

Research and Educational Networking in Europe and Worldwide

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DANTE



Extremely fast development

- Collective memory quite short
- Allowing myself, to look at the history of networking
- Personal impressions not historian



Some history

- DARPA 1970
- ARPANET 1973
- BITNET / EARN 1981 1996



Internet History







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ARPA NETWORK, LOGICAL MAP, SEPTEMBER 1973









National Networks

- CIGALE / CYCLADES (INRIA) 1972
- NPL Network
 - Design started 1966 operational 1973
 - Based on Honeywell DDP 516
 - Designed as potential WAN
 - LAN implementation
 - Packet switching
 - Home made layered protocols



Early International European Networks

- European Informatics Network 72 77
 - Nodes in London, Paris, Zurich, Ispra (EC), Milano
 - Datagram network
 - Developed own protocols
 - Base for some ISO protocols
 - Killed by PTTs (EURONET X.25)



European Informatics Network





COSINE

- An EUREKA project
- RARE coordinated the activity
- Pan-European infrastructure
- IXI started 1990 X25 services at 64 kbps
- MHS, Paradise (X500)
- Additional IP services in 1992



EBONE

- IP backbone set up by large TCP/IP users
- EBONE93 backbone and interconnect
- Gateways between EuropaNet and EBONE
- Protocol Wars



DANTE Related Networks - 1

- From 1993 to 1997, EuropaNET was developed. It connected 18 countries at speeds of 2Mbps and used IP technology.
- From 1997 to 1998, TEN-34 was connecting 18 countries, but now at speeds of 34Mbps and using both IP and ATM technology.



DANTE Related Networks - 2

- From 1998 to 2001, TEN-155 was connecting 19 countries at speeds of between 155 and 622 Mbps, again using IP and ATM technologies.
- From 2001 until 2004, the GÉANT network connects 32 countries at speeds of between 2.5 and 10Gbps. It uses DWDM technology and offers IPv4 and IPv6 native services in dual-stack mode.



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World Class Research Networking



GÉANT: The world's most advanced international research network



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GÉANT Global Connectivity October 2004

GEANT

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GEANT and NORDUnet Networks ALICE Network EUMEDCONNECT Network TEIN2 Planned Network SEEREN Natwork

GÉANT is operated by DANTE on behalf of Europe's research and education networks

UMED

EUN

ΕD

connect





EIN2



Additional connected networks

- SEEREN interconnects the national research and education networks
 - Albania
 - Bosnia-Herzegovina
 - Macedonia,
 - Serbia and Montenegro
- Behind GÉANT members:
 - Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Vatican



Additional connected networks - 2

- Clara
- EUMEDCONNECT
- North American Networks
- Asian Networks
- TEIN2 Project
- South Africa using a tunnel



USA

- Black April 95 NSFNet discontinued
- Commercial ISP supposedly taking over
- GigaPoPs
- US research networking community now extremely happy with this development:
 - Independent of bureaucrats
 - Excellent results
 - Internet2 Abilene



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232 Institutions



Abilene International Peering

























GÉANT 2 - New Paradigm

- GÉANT emphasis on core network
- NREN connecting to PoPs
- Change in the approach: End-to-End QoS
- Whole "chain"
- Responsibility of the whole community
- Close co-operation



Technology

- Investigation of Transmission Costs
- Skepticism re 40 Gbps
- OEO cross connects interesting
- "All Optical" some way off
- Emphasis on AAA and Control issues



GÉANT 2 Architecture

- Based on:
 - Dark fibre with multiple 10 Gbps lambdas
 - Leased 10 Gbps lambdas, if fibre not economic
 - Some lower bandwidth SDH links to the very expensive areas



Subscriptions

- All NRENs on "fibre cloud" subscribe to 10 Gbps IP service and 10 Gbps p2p service (to any point on the cloud)
- NRENs outside get basically 10 Gbps (or less) IP service
- Additional p2p accesses at marginal costs for lighting additional lambdas in the system
- Topology independent flat contributions



A GÉANT2 Large Hybrid POP







Example of Overall Topology







Schedule

- Procurement decisions mid 2005
- Gradual change from GÉANT to GÉANT 2
- Start of transition in Fall 2005
- 3 Years duration of the GN2 Project



Conclusions

- R & E networks international from the very beginning
- The same spirit prevailing today even more
- To the benefit of the whole research community
- Our task reduce the digital divide as much as possible