KMI spells out the internet ecosystem

What is KMI?

Kentik Market Intelligence (KMI) is a new Kentik offering that explores and navigates the global routing table. By classifying AS relationships into peering and transit, users can identify the providers, peers and customers for any AS in any geography.

Additionally, KMI produces rankings based on the volume of IP space transited by ASes in different geographies. Using tables and charts, KMI offers a global view of the internet out-of-the-box without any configuration or setup.

Why KMI

Until now, understanding how ASes interconnect relied on a mix of oral tradition and manual analysis of large amounts of BGP data. As a consequence, no commercially available platform exists to support critical activities such as:

- selecting the best upstream provider in any locale based on objective criteria,
- benchmarking ASes against each other based on interconnection to eyeballs or content providers, and
- supporting IP transit sales prospecting and interconnection KPIs.

With Kentik Market Intelligence, this gap is now bridged. Without any need for complex configuration nor raw data exploration, KMI gives you immediate access to an easily explorable dataset of ASes that allows comparison by geography.

By processing hundreds of millions of BGP routing announcements every day, KMI calculates relative sizes of the customer base of each AS in various geographies. Based on transited IP address counts, these cone sizes are used to provide current and historical rankings of the transit providers for any country and region.

Key benefits

- Understand the relationship for any AS in any country in the world.
- Be notified of any relationship changes involving any AS or market of interest.

- Identify sales opportunities by enumerating customers in a target market.
- Track your competitors’ customers and highlight any single-homed ASes.

- Track AS rankings in any geography based on objective routing data.
- Understand how your AS compares to other providers in selected geographies.
Benchmark your own network in any geography

Kentik Market Intelligence is the reliable, neutral and objective tool for product and marketing teams to market the connectivity advantages of their networks in all areas where they excel: no more placeholder PoP to PoP latency tables serving as the default collateral for IP transit capacity!

Zoom in from regional rankings into specific ASes – KMI always displays comparative data to your AS. You can always know how well your network stacks up against others and tracks its progression.

Efficient sales prospecting

Sales prospecting used to rely heavily on parsing routing registry records and word-of-mouth. Kentik Market Intelligence reveals sales opportunities by listing the transit relationships powering the internet in a target market.

For example, you can discover new prospects by analyzing the current customers of wholesale or backbone operators that provide service in a particular market. Additionally, KMI will mark ASes that are critically dependent on a single upstream provider (i.e., single-homed) as well as which ASes are presently classified as customers of your AS (i.e., mutual).

A data-driven approach to network expansion and interconnection

Kentik Market Intelligence removes the guesswork in planning discussions around extending the reach of the network. Now the top retail, wholesale or backbone providers are known in any country, region or continent.

Interconnection managers can make better decisions based on data they did not have easy access to previously – the providers, peers and customers of any AS at a glance.

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