

# CS249i: The Modern Internet<sup>1</sup>

Stanford Computer Science

<sup>1</sup> Yes, the "i" stands for Internet. Thanks, Mehran.



# CS249i vs. CS144 vs. CS244

## CS144: Introduction to Networking ← prerequisite!

- Basic networking concepts (e.g., Ethernet, IP, TCP/UDP)
- Laboratory projects (e.g., implement TCP)

## CS244: Advanced Topics in Networking ← more research-y

- Discuss recent research and some advanced topics
- Programming assignments + big research project

## CS249: The Modern Internet ← more real-world

- How does the Internet *actually* work today?
- Investigative (Internet Measurement) projects
- Industry guest speakers

**tl;dr:** CS144 is a prerequisite. CS244 has only a little bit of overlap.

# Example: Topology and Routing

## CS144

### Topics:

- What is routing?  
What types of routing is there?
- BGP vs. RIP vs. IGRP
- What is an autonomous system?
- What is a Tier-1 ISP?

### Project:

- Implement IP router in an isolated environment

## CS249i

### Topics:

- What do peerings look like in 2024?
- How does IP peering differ from IP transit?
- How do you peer with an ISP?
- How much does Internet cost?
- Where do you peer?

### Project:

- Peer onto the public Internet
- Analyze global routing table
- You tell me who the Tier-1s are using graph analysis

## CS244

Not discussed. 😊

# Course Administrivia

## Bad News:

- Room doesn't support video capture. You have to show up.
- Some guest lectures will be remote over Zoom. Watch from home!

## Good News:

- Dig Deeper in 2024 Projects! Guest Speakers should be fun!
- Class Size 70. Folks on waitlist may get in depending on drops

## Grading:

- 3 Investigative Projects + Final Exam (25% each)

## Other Notes:

- 🏠 <https://cs249i.stanford.edu/>. 📧 Gradescope. 📢 Ed. 😬 Ed. 🙅 Canvas.
- 👤 Office Hours in Gates 432 after class on M and F — find and walk with me! 🚶
- 🧵 Waitlist is FIFO — Please don't email for an exception

# Who am I?

Assistant Professor of Computer Science

I research how the Internet and security work in practice. I like to measure the Internet.

How do you measure real-world networks and organizations? Highly distributed.

More information: [esrg.stanford.edu](http://esrg.stanford.edu)

I've had the ~~unfortunate~~ task privilege of buying IP ranges, maintaining ASes, negotiating ISP contracts, racking router hardware in Internet Exchange Points, and having my BGP routes hijacked

## View Your Associated Networks

You can filter your 9 associated networks by one or more of the attributes listed. You can enter partial information. Use spaces as separators.

[▶ Network Summary](#)

- IP Address or Range, Net Handle, Net Name
- Org ID, Organization Name
- POC Handle, Name, and/or Email Address

Example: REGIS-123 cerf @ARIN.net

Include the 0 networks you've reassigned in your search

Net Handle	Net Range	Net Type	Net Name	Org ID
<a href="#">NET6-2607-F6D0-EC50-1</a>	2607:F6D0:EC50::/48	Reassigned	SU-CS-V6	SUD-6
<a href="#">NET6-2620-96-E000-1</a>	2620:96:E000::/48	Direct Assig...	CENSY	CENSY
<a href="#">NET-74-120-14-0-1</a>	74.120.14.0/24	Direct Assig...	CENSY	CENSY
<a href="#">NET-162-142-125-0-1</a>	162.142.125.0/24	Direct Assig...	CENSY	CENSY
<a href="#">NET-167-94-138-0-1</a>	167.94.138.0/24	Direct Assig...	CENSY	CENSY
<a href="#">NET-167-94-145-0-1</a>	167.94.145.0 - 167.94.146.255	Direct Assig...	CENSY	CENSY
<a href="#">NET-167-248-133-0-1</a>	167.248.133.0/24	Direct Assig...	CENSY	CENSY
<a href="#">NET-192-35-168-0-1</a>	192.35.168.0/23	Reassigned	MICH-15324	CENSY
<a href="#">NET-198-108-204-216-1</a>	198.108.204.216/29	Reassigned	MICH-15328	CENSY



# Routing Review



# Internet Transit

(Connecting to the Edge)



# Basic Internet Access

Let's suppose you start a business and want Internet access...

**(Unfortunate) Reality:** If you're small, there's zero incentive for any large network to peer with you. (Costs them money, nothing in return)

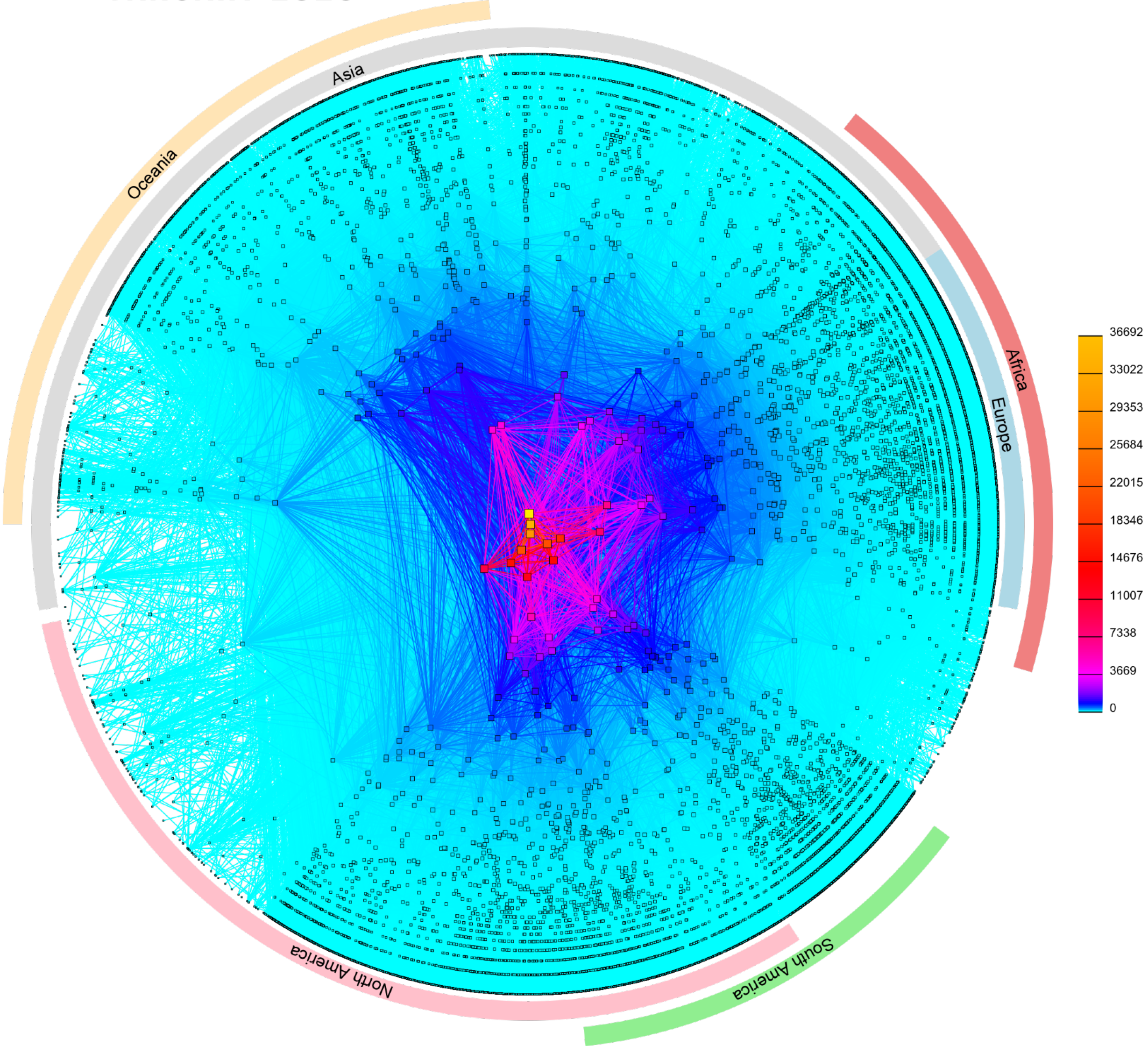
**Solution:** You need to pay someone to advertise your routes to the rest of the Internet and to provide you with a route to everyone else.

Known as *Internet Transit* or *IP Transit*. IP Transit is a commodity.

You buy IP Transit ("Internet") from a *Transit Provider*, which are colloquially referred to as *Internet Service Providers (ISP)*



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## Conventionally....\*

Companies pay small, regional ISPs for Internet transit

Small ISPs pay medium sized ISPs for Internet transit

Medium ISPs pay large ISPs for Internet transit

**\* We'll talk about how this isn't actually the case later**



# Quick Terminology Note

⚠ The word "peering" can mean multiple things

**IP/Internet Transit:** Customer pays Provider for Internet access

**IP/Internet Peering:** Two "peers" (i.e., equals) agree to exchange traffic with one another with no transit costs (in either direction)

**BGP Peering:** Protocol-level BGP connection between two autonomous systems. Happens for both IP Transit and Peering.

Assume we mean Internet Peering unless we say BGP Peering