

Rationale, Design, and Implementation of the Network Neutrality Bot

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Network neutrality

Network neutrality is a cornerstone of the Internet.

Problem

- ▶ How do we know whether ISPs respect network neutrality?
- ▶ Broadband contracts allow them to do almost as they please.
- ▶ Deep information asymmetry for users.

Objective

Better understanding of the *actual* practices.

Method

- ▶ Lightweight “bot” program for interested users.
- ▶ Distributed QoS measurements using various protocols.
- ▶ Bottom-up collection of the results.

Development

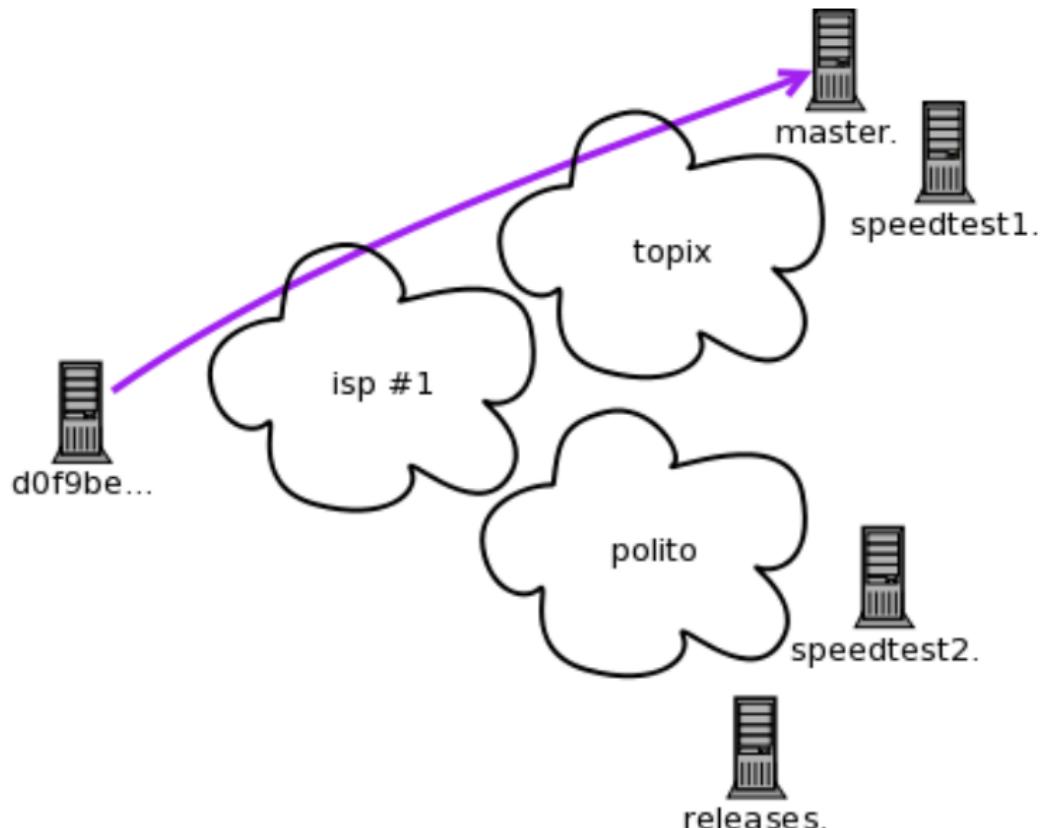
- ▶ Written in Python.
- ▶ Open-source (GPLv3).
- ▶ Public Git repositories:
 - ▶ <http://github.com/neubot/neubot>
 - ▶ <http://github.com/bassosimone/neubot>

Releases

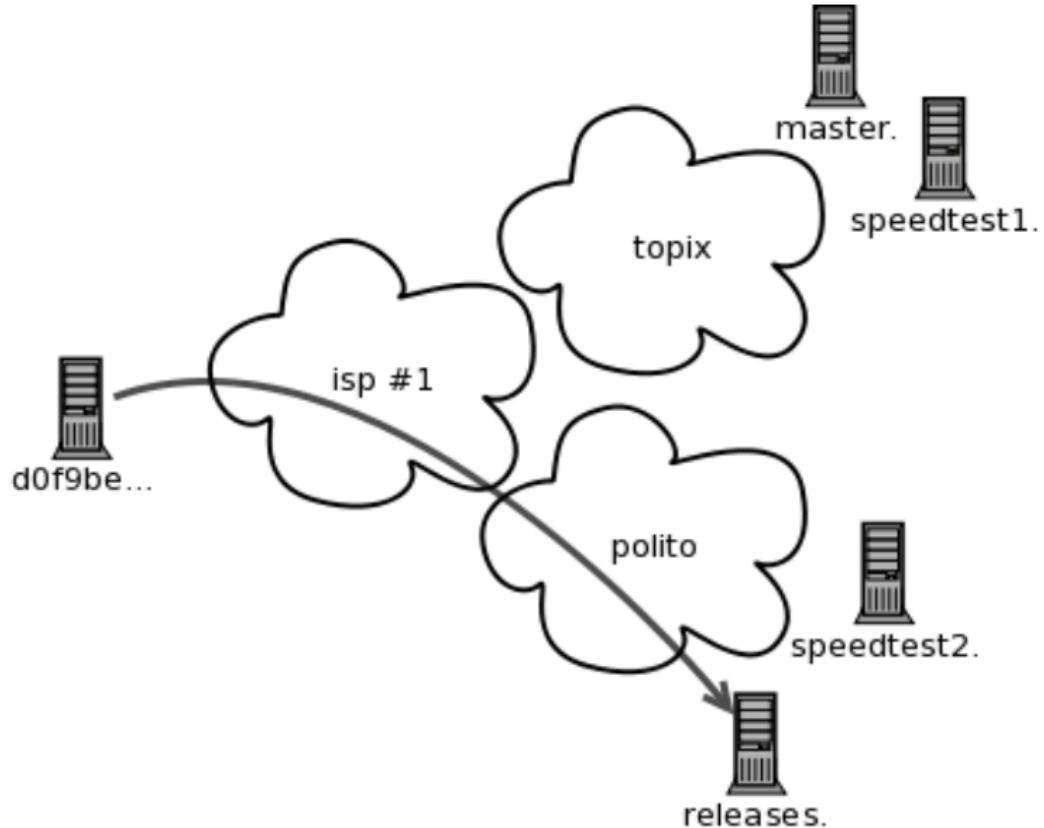
- ▶ A patch release every 7-10 days (*release early, release often*).
- ▶ A minor release every 2-3 months.
- ▶ A major release “when needed”.
- ▶ The first public release (Neubot 0.3) to be available soon.
 - ▶ We’re working at <http://www.neubot.org> and to write documentation.

A quick tour of Neubot 0.3

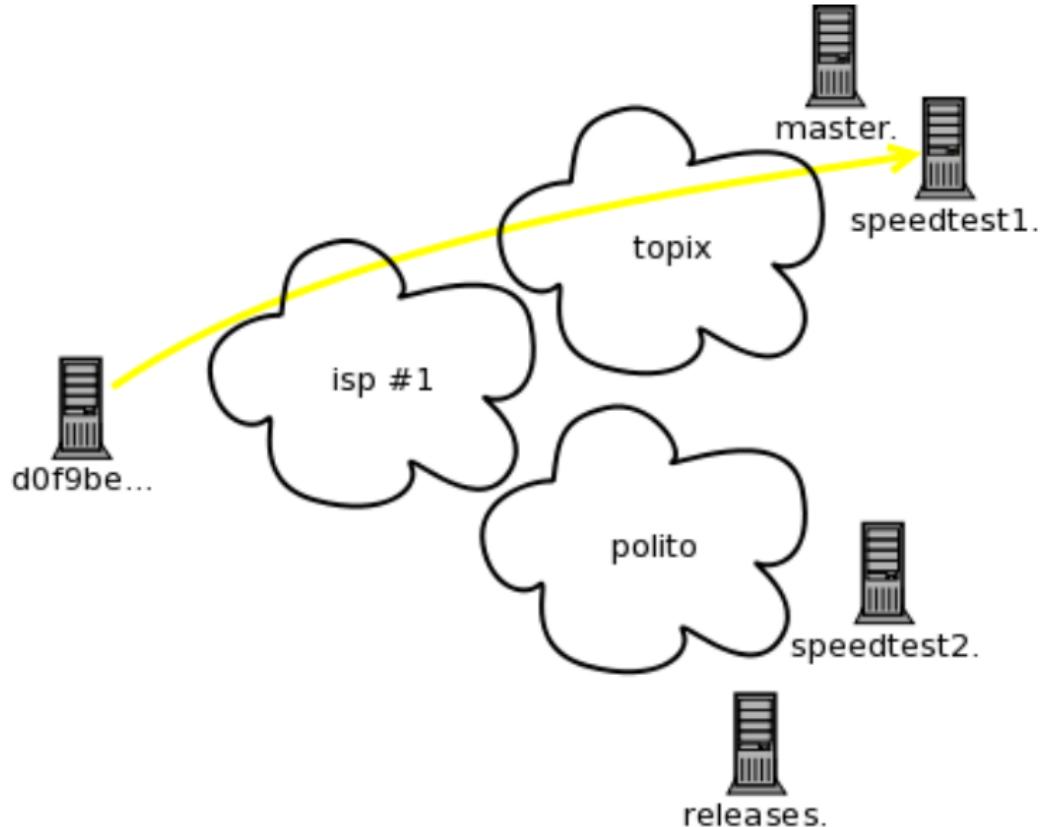
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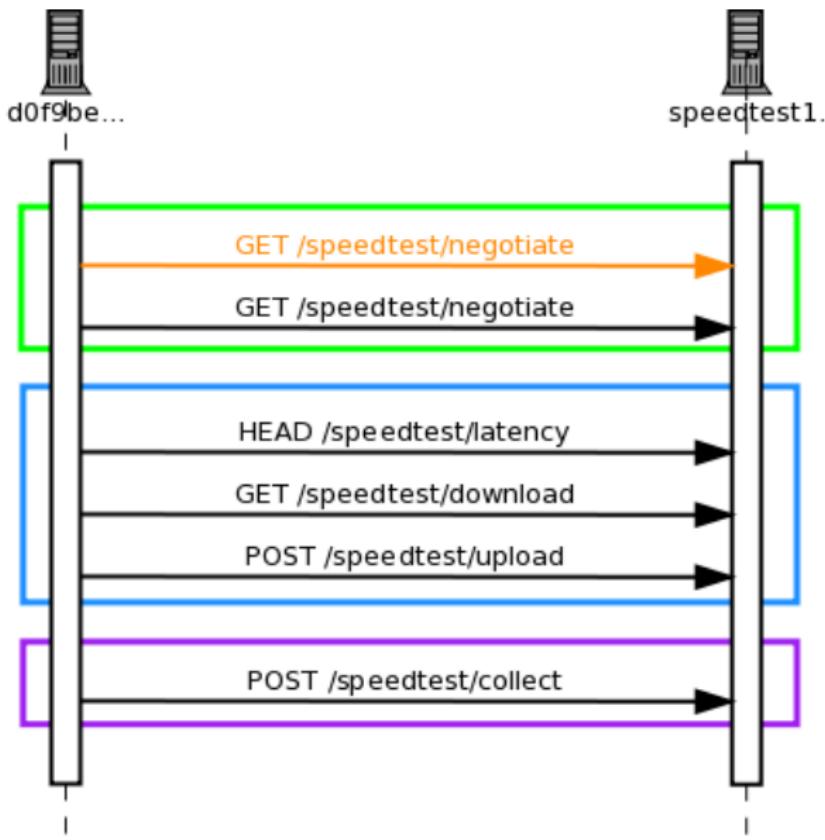
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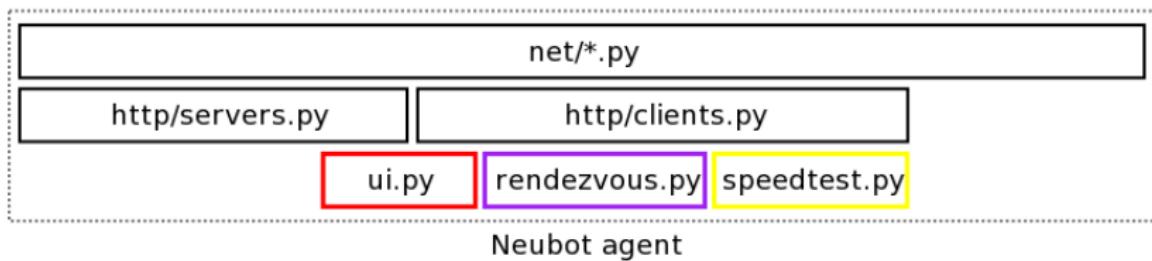
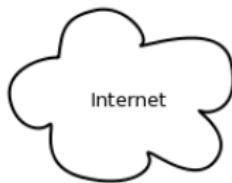
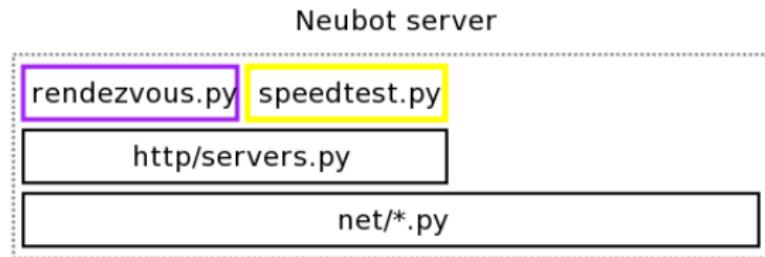
Speedtest



Speedtest details

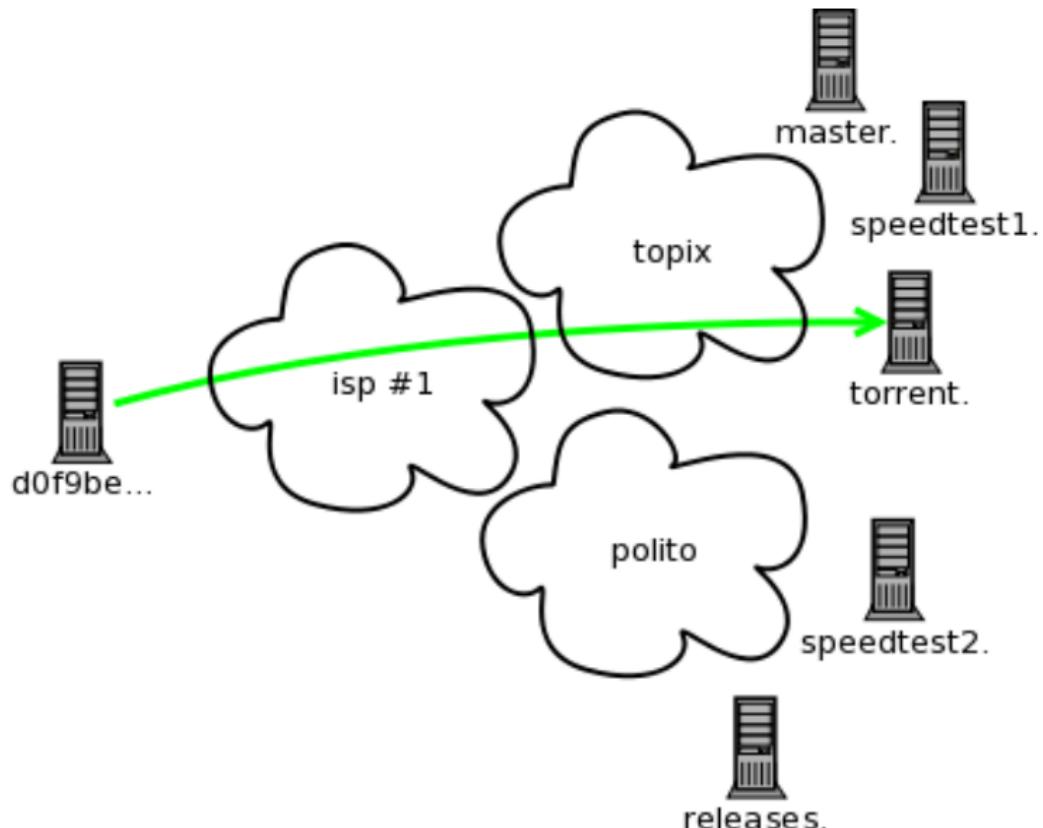


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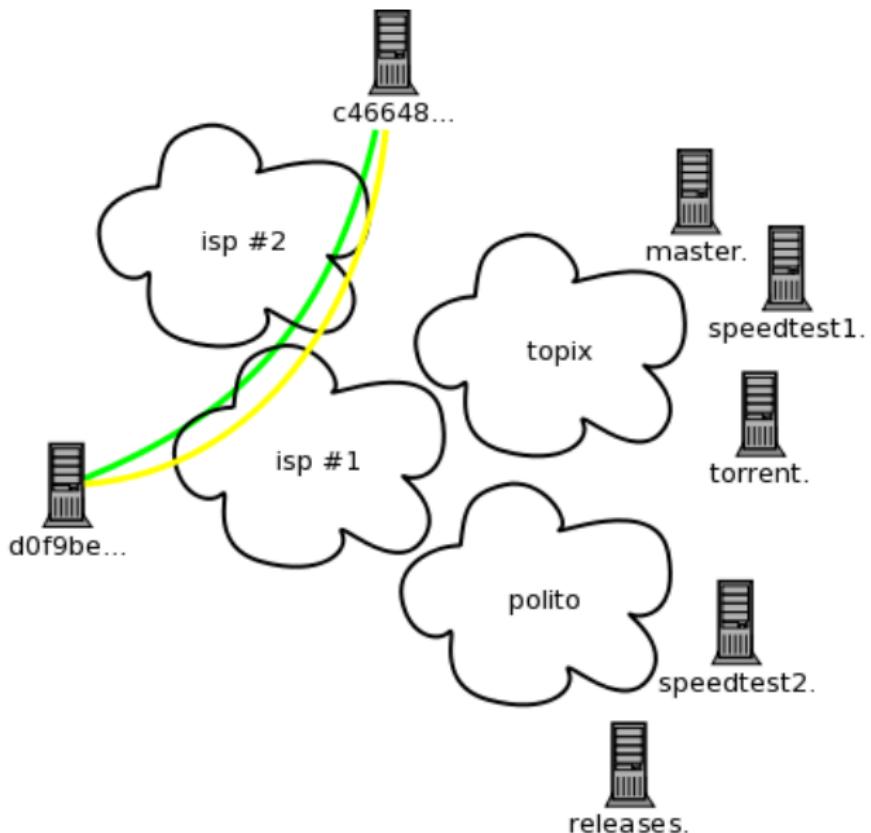


What's next?

BitTorrent

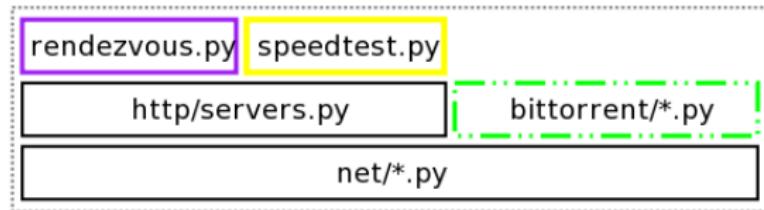


Peer-to-peer

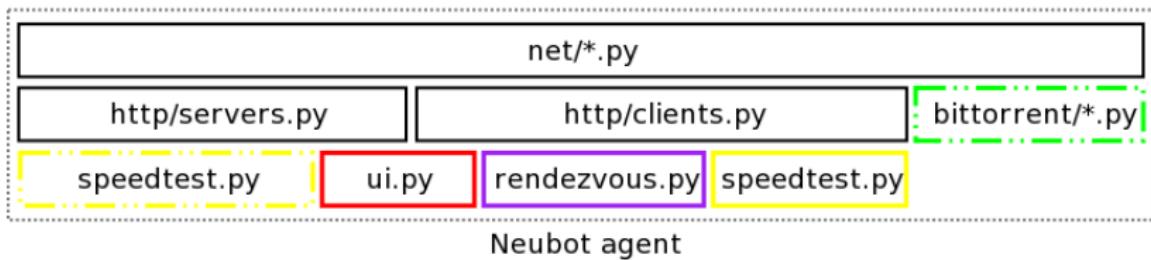


Components (2)

Neubot server



net/*.py



Neubot agent

Thank you

- ▶ Author

- ▶ `simone.basso@polito.it`

- ▶ Website

- ▶ `http://www.neubot.org`
 - ▶ `http://nexa.polito.it/neubot`

- ▶ Git tree

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