Washington D.C. Thanks are extended to Sprint, AlterNET and SUnet for making this possible. A deployment plan has been produced and presented at the IEPG meeting which is going very much according to schedule. Currently the Route Server software has been verified by peering with NSFnet backbone router and the Sprint ICM router and making use of some test networks sent from Stockholm and Amsterdam. The Route Server hardware itself is a SUN IPC running an alpha release of gated: A "test" route server has been purchased as part of the project and is also up and running in Amsterdam. All development and testing is done on the test machine in Amsterdam and then transferred to the machine in Washington. A loan cisco IGS router has also been arranged courtesy of SURFnet to aid in the development and simulation of the Route Server work.

We still need more routing policy information in the RIPE database and an impact document is needed for the network providers to understand the full implications of the Route Server. However, thanks are extended to all those who have registered their policies. Please do not hesitate to contact the RIPE NCC if you would like assistance in this respect.

Generic Internet Service Specification (GISS)

The goal of the project is to produce a document describing all aspects of a "useful Internet service". The intention is to provide guidance to both service providers and customers. All important aspects of Internet services will be covered.

Within the first half of the project much of the time has been spent working on a definition of the scope of the Internet Service. This has been done by holding two "birds of a feather" sessions. The first at the 14th RIPE meeting in Prague. This meeting was extremely useful and it was decided that a working group should be set up chaired by Tony Bates. A mailing list `giss-wg@ripe.net` has been set up for discussion of GISS related topics. To join this list send an e-mail to `giss-wg-request@ripe.net`. A first draft "strawman" proposal was then produced and circulated to both the working group list and the IETF list. This was done to essentially to provoke discussion for the second "birds of a feather" meeting at the 26th IETF meeting in Columbus, US.

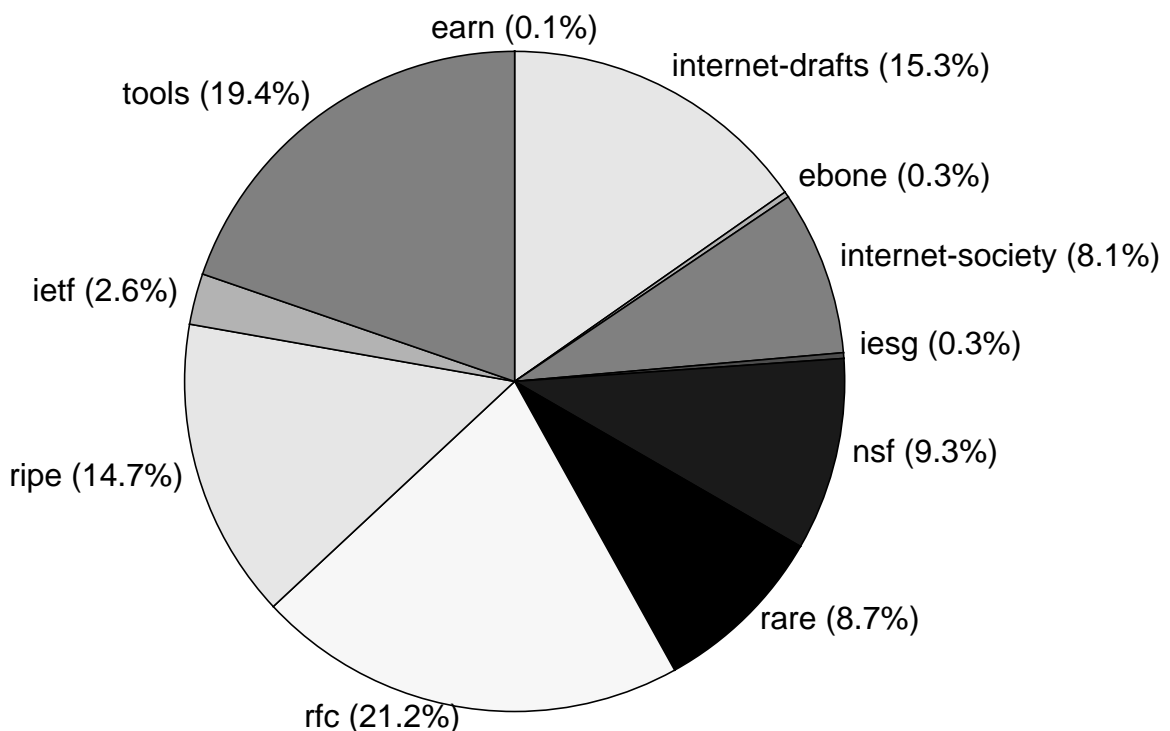
At this meeting it was clear that there needed to be some change in scope to be more directed towards service providers rather than to users as existing documents already covered much of detail needed from a users perspective. The outcome of this is a clear definition of the structure and aspects that should make up the GISS proposal. This will be presented at the 15th RIPE meeting in Amsterdam for review and comment by the working group.

Document Store

The document store is maintained as a reference point for information that will be useful to network service providers, NICs and NOCs alike. The documents stored relate to a wide variety of networking topics. For example, information can be obtained about the activities EBONE, the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) and the Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG), RARE, and not least, documents relating to RIPE itself. In addition the document store contains information relating to Internet drafts and RFC's.

In total the document store contains approximately 4460 documents. By volume, it accounts for over 190 Mbytes. A breakdown of the composition of the document store is shown below.

Documents in Archive (190 Mbytes)



Area	Files	KBytes
rfc	649	39988
tools	278	36667
internet-drafts	492	28805
ripe	532	27923
nsf	147	17632
rare	558	16440
internet-society	990	15273
ietf	722	4913
iesg	51	502
ebone	35	500
earn	6	213

Additions to the RIPE archives

Two new directories have been added to the document store:

There is now a `/ripe/Next-Meeting/` directory which will always contain information relating to the forthcoming RIPE meeting. All documents will have previously been announced to the RIPE list but if you have missed any of the announcements you will be able to read them here.

Additionally the directory `ripe/as/` has been added to the document store. It has the following subdirectories:

`/ripe/as/router` - this directory contains information regarding Autonomous System information derived from a European routers BGP table

`/ripe/as/db` - this directory contains information regarding Autonomous System information derived from the RIPE database.

`/ripe/as/conflicts` - this directory contains some analysis of the RIPE and Router derived AS information.

Additionally there has been a revision of the maps directory as agreed by the mapping working group at the 14th RIPE meeting. The new chairman of the mapping-wg is Daniele Bovio. In addition to the current maps, the old maps will be archived in an `/old` subdirectory.

The `/presentations` directory has been expanded with the recent addition of a number of presentations. These date mostly from the 14th RIPE meeting. Anyone interested in making their presentations publicly available are welcome to do so and are invited to contact the NCC.

Documents published since the last quarter in the `/ripe-docs` directory comprise the following:

- ripe-80 Hotel List - Amsterdam, February 1993
- ripe-81 Representation of IP Routing Policies in the RIPE Database
- ripe-82 Internet Routing in a Multi Provider, Multi Path Open Environment
- ripe-83 European Internet Network Number Application Form
- ripe-84 RIPE NCC Funding

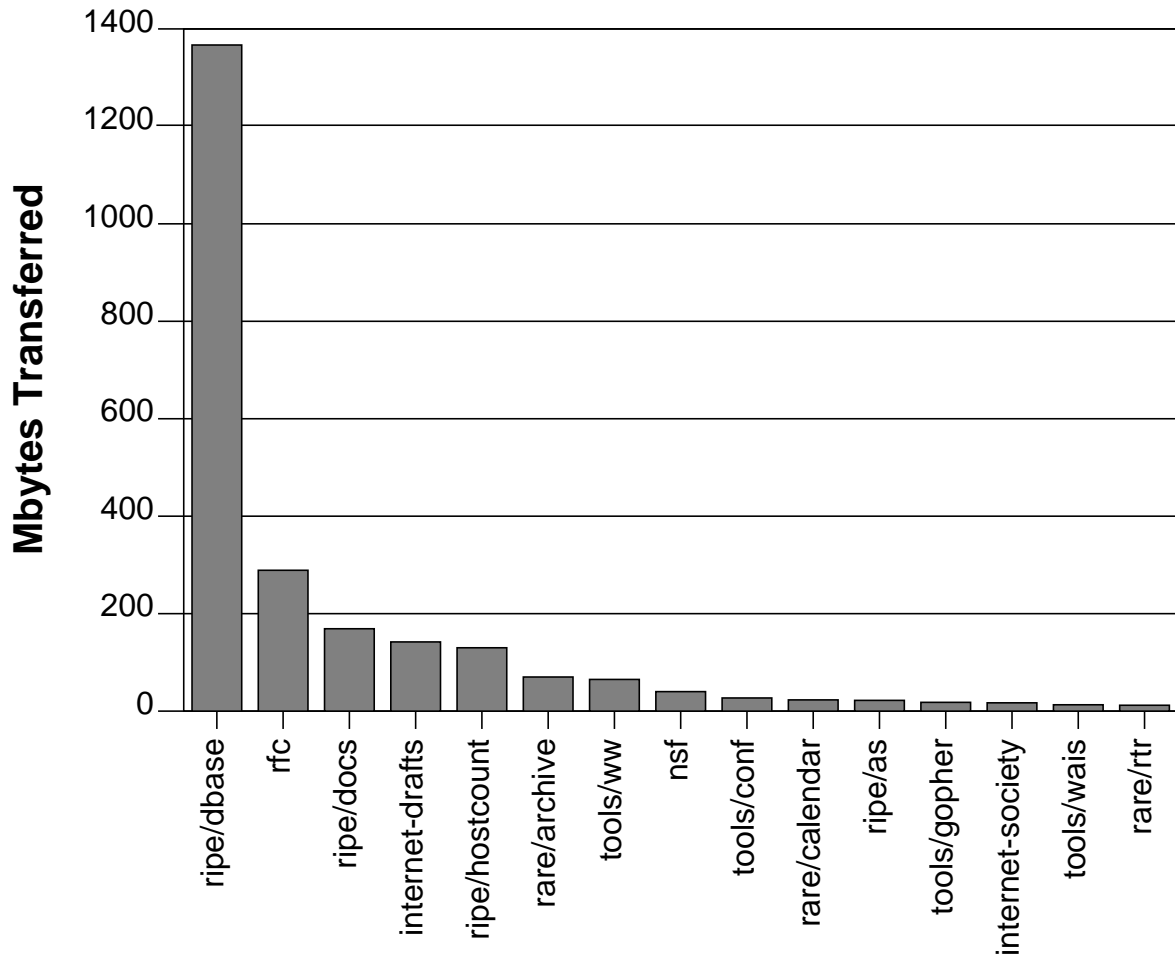
Accessing the Document Store

The NCC document store can be accessed through a variety of methods. Besides methods of access as previously reported, (via anonymous ftp to `ftp.ripe.net` and by using GOPHER and WAIS clients to `gopher.ripe.net` or `wais.ripe.net` respectively and through the NCC Interactive Information Server) the document store can now be accessed via pilot World Wide Web (WWW).

FTP Usage Statistics

The most popular archive sections of the RIPE document store are tabulated below. This displays the top 15 most popular sections which were accessed using ftp. The most popular section is the ripe database, with approximately 1279 Mbytes transferred.

Most Popular Archive Sections Q1 1993



Archive Section	Files Sent	Bytes Sent	Files Sent %	Bytes Sent %
ripe/dbase	1279	1367489435	4.98	53.92
rfc	4412	289158682	17.18	11.40
ripe/docs	2993	169790736	11.65	6.69
internet-drafts	2531	142356126	9.86	5.61
ripe/hostcount	1059	130257015	4.12	5.14
rare/archive	2829	70109410	11.02	2.76
tools/www	417	65357512	1.62	2.58
nsf	389	40223640	1.51	1.59
tools/conf	80	27256115	0.31	1.07
rare/calendar	144	23178054	0.56	0.91

Archive Section	Files Sent	Bytes Sent	Files Sent %	Bytes Sent %
ripe/as	4820	22189896	18.77	0.87
tools/gopher	211	17577634	0.82	0.69
internet-society	218	16868678	0.85	0.67
tools/wais	115	13084219	0.45	0.52
rare/rtr	41	12209232	0.16	0.48

The number of Mbytes transferred using ftp per top level domain is shown below:

Domain Name	Number of Files Sent	Number of Bytes Sent	% of Files Sent	% of Bytes Sent
IIS	0	0	0	0
IXI	0	0	0	0
LOCAL	0	0	0	0
NCC-X25	0	0	0	0
PSPDN	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	3229	348446230	12.57	13.74
at	230	30137265	0.90	1.19
au	9	507713	0.04	0.02
be	105	10781804	0.41	0.43
br	3	14616	0.01	0.00
ca	86	9198212	0.33	0.36
ch	452	158194576	1.76	6.24
cl	0	0	0	0
com	329	27370731	1.28	1.08
cs	4492	284651329	17.49	11.22
de	1260	139472448	4.91	5.50
dk	59	10790694	0.23	0.43
edu	553	163436774	2.15	6.44
ee	8	231846	0.03	0.01
es	235	15209058	0.92	0.60
fi	1382	204319746	5.38	8.06
fr	244	29369721	0.95	1.16
gov	68	2395682	0.26	0.09
gr	489	34524400	1.90	1.36
hk	0	0	0	0

Domain Name	Number of Files Sent	Number of Bytes Sent	% of Files Sent	% of Bytes Sent
hr	253	15084627	0.99	0.59
hu	59	8825960	0.23	0.35
ie	158	11233466	0.62	0.44
il	50	1940182	0.19	0.08
in	142	6482522	0.55	0.26
int	0	0	0	0
is	2	359180	0.01	0.01
it	2510	202382792	9.77	7.98
jp	2423	96367200	9.43	3.80
kr	232	15991824	0.90	0.63
lu	1	66694	0.00	0.00
lv	0	0	0	0
mil	22	1790553	0.09	0.07
mx	6	158108	0.02	0.01
net	4635	497749940	18.05	19.62
nl	664	100190064	2.59	3.95
no	90	14514528	0.35	0.57
nz	0	0	0	0
org	48	6869339	0.19	0.27
pl	219	15766743	0.85	0.62
pt	528	33381359	2.06	1.32
se	89	13512004	0.35	0.53
sg	11	1572967	0.04	0.06
si	0	0	0	0
su	4	158649	0.02	0.01
tn	0	0	0	0
tw	8	111209	0.03	0.00
uk	293	22569603	1.14	0.89
us	2	227749	0.01	0.01
yu	0	0	0	0
za	0	0	0	0

The UNKNOWN category refers to where there is no match found between the IP address and the Domain Name.

Interactive Information Server

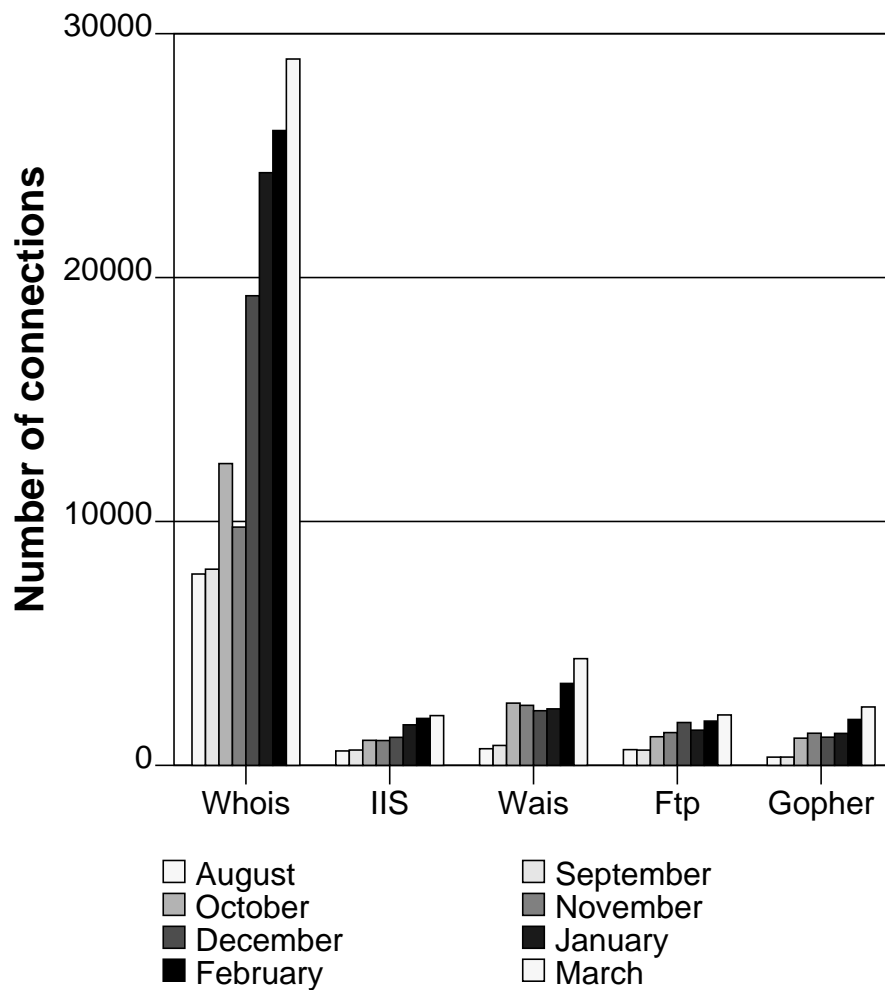
The NCC Interactive Information Server is a popular method of access to the RIPE document store catering for users with minimal hardware and/or software support to access information stored by the NCC. Full details on access methods are given in the RIPE NCC information leaflet "Interactive Information Server" and in the first edition of the NCC Quarterly Report.

General Service Usage Statistics

Statistics for the use of the various NCC information services were collected for the first quarter of 1993. The table below shows the total number of connections made for each service from July 1992 (Whois, IIS, Wais, Ftp and Gopher) contacted either directly from a user client or from the NCC Interactive Information Service. The breakdown is given as total number of connections per month:

Service	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Whois	7909	7845	8044	12373	9769	19255	24299	26027	28961
IIS	669	591	628	1027	1018	1148	1662	1924	2040
Wais	1040	682	816	2552	2460	2240	2316	3359	4375
FTP	849	645	625	1173	1344	1757	1443	1816	2067
Gopher	371	337	340	1115	1318	1156	1310	1882	2394

NCC Services Usage August 1992 - March 1993



The number of connections to the various servers at the NCC broken down by the source of the request is shown in the table below.

Source	Whois	IIS	Wais	Ftp	Total
IIS	8300	0	6601	0	14901
IXI	0	2714	0	0	2714
LOCAL	1874	48	72	329	2323
NCC-X25	0	2	0	0	2
PSPDN	0	7	0	0	7
UNKNOWN	7663	445	138	532	8778
at	789	74	61	118	1042

Source	Whois	IIS	Wais	Ftp	Total
au	22	9	23	10	64
be	464	45	0	82	591
br	3	5	0	3	11
ca	110	34	15	84	243
ch	897	45	52	260	1254
cl	1	5	0	1	7
com	71	54	518	167	810
cs	258	153	2	114	527
de	1538	249	11	512	2310
dk	287	8	4	54	353
edu	4562	318	1137	676	6693
ee	16	39	0	2	57
es	119	22	1	66	208
fi	195	29	98	114	436
fr	2738	125	17	200	3080
gov	49	29	16	34	128
gr	189	17	0	128	334
hk	0	1	0	1	2
hr	9	13	0	4	26
hu	326	89	1	37	453
ie	566	54	0	112	732
il	14	13	1	52	80
in	0	3	0	10	13
int	16	2	0	0	18
is	195	0	0	2	197
it	755	83	5	306	1149
jp	19	6	11	30	66
kr	0	3	1	38	42
lu	52	19	0	3	74
lv	0	9	0	0	9
mil	17	85	4	13	119
mx	8	0	2	2	12
net	3968	71	981	374	5394
nl	3625	299	62	425	4411
no	535	32	7	50	624
nz	0	1	0	0	1
org	3870	27	17	25	3939

Source	Whois	IIS	Wais	Ftp	Total
pl	170	30	0	89	289
pt	473	17	2	47	539
se	3475	87	5	62	3629
sg	2	2	0	4	8
si	26	5	0	0	31
su	2	1	0	4	7
tn	1	0	0	0	1
tw	0	2	0	5	7
uk	1482	177	184	142	1985
us	29532	0	1	1	29534
yu	0	7	0	0	7
za	4	12	0	2	18
Total	79287	5626	10050	5326	100289

In total there were 5626 connections to the Interactive Information Server, which is queried, on average, 93 times per working day.

The provisional access from the EuropaNet (formerly IXI) network has been used 2714 times during the reporting period, which is approximately 45 times per working day on average. This service will have to be discontinued once the IXI connection at NIKHEF which it uses is disconnected unless alternative access can be found.

RIPE NCC Information Leaflets

During the last reporting period, a new leaflet "Delegated IP Registry" has been prepared by the RIPE NCC. The aim of the leaflet is to publicise the procedures on how and where to obtain valid IP network numbers. The leaflet will be distributed in May after review at the forthcoming RIPE meeting.

Presentations

More presentations have been given this quarter than previously. Organisations wishing to convey the work of the RIPE NCC to others are invited to contact the NCC.

Tony Bates gave a presentation on "Global Internet Connectivity" at NetWorkshop 21 on 23rd - 24th March in Birmingham, UK.

Marten Terpstra gave a presentation about RIPE NCC activities and a tutorial on Network Discovery Tools at "The 4th Network Seminar and Intensive Course for Scientists and Network Managers from Central Europe" on February 22nd-23rd, 1993.

At the 26th IETF in Columbus during the week of March 29th -2nd April, 1993 Daniel Karrenberg and Tony Bates each gave presentations on topics relating to the Special Projects currently underway at the RIPE NCC. Daniel Karrenberg spoke with reference to the recently published ripe-81 "Representation of IP Routing Policies in the RIPE Database" and Tony Bates spoke about the Generic Internet Service Specification (GISS) at a BOF and reported the progress of the Route Server project to an informal IEPG meeting.

ECHO Gateway

During the previous quarter the RIPE NCC had been approached by ECHO (the European Commission Host Organisation) about the feasibility of Internet access to ECHO. ECHO is a non-commercial experimental host in Luxembourg which provides free access to Community based information.

The host is connected to EuropaNet (formerly IXI). After discussion with the RIPE chair, the NCC offered to set up a demonstration gateway service between the Internet and ECHO. The motivation for this was twofold: to provide Internet access to a useful service and to show to ECHO and the Commission's DGXIII that the Internet is useful and there is minimal effort needed to effect a connection. The demonstration gateway was agreed to be temporary for three months on a best-effort basis. It has taken about 2 hours to set up this gateway including the necessary DNS registrations and since December 1993 delineating to:

`echo.lu`

will connect directly to the ECHO host. During the reporting period a total of 2934 connections have been made via the gateway from 703 different hosts in the Internet.

On average this is just under 50 connections each working day. For more information contact

`echo.mail@eurokom.ie`

ECHO are planning to start providing the gateway service themselves in the next quarter.

RIPE Support Activities

RIPE meetings

Currently RIPE meetings take place three times a year. From its initiation on April 1st 1992, the RIPE NCC was chartered to provide support to all RIPE meetings.

The meetings are open to all Internet service providers, and enable both formal and informal information gathering, the exchange of ideas and debate. In addition it is at RIPE meetings where the members of the 9 RIPE working groups can meet face to face to discuss and progress their work.

The NCC welcomes suggestions for support from participants for future RIPE meetings.

14th RIPE meeting - Prague

In the last quarterly report (Doc ID: ripe-79) it was reported that site visits had been initiated for all RIPE meetings scheduled to take place outside Amsterdam. Following the site visit in December to meet the organisers of the 14th RIPE meeting, it can be reported that the meeting was extremely successful. Contributing significantly towards this was the excellent support of the local organisers Prof. Jan Guntograd and his colleagues. The NCC wishes to extend thanks on behalf of RIPE to Jan and his colleagues for their hard work.

RIPE meetings - support

As reported in the previous quarterly report (Doc ID: ripe-79), a detailed checklist describing the preparation necessary to host a RIPE meeting has been drawn up. The document was felt necessary because RIPE meetings are growing very quickly in their size and importance - the number of people attending at the meetings rises by approximately 20 at each meeting, thereby placing higher demands on hosts to be able to meet the associated costs, the preparations necessary, the level of support and facilities. The checklist and accompanying text is currently being modified and will be placed in the RIPE document store in the near future. All organisations considering volunteering as a host for a future RIPE meeting are urged to read the document.

Referrals and End-User Enquiries

Again the number of referral requests and end-user enquiries has not been significant during the reporting period. Most queries have been related to either requests for IP numbers or dealt with by the mailing list for IP Providers. See the previous quarterly report for details of this list.

General Set Up

Fax Machine

A new fax machine has been installed which has improved the reliability of transmitting faxes and can automatically feed up to 10 sheets of paper while you watch and have a cup of coffee* This has further helped speed up the processing of paper IP requests.

Portables

In March the NCC has purchased two portable computers for use in meetings and while working at home. They are 386-type PCs with 6MB of memory and 120MB of disk storage. They run both MSDOS and a publicly available version of Unix called Linux.

The computers have been used to take working group minutes and notes for trip reports during IETF and to write documents at home, away from the NCC office. Both applications have been very successful. One of the machines has been purchased for the GISS and RS projects, the other for general NCC activities.

Two more SUN ELC workstations have been acquired for the joint projects. One of them is being used as a personal workstation and the other as a mirror-image test machine for the route server located on the GIX.

Acknowledgements

The RIPE NCC wishes to thank the RARE Secretariat for their excellent support throughout this quarter.

We wish also to thank the local registries for their excellent work, especially with regard to the allocation of IP numbers.

*Of course with the NCC as busy as it is, this is rarely done. Parallel processing of other work is the usual scenario!

Appendix A

Meetings Attended

The following meetings were attended by staff during the second quarter of the RIPE NCC operations.

Date	Name & Location	Attendee
Jan 25-27	14th RIPE meeting Prague, CZ	Marten Terpstra Anne Lord Tony Bates Daniel Karrenberg
Mar 21	NetWorkshop 21, Birmingham, UK	Tony Bates
Mar 26-30	IETF Columbus, USA	Marten Terpstra Tony Bates Daniel Karrenberg

Appendix B

Class B Network Number Allocations to Date

The table below summarises all assignments of class B network numbers made through the RIPE NCC to date. The "Via" column indicates through which registry the NCC received the request and solicited the necessary justification.

Network Number	Via
160.44-160.52	DE-NIC
160.53	SWITCH
160.54-160.58	DE-NIC
160.59	SWITCH
160.60	DE-NIC
160.61-160.62	CH NIC
160.63	SWITCH
160.219	EUnet//CH
160.220	RIPE NCC
163.156-163.157	RIPE NCC
163.158	CH NIC
163.159-163.160	RIPE NCC
163.161	SWITCH
163.162	GARR
163.163-163.165	RIPE NCC
163.166	ICNET
163.167	JANET
163.168-163.175	RIPE NCC
164.1	RIPE NCC
164.2	RIPE NCC
164.3	EUnet//AT
164.4	SE NIC
164.5	RIPE NCC
164.6	PIPEX
164.7	RIPE NCC
164.8	ARNES
164.9	SE NIC
164.10	SE NIC

Network Number	Via
164.11	JANET
164.12	RIPE NCC
164.13	Telecom Finland
164.14	RIPE NCC
164.15	RIPE NCC
164.16-164.34	DE-NIC
164.35	RIPE NCC
164.36	RIPE NCC
164.37	SE-NIC
164.38	PIPEX
164.39	HP
164.40	NCC
164.61	free
164.128	RIPE NCC
164.129	RIPE NCC
164.130	RIPE NCC
164.131	RIPE NCC
164.132-143	free

Appendix C

Class C Block Allocations to Date

The table below summarises the delegation status of the class C network number blocks allocated through the NCC and the number of networks allocated from these blocks. The “p/n” column indicates whether the block in question is delegated to the local registry of a service provider or is used to allocate numbers to organisations without a service provider.

It should be noted that blocks are reserved based on usage estimates given by the local registries for a period of about 24 months. Should the assignment rate differ from the estimated one, reserved blocks can and will be used for other purposes if necessary.

Block	p / n	nets assigned	Country	Registry
192.162	?	26	NCC	Miscellaneous TN,RO,PT
192.164	p	238	AT	EUnet/AT
192.165	?	192	SE	NORDUnet
192.166	?	176	DE	DE-NIC
192.167	?	154	IT	GARR
192.168	p	0	EU	EUnet/NOC
193.0	?	free	none	NCC
193.1	p	11	IE	HEANET
193.2	p	15	YU	ARNES
193.3	?	105	DK	EUnet/DK
193.4	?	35	IS	Iceland everything
193.5	p	82	CH	SWITCH
193.6	p	174	HU	Sztaki
193.7	p	0	DE	chambers of commerce DE-NIC
193.8	n	50	CH	non-provider CH-NIC
193.9	n	179	EU	NCC non-provider European
193.10	p	18	SE	SUNET
193.11	p	resvd	SE	SUNET
193.12	p	101	SE	SWIPNET
193.13-15	p	resvd	SE	SWIPNET
193.16	n	151	DE	non-provider DE-NIC
193.17	n	90	DE	non-provider DE-NIC

Block	p / n	nets assigned	Country	Registry
193.18	n	254	DE	non-provider DE-NIC
193.19	n	0	DE	non-provider DE-NIC
193.20	n	256	DE	non-provider DE-NIC
193.21	n	256	DE	non-provider DE-NIC
193.22	n	177	DE	non-provider DE-NIC
193.23	n	184	DE	non-provider DE-NIC
193.24	n	132	DE	non-provider DE-NIC
193.25	n	140	DE	non-provider DE-NIC
193.26	n	60	DE	non-provider DE-NIC
193.27	n	0	DE	non-provider DE-NIC
193.28-31	n	resvd	DE	non-provider DE-NIC
193.32	p	220	UK	non-provider UK-NIC
193.33-34	n	resvd	UK	Sainsbury's (multiple B request)
193.35	n	254	UK	non-provider UK NIC
193.36	n	241	UK	non-provider UK NIC
193.37-39	n	0	UK	non-provider UK NIC
193.40	n	56	EE	NCC non-provider EE
193.41	n	resvd	EE	non provider EE
193.42	n	91	IT	non provider IT NIC
193.43	n	resvd	IT	non provider IT NIC
193.44	p	35	SE	TIPNET
193.45-47	p	resvd	SE	TIPNET
193.48	p	154	FR	RENATER
193.49	p	99	FR	RENATER
193.50	p	167	FR	RENATER
193.51	p	57	FR	RENATER
193.52	p	99	FR	RENATER
193.53	n	63	BE	NCC non-provider (dup)
193.54	p	32	FR	RENATER
193.55	p	resvd	FR	RENATER
193.56	n	31	FR	non-provider FR NIC
193.57	n	5	FR	non-provider FR NIC
193.58	n	33	BE	NCC non-provider
193.59	p	27	PL	academic
193.60	p	178	UK	JANET

Block	p / n	nets assigned	Country	Registry
193.61	p	163	UK	JANET
193.62	p	0	UK	JANET
193.63	p	48	UK	JANET
193.64	p	36	FI	EUnet/FI
193.65-67	p	resvd	FI	EUnet/FI
193.68	p	4	BG	EUnet/BG
193.69	p	resvd	IS	EUnet/IS
193.70	p	resvd	IT	EUnet/IT
193.71	p	4	NO	EUnet/NO
193.72	p	32	CH	EUnet/CH
193.73	p	resvd	CH	EUnet/CH
193.74	p	24	BE	EUnet/BE
193.75	p	resvd	BE	EUnet/BE
193.76	p	0	HR	EUnet/HR
193.77	p	5	HR	EUnet/HR
193.78	p	50	NL	EUnet/NL
193.79	p	0	NL	EUnet/NL
193.80	p	26	AT	EUnet/AT
193.81-83	p	resvd	AT	EUnet/AT
193.84	p	165	CS	EUnet/CS
193.85	p	32	CZ	EUnet/CZ
193.86	p	resvd	SK/CZ	EUnet/SK/CZ
193.87	p	26	SK	EUnet/SK for SANET
193.88	p	66	DK	EUnet/DK
193.89-91	p	resvd	DK	EUnet/DK
193.92	p	11	GR	EUnet/GR
193.93	p	4	GR	EUnet/GR
193.94	p	5	TN	NCC EUnet/TN
193.95	p	resvd	TN	EUnet/TN
193.96	p	140	DE	EUnet/DE
193.97	p	127	DE	EUnet/DE
193.98	p	44	DE	EUnet/DE
193.99-103	p	resvd	DE	EUnet/DE
193.104	p	59	FR	EUnet/FR
193.105	p	11	FR	EUnet/FR

Block	p / n	nets assigned	Country	Registry
193.106-111	p	resvd	FR	EUnet/FR
193.112	p	141	UK	EUnet/UK
193.113	p	67	UK	EUnet/UK (special)
193.114	p	28	UK	EUnet/UK
193.115-119	p	resvd	UK	EUnet/UK
193.120	p	18	IE	EUnet/IE
193.121-123	p	resvd	IE	EUnet/IE
193.124	p	93	RU	EUnet/RU + xSU
193.125	p	resvd	RU	EUnet/RU + xSU
193.126	p	32	PT	EUnet/PT
193.127	p	4	ES	EUnet/ES
193.128	p	130	UK	PIPEX
193.129-135	p	resvd	UK	PIPEX
193.136	p	52	PT	RCCN
193.137	p	resvd	PT	RCCN
193.138	?	5	SI	NCC general
193.139	p	254	FR	Individual Block allocation
193.140	?	78	TR	NCC general
193.141	p	12	DE	XLINK + reserved
193.142	n	70	FI	NCC non-provider
193.143	n	5	FI	NCC non-provider
193.144	p	84	ES	RedIRIS
193.145-147	p	resvd	ES	RedIRIS
193.148	n	80	ES	non-provider ES NIC
193.149-155	n	resvd	ES	non-provider ES NIC
193.156	p	81	NO	UNINETT
193.157	p	16	NO	UNINETT
193.158-159	p	resvd	NO	UNINETT
193.160	n	87	NO	non-provider NO NIC
193.161	n	resvd	NO	non-provider NO NIC
193.162	n	21	DK	non-provider DK NIC
193.163	n	resvd	DK	non-provider DK NIC
193.164	n	3	PL	NCC non-provider
193.165	n	resvd	PL	non-provider
193.166	p	27	FI	FUNET

Block	p / n	nets assigned	Country	Registry
193.167	p	resvd	FI	FUNET
193.168	n	41	LU	NCC non provider
193.169	p	0	UK	AT&T Istel
193.170	p	29	AT	NCC ACONET
193.171	p	resvd	AT	ACONET
193.172	p	3	EU	NCC EMPB
193.173	p	resvd	EU	EMPB
193.174	p	53	DE	DFN
193.175	p	resvd	DE	DFN
193.176	n	133	NL	non provider NL NIC
193.177	n	resvd	NL	non provider NL NIC
193.178	n	31	IE	NCC non provider IE
193.179	n	resvd	IE	non provider IE
193.180	n	236	SE	non provider SE NIC
193.181	n	180	SE	non provider SE NIC
193.182	n	63	SE	non-provider SE NIC
193.183	n	resvd	SE	non-provider SE NIC
193.184	p	0	FI	Helsinki Telephone Company
193.185	p	resvd	FI	Helsinki Telephone Company
193.186	n	205	AT	non provider AT NIC
193.187	n	resvd	AT	non provider AT NIC
193.188	n	23	several	NCC Middle East
193.189	n	64	NG	NCC Nigeria
193.190	p	62	BE	Belgian National Research Net
193.191	p	resvd	BE	Belgian National Research Net
193.192	n	3	PT	NCC non provider
193.193	n	resvd	PT	NCC non provider reserved
193.194	?	3	MA	MA general NCC managed
193.195	p	9	UK	UK DEMON
193.196	p	130	DE	DE BelWue
193.197	p	resvd	DE	DE BelWue reserved
193.198	n	4	HR	NCC non provider
193.199	n	64	FI	National Board of Education
193.200	n	0	BG	BG Non provider
193.201	n	resvd	BG	BG Non provider reserved

Block	p / n	nets assigned	Country	Registry
193.202	n	107	Pan Eur	NCC
193.203	n	1	YU-SPL	NCC
193.204	n	17	IT	GARR NIS
193.205-207	n	resvd	IT	GARR NIS reserved
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192.213-215	p	resvd	NO	Telepost Communication AS
193.216	p	1	NO	DAXnet
193.217	p	resvd	NO	DAXnet reserved
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193.219	n	o	LT	NCC non-provider
193.220	n	resvd	LT	NCC non-provider reserved
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193.244	p	255	BE	Kredietbank
193.245	p	255	BE	Kredietbank
193.246-247	p	resvd	BE	Kredietbank
193.248-253	p	1530	FR	France Telecom Internal Network
193.254-255	?	free	none	NCC

Appendix D

Domain Table

This appendix gives an overview of all top level domains, and other categories mentioned in the tables and graphs.

Domain	Specifying
IXI	EuropaNet (formerly IXI)
IIS	the Interactive Information Server
LOCAL	the NCC itself using IP
NCC-X25	the NCC itself using X.25
PSPDN	the Public Data Network
UNKNOWN	no mapping between IP address and domain name could be found
com	commercial organisations (mainly in the US)
edu	educational organisations (mainly in the US)
gov	US government organisations
mil	US military organisations
net	network providers and related organisations
org	organisations (mainly in the US)
al	Albania
at	Austria
au	Australia
be	Belgium
br	Brazil
bg	Bulgaria
by	Byelorussia
ca	Canada
ch	Switzerland
cl	Chile
cs	Czechoslovakia
de	Germany
dk	Denmark
dz	Algeria
ee	Estonia

Domain	Specifying
es	Spain
fi	Finland
fr	France
gb	Great-Britain
gr	Greece
hk	Hong Kong
hr	Croatia
hu	Hungary
ie	Ireland
in	India
is	Iceland
it	Italy
il	Israel
jp	Japan
kr	Korea
lt	Lithuania
lu	Luxembourg
lv	Latvia
mx	Mexico
nl	Netherlands
no	Norway
nz	New Zealand
pl	Poland
pt	Portugal
ro	Romania
se	Sweden
sg	Singapore
si	Slovenia
su	USSR
tn	Tunesia
tw	Taiwan
ua	Ukraine
uk	United Kingdom
us	United States
va	Vatican City State
yu	Yugoslavia
za	South Africa

Appendix E

Working Group Mailing Lists

Coordinating and support for the activities of the Working Groups is a key focus for the RIPE NCC. During the first quarter, the NCC has created mailing lists for those working groups that have requested this facility.

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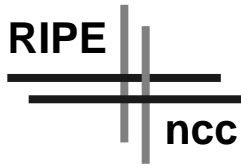
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Generic Internet Service Specification

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working Group E-mail: `giss-wg@ripe.net`

To subscribe to any working group send a message to:

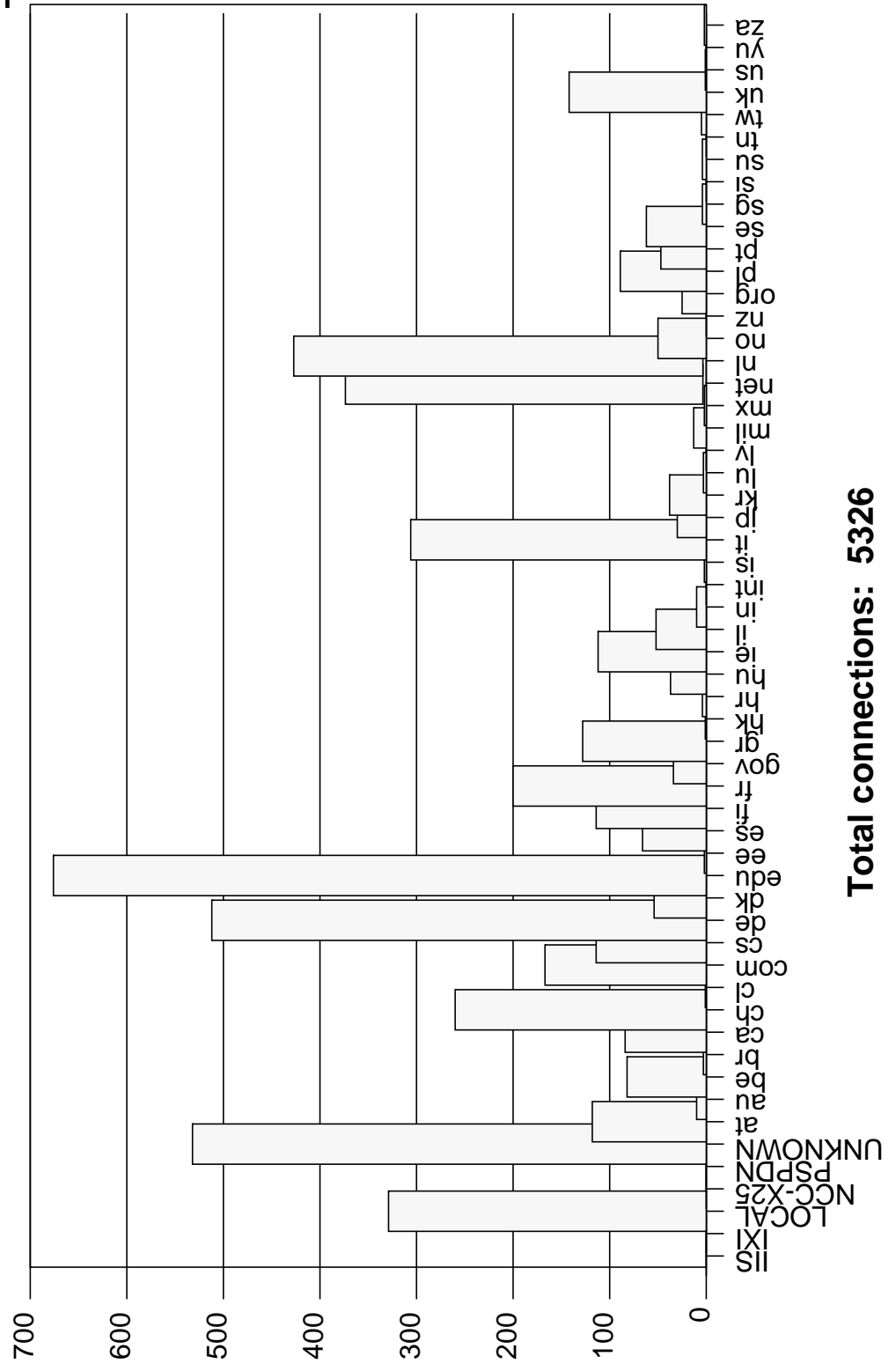
`[listname]-request@ripe.net`

where [listname] is replaced by the name of one of the working groups specified above.

At the 14th RIPE meeting it was agreed to dissolve the Relationship between Academic and Commercial Networks working group.

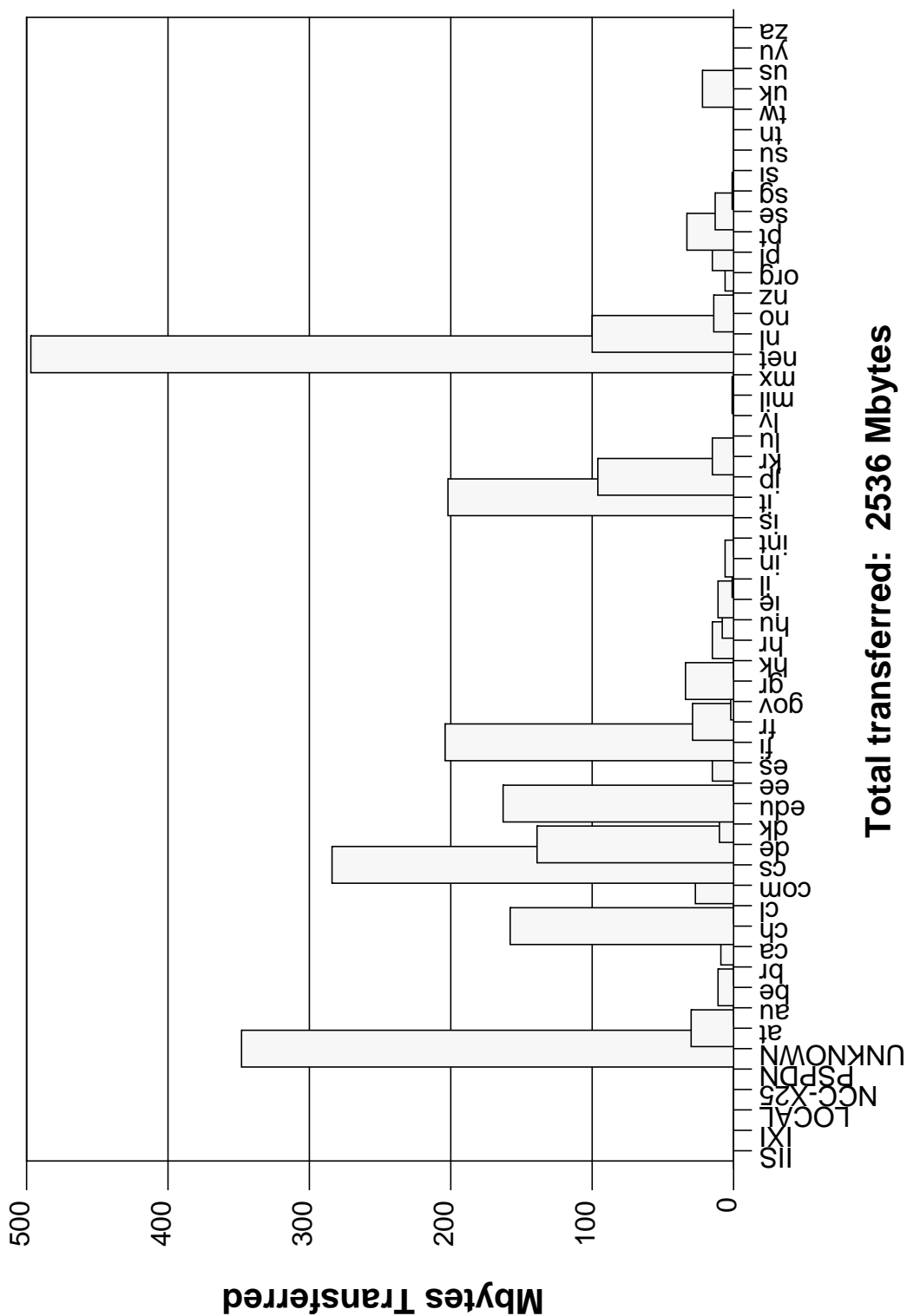
Appendix F

FTP Connections Q1 1993

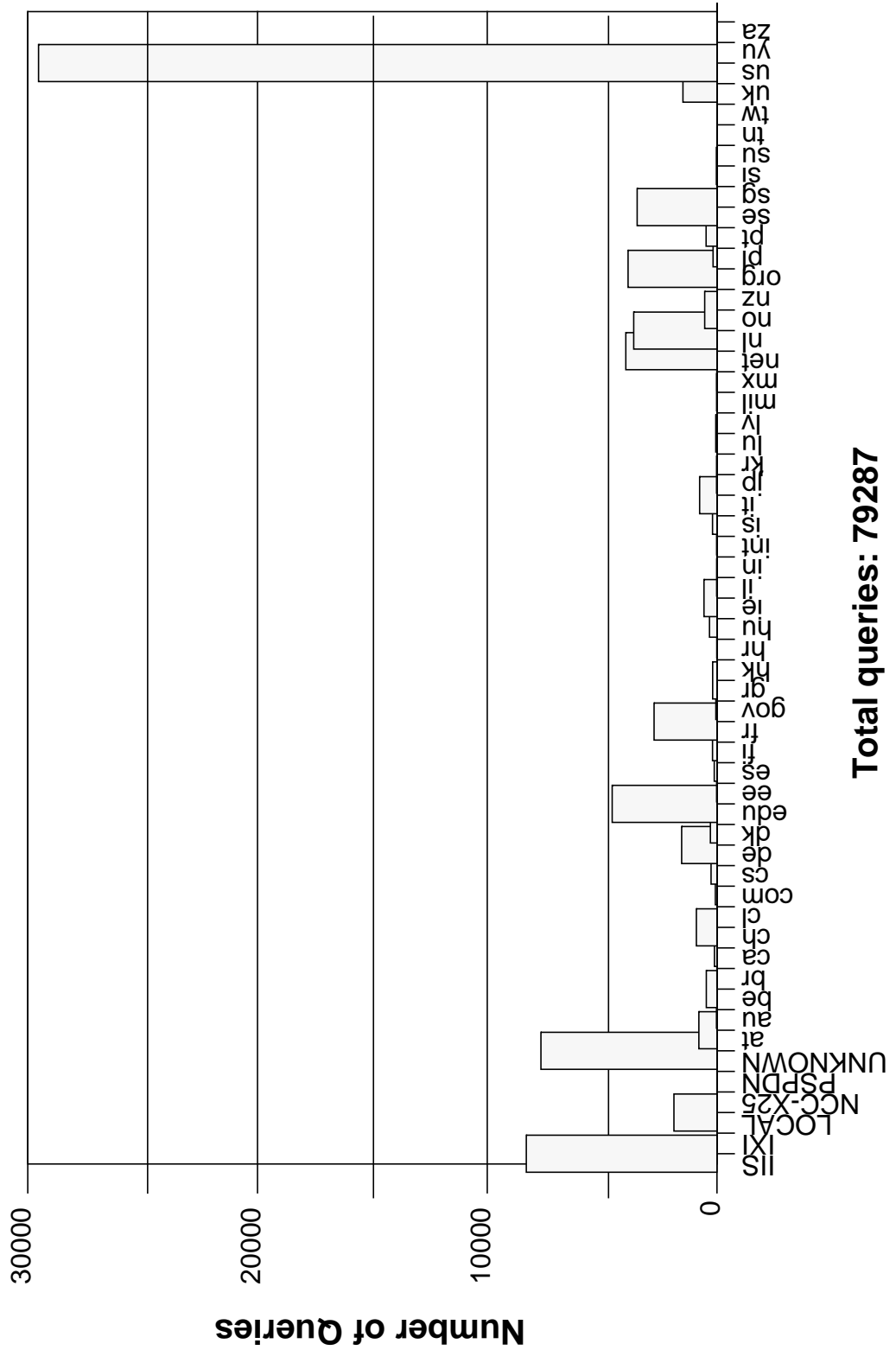


Total connections: 5326

FTP Transfers Q1 1993

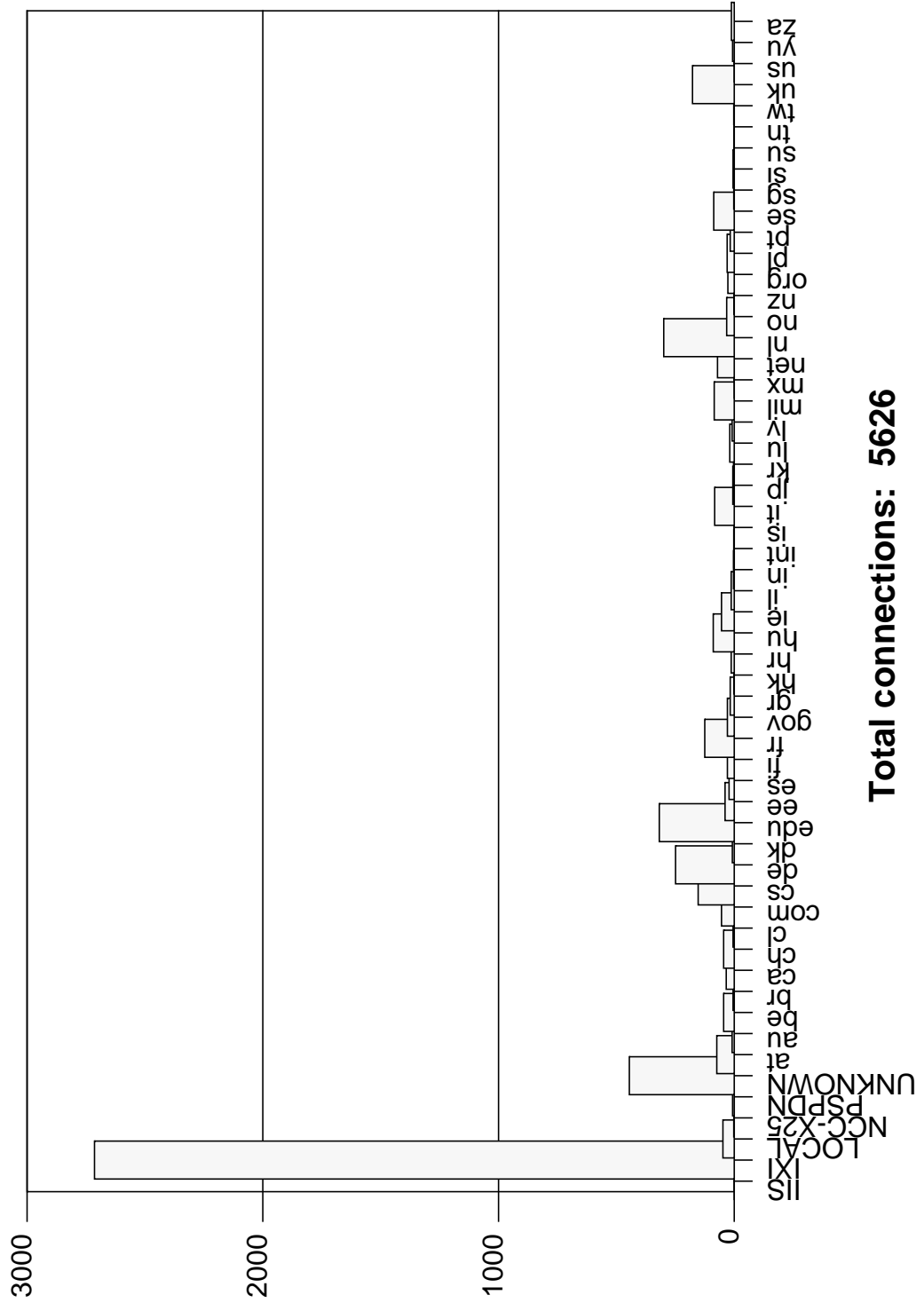


RIPE Database Queries Q1 1993



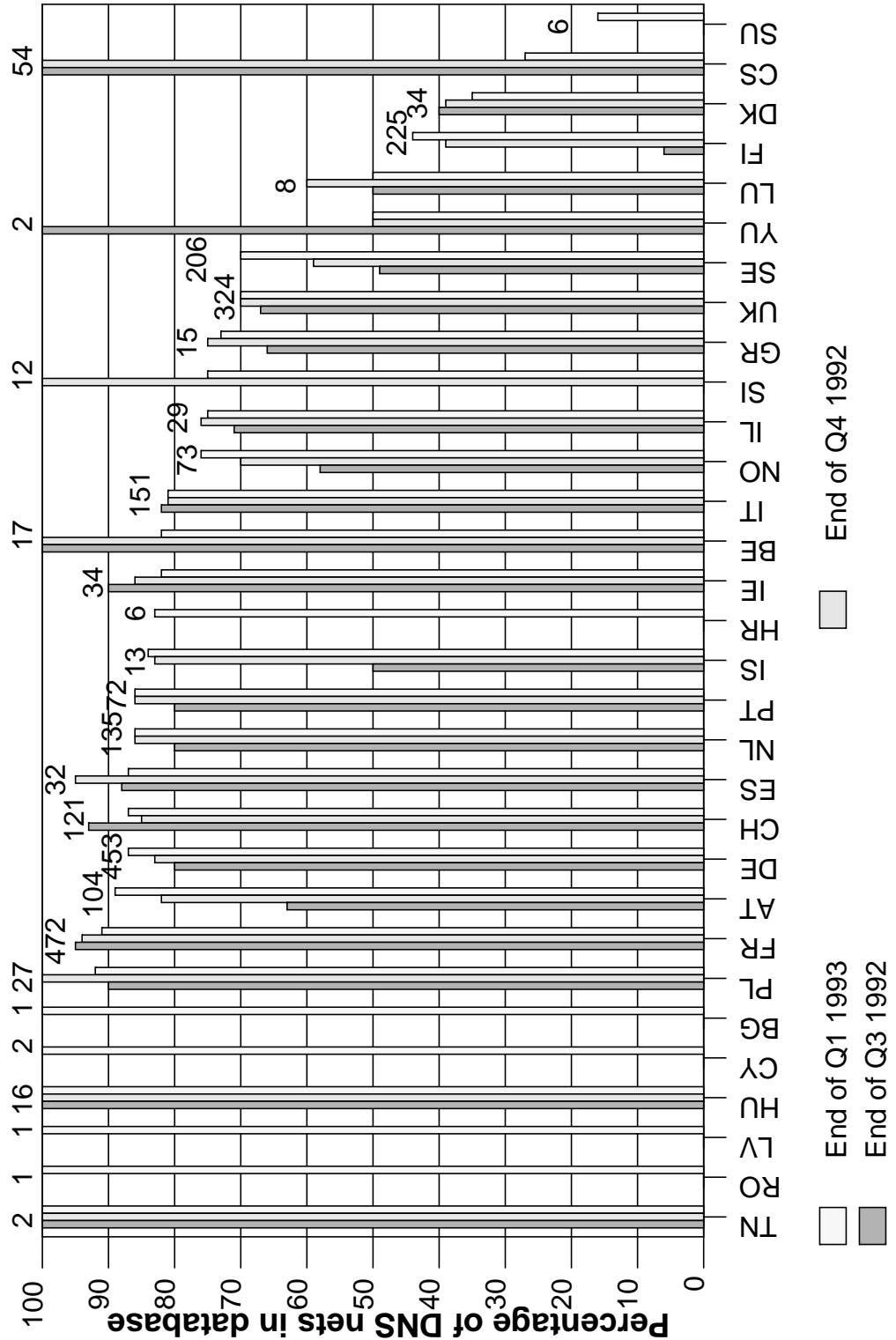
Total queries: 79287

Interactive Information Server Usage Q1 1993



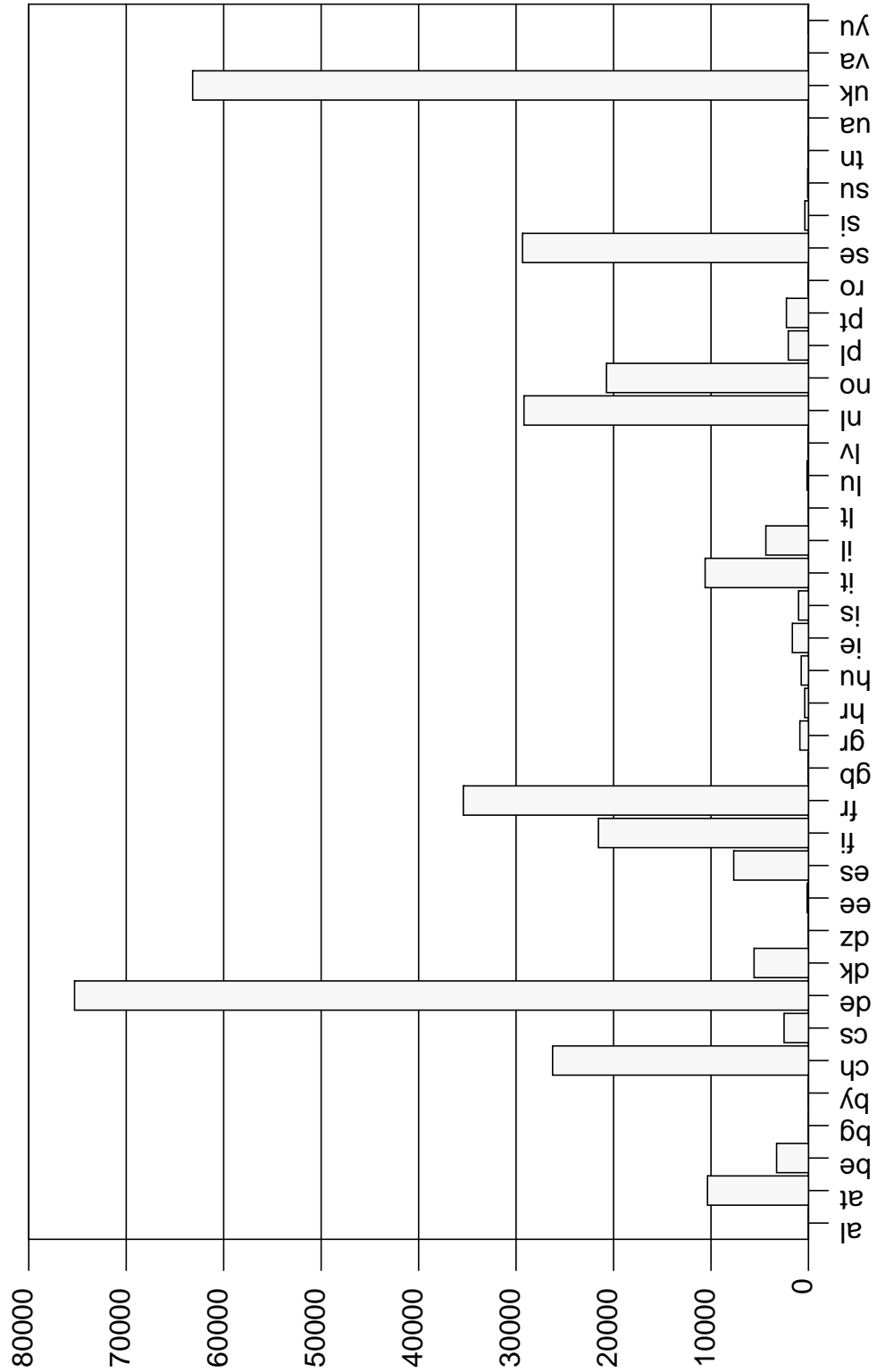
Total connections: 5626

Networks in DNS Registered in RIPE Database 1992-1993



(Numbers in graph are the absolute number of networks found in the DNS)

RIPE DNS Hostcount per Country, March 1993



Total machines in DNS in Europe: 355,140