

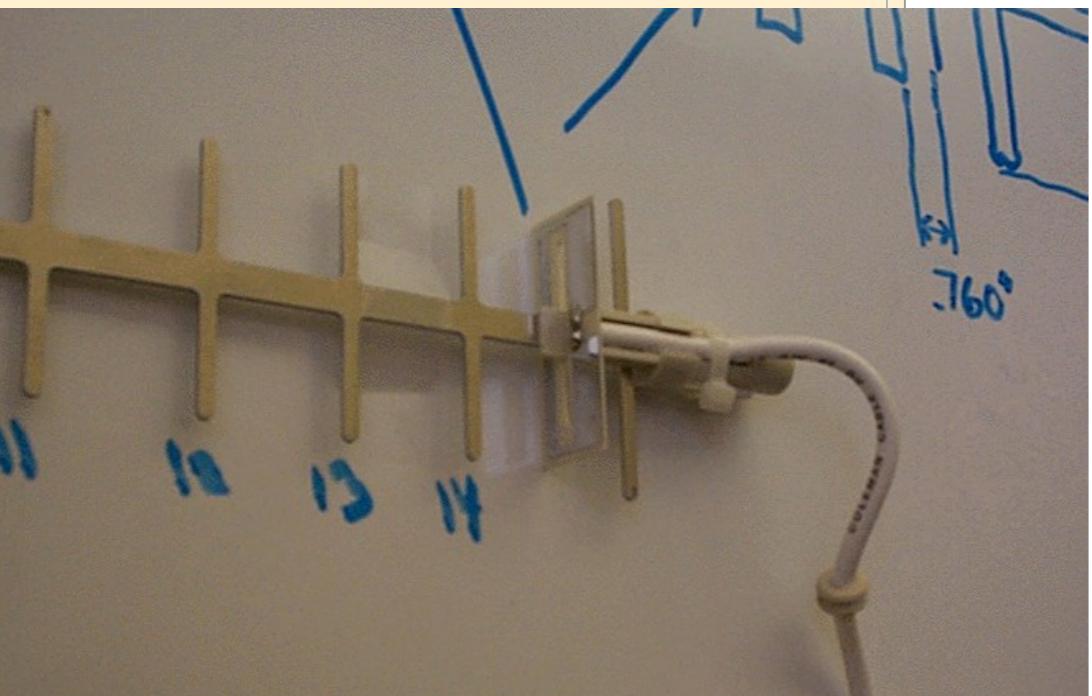
# Wireless Community Networks

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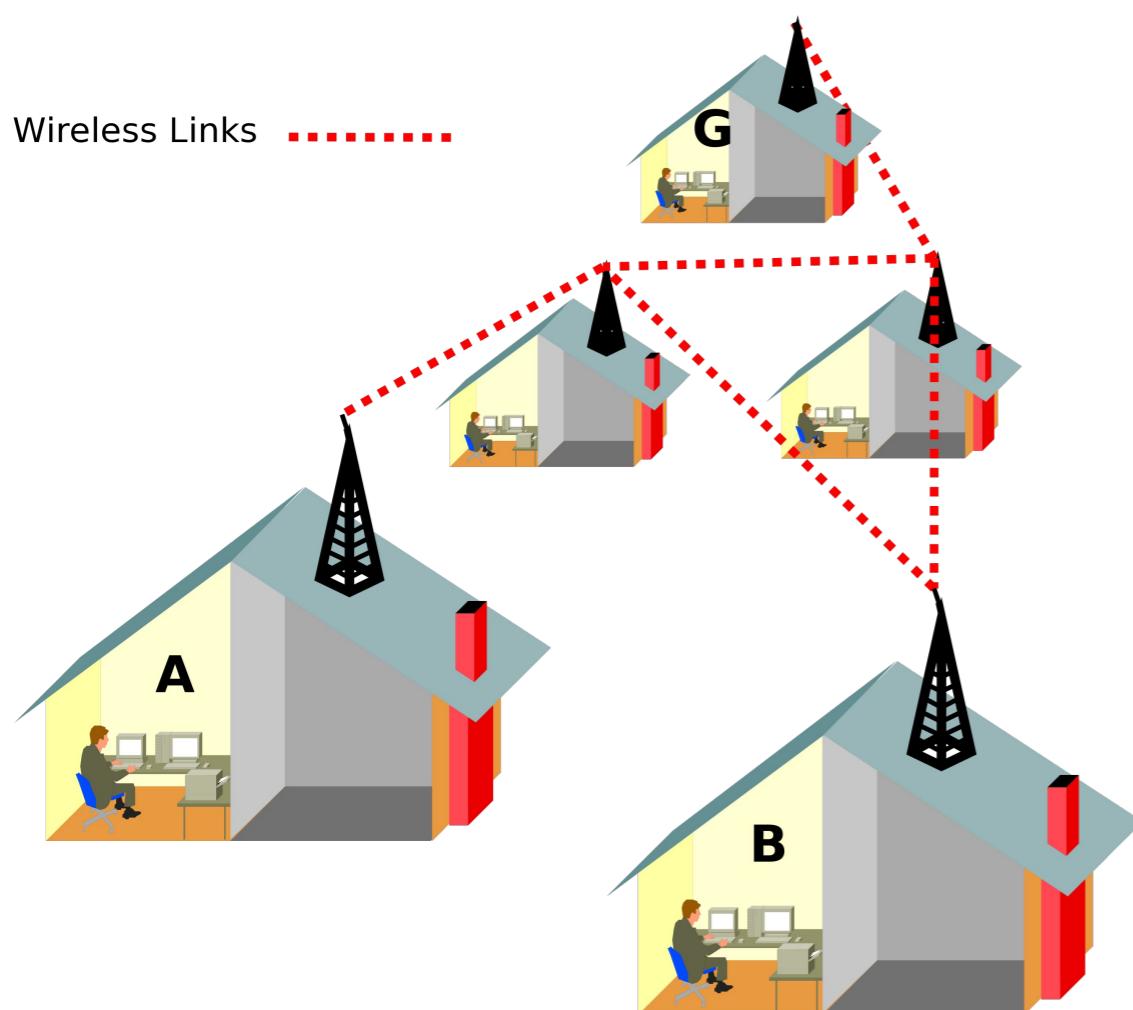


# Seattle Wireless (2000)

The screenshot shows a web-based network configuration interface for the 'Pyramid' distribution of Linux. The title bar reads 'Pyramid: pyramid - Konqueror'. The main page is titled 'Network Settings' and lists three network interfaces: ath0, eth0 (selected), and eth1. Under 'Dynamic address (DHCP)', there is an option to 'Disable eth0'. Under 'Static address', the IP address is set to 192.168.1.1, Netmask to 255.255.255.0, Broadcast to 192.168.1.255, and Gateway is empty. Static DNS is also empty. Below this, 'Masquerading (NAT)' is listed. A section titled 'Current settings for eth0' shows the current configuration: Ethernet address 00:00:24:C1:1D:F0, IP address 192.168.1.1, Netmask 255.255.255.0, Broadcast 192.168.1.255, and Gateway empty. A 'Commit Changes' button is at the bottom.



# Wireless Community Networks – The Idea



# Wireless

- **IEEE 802.11** a.k.a. **Wi-Fi**
  - Wireless networking technology
  - Unlicensed band(s)
  - Available in stores since ~2000
  - Cheap
  - Everywhere



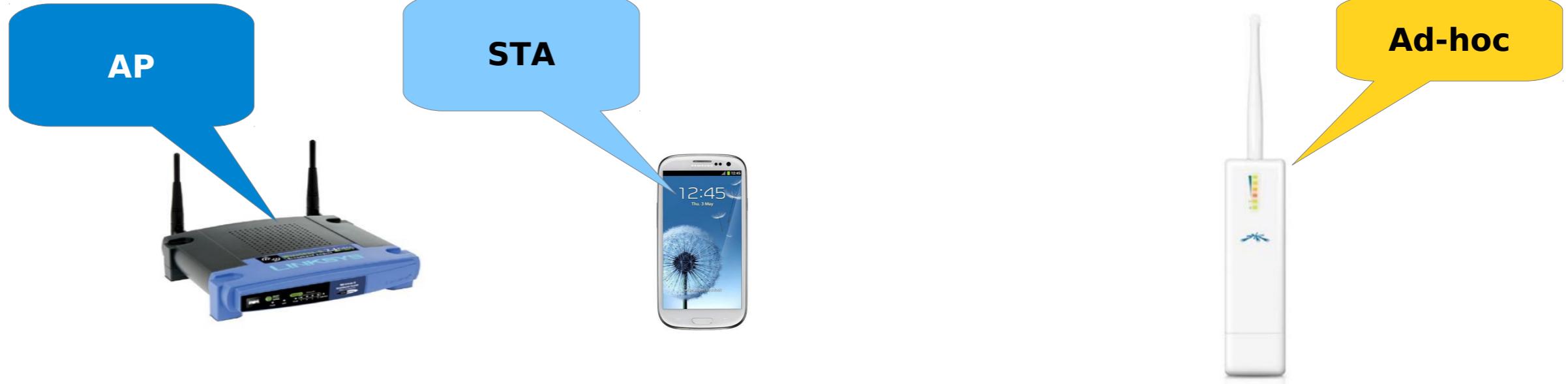
# IEEE 802.11

- **IEEE 802.11a:** 5GHz, up to 54Mbps
- **IEEE 802.11b:** 2.4GHz, up to 11Mbps
- **IEEE 802.11g:** 2.4GHz, up to 54Mbps
- **IEEE 802.11n:** 2.4 and 5GHz, up to 600Mbps
- **IEEE 802.11ac:** 5GHz, Gigabits

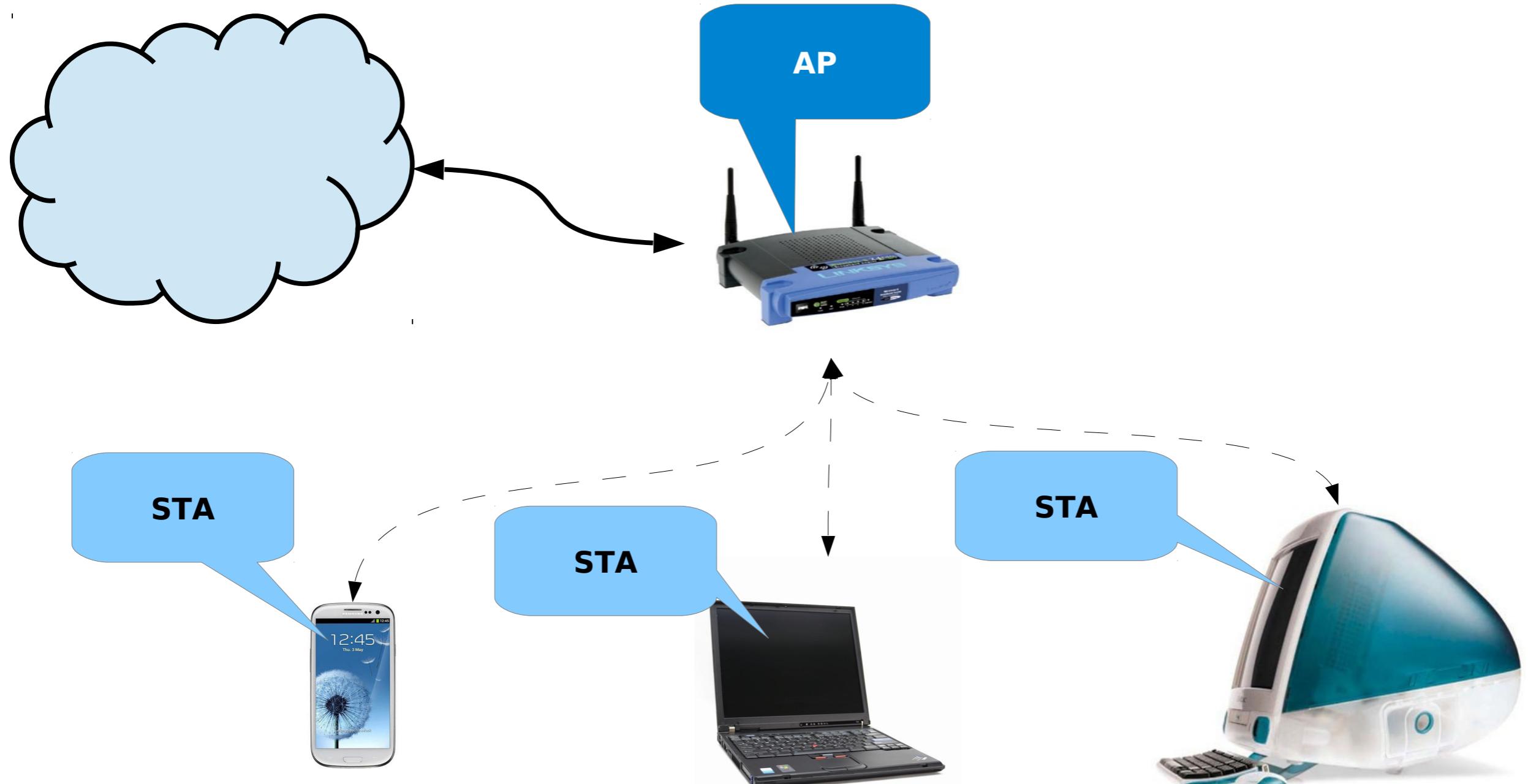


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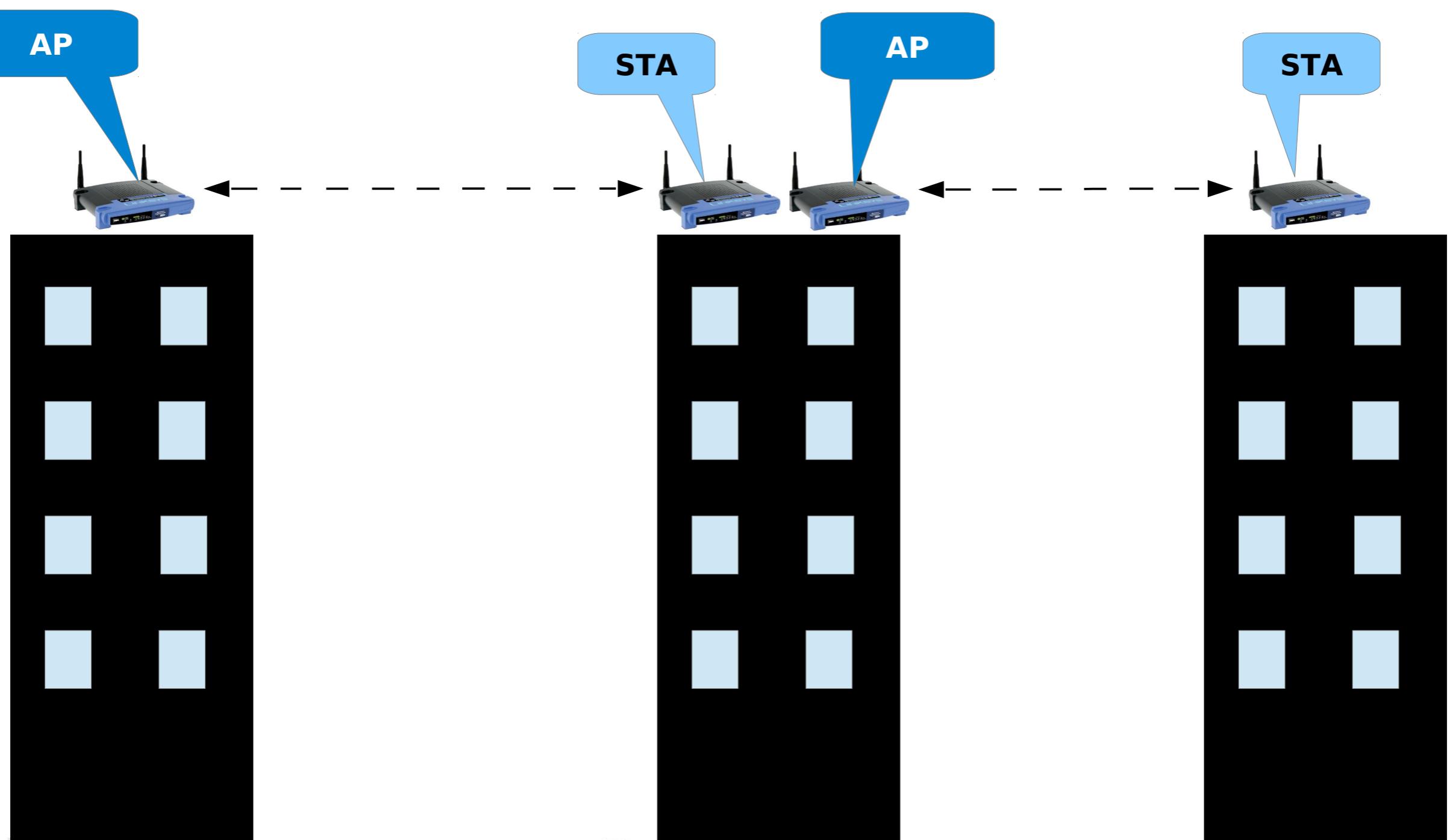
- 3 main operation modes for IEEE 802.11 devices:
  - Access Point (AP)
  - Station (STA)
  - Ad-Hoc



# Infrastructure mode



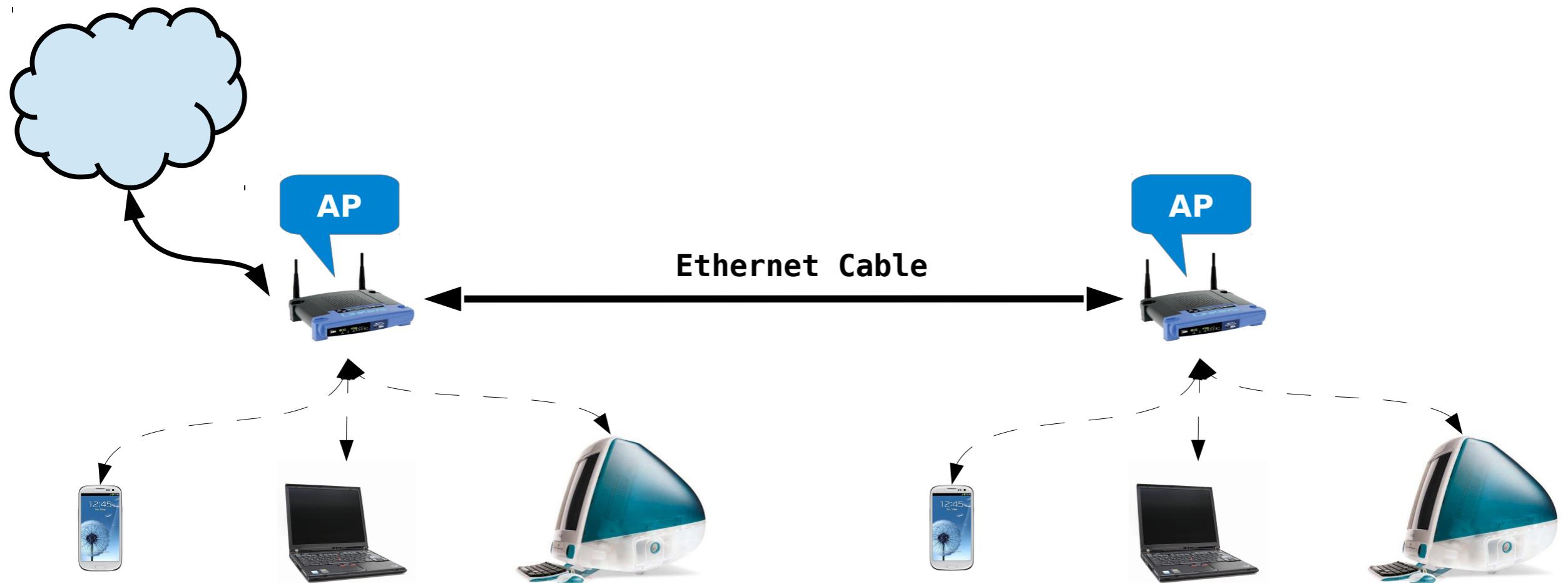
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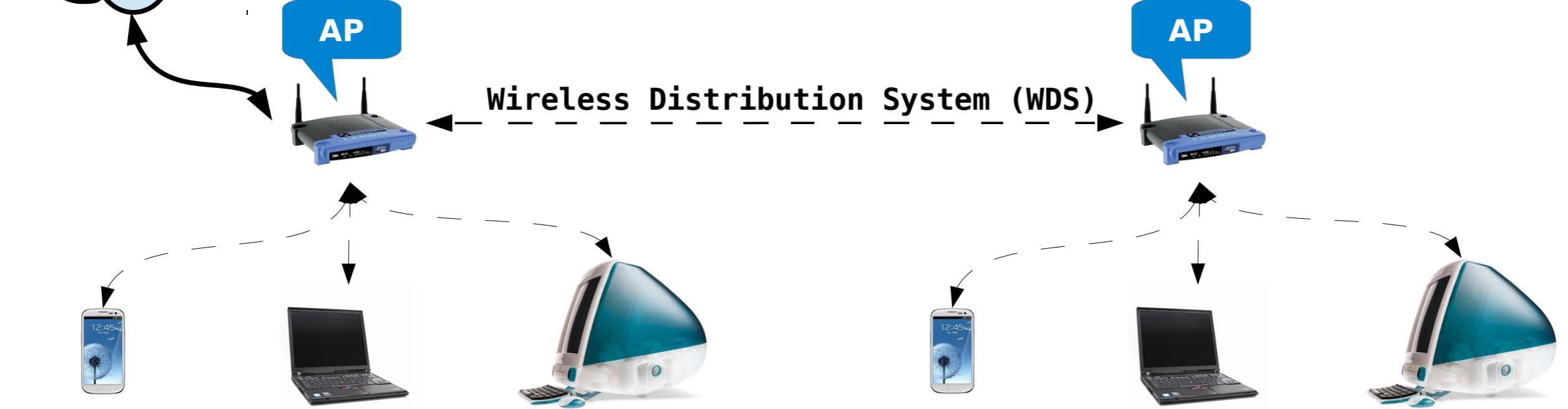
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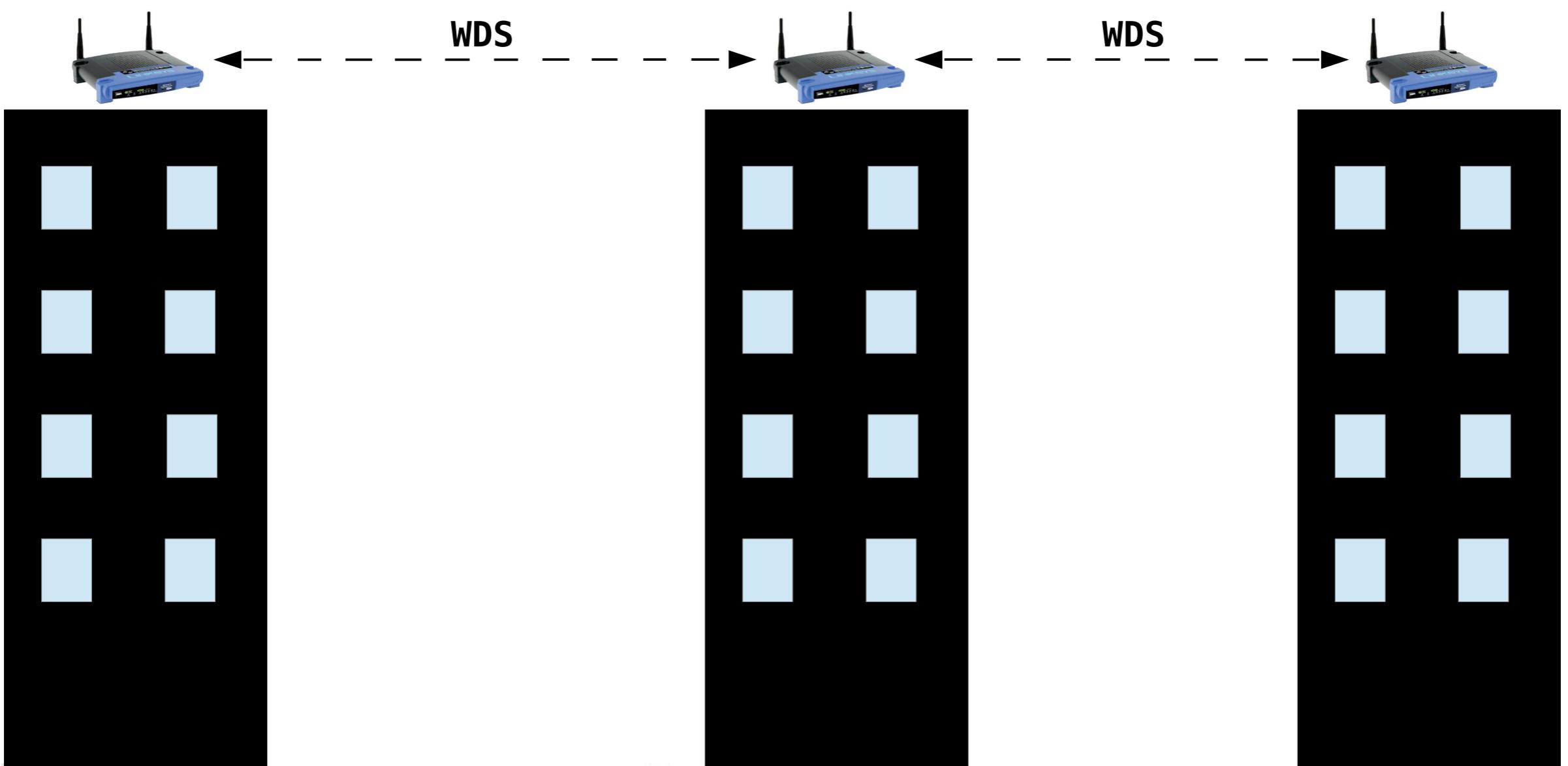
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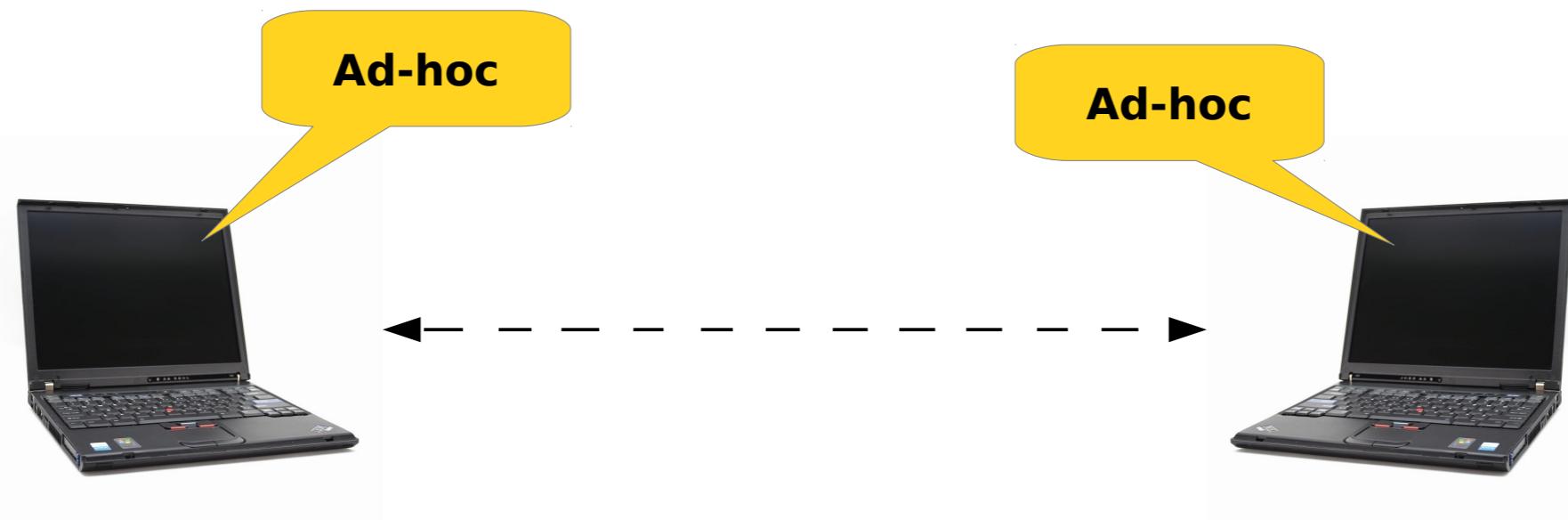
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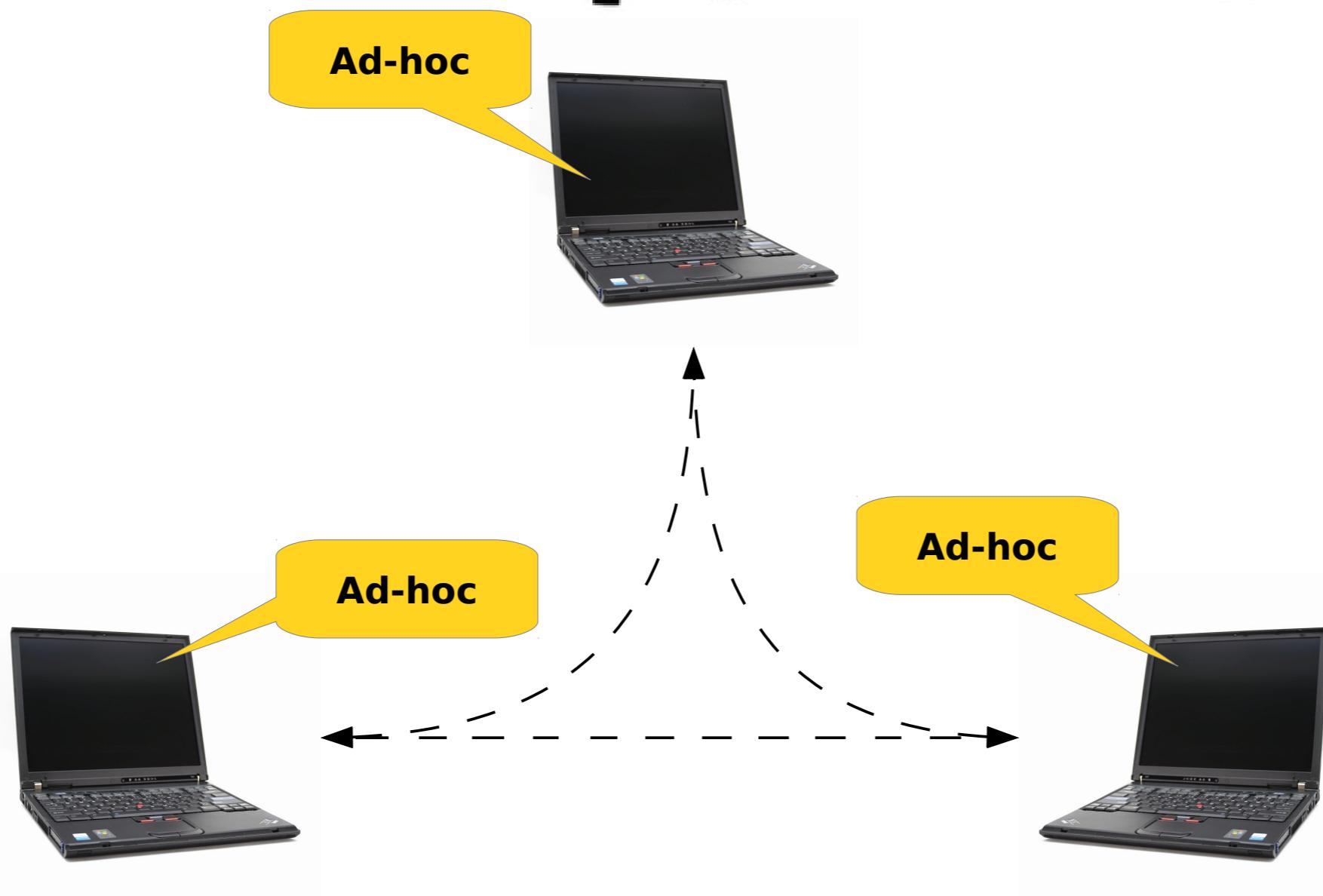
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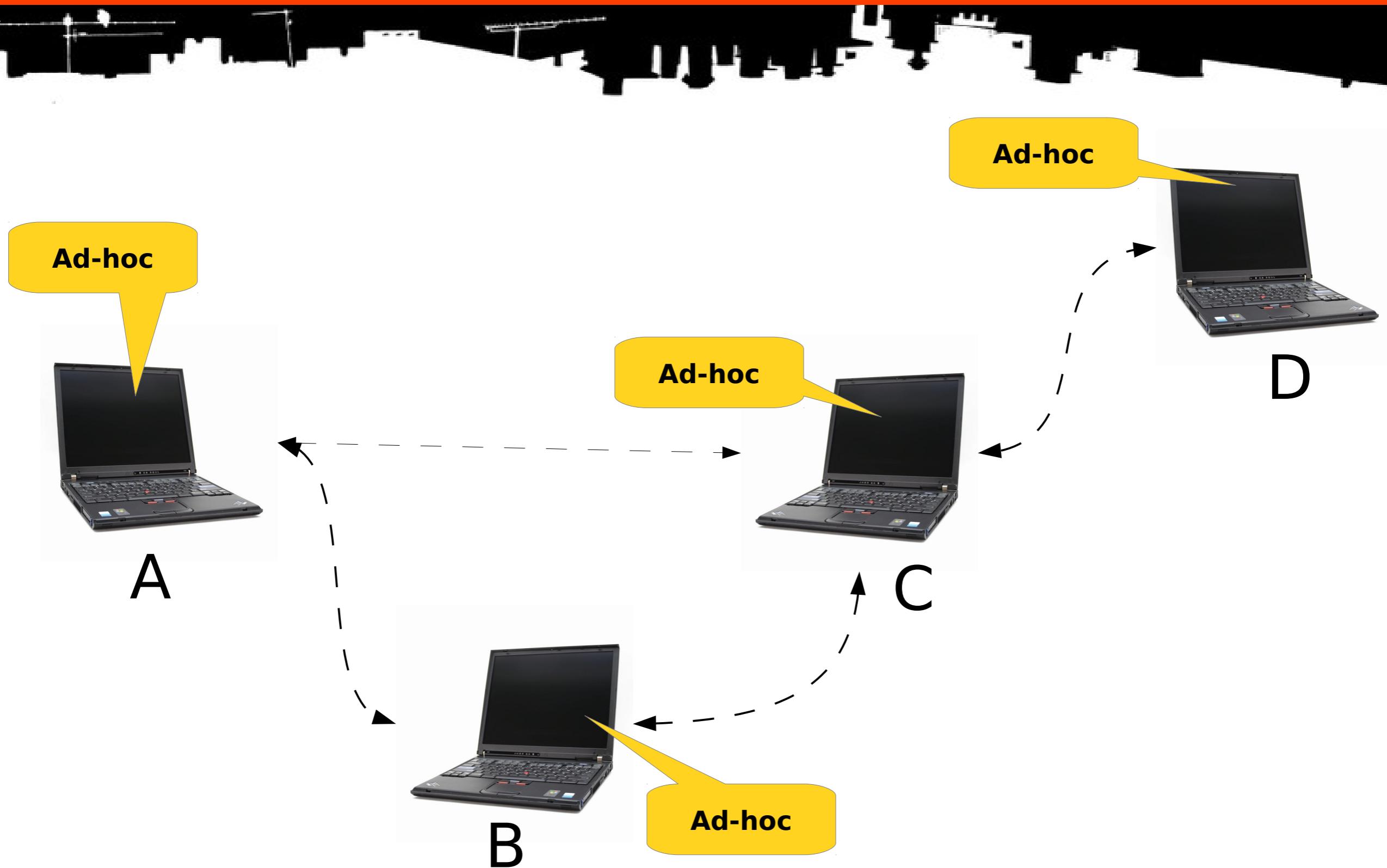
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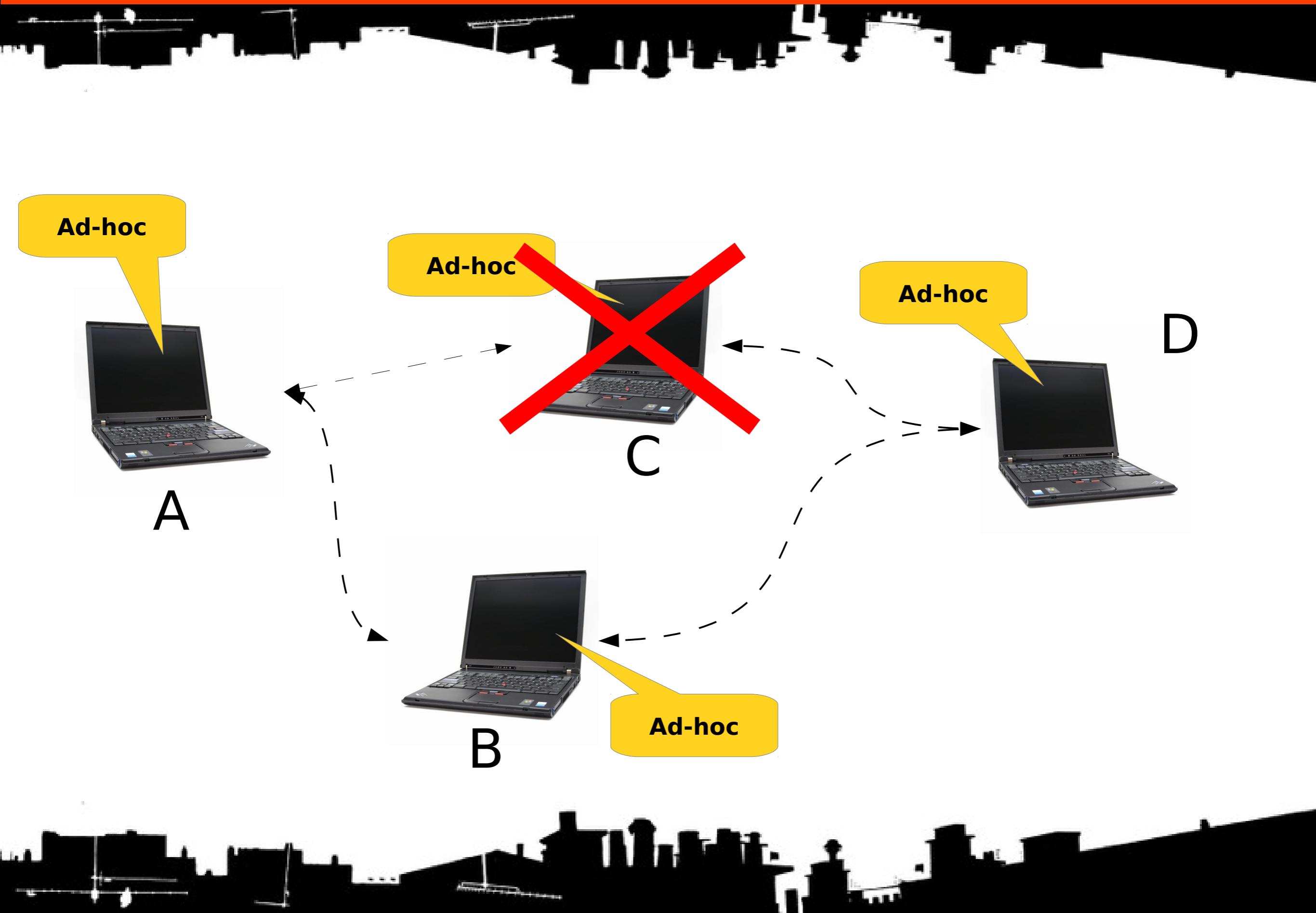
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# Mesh networks

- 3 or more devices in ad-hoc mode can form a **mesh network**
- Need for a **routing protocol** to automatically reconfigure the network:
  - wireless links are unstable
  - devices can be turned on or off (e.g. power outages)
  - devices can break or crash
  - in some scenarios devices can move (MANETs)

# Routing protocols

- Devices in a mesh need to run a **routing protocol**, periodically exchanging data about the **status of devices and links**
- Some routing protocols are **especially designed for wireless mesh networks**:
  - **OLSR**
  - **B.A.T.M.A.N.**
    - batmand
    - BMX
    - batman-advanced
  - **Babel**
  - ...

/\* re-insert on candidate tree with the better metric \*/  
new\_tc->ath\_tx = new\_tx; Insert into the global tc tree.  
olsr\_sp->add\_cand\_tree(cand\_tree, new\_tc);  
avl\_insert(&tc\_tree, &tc->vertex\_n  
} /\* put up the new link and bump the hop count \*/  
\* Initialize subtrees for edges  
new\_tc->next\_hop = tc->next\_hop; avl\_init(&tc->edge\_tree, avl\_comp  
new\_tc->hops = tc->hops + 1; avl\_init(&tc->prefix\_tree, avl\_co  
an adhoc wireless mesh routing daemon

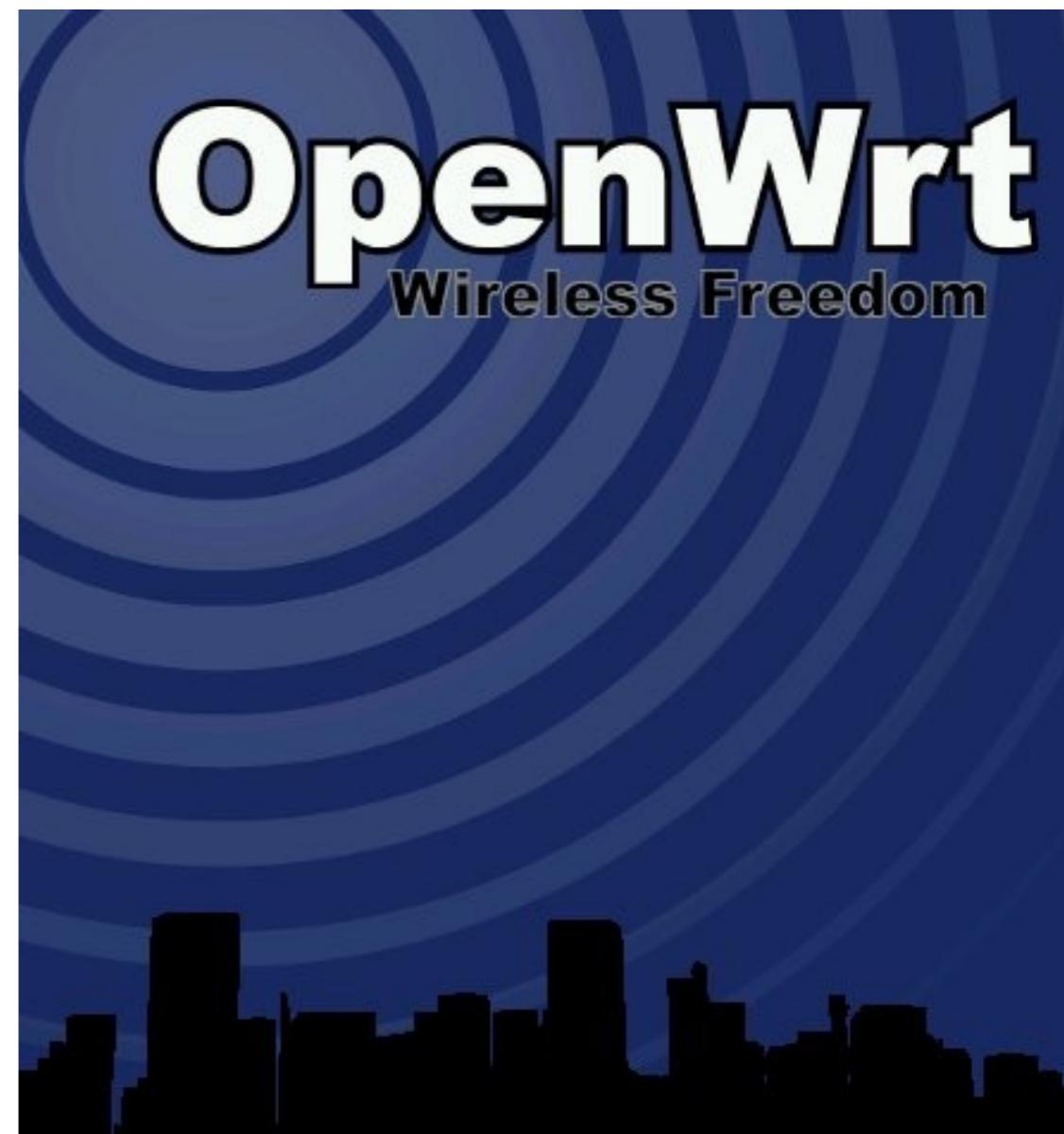


**Babel**

# Open Firmware



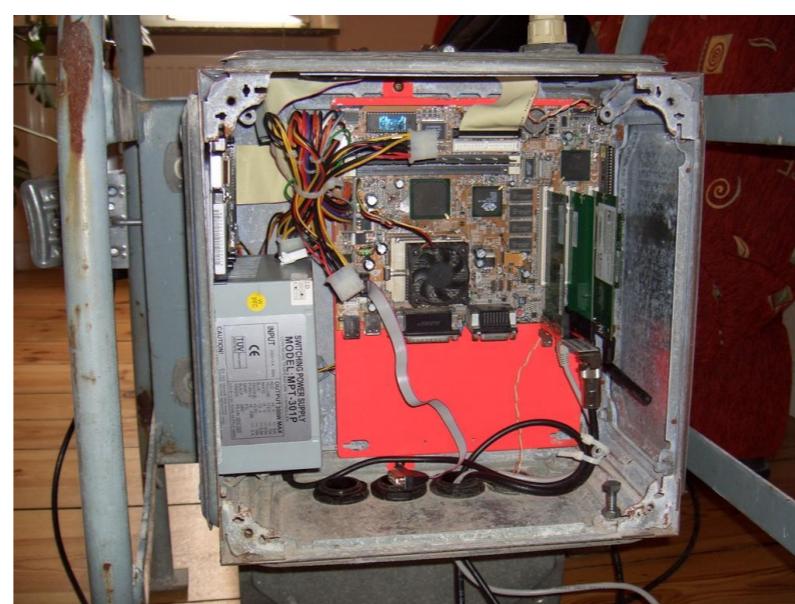
- Open firmwares:
  - **Linux distributions on embedded devices**
  - “turn a 50 euro router into a 400 euro router”
  - Package management, especially **routing protocol daemons**
- E.g.:
  - **OpenWrt**
  - Dd-wrt



```
mmc1: new SDIO card at address 0001
usb 1-1: configuration #1 chosen from 1 choice
regulator_init_complete: incomplete constraints, leaving IO_1V8 on
regulator_init_complete: incomplete constraints, leaving CORE_1V3 on
regulator_init_complete: incomplete constraints, leaving IO_3V3 on
pcf50633-rtc pcf50633-rtc: setting system clock to 2000-01-07 12:57:48 UTC (9472
49868)
BMI Get Target Info: Exit (ver: 0x20000059 type: 0x1)
eth0 (sdio_ar6000): not using net_device_ops yet
AR6000 Reg Code = 0x40000060
VFS: Mounted root (jffs2 filesystem) readonly on device 31:6.
Freeing init memory: 352K
Please be patient, while OpenWrt loads ...
```

# Network Nodes

- Network nodes hardware has gone through many stages:
  - PCs on the roofs
  - Self-made antennas
  - Off-the-shelf routers with modified firmware
  - routerboards
  - router+antenna in embedded devices suitable for outdoor operation



# Network Nodes

- Typical node today
  - Outdoor router(s) with custom firmware + embedded antenna on the roof
  - Ethernet cable
  - Power over Ethernet
  - Indoor router



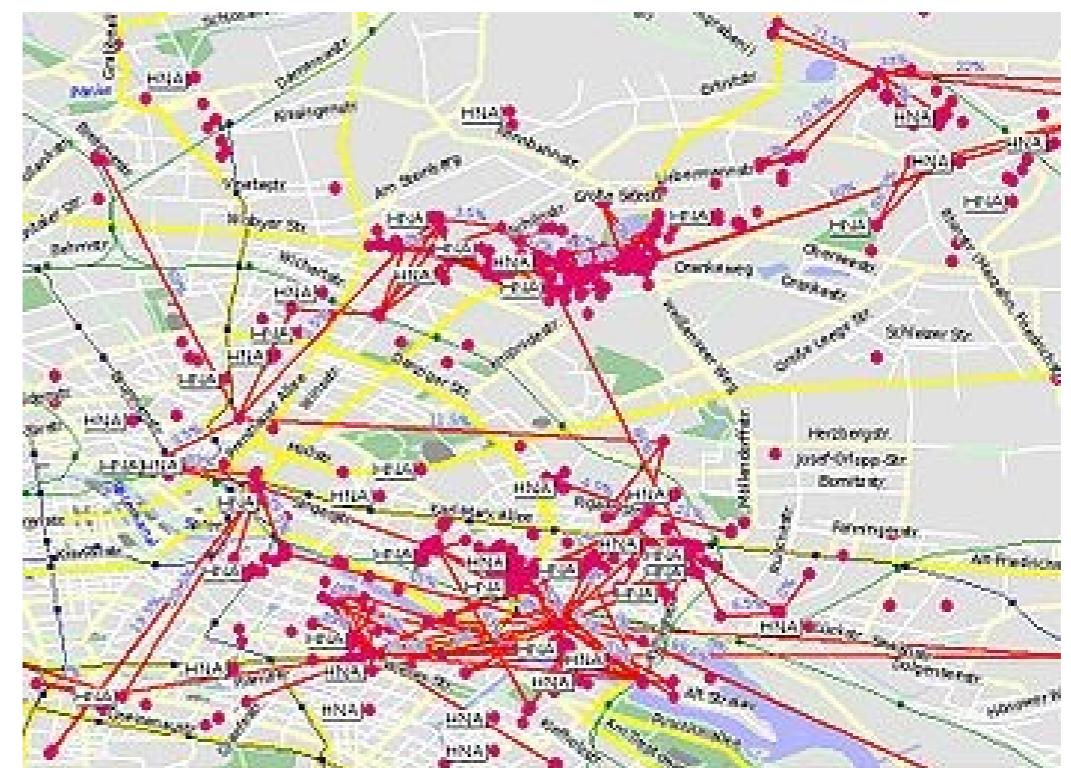


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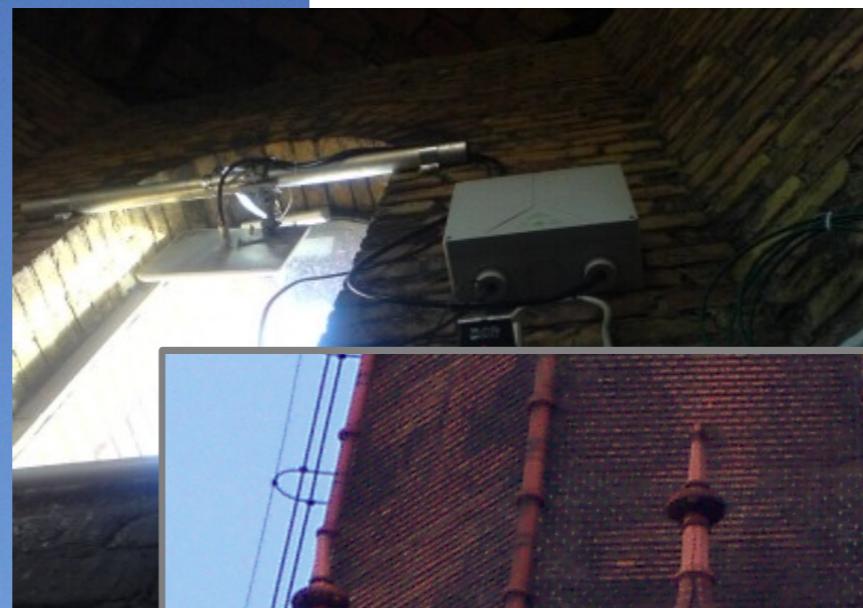


# Berlin + Germany – Freifunk.net

- “**Freifunk**” == **free radio**
- Started from **Berlin**, spread all over Germany
- Mesh
- Huge contributions to (but not only):
  - Open source routing protocol daemons
  - Open source tools
  - Wireless Commons Manifesto



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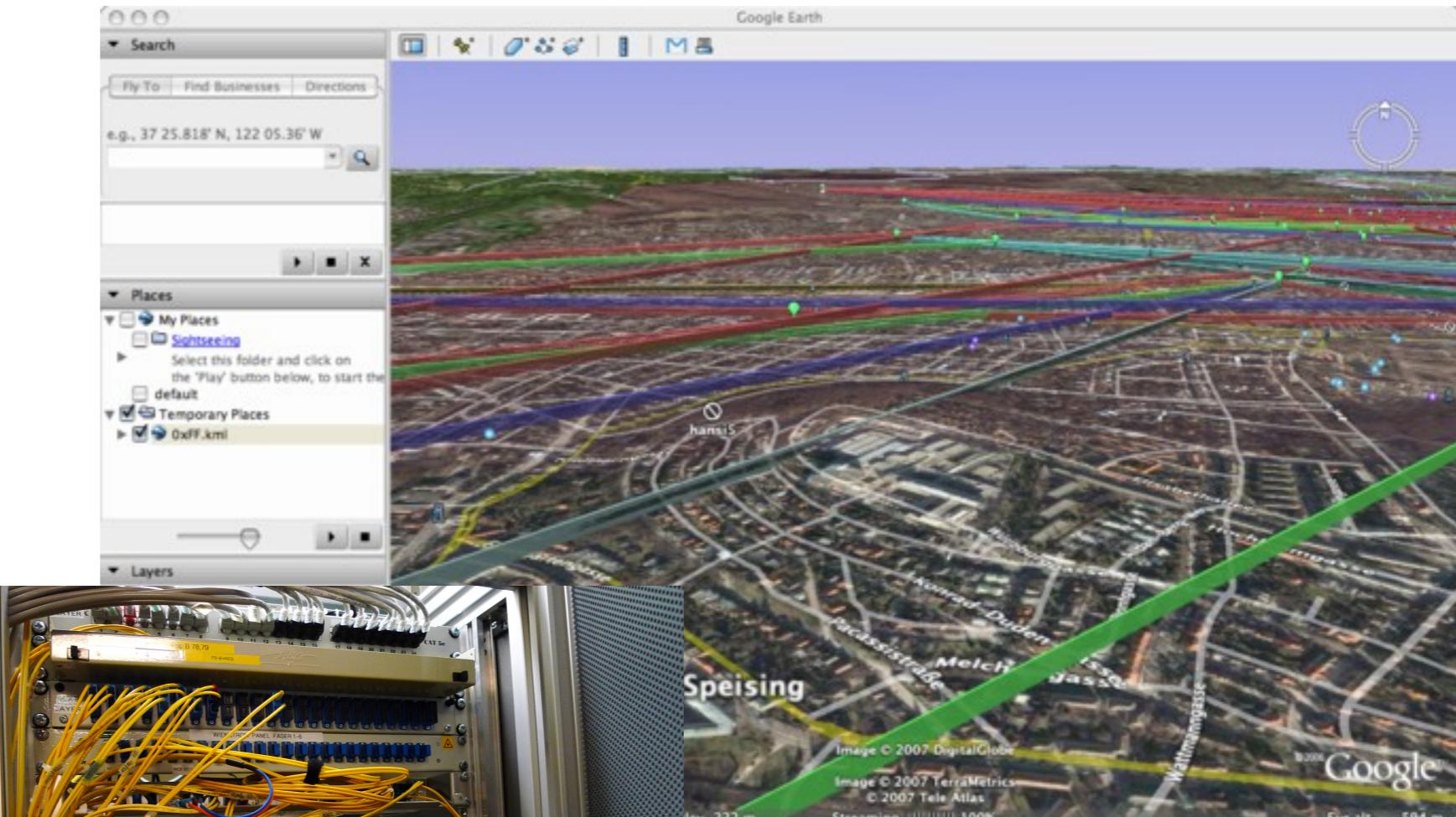
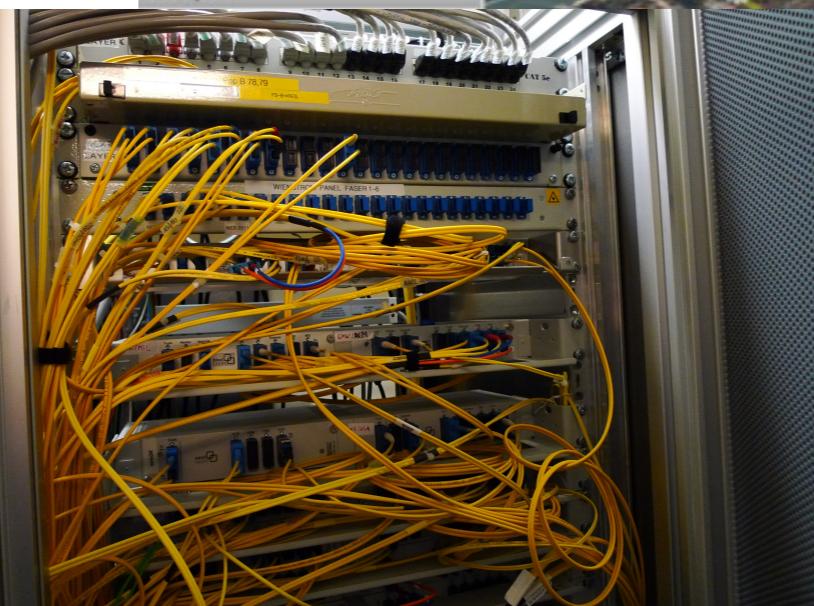


# Vienna + Austria – Funkfeuer.at

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FUNKFEUER  
FREE NET

- Funkfeuer: Vienna, Graz
- IPv6 Mesh



# Ljubljana+Slovenia – wlan slovenija

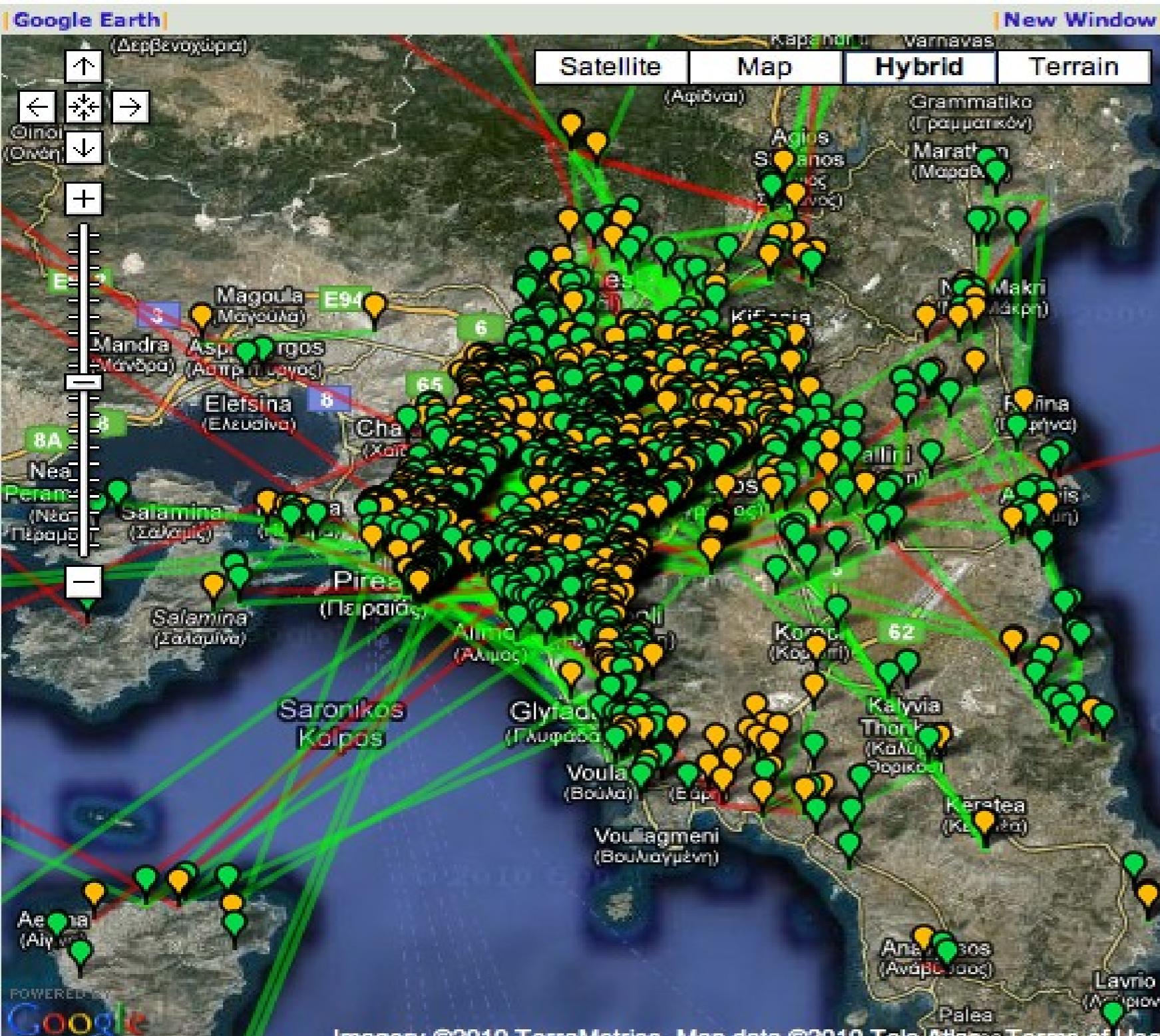
- WLAN Slovenija
- Towards a cross-border network



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open wireless network of Slovenia



# Athens - AWMN

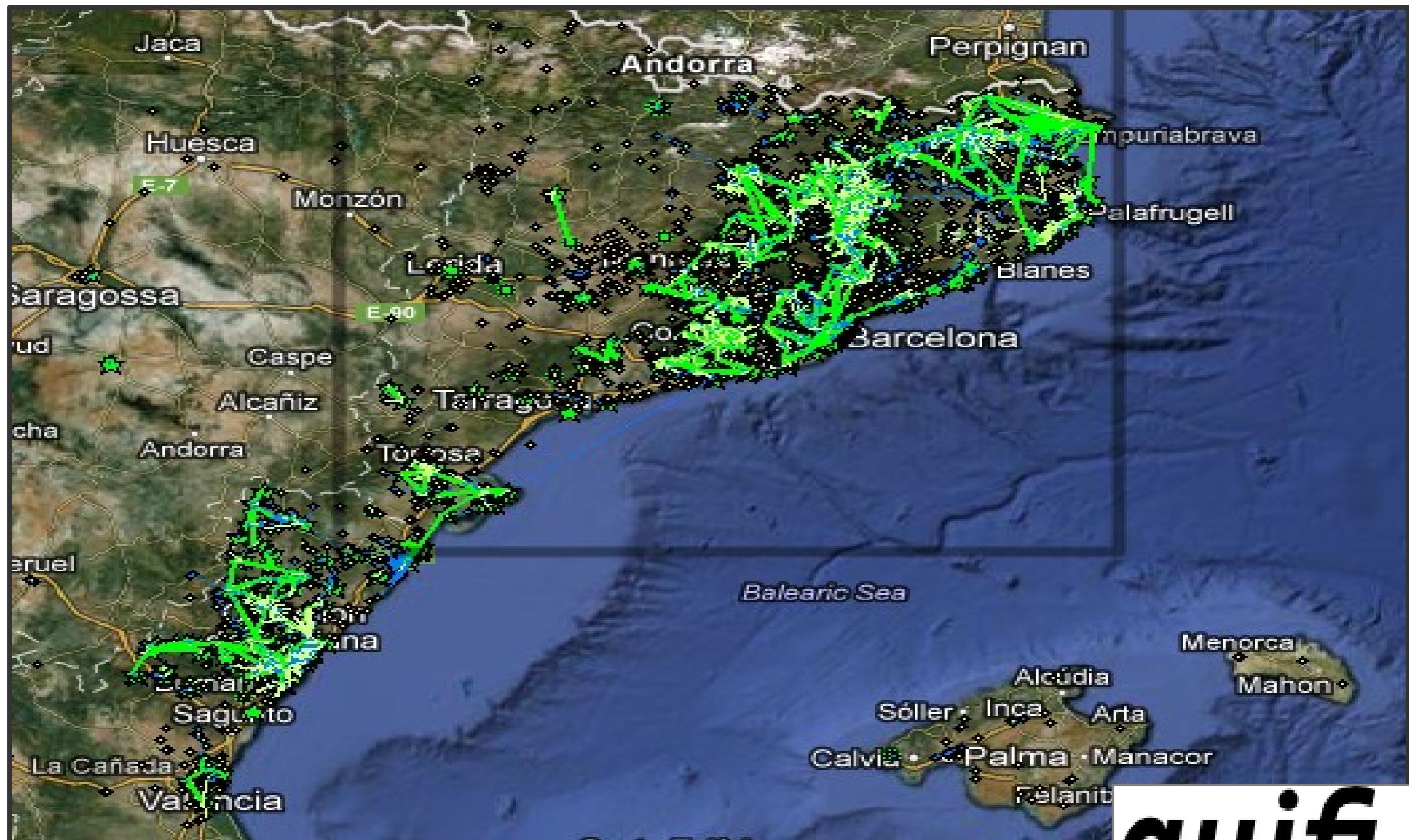


## Athens Wireless Metropolitan Network (Greece)

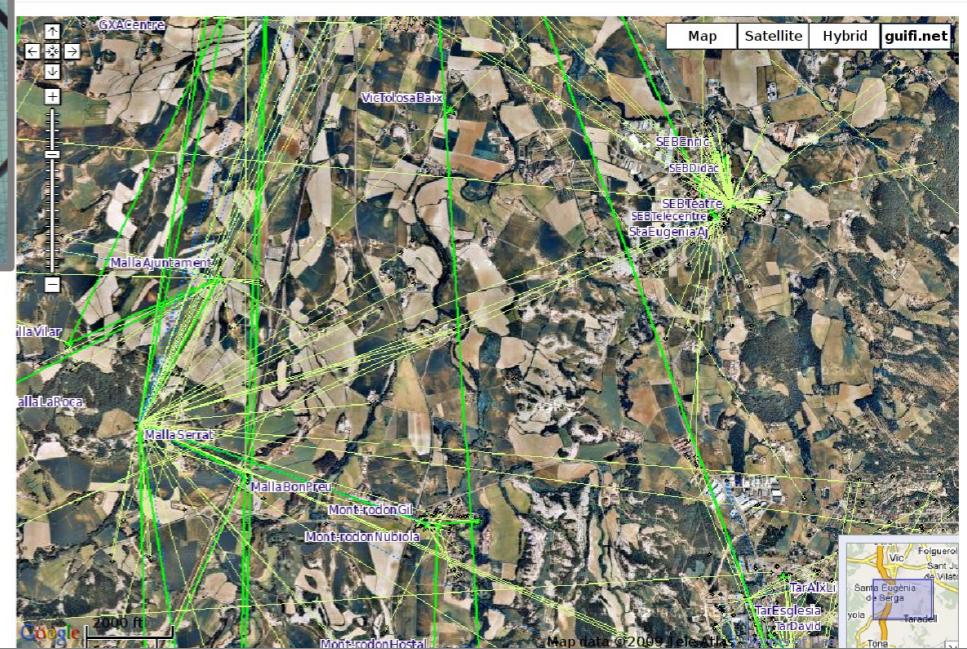
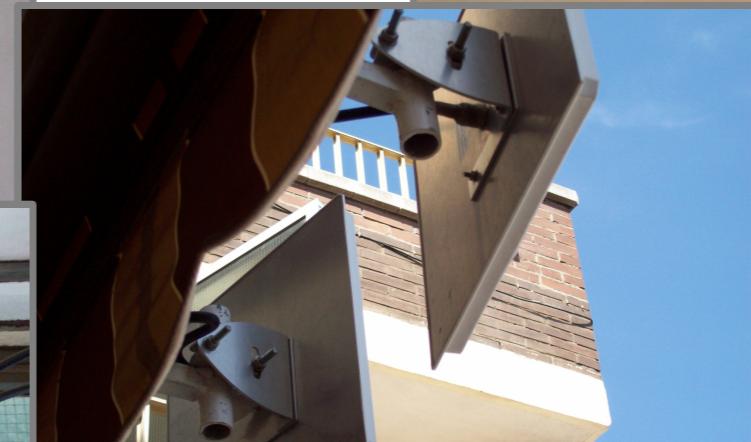
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1169 backbone nodes  
2739 links  
789 access points  
759/834 active services



Guifi.net (Catalunya): **18000** active nodes

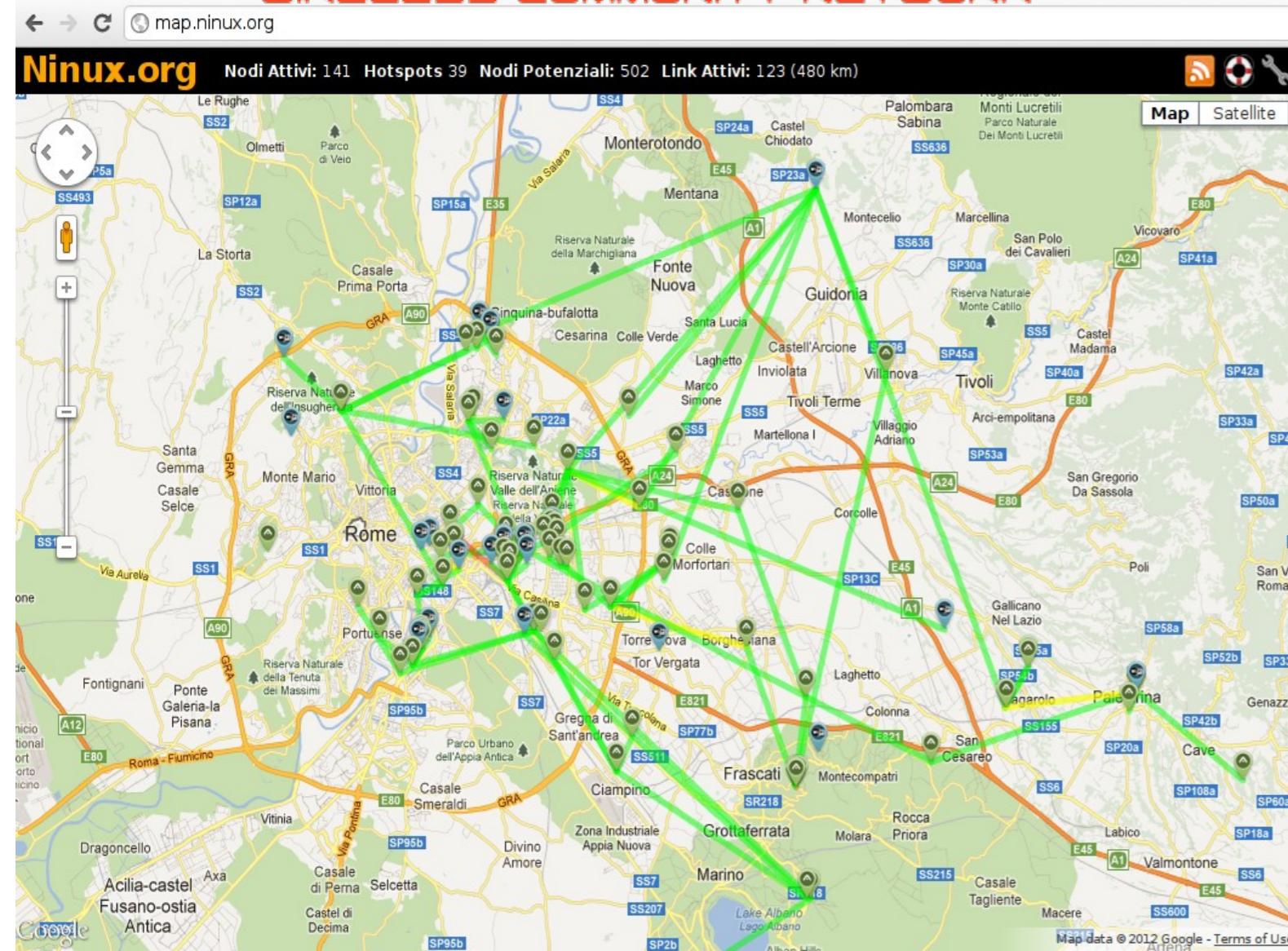


# Catalunya – Guifi.net



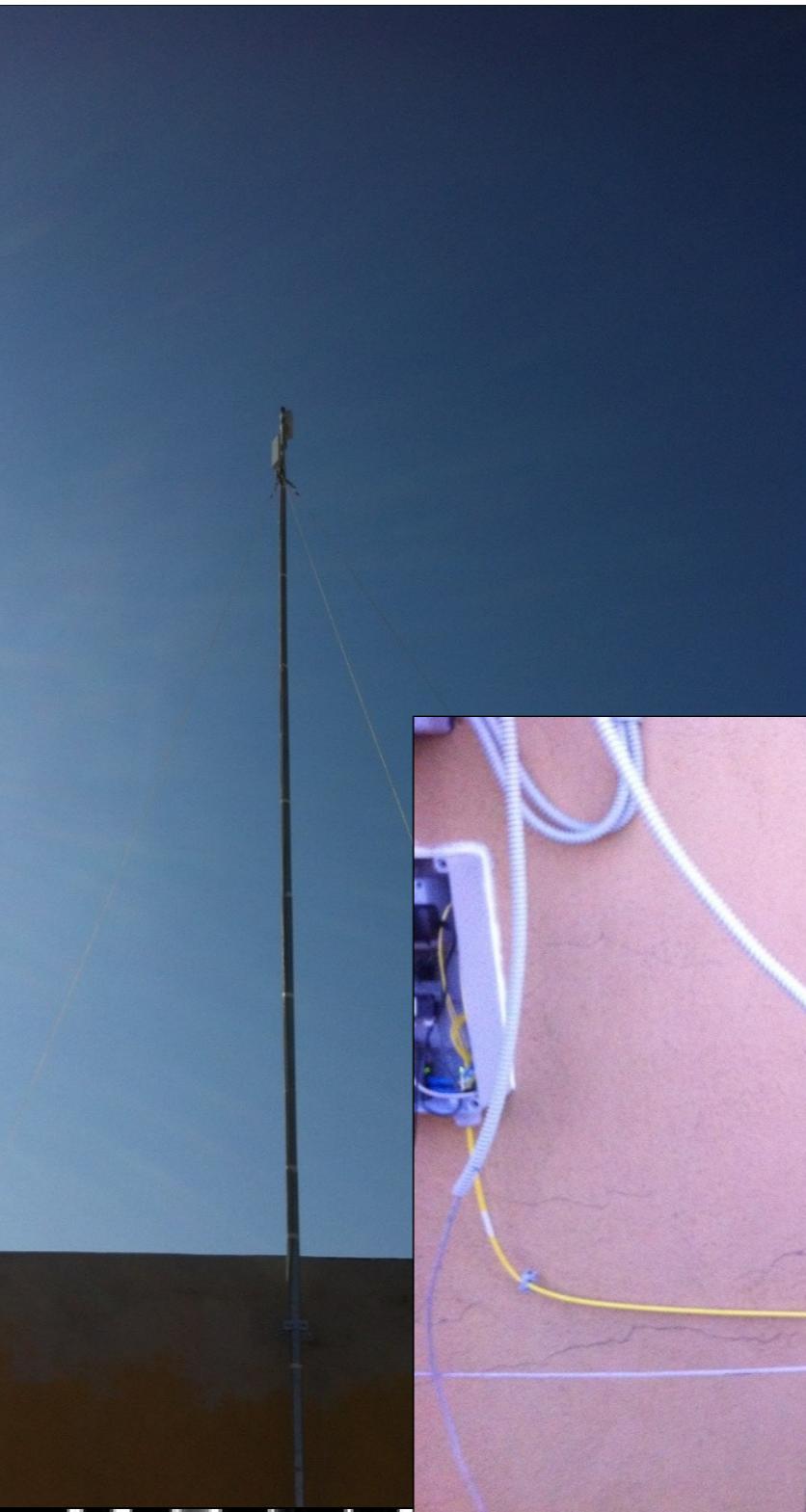


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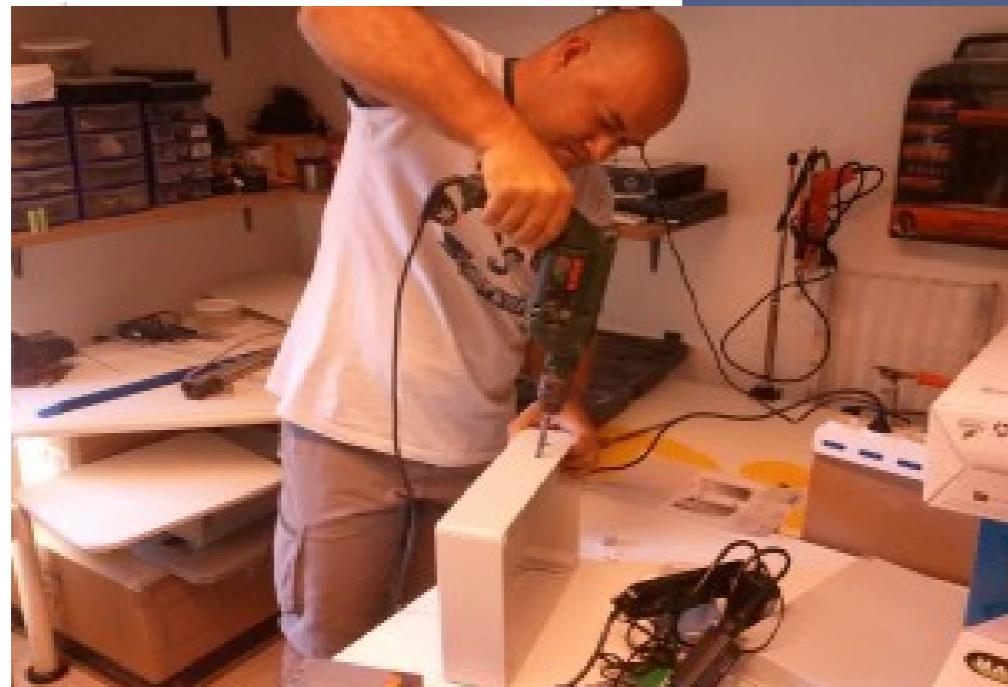




# IPv6 Autonomous System



- IPv6
- BGP (ASN 197835)



# Internal Services



**XMPP**

**NINUXOO!**

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# Software Projects



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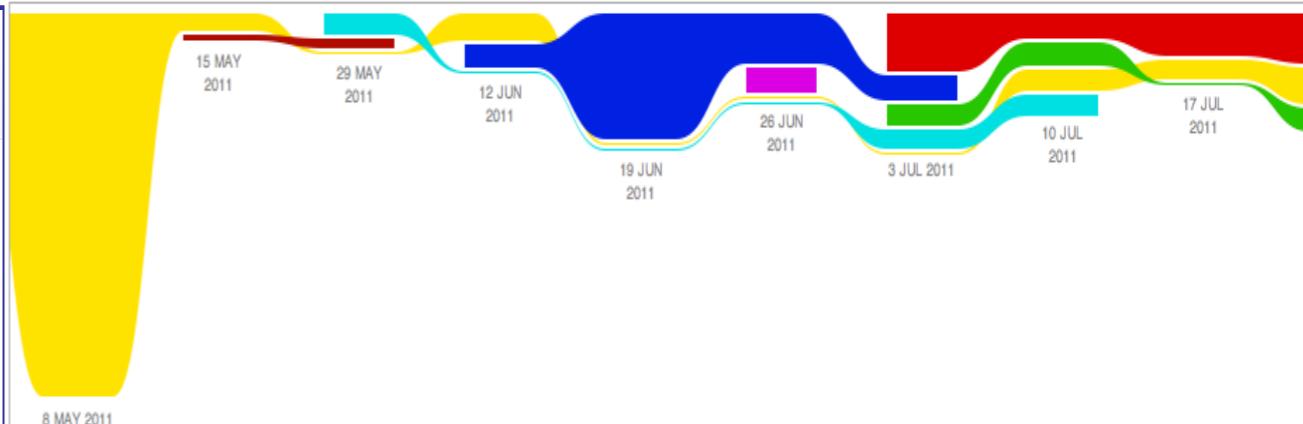
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## List of hosted projects

Project Name	Description
autoconf	
cafone	
facebook-bot	
freenux	Scripts to share with neighbors an ADSL connection, using packet schedulers
graphics	Misc graphic stuff of ninux
irss	A moinmoin plug-in to have an rss feed related to a page
merpa	Mesh Routing Probe Analyser
ninuxdyndns	Ninux Dynamic DNS
obamp-netkitlab	
openpursuit	A web-based nerd game using Django platform
packages/ninux-ipkg-webiftheme	Ninux.org Community Webif Theme Packag
packages/nowolfsplash	A captive portal written in LUA
packages/olrs-ninux	Olsr deamon for ninux mesh network
packages/sar	Strong Anonymous Router
packages/zzz-ninux-ipkg-<arch>	Meta package to recompile ninux firmware
pgp-pp	PGP Permanent Party
say	mDns repeater
Tracker2GMaps	Draw data sent by the TZ-GT01 on the web with Google Maps
wardriving-ng	
xtables-addons	Implementation of loose/strict source routing in kernelspace as an xtables addon



# Events



# Wireless Community Weekend

- **Wireless Community Weekend**
  - Yearly event
  - **C-base, Berlin, Terra**
  - Community networks enthusiasts
  - Developers
  - Barbecue!



# Wireless Battlemesh

- **Wireless BattleMesh**
  - Paris, Brussels, Italy, Catalunya, Athens. Next: Denmark
  - **Challenge between routing protocols**
  - Developers, WCN activists, enthusiasts



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