



What's in a Network?

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- Security Research, Cyber Crime
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- Founded Informant Networks in 2015
- Extensive research on Cyber crime and internet threats
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- I love the Internet. A LOT!
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How this works?

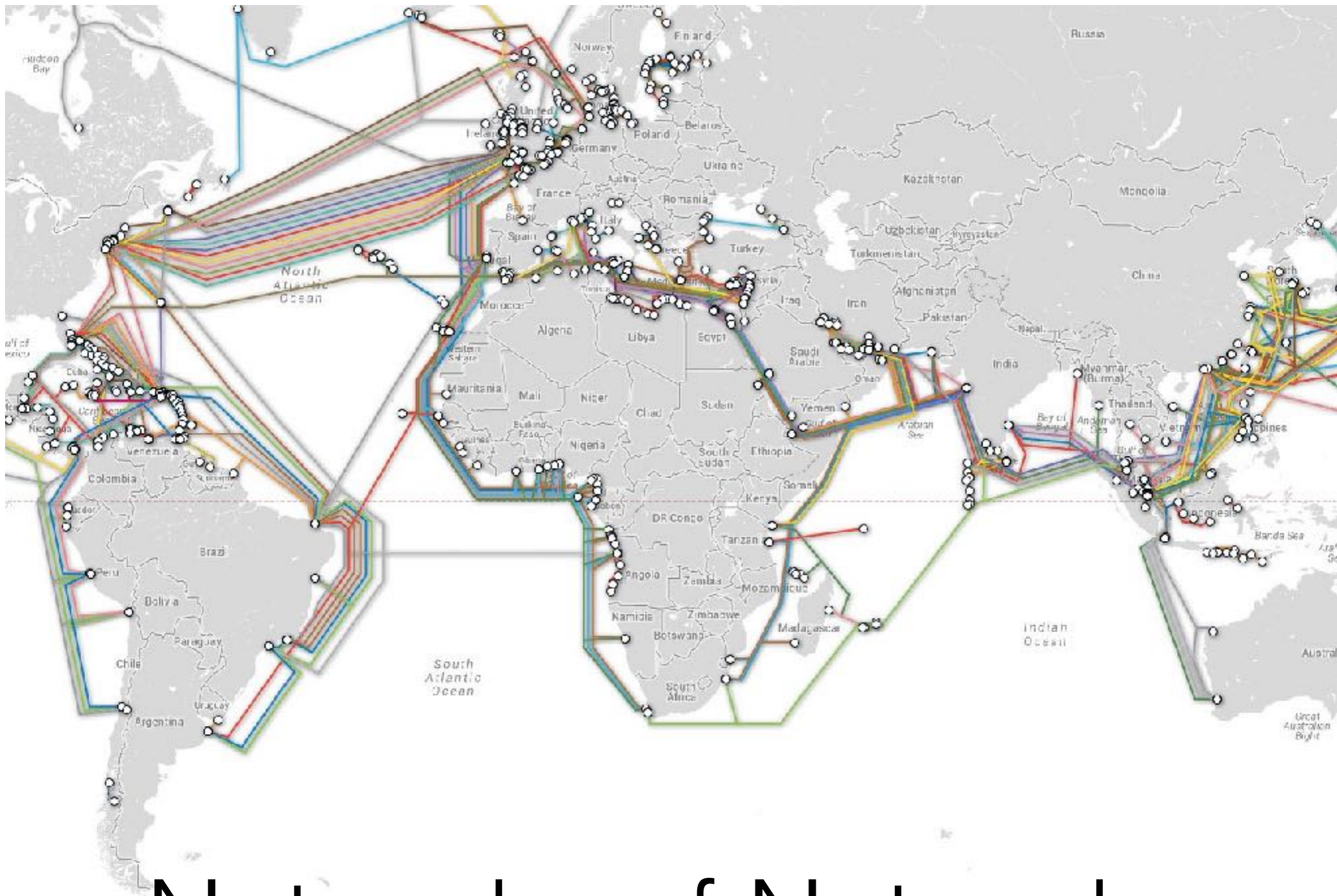
- Questions win points
- Highest points get a reward
- The best questions get a reward
- I want you to learn something valuable today

What are we talking about?

- How does the Internet work?
- What goes into a network
- Different aspects of a network
- A standard small medium business office network
- How to setup a network
- How to solve problems in a network
- 10 mins Q&A

“Internet”

What do you picture in your mind?



Networks of Networks

Internet Service Providers

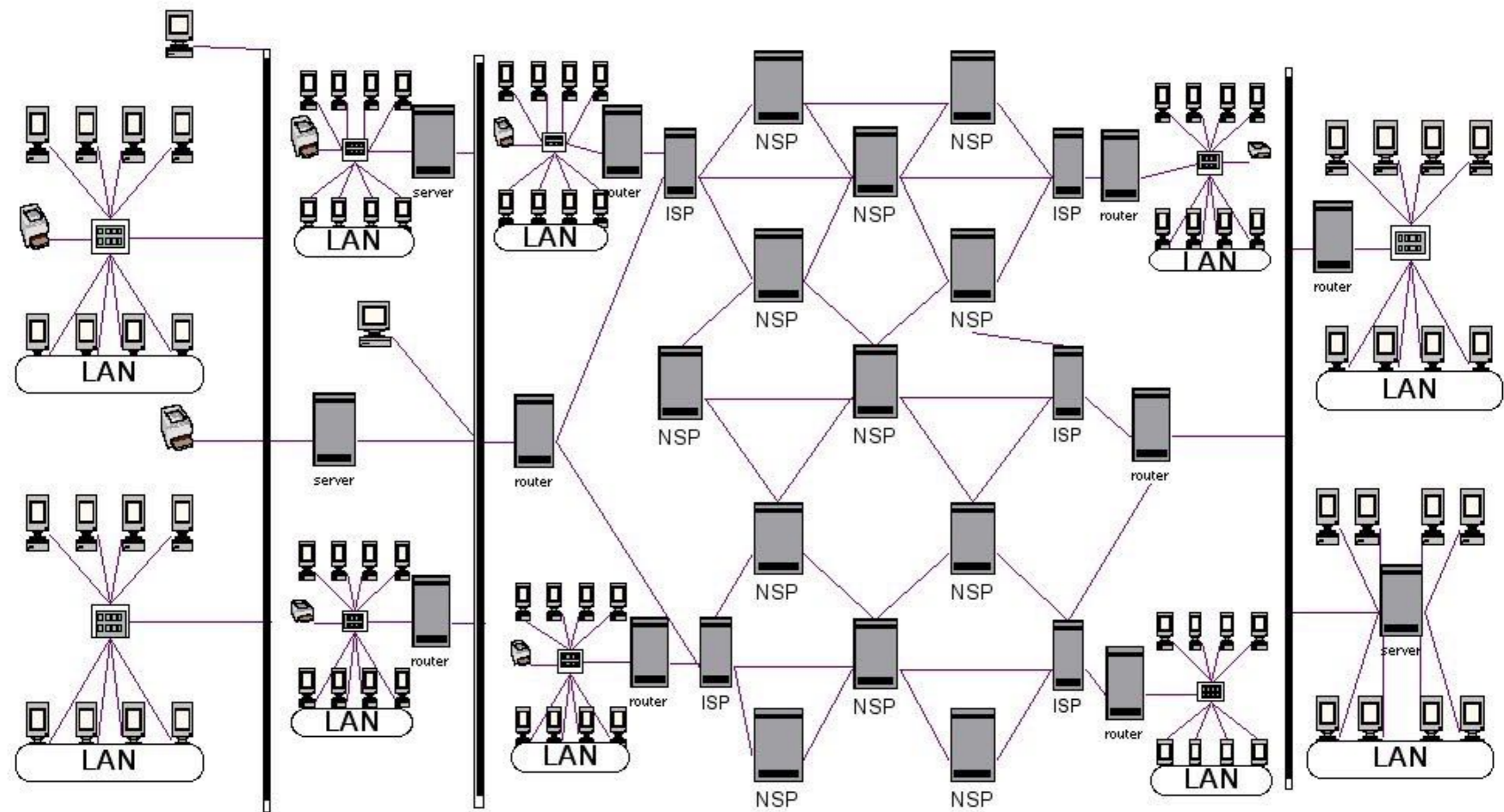
- Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3
- Peering Agreements
- Large cables laid on the sea floor
- India has only one Tier 1 network. Tata Communications

WAN

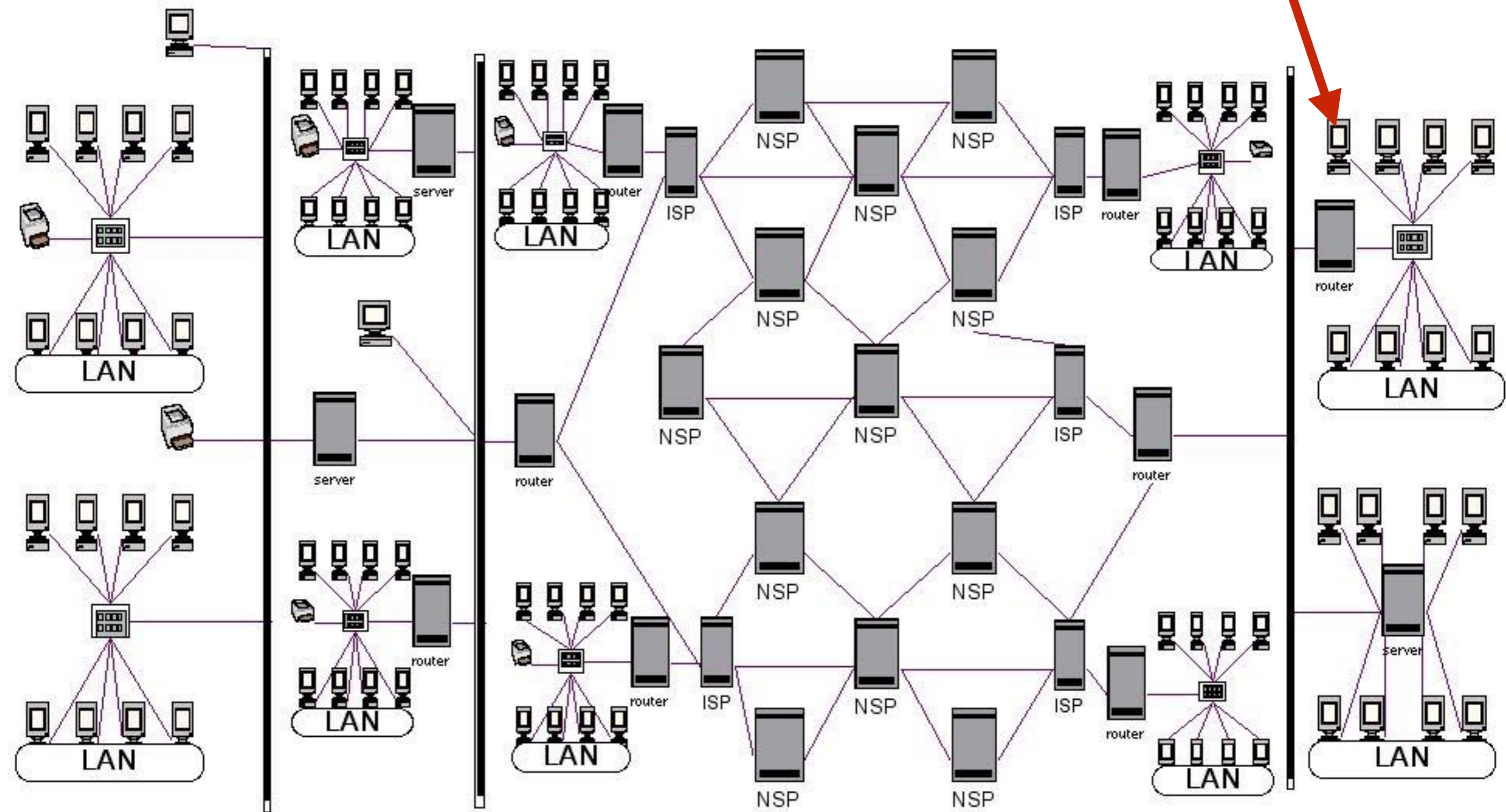
- Wide area network
- A network bigger than the one you are on
- WAN also connected smaller networks to each other

Internet

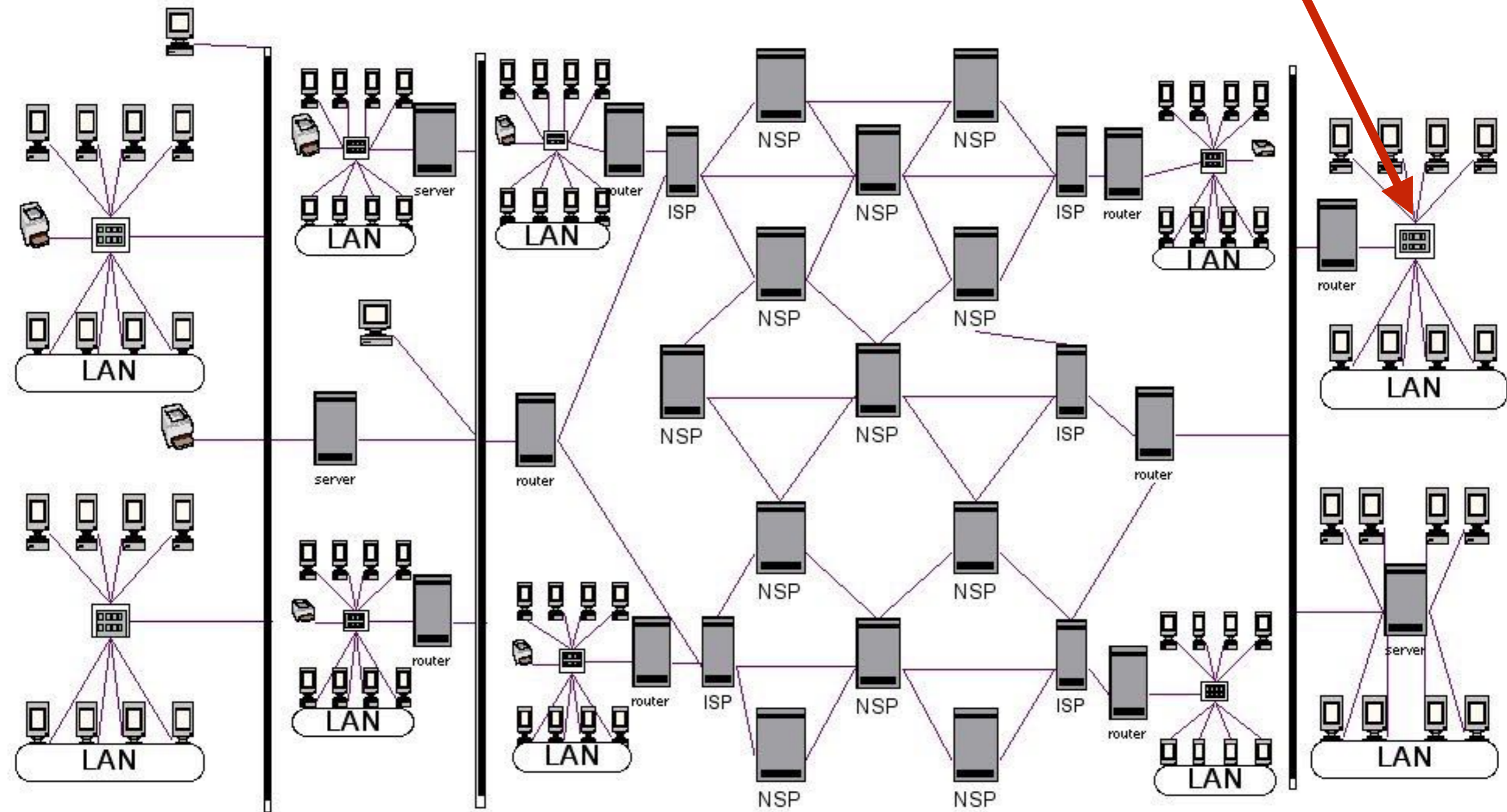
- The biggest WAN
- You connect to your ISP
- Your ISP connects to the regional hub
- the regional hub is connected to geographic hub
- geographic hub connected to main backbone
- backbone connected to Tier-1 ISP



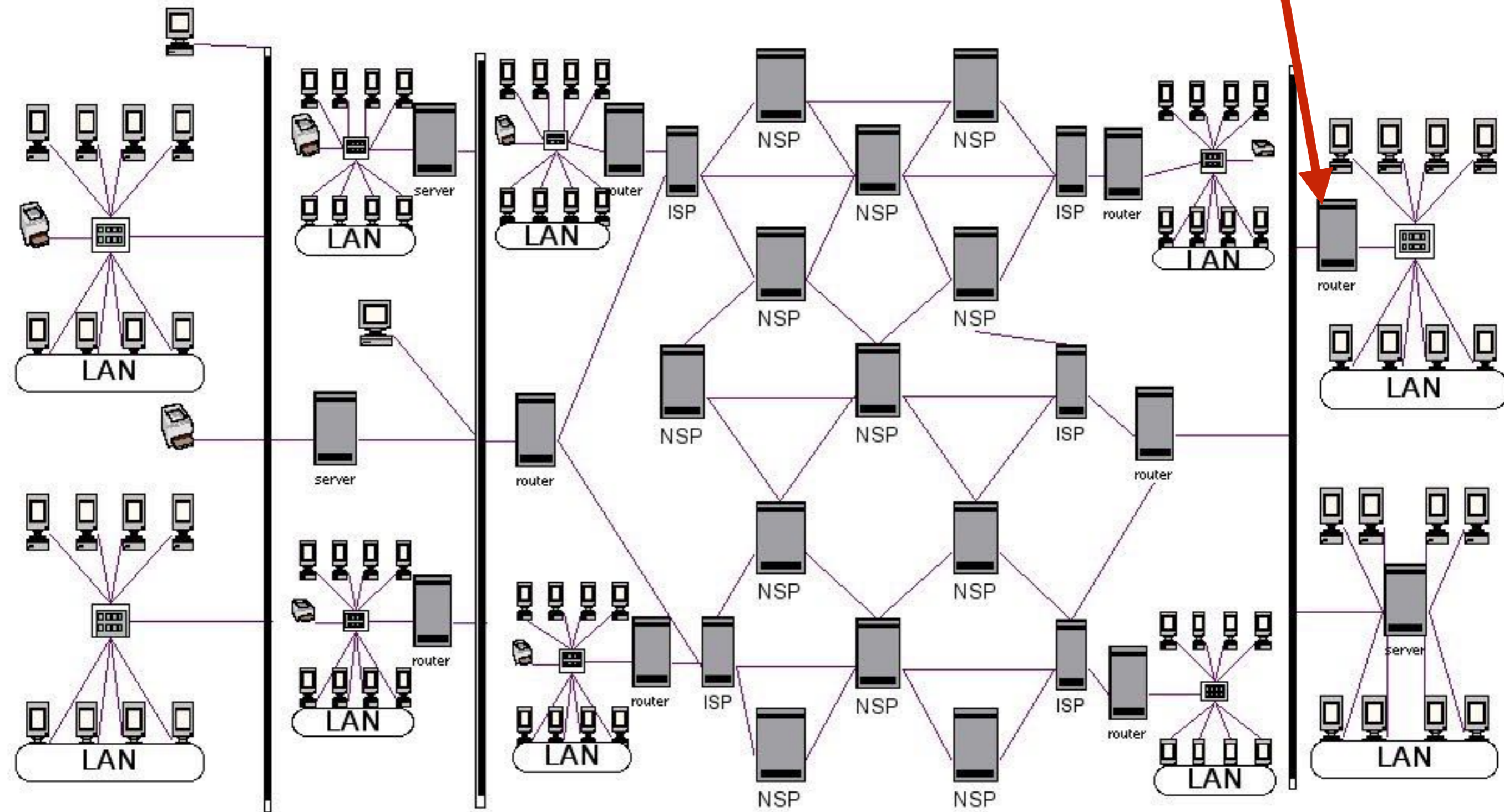
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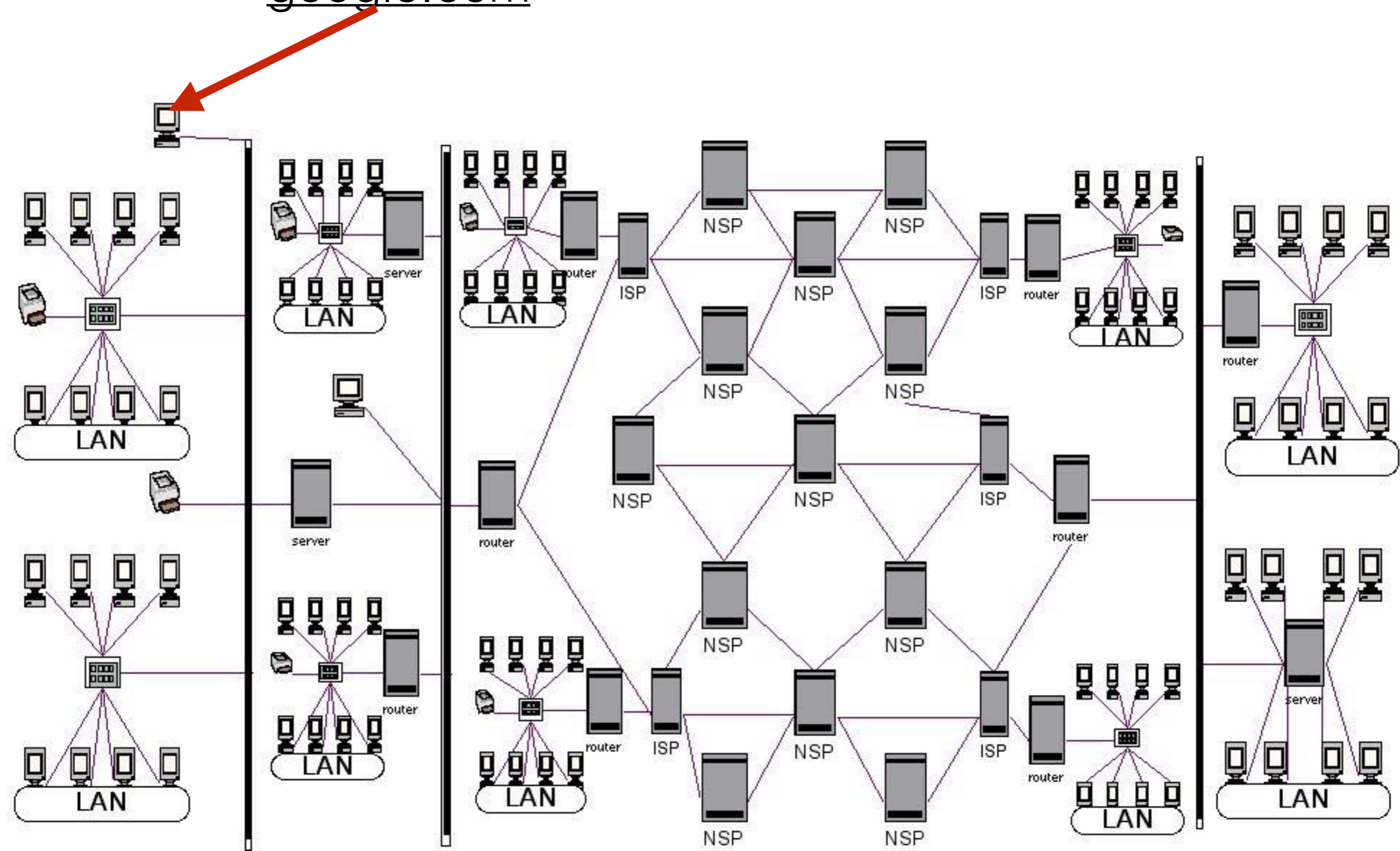
Your Home Router

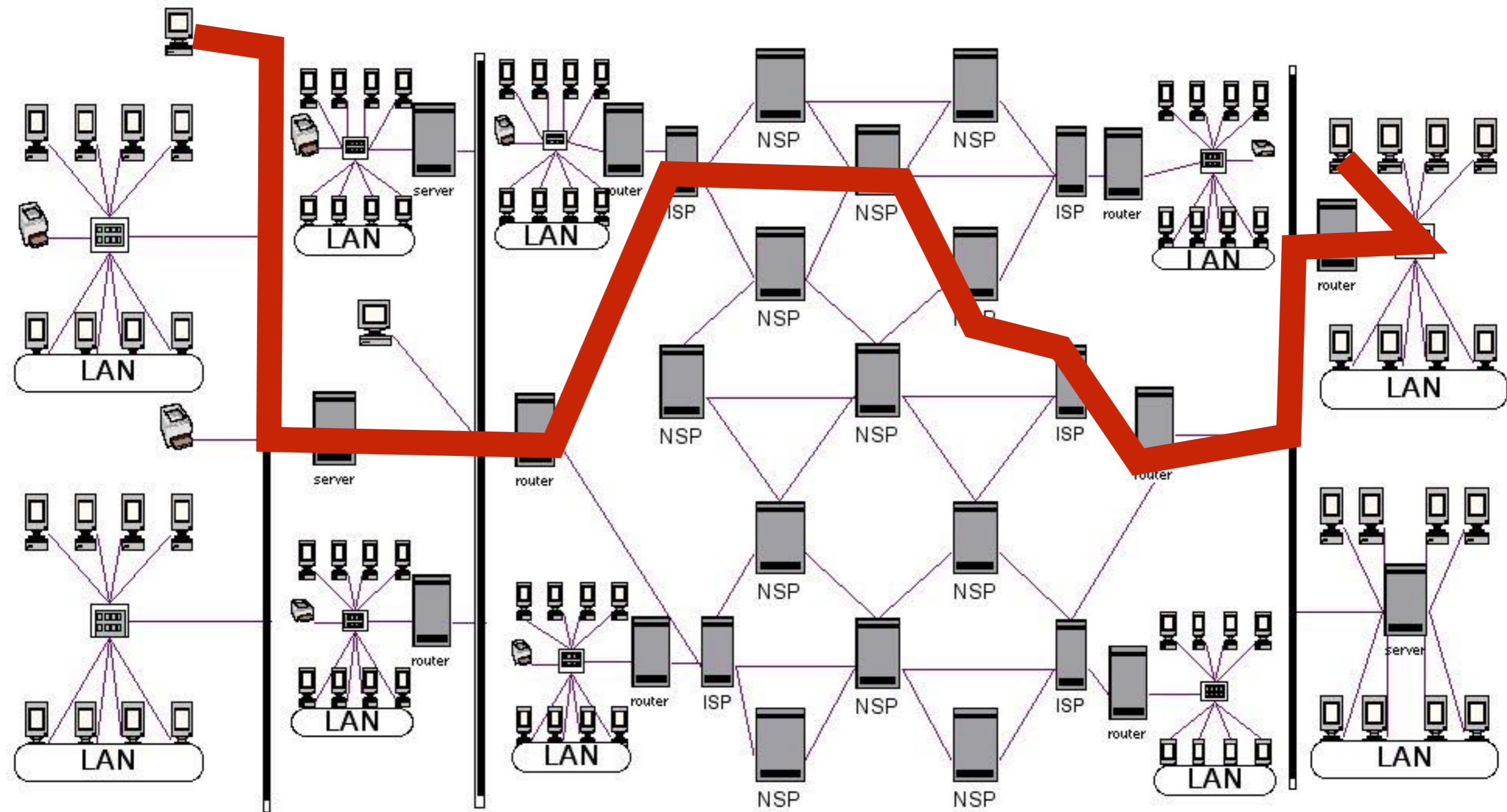


Your ISP's Router



google.com

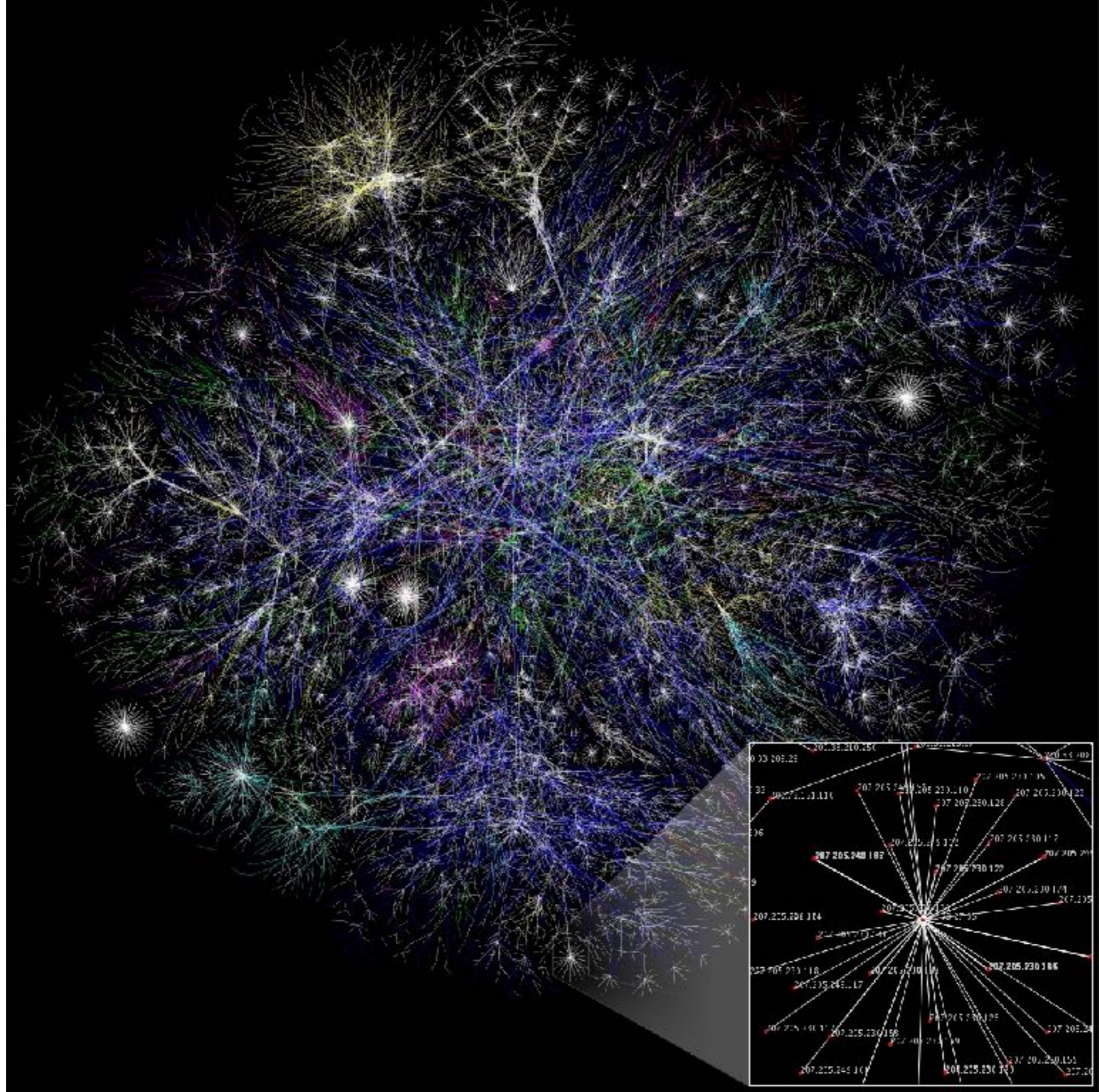


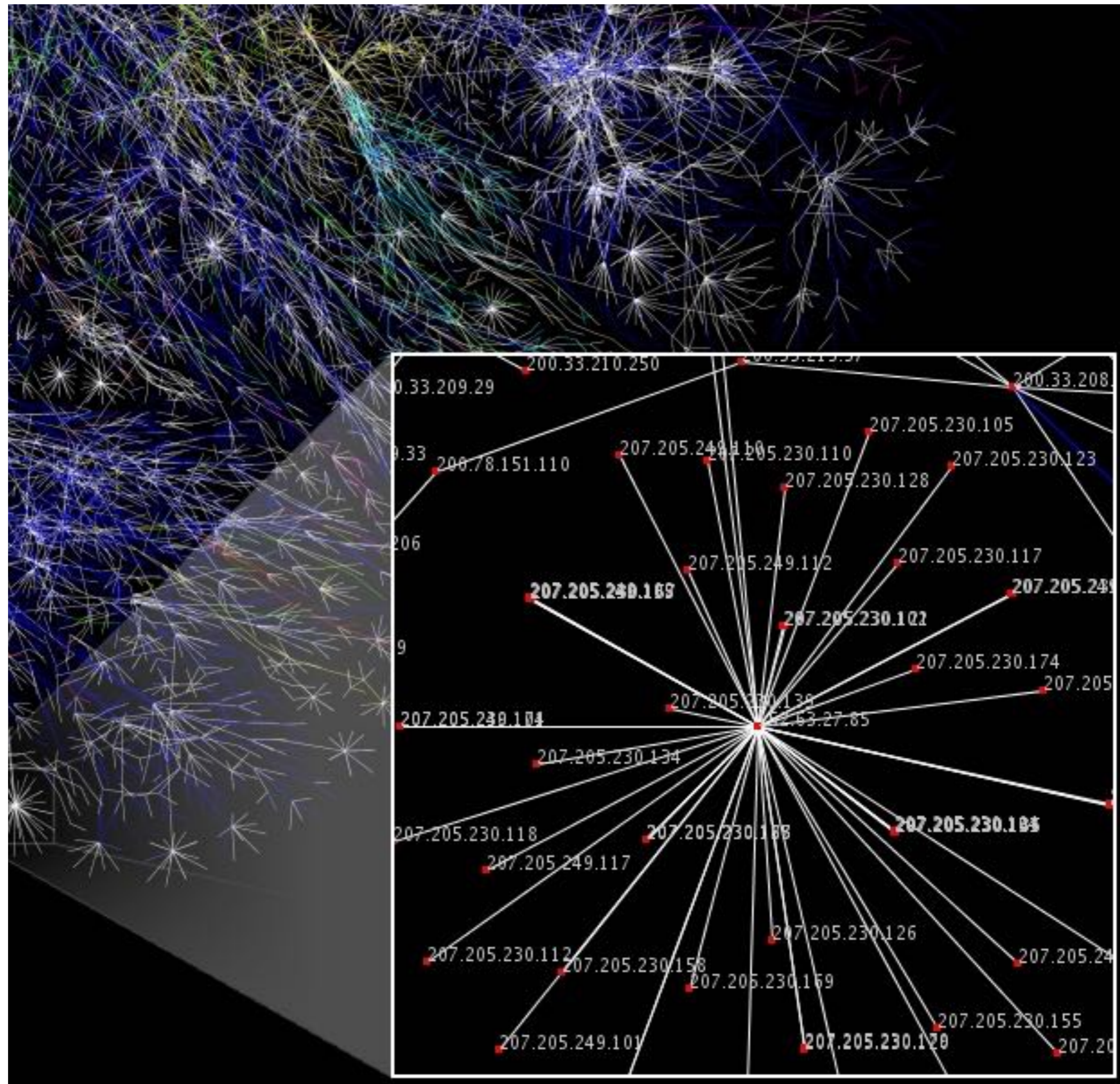


Go to google.com

But Practically?

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$ traceroute -n google.com
traceroute to google.com (216.58.199.142), 64 hops max, 52 byte packets
 1  10.0.0.1  0.693 ms  0.384 ms  0.366 ms
 2  172.31.31.130  1.681 ms  1.509 ms  1.552 ms
 3  172.31.11.173  11.178 ms  11.079 ms  11.117 ms
 4  172.31.103.133  11.464 ms  12.704 ms  11.286 ms
 5  172.31.244.15  11.164 ms  11.273 ms  11.201 ms
 6  172.31.10.78  11.308 ms  11.391 ms  11.290 ms
 7  112.133.203.182  56.930 ms  55.870 ms  55.287 ms
 8  72.14.233.204  11.280 ms  11.191 ms  28.327 ms
 9  216.239.50.170  33.157 ms  36.185 ms  35.975 ms
10  216.239.48.29  36.161 ms  36.156 ms  36.300 ms
11  216.58.199.142  36.132 ms  36.159 ms  36.107 ms
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But how does that work?

- PPPoE/ Leased Line/FTTH
- DHCP
- DNS
- TCP/UDP

PPPoE

- Point to point over Ethernet
- Connect you with the nearest router
- Give username and password
 - Decides if you are a subscriber
 - How much speed you should get?

What does a computer need to know?

- Who am I? - > An IP Address
- Who is my gateway
- What network am i on?
- Who should i contact for DNS ?

DHCP

- Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
- When a device connects to the network. Give it the correct network configuration
- Give MAC, get back configuration

DNS

- Connected to Internet
- Domain name server
- Give domain, Get back IP Address(es)

TCP/UDP

- Protocols that do data transfer from Point A to Point B (i.e. From your IP to Other IP)
- TCP - Provides Guarantee that traffic will be received
- UDP - No Guarantee for receipt

TCP at a glance

- Sender numbers the packets 1, 2, 3, 4, 5...
- Receiver acknowledges last received number.
 - If 1, 2 and 3 are received, it sends back 3
- Hence, If sender sent 1,2,3,4,5 and got back 3, it sends 4 and 5 again
- This mechanism guarantees that all packets will be sent

UDP

- I dont care
- Here are 500 packets

Ping

- Send one ICMP Packet (HELLO)
- Get back packet if machine is on (ACK HELLO)
- Machine is alive!

When a network goes down

- Check if the machine has an IP from DHCP
- Check local network (Ping Local Gateway)
- Check router status (PPPoE Internet connection status)
- Ping by IP (8.8.8.8)
- Ping by Domain Name (google.com)