Shell Tools to Analyze MRT Data and Why Care About Them

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Route Collectors

Precious data source for network analysis.

- Tracks routing evolution over time
- Collect data in MRT format (RFC 6396)
- Compressed via gzip, bzip2...

RouteViews, RIPE RIS RCC

Ever heard of bgpscanner?

Performance oriented MRT parser from Isolario Project.

- Faster than alternatives at the time
- Simple text-based output
- Powerful filtering

Evolves upon bgpscanner.

- Legacy–free
- Free and open source
- Better codebase written from scratch

... fixes bugs here and there :)

Should I care even more?

Still provides a general purpose BGP library.

Fascinating to developers

...written in C

Why simplicity matters?

Leads to maintainable code.

- Less bugs
- More hackable and reusable
- Flexible (e.g. scripting, pipes)

Do one thing, do it well.

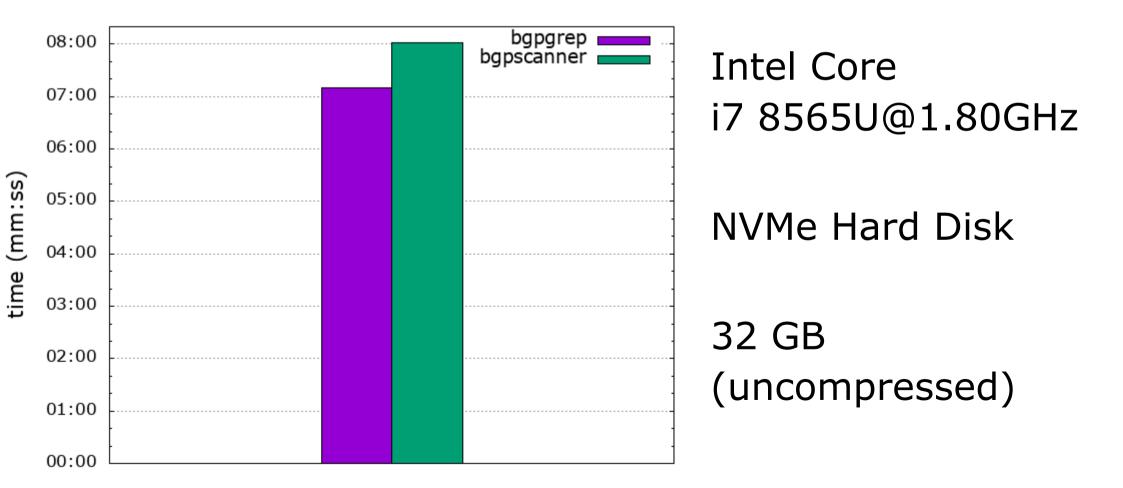
bgpgrep keeps it simple.

- Decode » filter » format
- Easy to understand
- Powerful syntax

\$ bgpgrep updates.20201201.0000.bz2 -subnet 8.0.0.0/8
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58511:9005 45.127.172.149 58511 1606780985 1

Few performance facts (RIB + updates)

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I say shell tools are obsolete...

Time for action.

Real-time demo

Thank you for your attention!

Micro BGP Suite Sources » https://git.doublefourteen.io/bgp/ubgpsuite

Any question?