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# MANANA (Mobile App Network traffic Nutrition fActs)

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# Two halves: the research...

- **mobile app traffic** constitutes **about 1/3 of all Internet traffic**\*
- mobile apps **communication patterns** can depend on multiple aspects, all **dynamic** in nature, and **hard to observe/control/model**
  - user actions
  - third-party components
    - services (advertising, payment gateways, map, social login)
    - scripts (progressive apps)
  - network conditions

Network traffic observation is necessary to many endeavours, but is **limited by privacy issues**: only app **developers**, service **providers**, network **operators**, and **third-party** service providers have different degrees of visibility (notably, **not the user**), and can't/won't share them.

\* According to [sandvine2024gipr], on the average total rate worldwide (~33 EB/day)

# Two halves: ... and the user

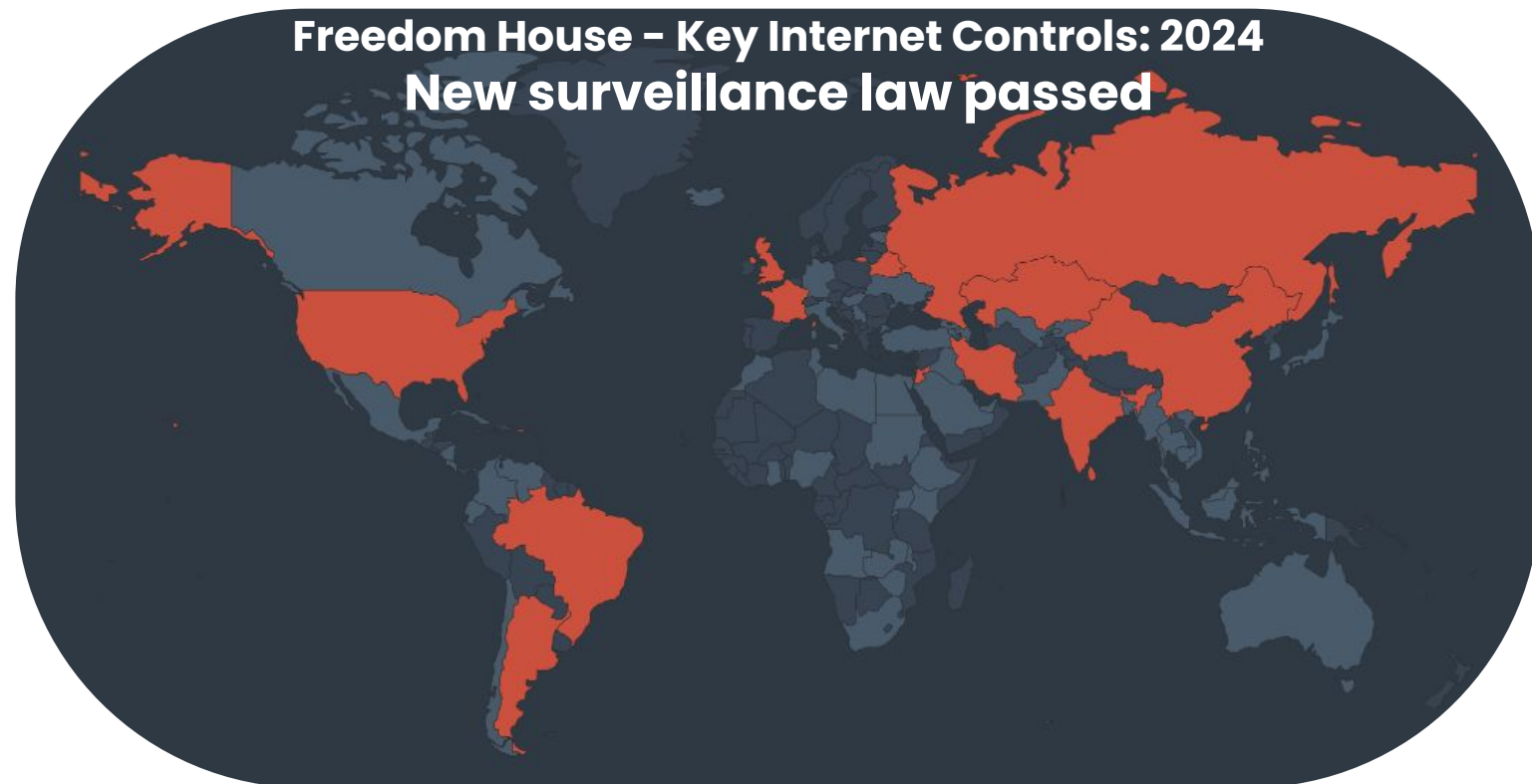
To reach a significant number of users, for a non-negligible duration of time, the monitoring service must continually **provide value to the user**

MANANA provides the user with the answer to a number of questions

- ***which country*** *my mobile apps are communicating with*, in their everyday functioning? and ***how much***?
- do these communications happen in **clear** or **encrypted**?
- which **countries** are **traversed** by my traffic?
- which countries the **managers of the network** infrastructure are accountable to?
- is this **behavior** the same for **different apps** that provide the **same kind of service**?
- is this **behavior** the same for **different mobile operators**?

# Why should the user care: regulation exposure

- **national governments** have been **regulating mobile apps usage** and enforcing *Internet censorship* by different means, including disrupting Internet connectivity, throttling, or imposing service geo-blocking [freedomhouse]
- **digital sovereignty** is increasingly invoked in all kinds of political regimes, no more in authoritarian ones only [deGregorio2022digital]



# Why should the user care: not just her country

The **physical and overlay Internet topology** are closer to a *hub-and-spoke* than to a *mesh*

- a few gateways can observe (and tamper with) significant fractions of a country's traffic.
- routing (limited by logical and physical connectivity) for most countries implies **strong dependence** on a few other countries for Internet connectivity

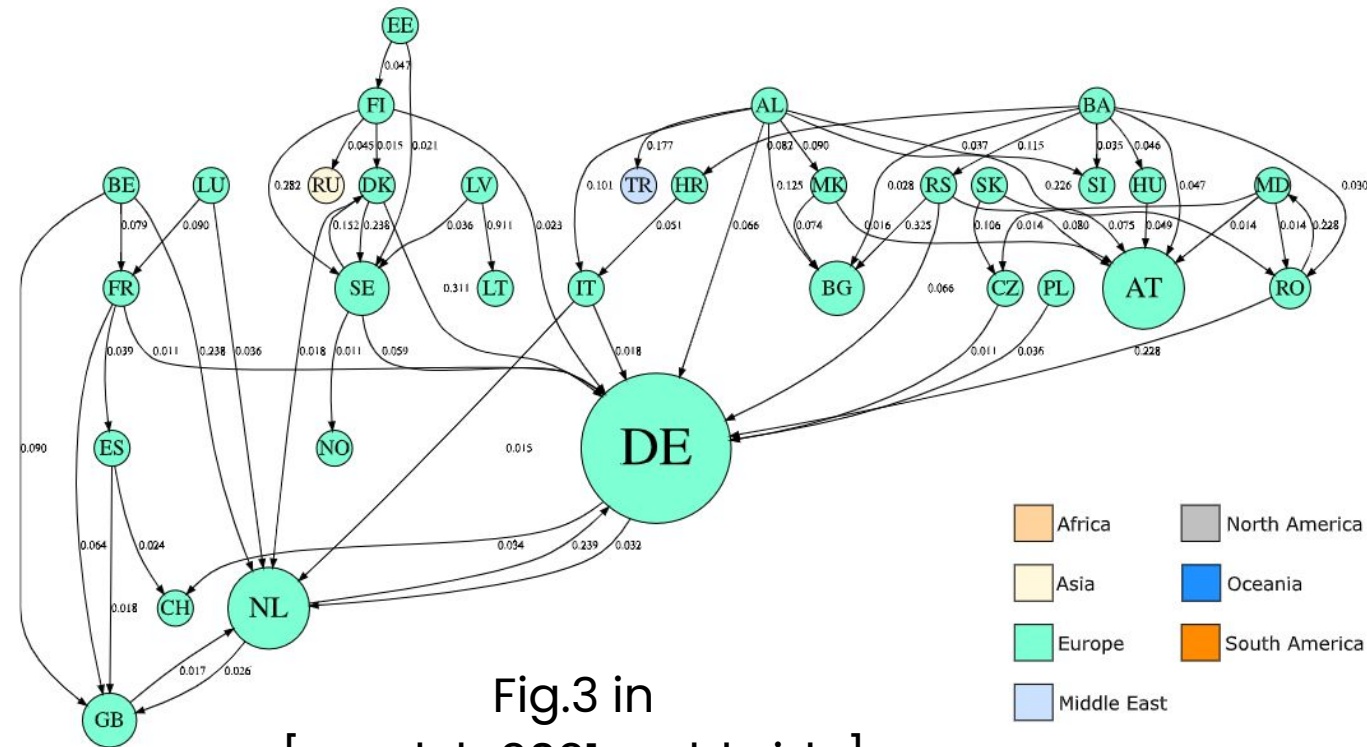


Fig.3 in  
[candela2021worldwide]

# Why should the user care: a possible choice

- **functionally-similar apps** can have a significantly **different impact (and dependence)** on the communication infrastructure
  - the user could **choose less risky apps**, or know if an alternative is worth exploring/adopting, and why (e.g. moving from TikTok to RedNote?)
- **different mobile operator** may have different **connectivity** and different implementation of **compliance**

**BUT**

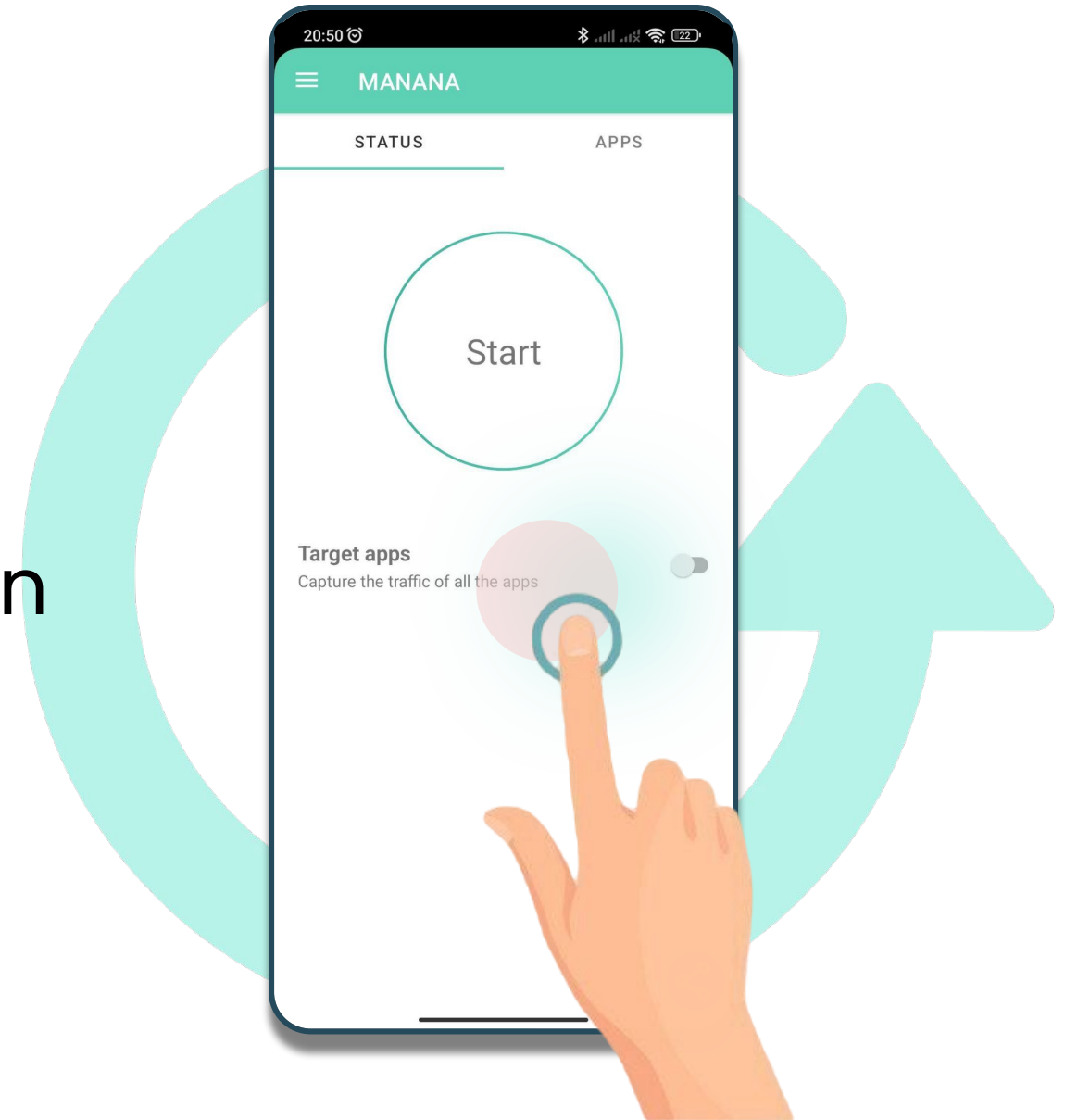
with no way of observing the (geopolitic) network footprint, **the user cannot enact informed choices**, nor **participate in the political debate** about information access and regulation

# MANANA: design goals and principles

- ease of use (**laymen oriented**)
  - *easy-to-read* characterization of network traffic (**nutrition labels** - style)
  - a summarizing index of “**information freedom risk**” associated with the **country**, weighted according to the fraction of **traffic** of the app reaching or traversing the country
  - **no rooting** of the device is required
- user **privacy** must be guaranteed
- must be **useful** to the user
  - at least, providing **awareness** of the communication infrastructure
- must be useful to the **research community**
  - help collect datasets that are useful for scientific research

# MANANA: use

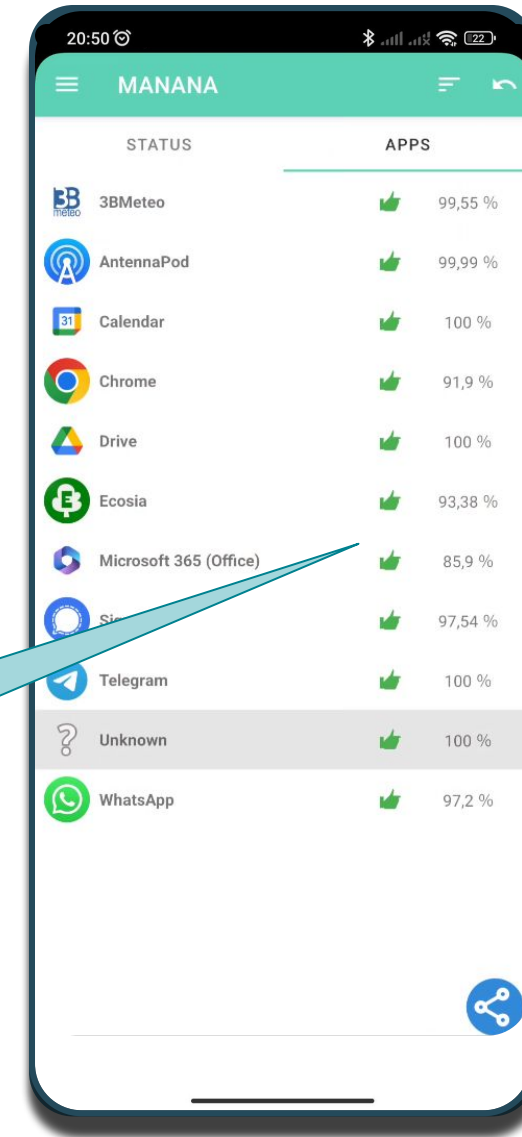
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- (3) **start** the traffic observation
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# Overall information safety report

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a single summarizing value  
**(information safety index\*)** is  
provided for each app

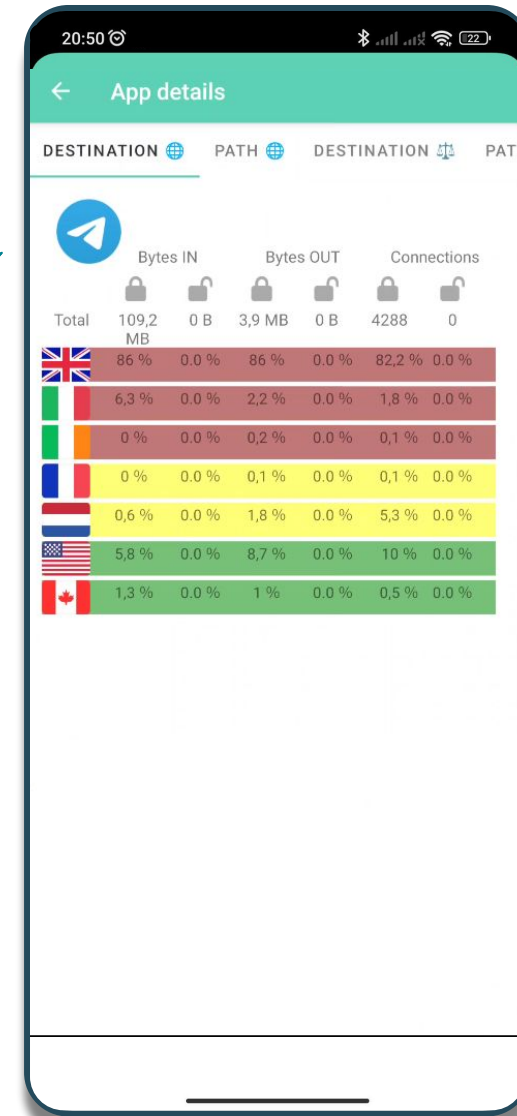


\* more details later

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for **each app**, a traffic profile is reported, in the form of **“nutrition labels”**



# DESTINATION GEOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION

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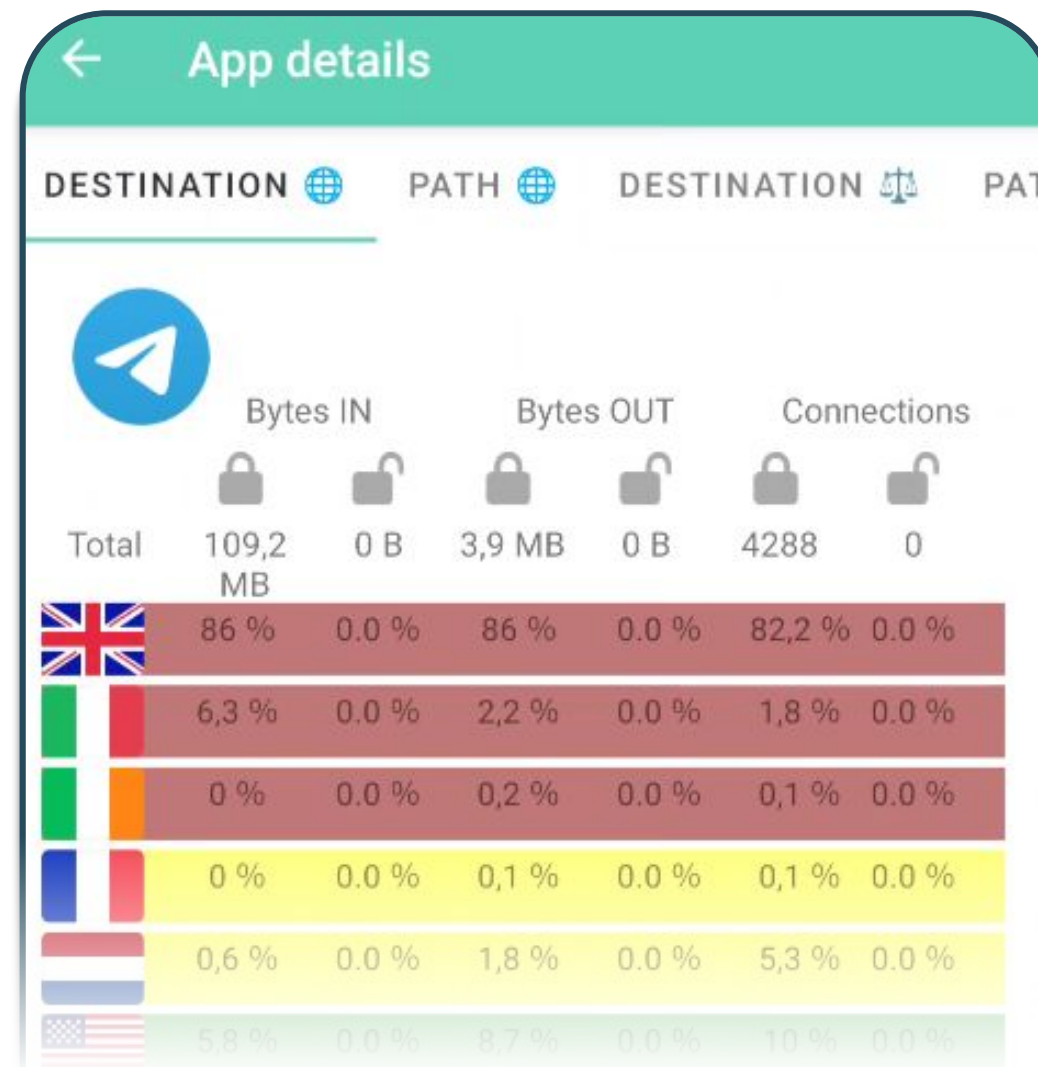
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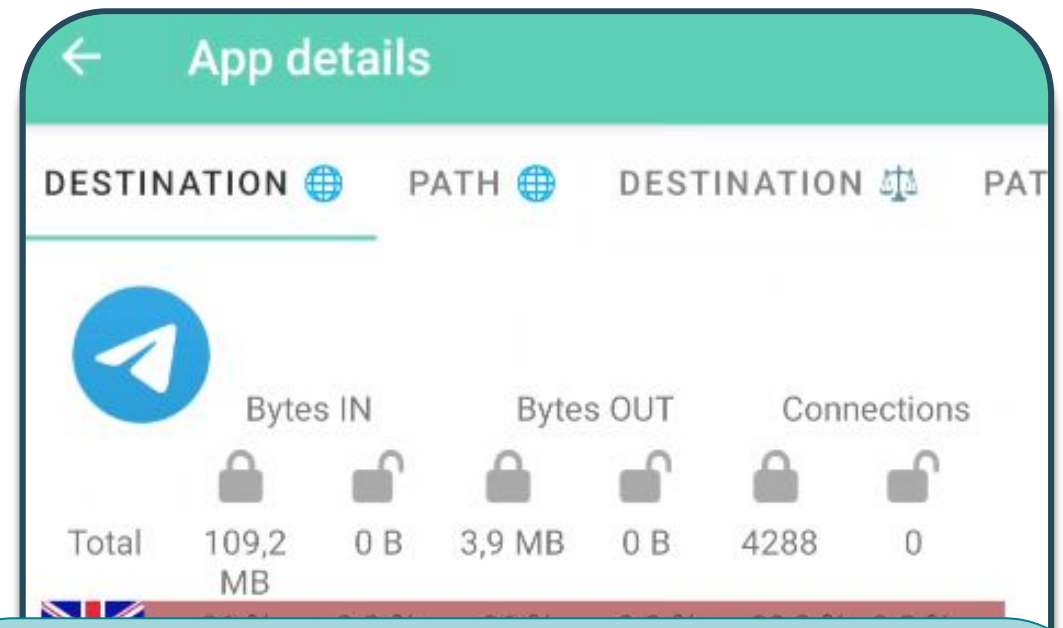
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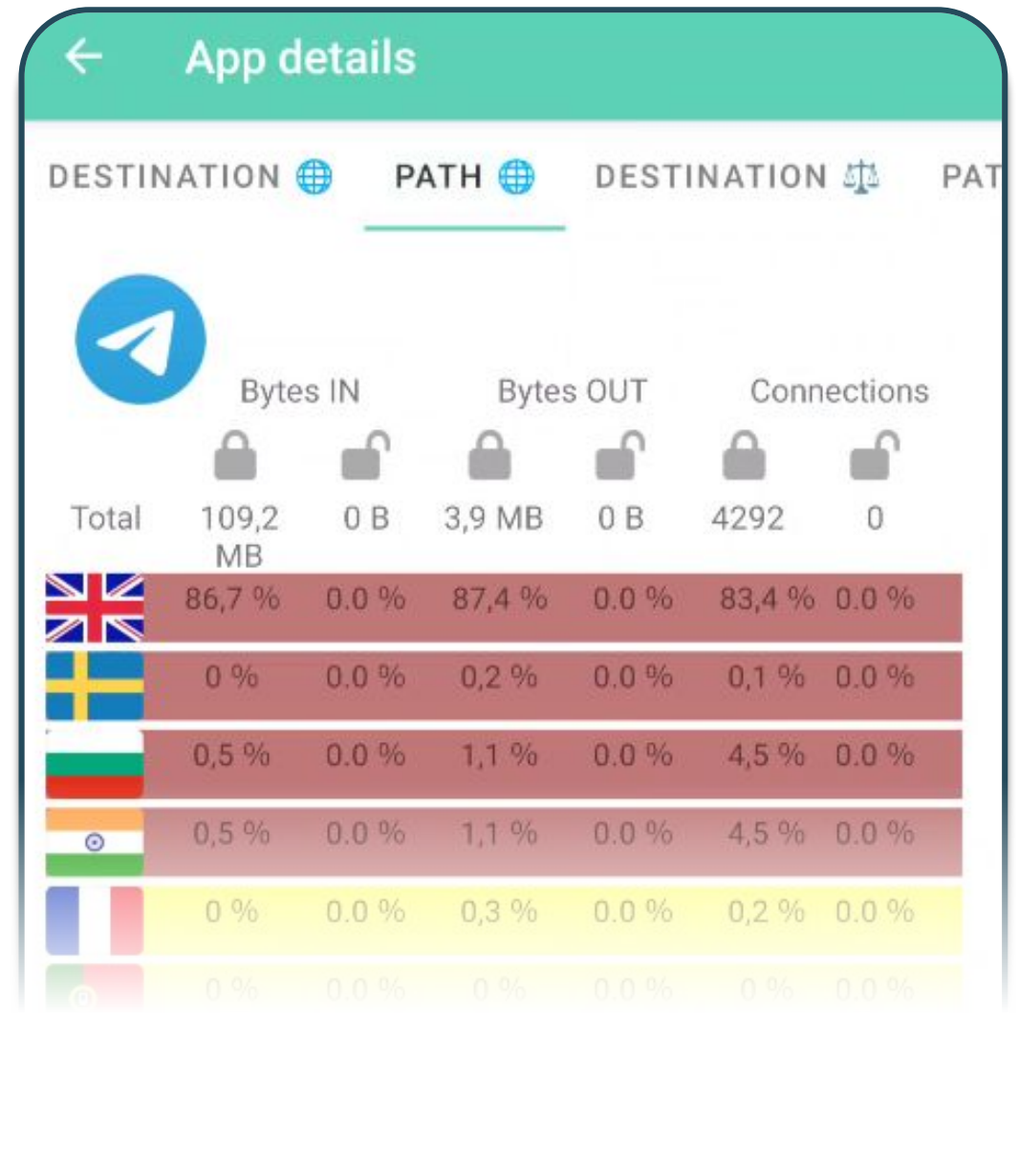
the **[not-]encrypted** classification leverages **ndpi heuristics**, in turn derived by reverse-engineering the Great Firewall of China filtering behavior [wu2023how]

# PATH **GEOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION**

Same kind of information, for **traversed countries** (**intermediate traceroute IPs**, geodb).

In this case the percentage shows **which share passed through a given country**.

Only “passing through” countries are considered: neither the source (100%), nor the destination (shown in previous tab).

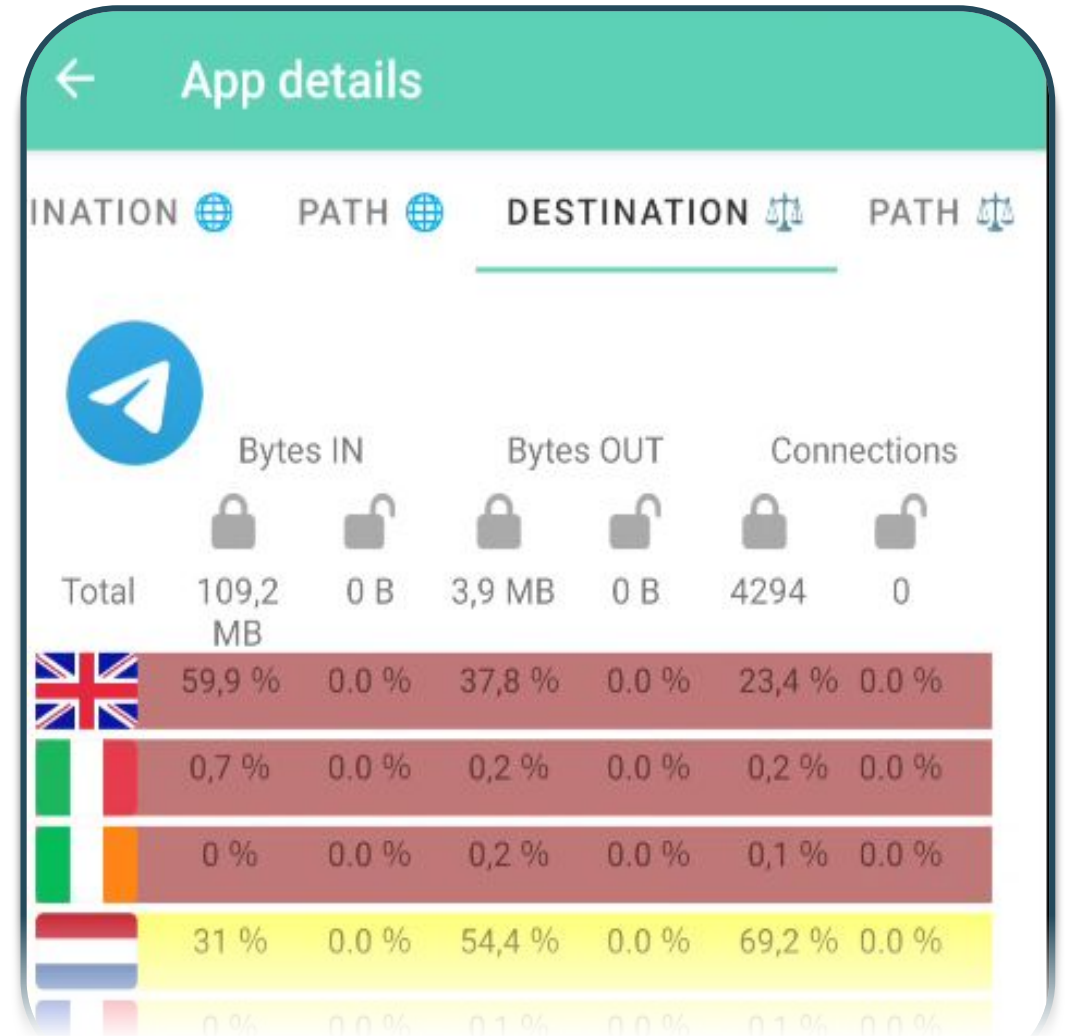


# DESTINATION ADMINISTRATIVE COMPOSITION

Same kind of information, for **administrative destinations** (**destination IPs**, WHOIS).

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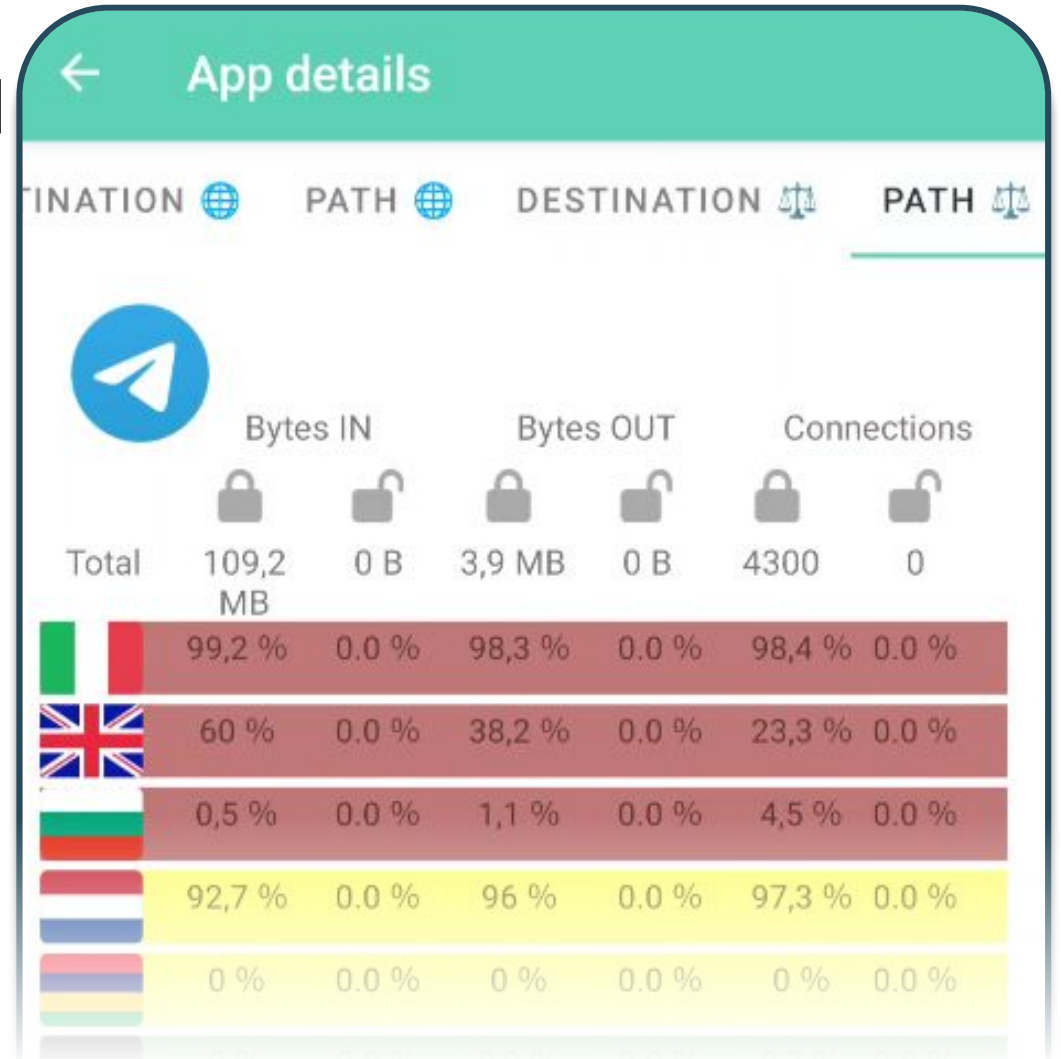


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# COUNTRY DETAIL AND CLASSIFICATION

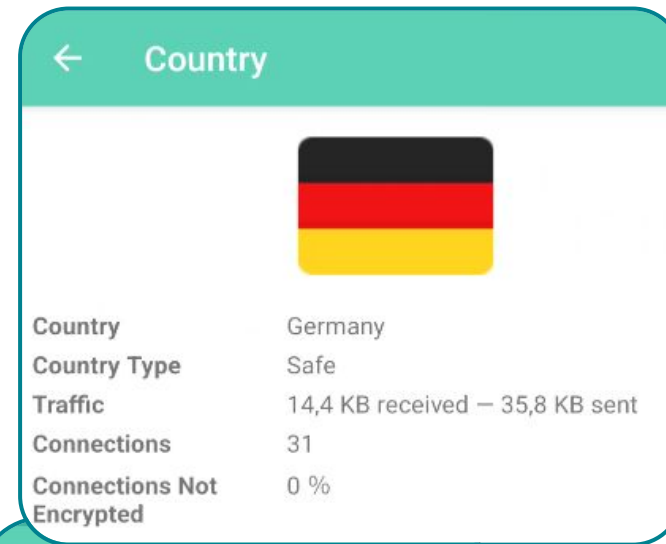
Each country shows sent/received counters, and the **country type**.

This is derived from **V-DEM** project\* dataset, specifically values about

- Internet censorship effort
- Governm. Internet filtering in practice
- Governm. Internet shut down capacity
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- Privacy protection by law content

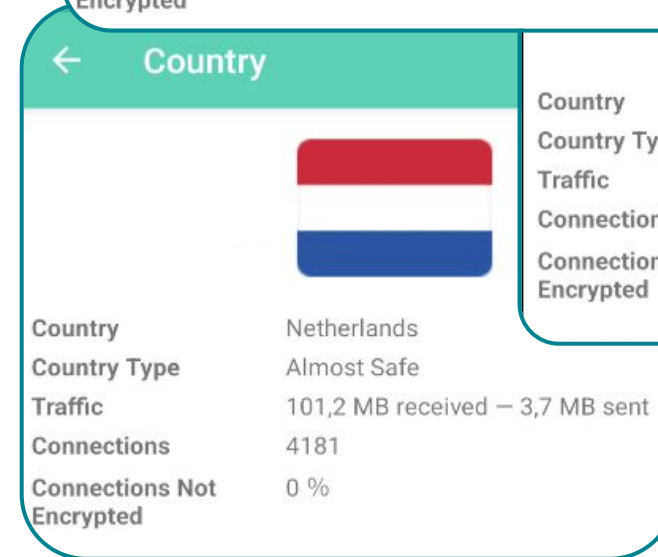
the **minimum** (worst) value among the listed fields is mapped as follows\*\*

- A.  $\geq 3$       *Safe*
- B. in  $]1,3[$     *Almost Safe*
- C.  $\leq 1$       *Not Safe*



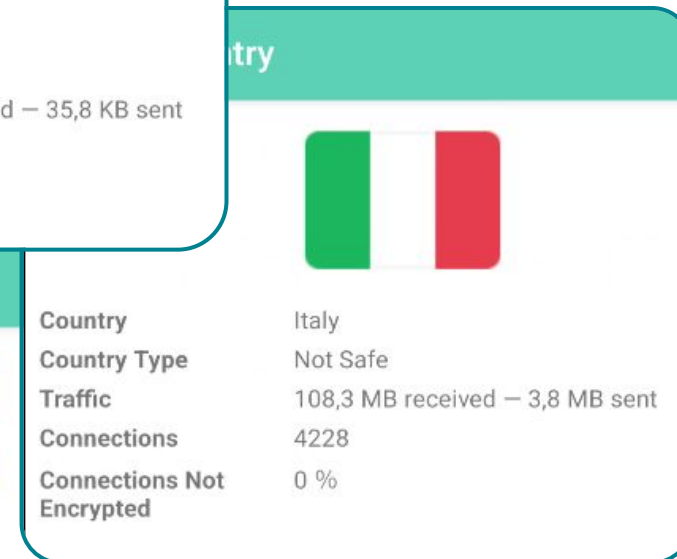
Country detail card for Germany. The card shows the German flag, the country name 'Germany', and the classification 'Safe'. Traffic statistics are 14,4 KB received and 35,8 KB sent. There are 31 connections, and 0% are not encrypted.

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Country detail card for Netherlands. The card shows the Dutch flag, the country name 'Netherlands', and the classification 'Almost Safe'. Traffic statistics are 101,2 MB received and 3,7 MB sent. There are 4181 connections, and 0% are not encrypted.

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Country Type	Not Safe
Traffic	108,3 MB received – 3,8 MB sent
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\*\* this is arbitrarily chosen as a *first working hypothesis*, to be refined.

\* by V-Dem Institute, Dept. of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. <https://www.v-dem.net/>

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# Manana Server: statistics example - Gmail

## Search App

## Statistics of: Gmail

### Stats by Destination Autonomous System Number

ASN Name	Entry Count	Entry [%]	Bytes ↑ [%]	Bytes ↓ [%]	Packets ↑ [%]	Packets ↓ [%]
AS8075 - Microsoft Corporation	1381	58.59%	52.40%	43.88%	52.86%	44.81%
AS396982 - Google LLC	945	40.09%	44.35%	54.84%	45.53%	53.85%
AS15169 - Google LLC	26	1.10%	3.22%	1.27%	1.59%	1.32%
Unknown ASN	5	0.21%	0.02%	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%

### Stats by Source Autonomous System Number

ASN Name	Entry Count	Entry [%]	Bytes ↑ [%]	Bytes ↓ [%]	Packets ↑ [%]	Packets ↓ [%]
AS32934 - Facebook, Inc.	1009	42.81%	42.18%	44.03%	41.73%	41.54%
AS6762 - TELECOM ITALIA SPARKLE S.p.A.	798	33.86%	32.47%	29.29%	34.95%	33.98%
AS30722 - Vodafone Italia S.p.A.	15	0.64%	0.71%	0.58%	0.70%	0.72%

# Early numbers

Analysis span: **November 30, 2024 to Feb 19, 2025**

- **579** reports (uncompressed 59.3 MB)
- **183** different **mobile applications** analyzed
- **>253k connections** observed
- **9.6 GB** total **traffic** observed, average **37.2 MB** per report

Footprint of the MANANA app:

- **16.2MB** app size
- **2%** additional network traffic
  - (traceroute probes, WHOIS requests)
- **596KB** average compressed report size

# Early stage development

the prototype proved feasibility, not ready for common public yet (you can have a run and participate in the experimentation – stay tuned for updates)

- ONGOING DEVELOPMENT
  - extensive **testing**
  - manage **issue** ticketing
  - process **feedback** about usability and privacy requirements
  - **documentation** in app, and on website
  - more advanced **probing optimization** (beyond local caching)

# Improvement plan

Once the main functionalities have been extensively tested we plan to

- publish on **F-Droid** (for independent vetting and auto-update of new versions)
- explore **multiple different** criteria for country **information-safety classification** (to maximize user's utility and thus adoption)
- find **anomalies** (traceroute/geoIP/ WHOIS artifacts), **improve accuracy**

also, would be nice-to-have

- provide a **direct comparison** *personal-vs-crowdsourced* statistics (to allow the user to compare her results with others / other not-installed apps)
- allow the user to set her **custom country safety evaluation**
- integrate MANANA with **other mobile analysis tools/projects** [exodus]
- implement **other network measurements** (useful for the both the user and research) like latency [weichao2027towards]

**Manana Server  
running instance**



<http://143.225.229.154>

**MANANA  
latest-beta APK**



<https://www.traffic.comics.unina.it/software/manana/latest>

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The project started with a **grant** from **GÉANT Innovation Programme 2024**.

<https://community.geant.org/innovationprogramme>

Source code of the app and the server can be found here:

[https://codeberg.org/MANANA\\_project-UniNA](https://codeberg.org/MANANA_project-UniNA)

The **information-safety** classification criteria (ab)use the **dataset** published as  
**[coppedge2024vdem]** *Coppedge, Michael, et al. 2024. "V-Dem Country-Year Dataset v14", Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project. <https://doi.org/10.23696/mcwt-fr58>*

The **IP geolocation** dataset is "IP to Country Lite" by DB-IP <https://db-ip.com>  
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The **mobile app code** is based on **PCAPdroid** (traffic capture and analysis) by Emanuele Faranda <https://github.com/emanuele-f/PCAPdroid> licensed under GPL3.0 which in turn is composed of many open-source components, including

- [nDPI](#): deep packet inspection library, provides the connections metadata
- [mitmproxy](#): a local proxy for the TLS decryption
- [zdtun](#): minimal TCP/IP stack for the non-root capture

In addition to these, MANANA app includes

the **traceroute code** from the **Mobiperf** project by Google <https://github.com/Mobiperf> licensed under Apache License 2.0

The MANANA collection and analysis server include

the **ftp server: vsftpd** <https://security.appspot.com/vsftpd.html> (GPL license)

the **statistics web server**: implemented in the **Django** framework <https://www.djangoproject.com> (BSD license)

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# Backup slides

# Path-tracing limitations in MANANA

- reverse-path uncertainties
  - *Internet routing may be **asymmetric***
    - *traceroute inherent limitation, we have to live with this*
- path stability assumptions
  - *the path towards each destination is sampled **once per observation session***
  - *no big issue in our application scenario: no impact on AS- and country-paths inferred*
    - *Internet routes are expected to change at a lower frequency*
    - *ECMP is expected to be employed within an AS*
- ICMP vs TCP/UDP data probes
  - crafting probes of the same type of data packet would ensure to follow the very same path
  - in MANANA app, we are limited to **ICMP** to avoid routing of the smartphone (not general audience)
- third-party IP addresses
  - the RFC1812 states that the source address of an ICMP error packet should correspond to the outgoing interface of the ICMP reply, rather than the interface on which the packet triggering the error was received
  - this behavior can cause a traceroute IP path to include addresses associated to interfaces not included in the path actually traversed
  - this may cause the inference of **inaccurate AS paths**
    - path-data cleaning (e.g., checking for AS paths shorter than 3 hops during post-processing?) can mitigate such issue
- AS-border identification
  - may impact length of the portion of the path within an AS, and thus proportions and stats
  - not a major issue in our case
  - <https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3278532.3278538>
- IP Geofeeds
  - <https://hal.science/hal-04663776/document>
  - RFC 8805 (2021), draft 2013. info included in WHOIS data (inetnum objects)

# report .csv example

... plus first/last packet timestamps



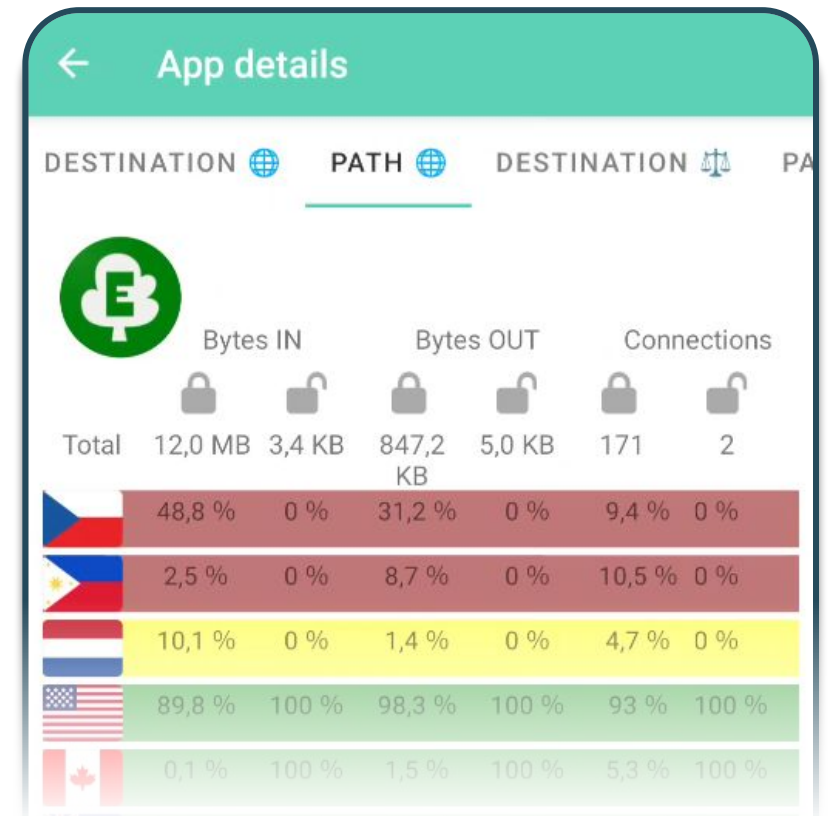
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17	10.215.173.1	10349	10.215.173.2	53	0	Root	No Info	Unknown ASN	-1	DNS	Closed	mtalk.google.com	62	117	1	1
6	10.215.173.1	47527	108.177.96.188	5228	10029	ip Transport	ited States	AS15169 - Google LLC	3	TLS	Active	mtalk.google.com	1286	1184	8	8
6	10.215.173.1	47527	108.177.96.188	5228	10029	ip Transport	ited States	AS15169 - Google LLC	3	TLS	Active	mtalk.google.com	0	0	8	8
17	10.215.173.1	19143	10.215.173.2	53	0	Root	No Info	Unknown ASN	-1	DNS	Active	android.apis.google.com	69	0	1	0
17	10.215.173.1	19143	10.215.173.2	53	0	Root	No Info	Unknown ASN	-1	DNS	Active	android.apis.google.com	0	119	1	0
6	10.215.173.1	54438	142.251.209.14	443	10029	ip Transport	Italy	AS15169 - Google LLC	1	HTTPS	Active	android.apis.google.com	1492	1683	7	6
6	10.215.173.1	54438	142.251.209.14	443	10029	ip Transport	Italy	AS15169 - Google LLC	1	HTTPS	Active	android.apis.google.com	0	0	7	6

# Uploaded files: traceroute report .json (1/2)

This file reports on the traceroute result (for every connection **DstIP**)...

Every app is characterised by (1):

- **AppName**
- a list of **IPs**, associated to the app, each with following data
  - the **result** of the Traceroute towards that IP
  - **timeStamp** at the end of the Traceroute
  - **orderedListCountry**, the countries associated to the IPs found from the Traceroute and geolocated
  - **sentBytesEnc**, encrypted, **sentBytesNotEnc**, unencrypted
  - **rcvdBytesEnc**, **rcvdBytesNotEnc**
  - **numConnsEnc**, **numConnsNotEnc**.

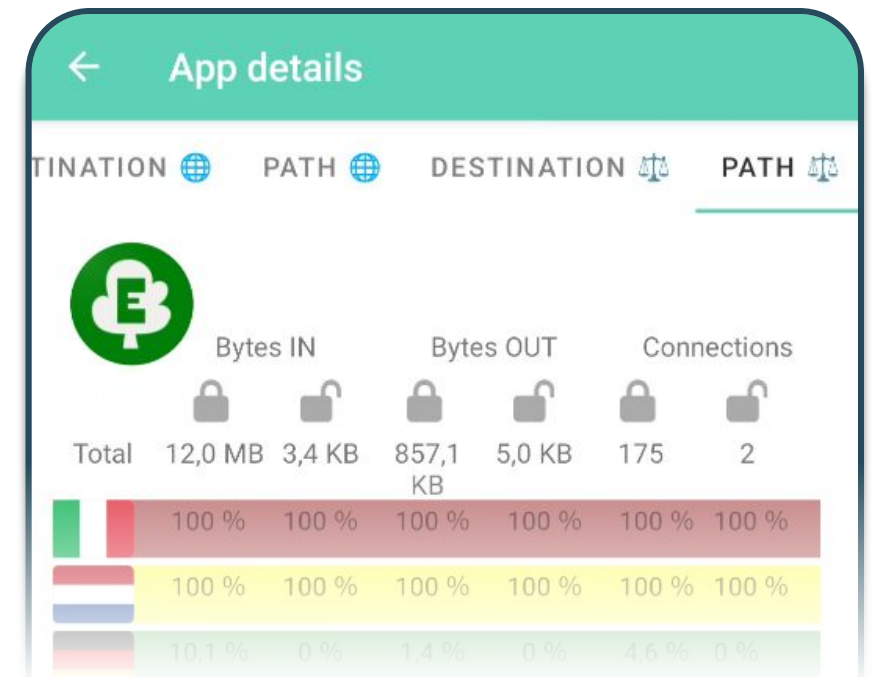


# Uploaded files: traceroute report .json (2/2)

This file reports also on Whois query (for every connection **DstIP and IPs of the trace**).

Every app is characterised also by (2):

- **WhoisTraceCountries**, same format as traceCountries but the **orderedListCountry** from whois queries
- **WhoisDestinationCountries**, a list of countries, each with:
  - **IpList**: the IPs associated to that country and the Timestamp associated to the Whois query
  - **classificationValue** associated to the country
  - **rcvdBytesEnc, rcvdBytesNotEnc**
  - **sentBytesEnc, sentBytesNotEnc**
  - **numConnsEnc, numConnsNotEnc**



# Path analysis via Traceroute

- Traceroute implementation by **MobiPerf**
  - Current traceroute implementation sends out **3 ICMP probes** per TTL
  - One ping every 0.2s is the lower bound before some platforms require root to run ping.
  - reduced timeout w.r.t. MobiPerf default

# Manana Server

Collects the reports provided by the users

- Each report is received by an **ftps server** (running in its own virtual machine) and then moved to an archive outside the VM
- Periodically (30 min.) the **reports are aggregated** and newly updated statistics are generated using all the reports
- The newly generated stats are saved to a relational **database**
- The updated statistics are published by the **web server**

# Manana Server: statistics

- For **each app** the computed statistics include:
  - For **each destination AS** and **destination country**
    - The total count of the **entries** in all the reports and the relative overall **share**
    - The share of **data** sent/received
    - The share of **packets** sent/received
  - For each **destination country**, a **safety rating** is shown (with same criteria adopted for the mobile app, based on V-Dem dataset)
  - Similarly, the entry count, share and safety rating of each **country traversed** according to the traceroute reports

# traceroute: report.json example

```
[
  {
    "AppName": "Root",
    "WhoisDestinationCountries": [
      {
        "IpList": [
          {
            "8.8.8.8":
"2024-10-29T16:33:18.645+01:00"
          }
        ],
        "classificationValue": 3,
        "name": "US",
        "numConnsEnc": 0,
        "numConnsNotEnc": 2,
        "rcvdBytesEnc": 0,
        "rcvdBytesNotEnc": 196,
        "sentBytesEnc": 0,
        "sentBytesNotEnc": 135
      }
    ],
    "WhoisTraceCountries": {
      "8.8.8.8": {
        "numConnsEnc": 0,
        "numConnsNotEnc": 2,
        "orderedListCountry": [
          "NL",
          "US",
          "US"
        ],
        "rcvdBytesEnc": 0,
        "rcvdBytesNotEnc": 196,
        "result": [],
        "sentBytesEnc": 0,
        "sentBytesNotEnc": 135,
        "timeStamp":
"2024-10-29T16:38:20.207+01:00"
      }
    },
    "traceCountries": {
      "8.8.8.8": {
        "numConnsEnc": 0,
        "numConnsNotEnc": 2,
        "orderedListCountry": [
          "IT",
          "US",
          "US"
        ],
        "rcvdBytesEnc": 0,
        "rcvdBytesNotEnc": 196,
        "result": [
          {
            "hosts": [
              "192.168.0.1:"
            ],
            "rtt": 13.666666666666666
          }
        ],
        "sentBytesEnc": 0,
        "sentBytesNotEnc": 135,
        "timeStamp":
"2024-10-29T16:33:36.893+01:00"
      }
    }
  }
]
```

# Updating Data

The data updates from a new connection are:

- **AppStats**, this class is associated to an app, its values are updated depending on the value of the UID in the connection. If the data are unencrypted it will updated its **sentBytesNotEnc, rcvdBytesNotEnc numConnsNotEnc** otherwise its **sentBytesEnc rcvdBytesEnc, numConnsEnc**.
- **Destination Countries**, a list of countries in AppStats made by DstIP geolocation of every connection generated by the app. It updates data for every country in the same way.
- **traceCountries**, a list of IPs and its relative Traceroute data in AppStats. The data are updated before the Traceroute execution in the same way mentioned above.
- **countriesAD** and **traceCountriesAD** (respectively **WhoisDestinationCountries** and **WhoisTraceCountries** from the previous slide), also present in Appstats and update the data in the same way.

# Manana Server: statistics example - Telegram

## Statistics of: Telegram

### Stats by Destination Autonomous System Number

ASN Name	Entry Count	Entry [%]	Bytes ↑ [%]	Bytes ↓ [%]	Packets ↑ [%]	Packets ↓ [%]
AS62041 - Telegram Messenger Inc	115	95.04%	89.21%	98.31%	93.04%	92.65%
AS62014 - Telegram Messenger Inc	6	4.96%	10.79%	1.69%	6.96%	7.35%

### Stats by Source Autonomous System Number

ASN Name	Entry Count	Entry [%]	Bytes ↑ [%]	Bytes ↓ [%]	Packets ↑ [%]	Packets ↓ [%]
AS32934 - Facebook, Inc.	43	35.54%	40.78%	90.64%	42.97%	47.67%
Unknown ASN	43	35.54%	22.80%	3.02%	24.42%	20.97%
AS30722 - Vodafone Italia S.p.A.	2	1.65%	1.53%	0.53%	1.85%	1.79%
AS6762 - TELECOM ITALIA SPARKLE S.p.A.	33	27.27%	34.89%	5.82%	30.76%	29.57%

### Stats by Destination Country

Country Name	Entry Count	Entry [%]	Bytes ↑ [%]	Bytes ↓ [%]	Packets ↑ [%]	Packets ↓ [%]	Safety
United Kingdom	115	95.04%	89.21%	98.31%	93.04%	92.65%	DANGEROUS
Netherlands	6	4.96%	10.79%	1.69%	6.96%	7.35%	NON-SECURE

### Stats by Traversed Countries

Country Name	Entry Count	Percentage	Safety
Italy	12	28.57%	DANGEROUS
United Kingdom	22	52.38%	DANGEROUS
United States	6	14.29%	SECURE
Netherlands	2	4.76%	NON-SECURE