Introduction to the MANRS Observatory

Measuring readiness for the Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security (MANRS)

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Background

There are 66,000+ networks (Autonomous Systems) connected to Internet, each using a unique Autonomous System Number (ASN) to identify itself

~10,000 multi-homed ASes – networks connected to >=2 other networks

Routers use Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) to exchange "reachability information" - networks they know how to reach

Routers build a "routing table" and pick the best route when sending a packet, typically based on the shortest path



The Routing Problem

Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) is based entirely on *trust* between networks

- No built-in validation that updates are legitimate
- The chain of trust spans continents
- Lack of reliable resource data

The routing system is under attack!





Routing Incidents Cause Real World Problems

Event	Explanation	Repercussions	Example
Prefix/Route Hijacking	A network operator or attacker impersonates another network operator, pretending that a server or network is their client.	Packets are forwarded to the wrong place, and can cause Denial of Service (DoS) attacks or traffic interception.	The 2008 YouTube hijack April 2018 Amazon Route 53 hijack
Route Leak	A network operator with multiple upstream providers (often due to accidental misconfiguration) announces to one upstream provider that is has a route to a destination through the other upstream provider.	Can be used for a MITM, including traffic inspection, modification and reconnaissance.	November 2018. Google faced a major outage in many parts of the world thanks to a BGP leak. This incident that was caused by a Nigerian ISP MainOne. June 2019. Allegheny leaked routes from another provider to Verizon, causing significant outage.
IP Address Spoofing	Someone creates IP packets with a false source IP address to hide the identity of the sender or to impersonate another computing	The root cause of reflection DDoS attacks	March 1, 2018. Memcached 1.3Tb/s reflection-amplification attack reported by Akamai

Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security

MANRS provides baseline recommendations in the form of Actions

- Distilled from common behaviors BCPs, optimized for low cost and low risk of deployment
- With high potential of becoming norms

MANRS builds a visible community of security minded operators

Social acceptance and peer pressure



MANRS for Network operators

Filtering

Prevent propagation of incorrect routing information

Ensure the correctness of your own announcements and announcements from your customers to adjacent networks with prefix and AS-path granularity

Anti-spoofing

Prevent traffic with spoofed source IP addresses

Enable source address
validation for at least
single-homed stub
customer networks, their
own end-users, and
infrastructure

Coordination

Facilitate global operational communication and coordination between network operators

Maintain globally accessible up-to-date contact information in common routing databases

Global Validation

Facilitate validation of routing information on a global scale

Publish your data, so others can validate

MANRS for Internet Exchange Points (IXPs)

Action 1

Prevent propagation of incorrect routing information

This mandatory action requires IXPs to implement filtering of route announcements at the Route Server based on routing information data (IRR and/or RPKI).

Action 2

Promote MANRS to the IXP membership

IXPs joining
MANRS are
expected to
provide
encouragement or
assistance for their
members to
implement
MANRS actions.

Action 3

Protect the peering platform

This action
requires that the
IXP has a
published policy of
traffic not allowed
on the peering
fabric and
performs filtering
of such traffic.

Action 4

Facilitate global operational communication and coordination

The IXP facilitates communication among members by providing necessary mailing lists and member directories.

Action 5

Provide monitoring and debugging tools to the members.

The IXP provides a looking glass for its members.

MANRS for CDN&Cloud - a draft action set

Action 1

Prevent propagation of incorrect routing information

Egress filtering

Ingress filtering – non-transit peers, explicit whitelists

Action 2

Prevent traffic with illegitimate source IP addresses

Anti-spoofing controls to prevent packets with illegitimate source IP address

Action 3

Facilitate global operational communication and coordination

Contact
information in
PeeringDB
and relevant RIR

databases

Action 4

Facilitate
validation of
routing
information on a
global scale

Publicly document ASNs and prefixes that are intended to be advertised to external parties.

Action 5

Encourage MANRS adoption

Actively encourage MANRS adoption among the peers

Action 6

Provide monitoring and debugging tools to peering partners

Provide monitoring tools to indicate incorrect announcements from peers that were filtered by the CDN&Cloud operator.

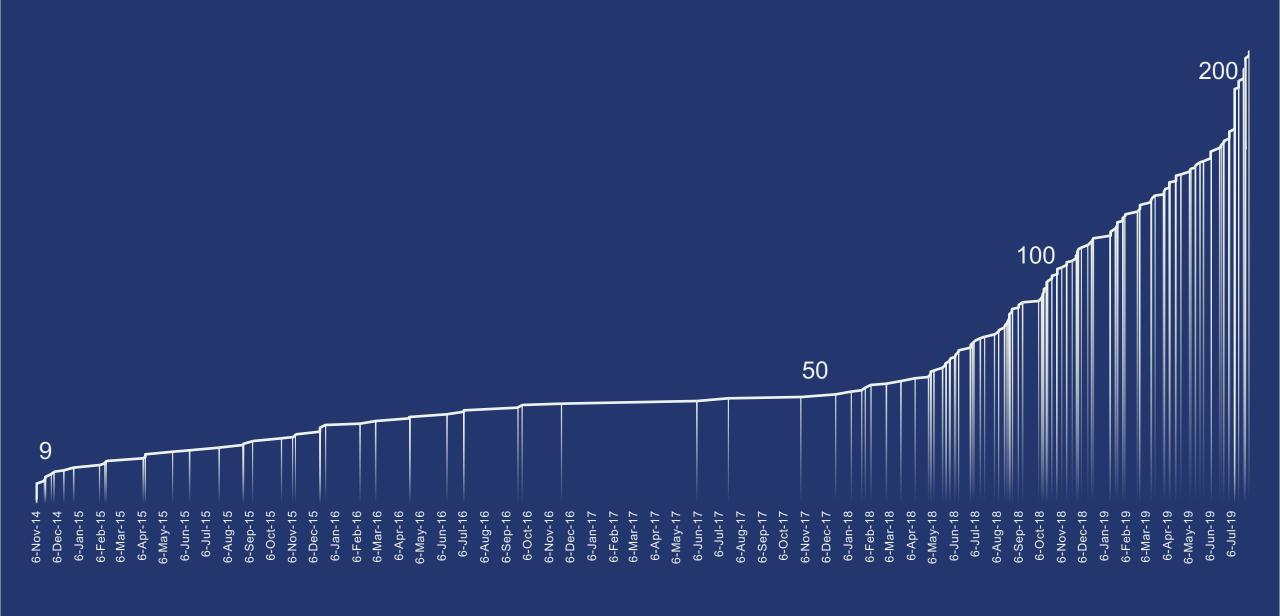
MANRS – increasing adoption

237 ISPs

42 IXPs



GROWTH OF THE MANRS MEMBERSHIP (NETWORK OPERATORS)



Measuring MANRS Readiness



Motivation

Inform MANRS members about their degree of commitment

- Improve reputation and transparency of the effort
- Facilitate continuous improvement and correction

Provide a factual state of routing security as it relates to MANRS

- Support the problem statement with data
- Demonstrate the impact and progress
- Network, country, region, over time

Improve robustness of the evaluation process

- Make it more comprehensive and consistent
- Reduce the load
- Allow preparation (self-assessment)

Measurement framework

- Passive
- Based on third party open data sources



Data sources and caveats

Action	Measurement	Data source	Caveats
Filtering M1, M1C, M2, M2C	Route hijacks and leaks	BGPStream.com	False positives, obscure algorithms, vantage points
Filtering M3, M3C, M4, M4C	"Bogon" announcements	CIDR report	Limited vantage points
Anti-spoofing <i>M5</i>	Negative tests	CAIDA Spoofer	Sparse, active
Coordination <i>M8</i>	Registered contacts	RIRs Whois DBs	Stale/non-responsive contacts not detected
Global validation M7IRR, M7RPKI, M7RPKIN	Coverage of routing announcements	IRRs, RPKI	

2 views of the Observatory

Public view – granularity: region, economy, pre-defined groups (e.g. MANRS)

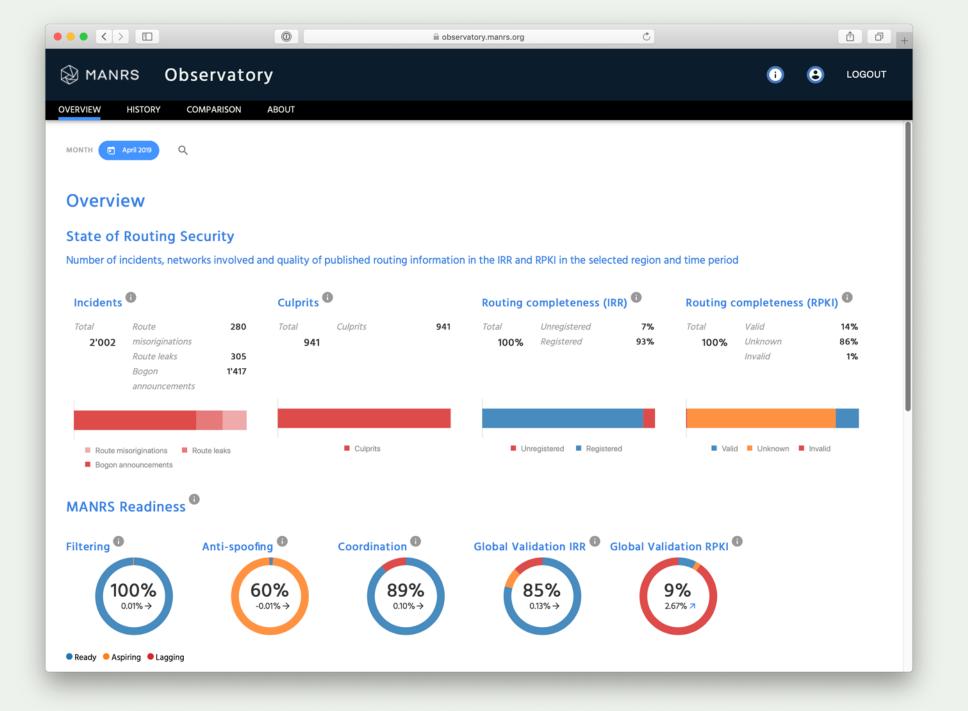
Private view – granularity: region, economy, ASN

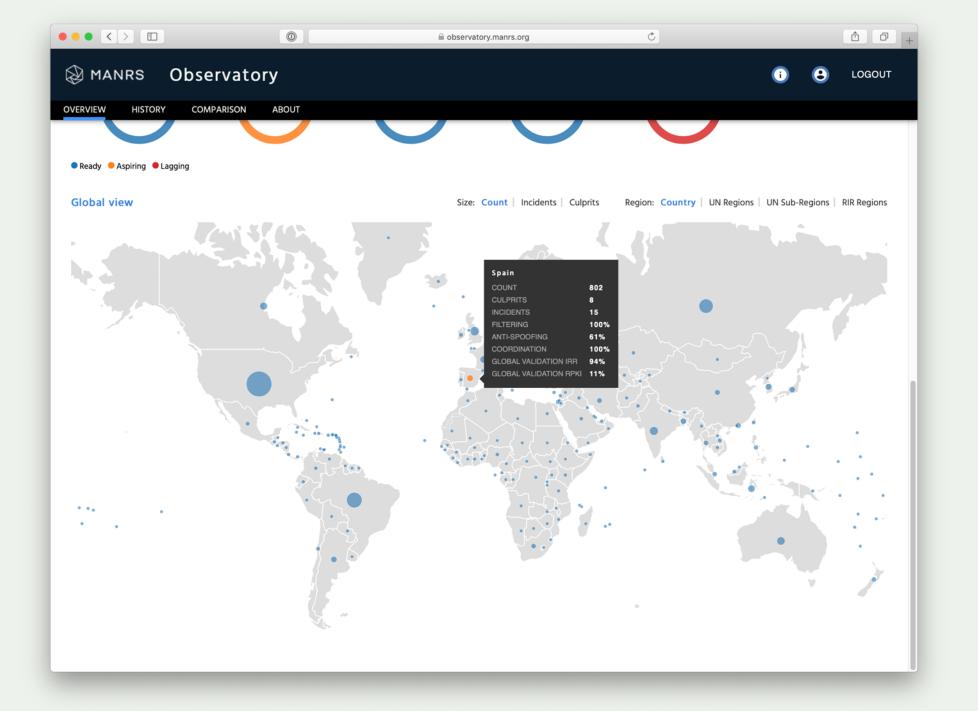


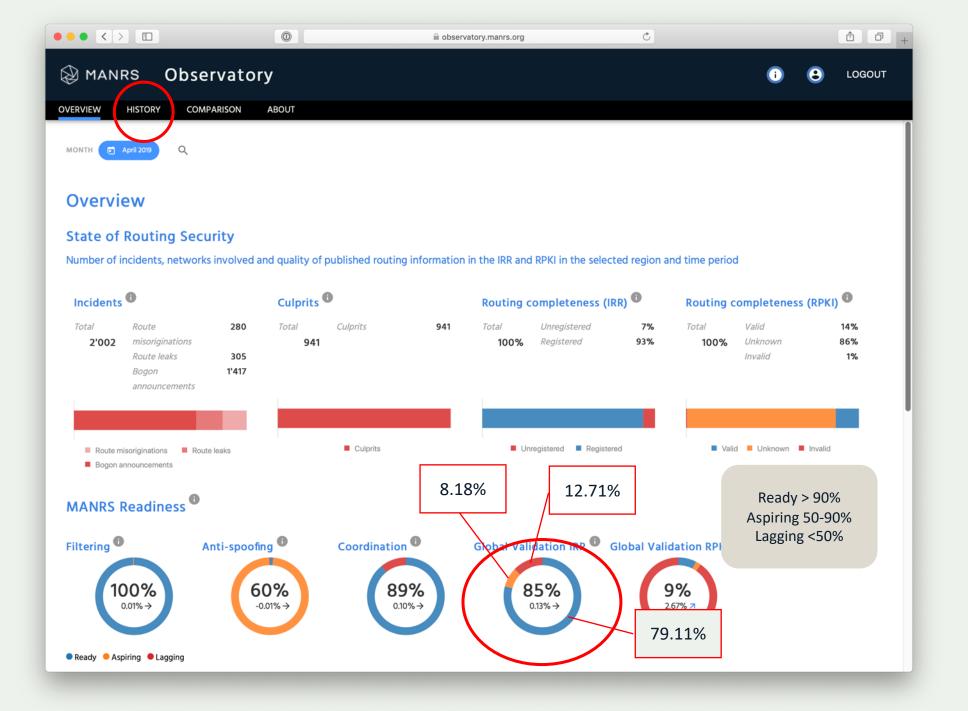
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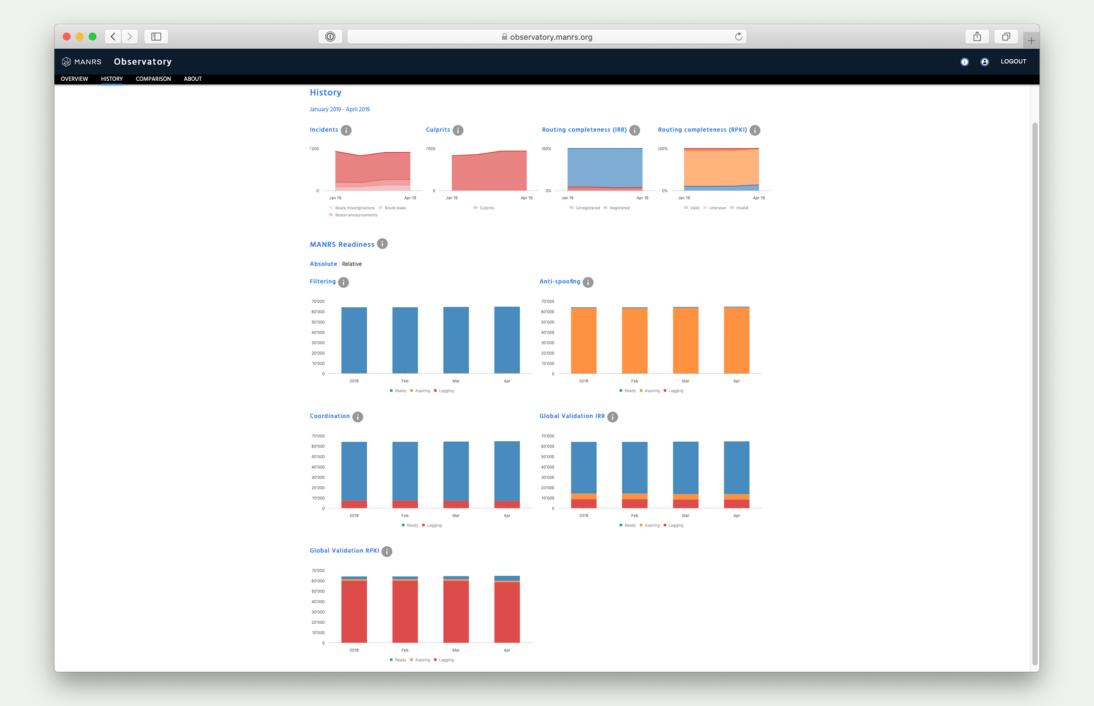
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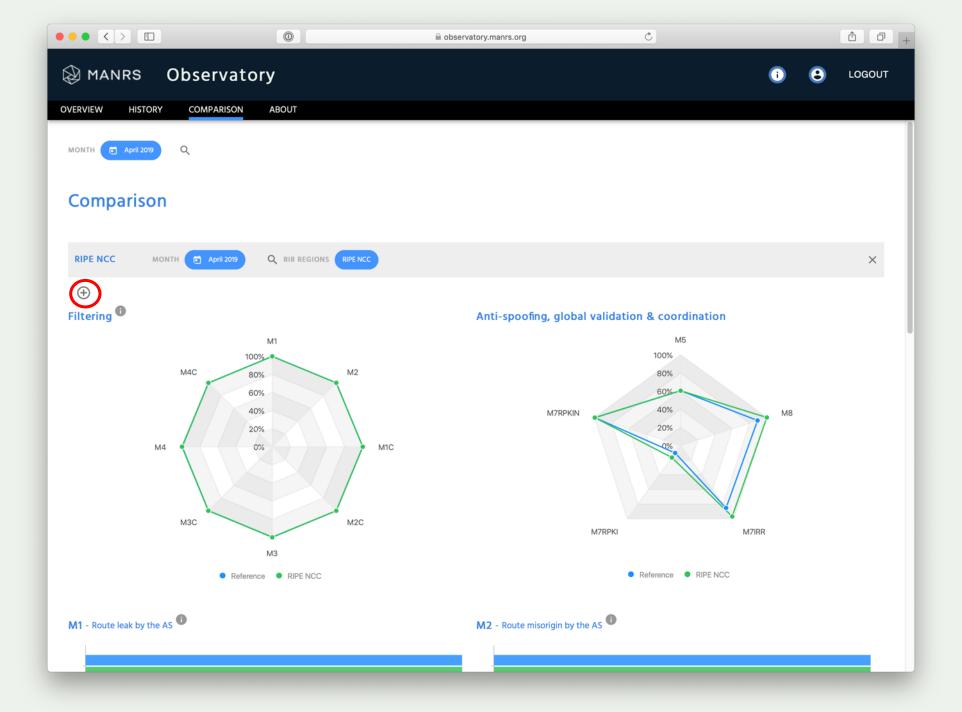








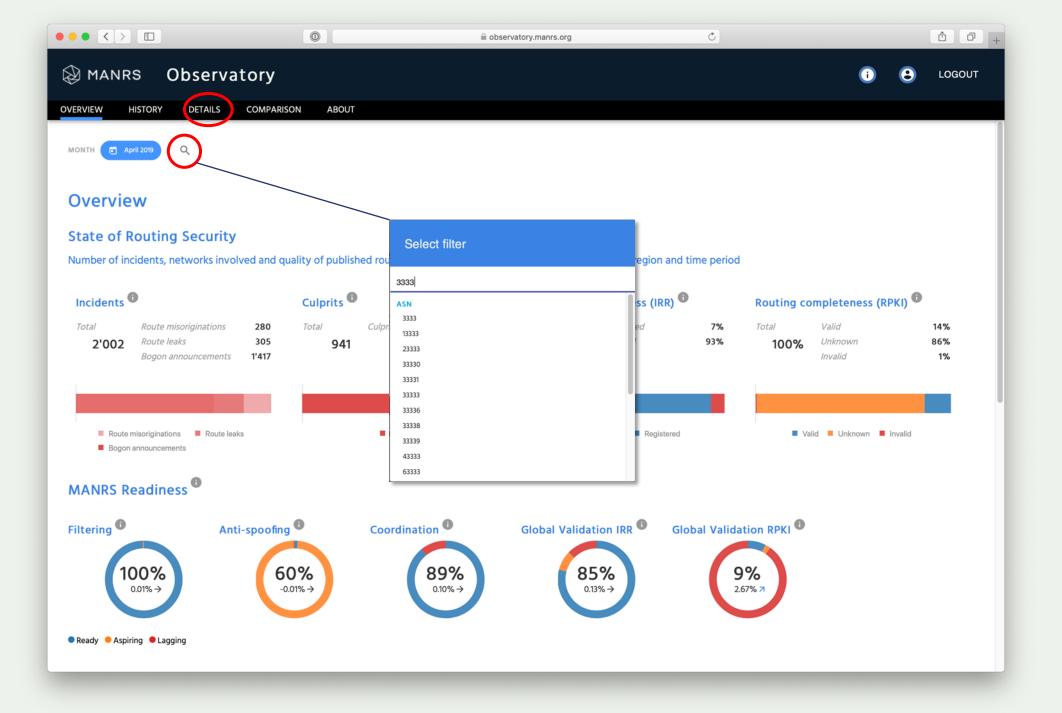


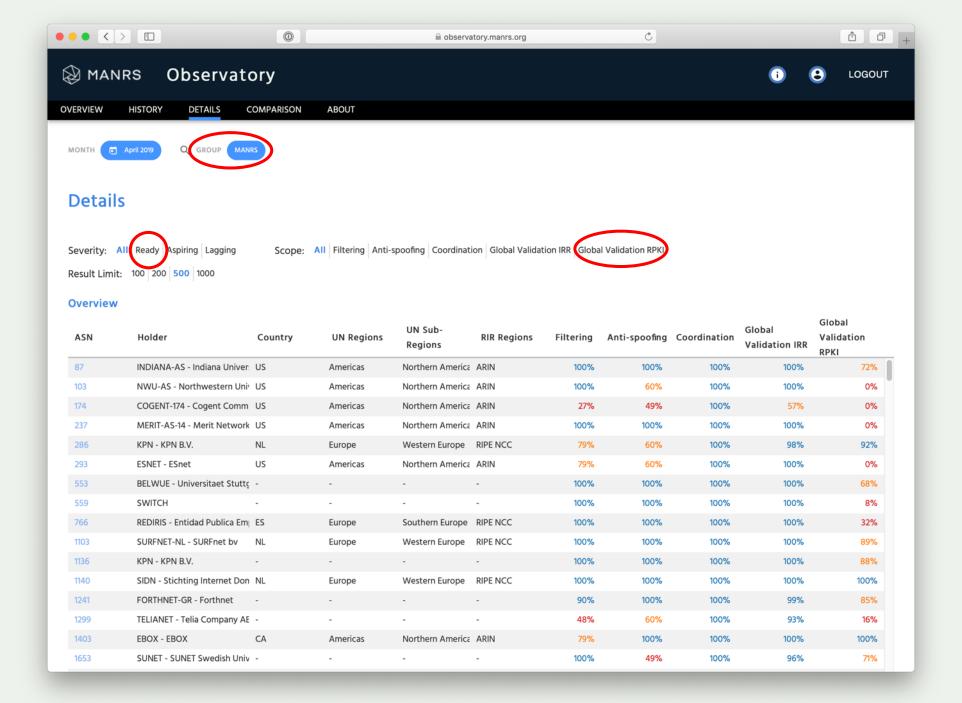


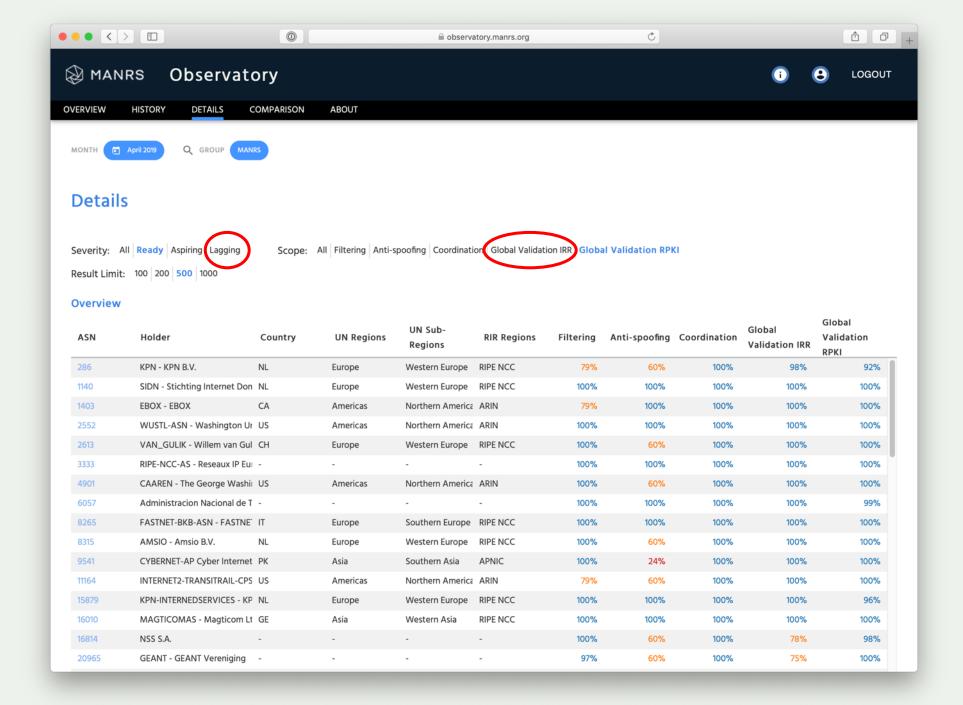
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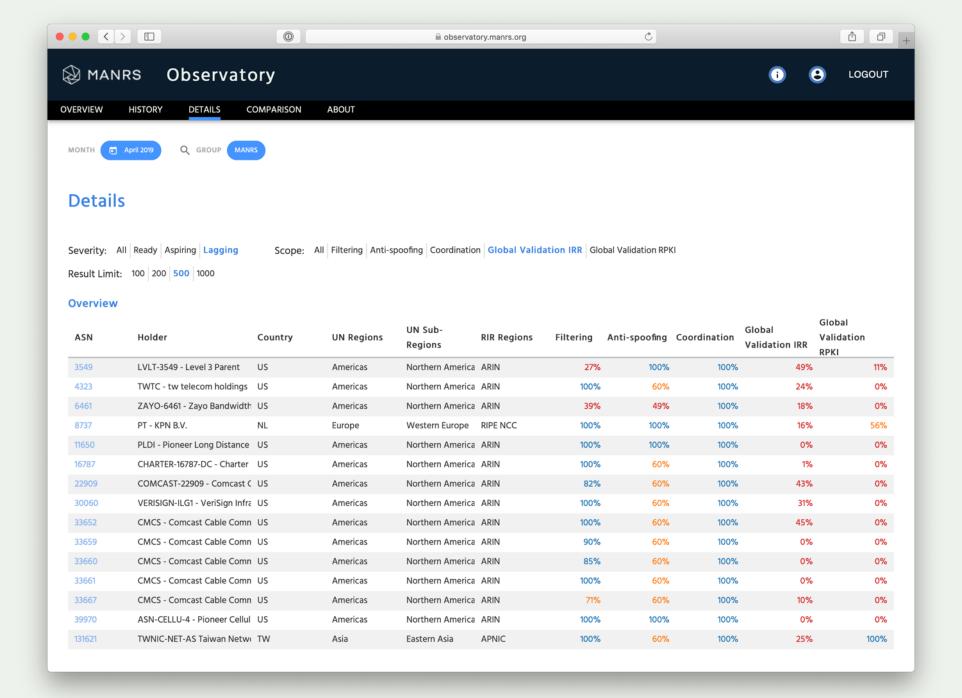
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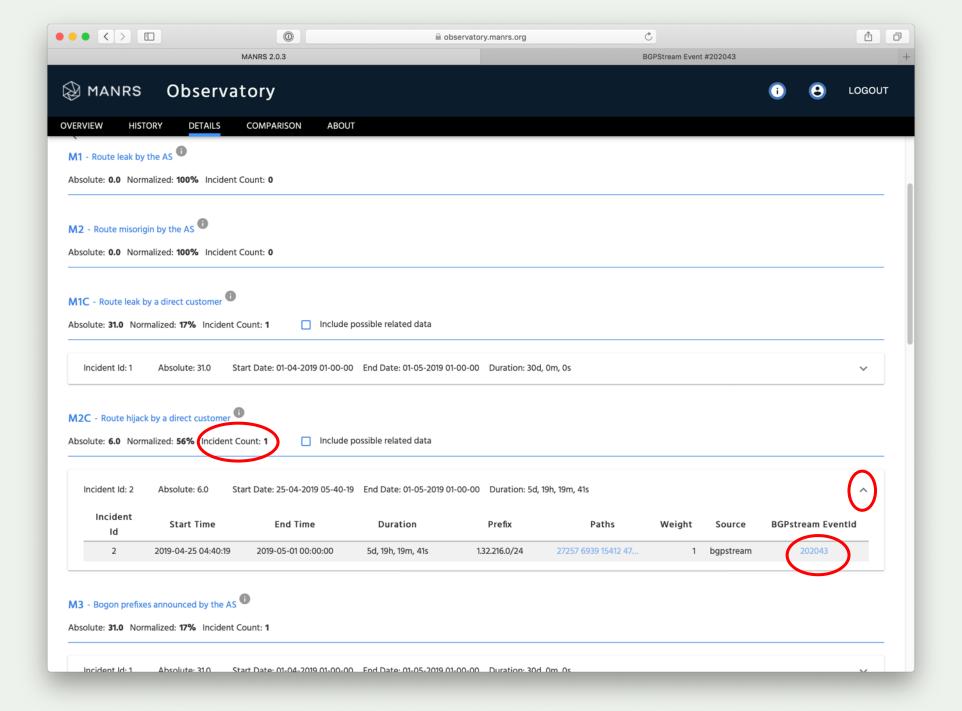


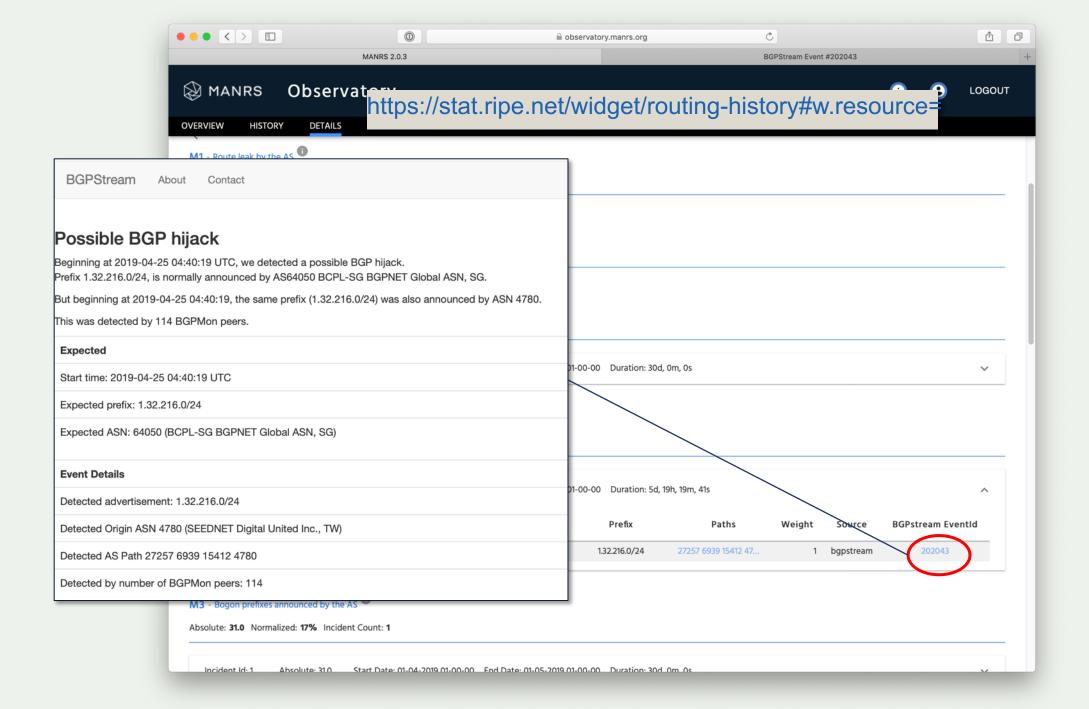


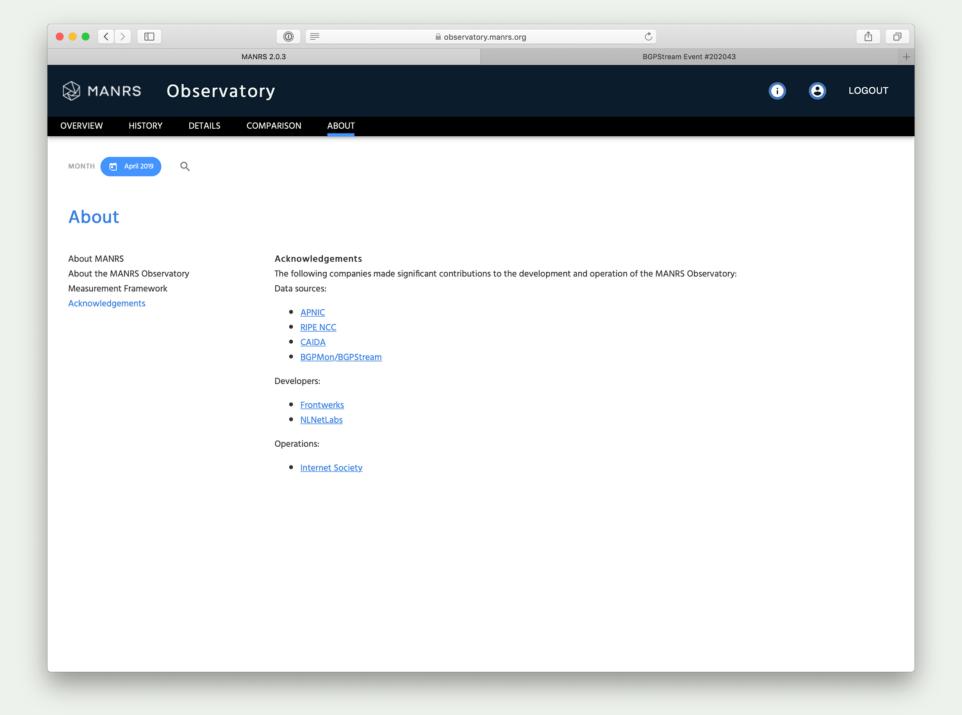












Why join MANRS?

- Improve your security posture and reduce the number and impact of routing incidents
- Demonstrate that these practices are reality
- Join a community of security-minded operators working together to make the Internet better
- Use MANRS as a competitive differentiator

Join MANRS

Visit https://www.manrs.org

- Fill out the sign up form with as much detail as possible.
- We may ask questions and request tests

Get Involved in the Community

- Participants support the initiative and implement the actions in their own networks and encouraging MANRS adoption
- Participants are engaged in substantive activities – developing MANRS requirements and guidance, assisting with capacity and awareness building activities



Thank you.

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