



Collaborative Measurement of Internet Quality in Lebanon

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Agenda

Overview on
large-scale
measurement
Platform

Comiqual
Platform
description

Demo

Item	U.S. Adults (%)
Food	11
Spouse/significant other	29
Car	30
Internet access	44
Computer/Laptop	49
Mobile phone	51
Television	55
Sex	58
Tablet computer	59
eReader	63
Navigation system	69
Social networking sites	78

Source : Harris Interactive. The Harris Poll® #13, January 30, 2014

- Assess QoS offer
- Compare to others
- Understand the user

Provider



Service



Control



Consumer

- Quantify QoE
- Check SLA (corporate)
- Diagnose faults
- Compare offers



Regulator

- Foster competition
- Quality requirements and enforcement
- Compare to other countries



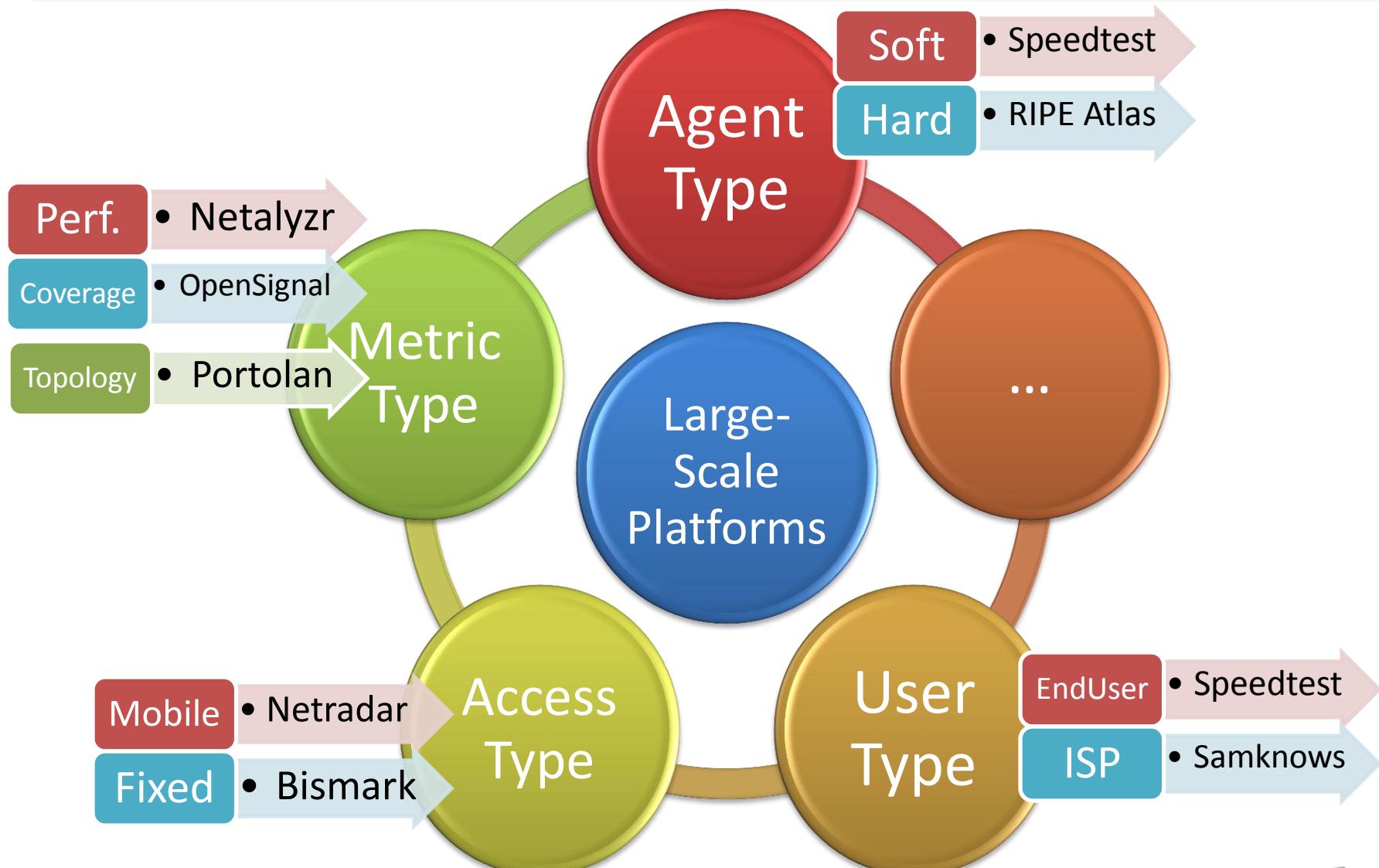
Need for capturing the «state» of the Internet

Large-scale measurement (LSM) platforms :

- Large number of measurement points
- Measurement collection
- Analysis and visualization
- Get a deep insight about Internet performance



Classification of LSM platforms



LMAP IETF working group

- Large-Scale Measurement of Broadband Performance
- Leave metrics definition and measurement methodologies for IPPM WG.
- Focusing on control and report protocols

IEEE 802.16.3 project

- Mobile Broadband Network Performance Measurements
- Metrics specifications and test procedures
- Communication protocols for managing operations and data collection

ID

- Platform for measuring the Internet

Target

- Lebanon
- But can be used anywhere

Attributes

- Independent, neutral
- Collaborative: crowd-sourcing

Objectives

- A tool for users to assess and compare
- User feedback to operators/ISPs

Support

- USJ: Saint-Joseph University of Beirut
- ISOC: Internet Society

Measurement agents types

- Software: smartphone app.
- Hardware: small wireless router with openWrt

Active measurements

- Latency (ICMP, DNS, HTTP), TCP throughput, Signal strength

Measuring Internet and national IXP performance

- Measurement server installed at Beirut IXP

Open data access

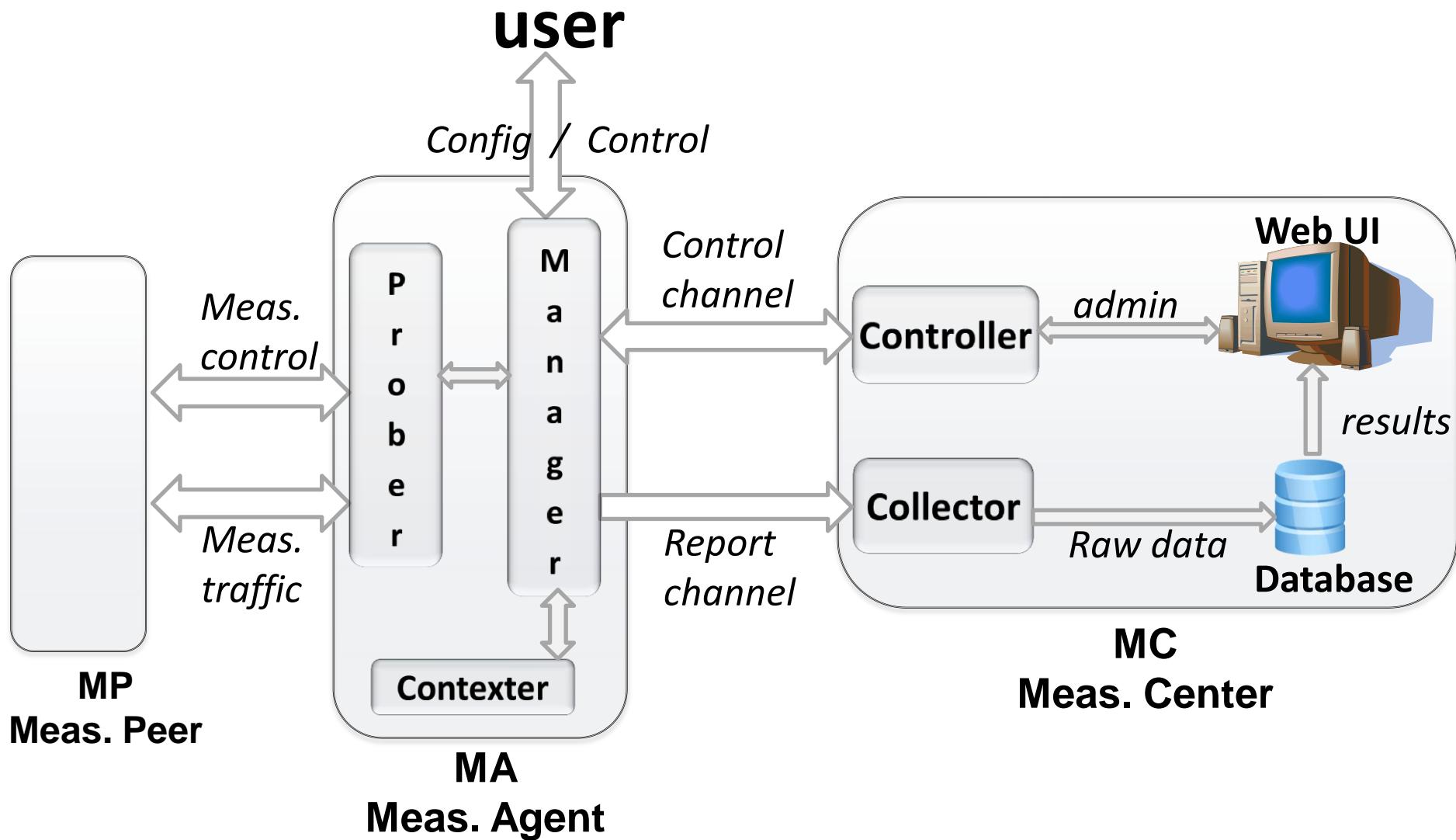
- Aggregated data via map and online statistics tool
- Raw data access.

Flexible management interface

- Control existing MAs
- Activate/deactivate measurements
- Create new measurements and parameters

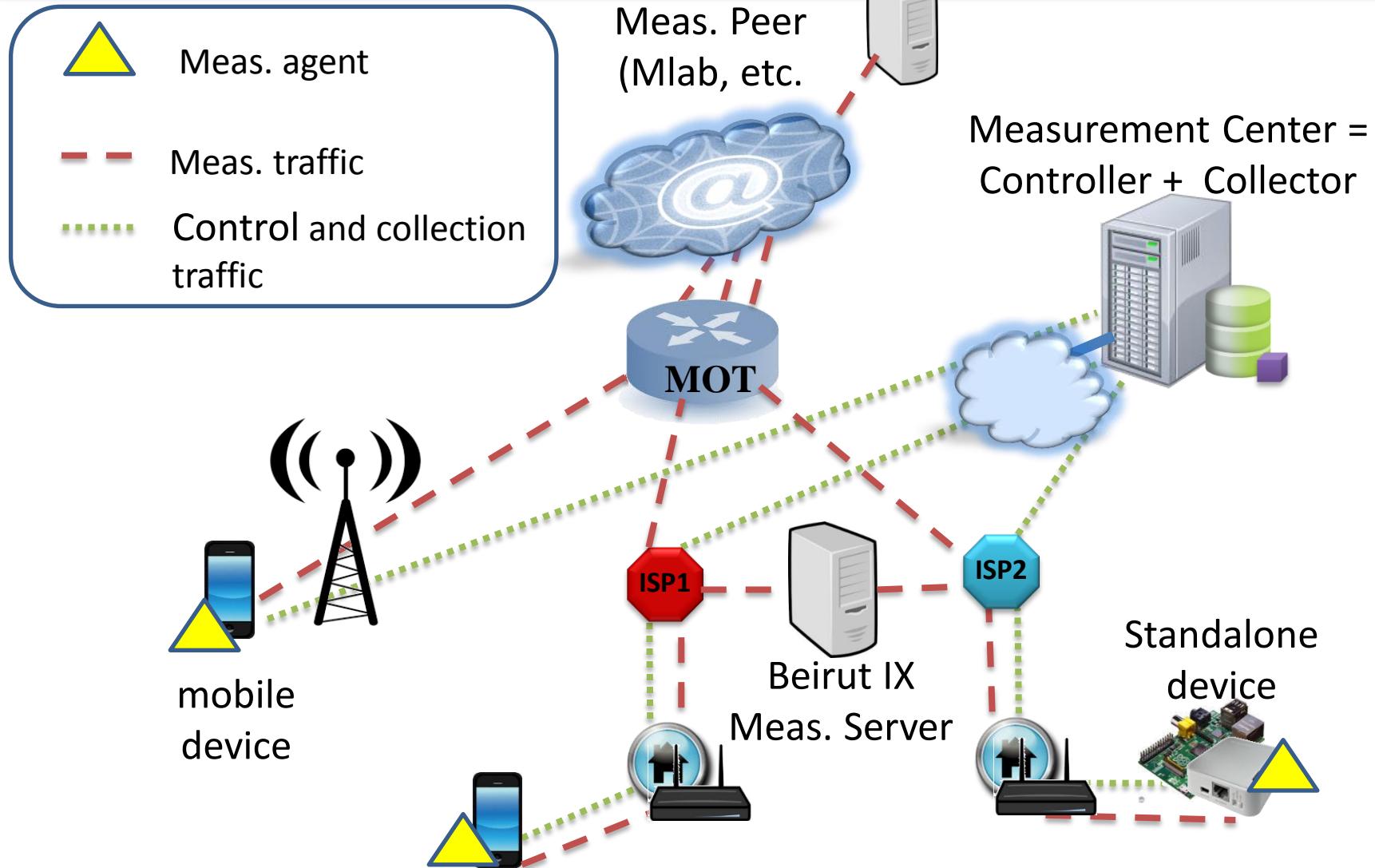
Constrained measurements

- To be executed in a specific context (location, time, operator, etc...)

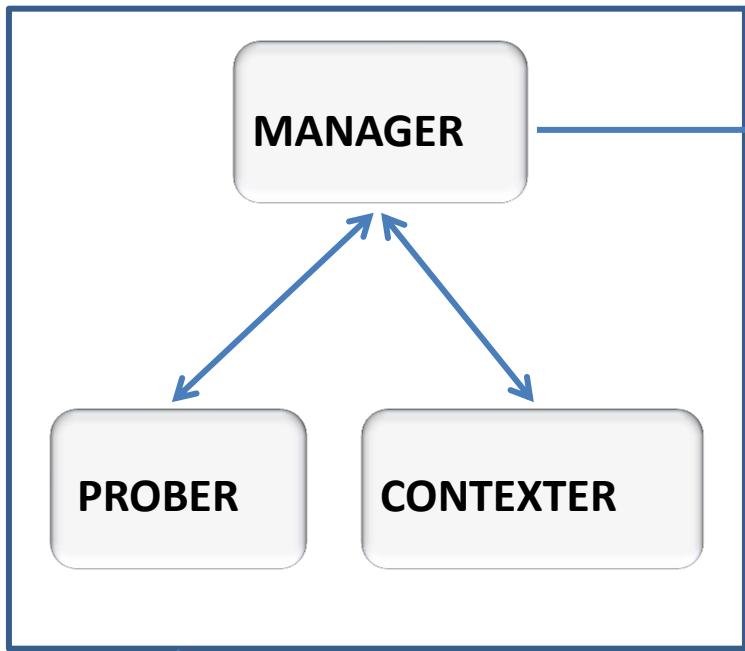


- JSON messages
- via HTTP through REST calls.
- HTTPS secured
- Communication initiated by MAs (behind NAT)
- Two modes
 - Authenticated mode: the MA is identified prior to communication and all subsequent measurements will be related to that MA
 - Anonymous mode

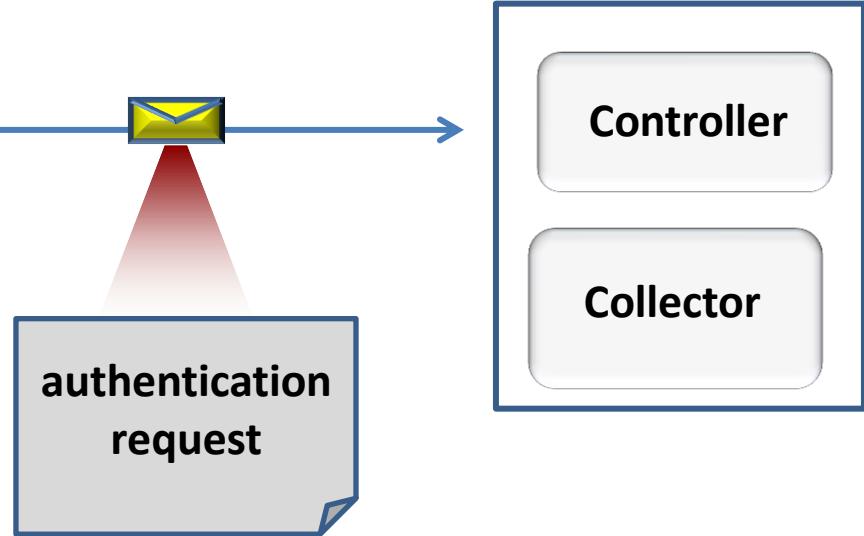
Deployment



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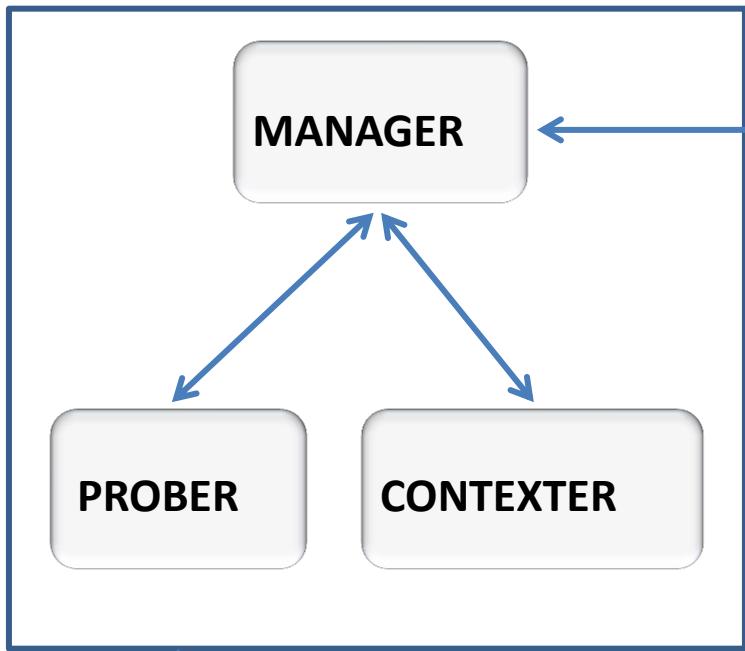


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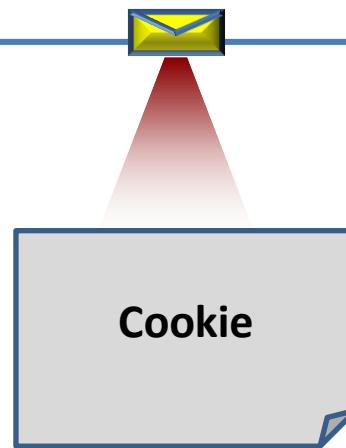
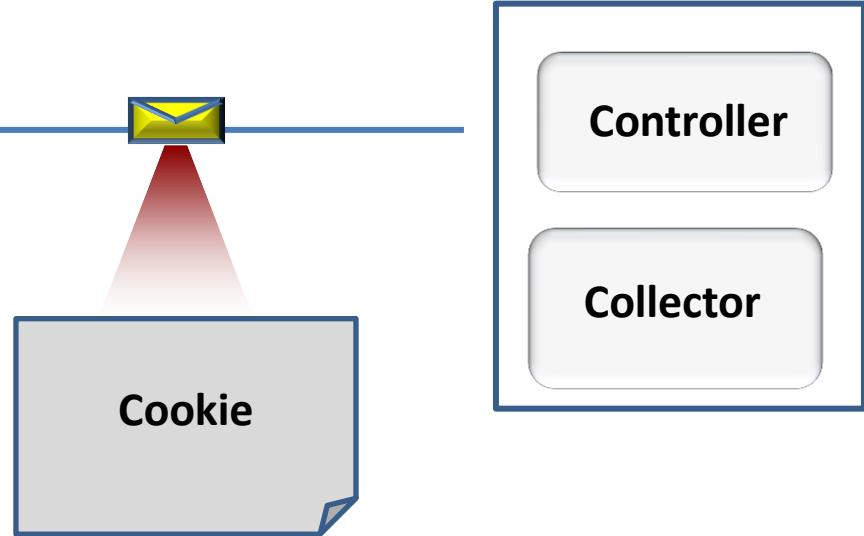


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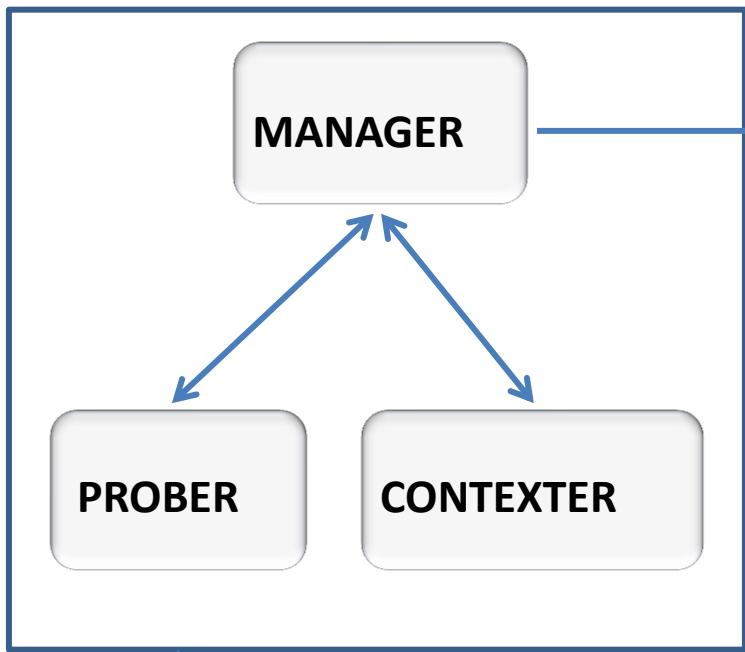


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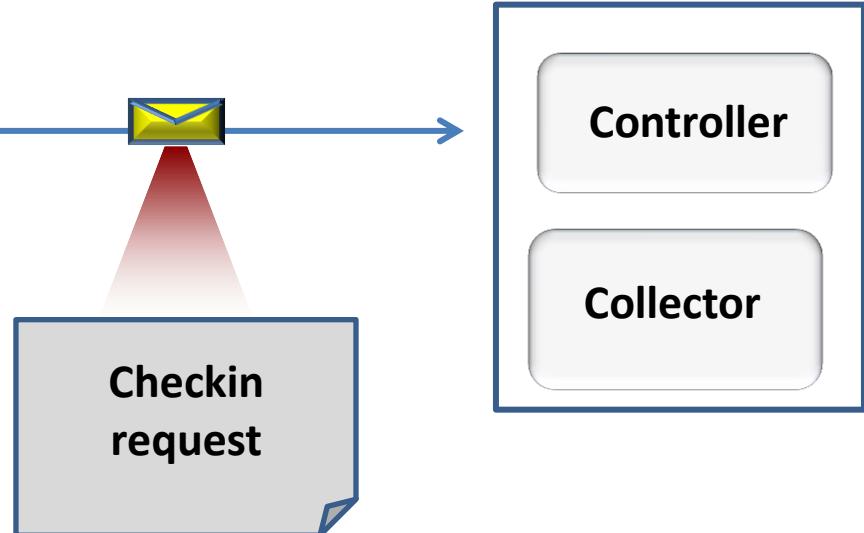


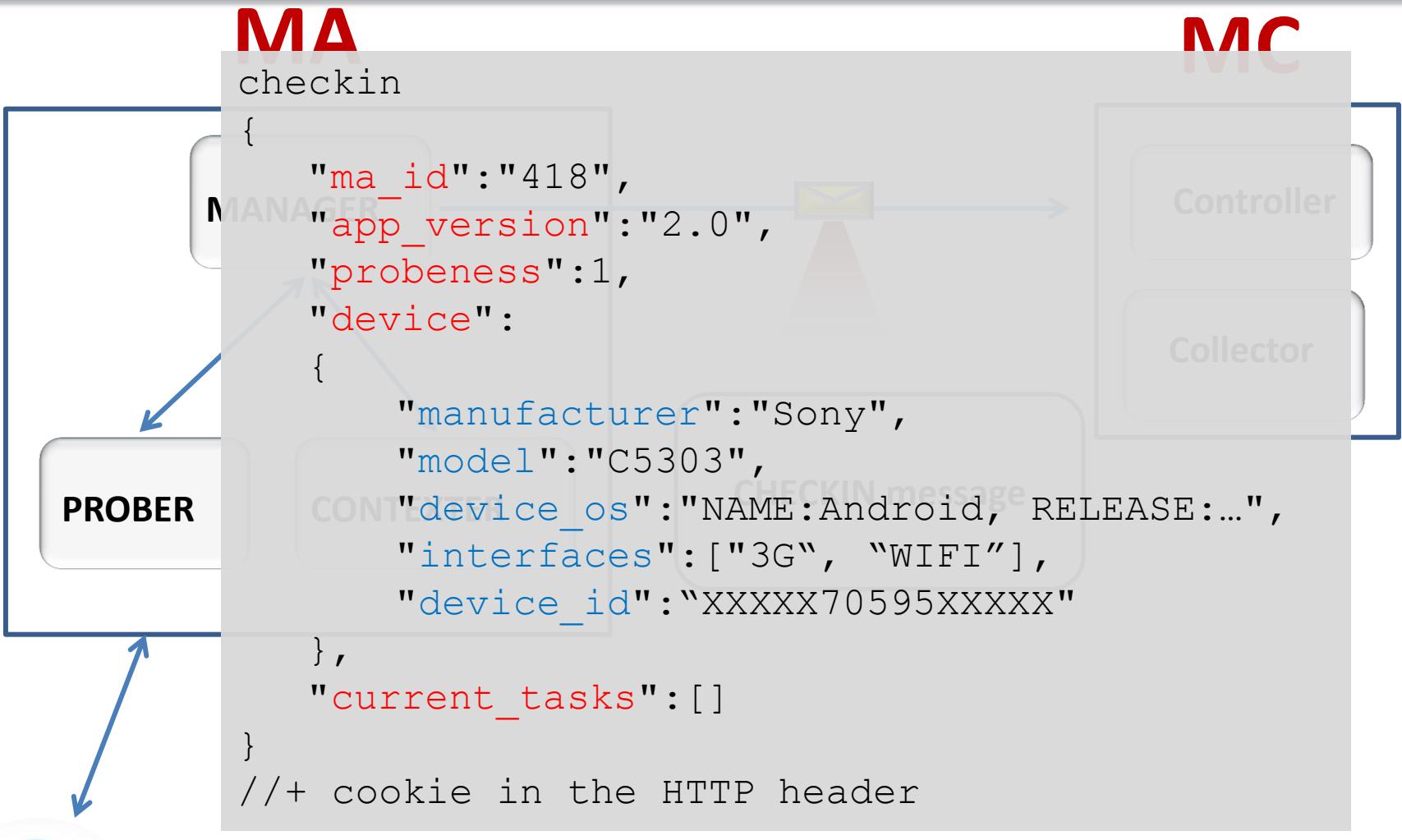
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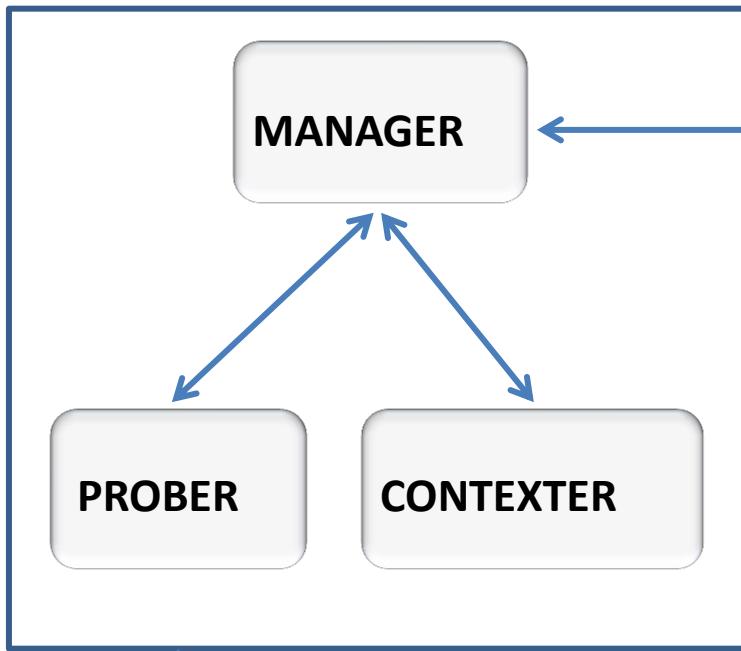


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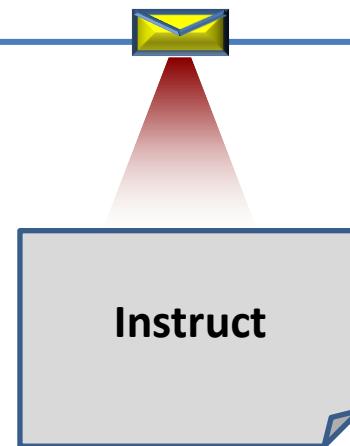
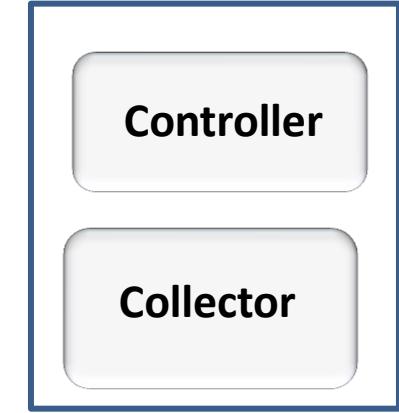




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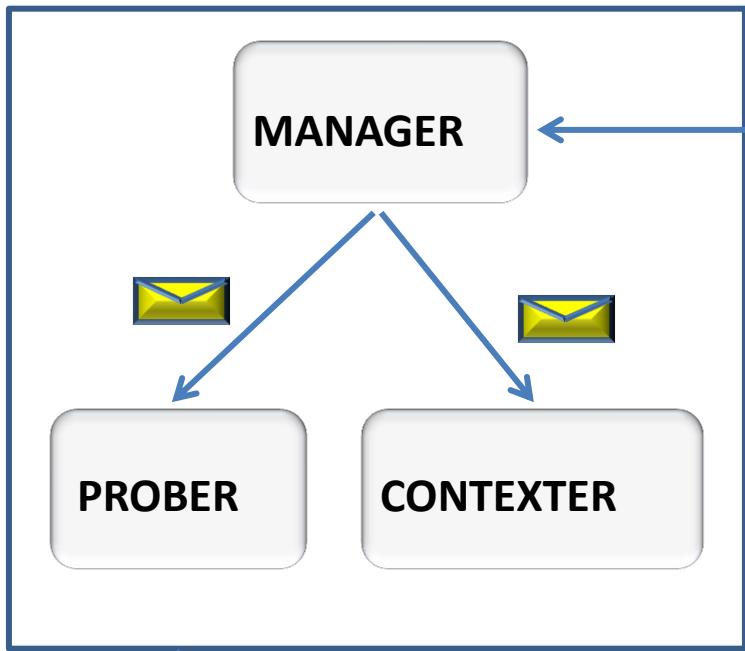
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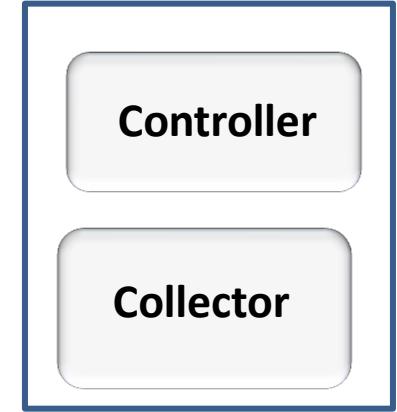
instruct message

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{  
  "ma_id":418,  
  "controller_url":"http://comiqual.usj.edu.lb",  
  "collector_url":"http://comiqual.usj.edu.lb",  
  "current_app_version":"2.0",  
  "keep_tasks_id":[],  
  "new_tasks": [ {  
      "task_id":97, "end_date":"2024-12-11",  
      "description":"ICMP",  
      "repeat_interval":"none",  
      "arguments": [  
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      "metrics":["target_ip", "loss_ratio",  
                 "max_rtt", "min_rtt", "stddev_rtt", "mean_rtt"],  
      "constraints":[] } ]  
}  
//+ cookie in the HTTP header
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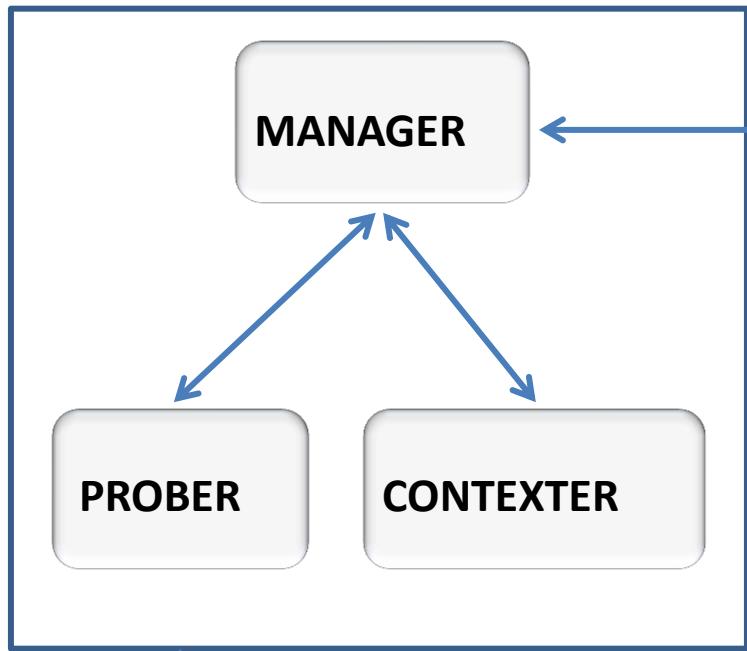
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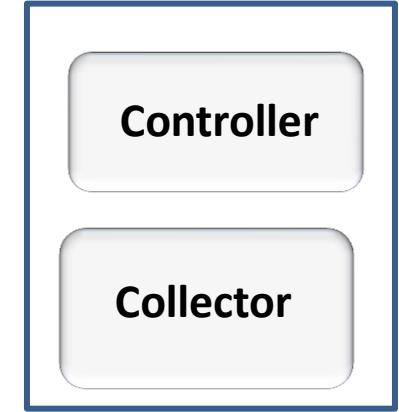
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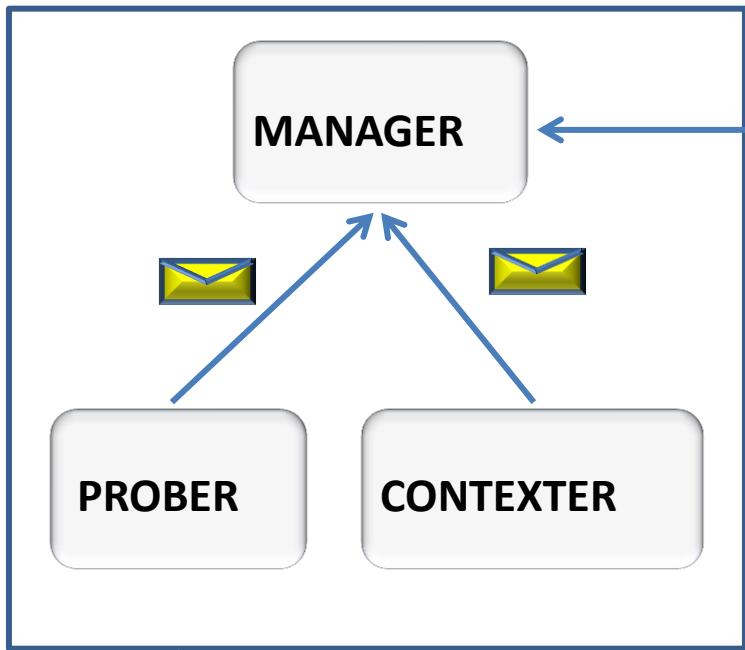
Collector



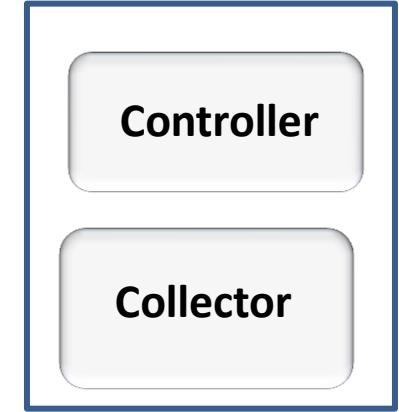
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ping -i 0.5 -s 56 -w 10 -c 5 83.212.5.142
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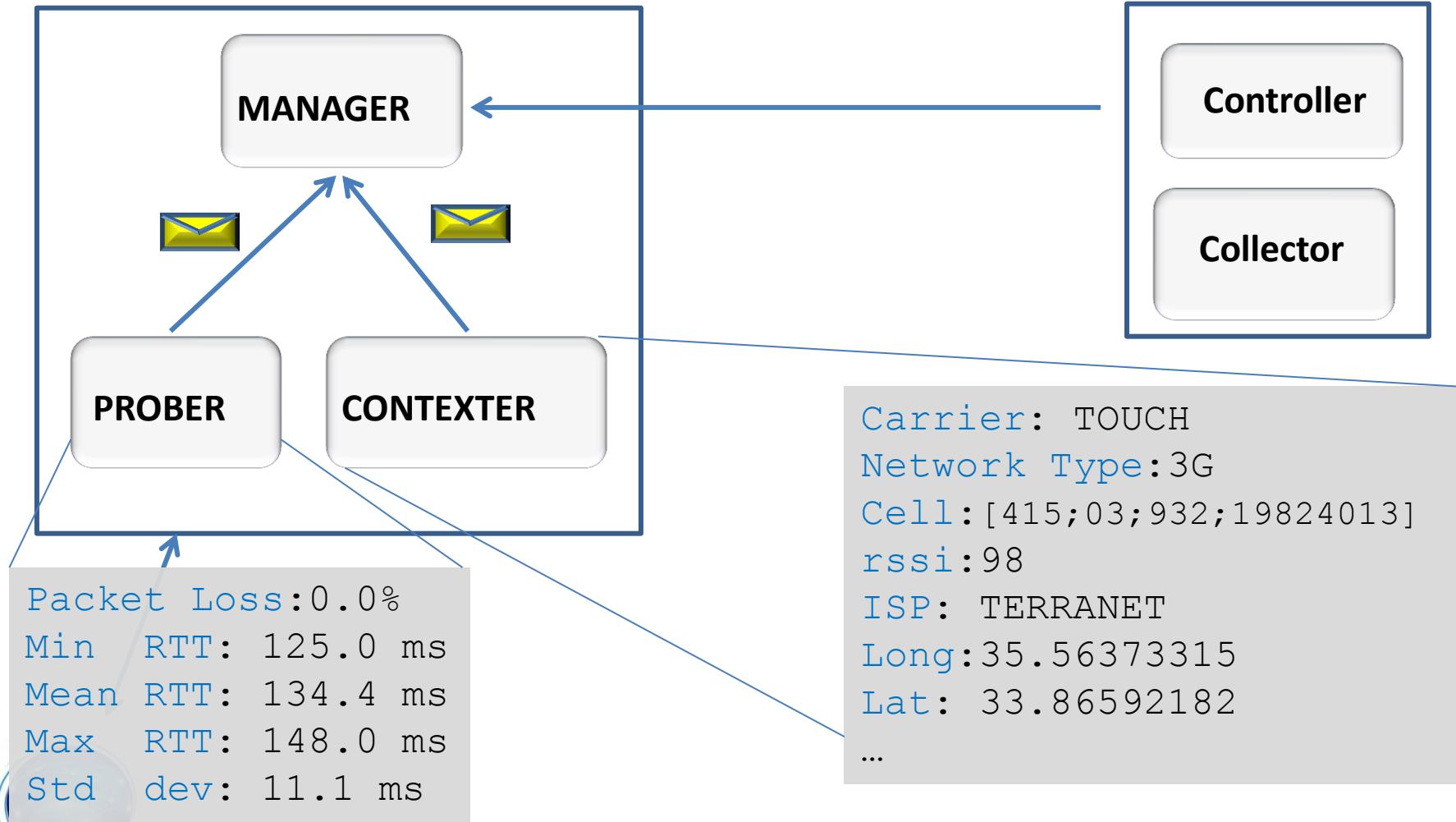


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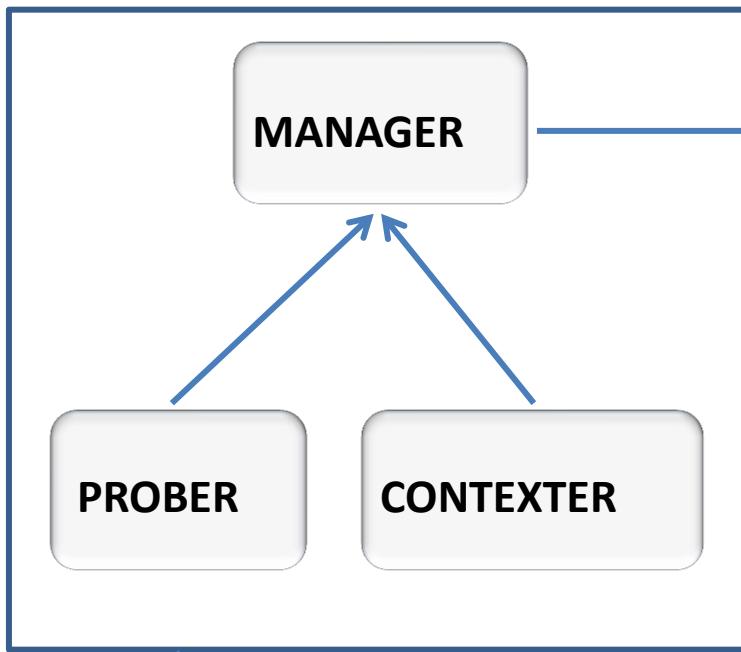


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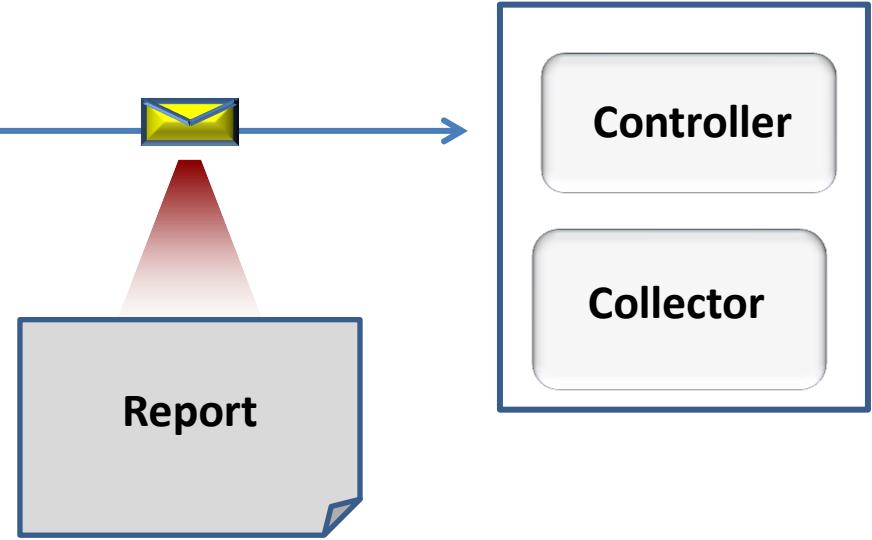
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```
ma_report
{
    "context": {"start_date": "02-27-2015 09:04:30 AM",
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                "carrier": "TOUCH", "network_type": "3G",
                "cell_info": "[415;03;932;19824013]",
                "rssи": "98", "isp": "TERRANET",
                "location_type": "gps",
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                "location_lat": "33.86592182",
},
    "meas_result": {"task_id": "97", "success": "OK",
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                                 {"loss_ratio": "0.0"} {"mean_rtt": "134.4"},
                                 {"min_rtt": "125.0"}, {"max_rtt": "148.0"},
                                 {"stddev_rtt": "11.11"}],
                    "arguments": [{"target": "ath02.mlab.org"},
                                 {"packet_size": "56"}, {"packets_sent": "10"}]}
}
//+cookie in the HTTP header
```

Public portal

- View quality results on map
- Analyze available raw data

Contribute to measurements

- Install the **comiqual APP**
- Use it as a speed test APP
- Let it run alone

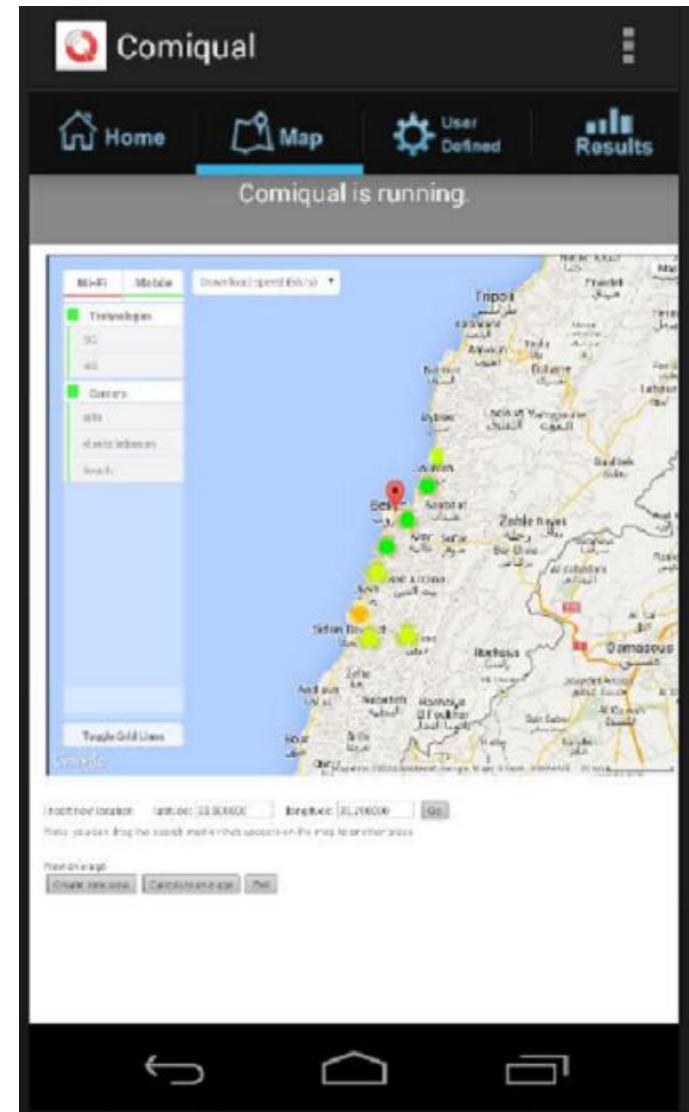
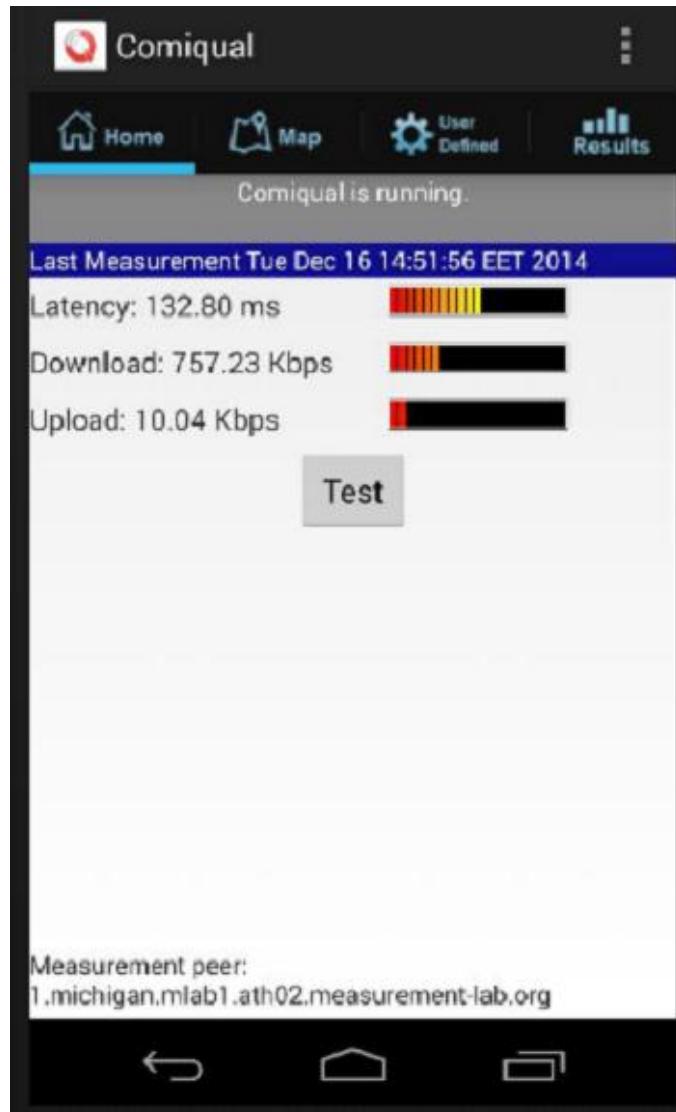
Do measurements

- Anonymously
- Using a google/facebook/comiqual account

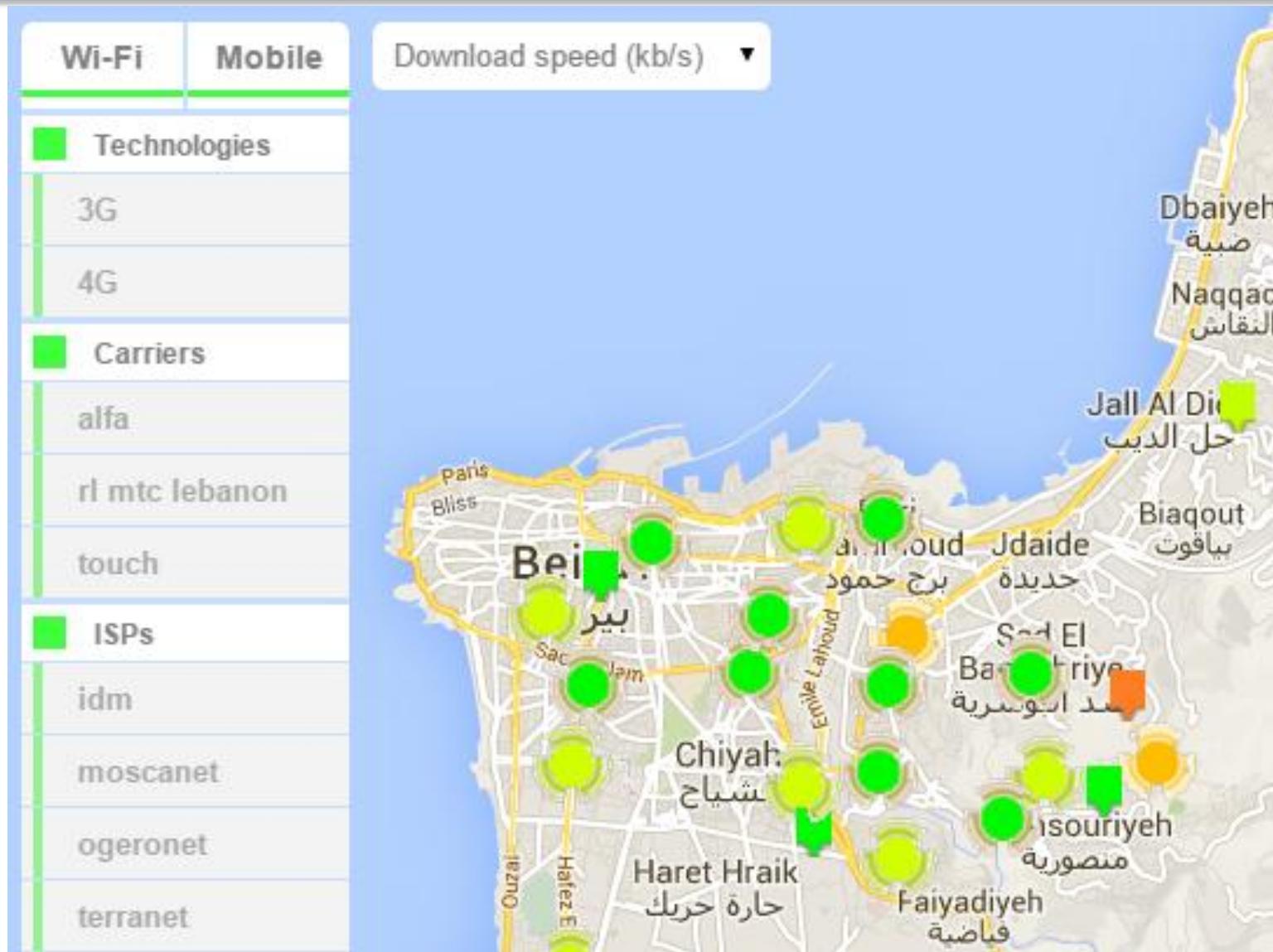
Personal page

- View your own measurements

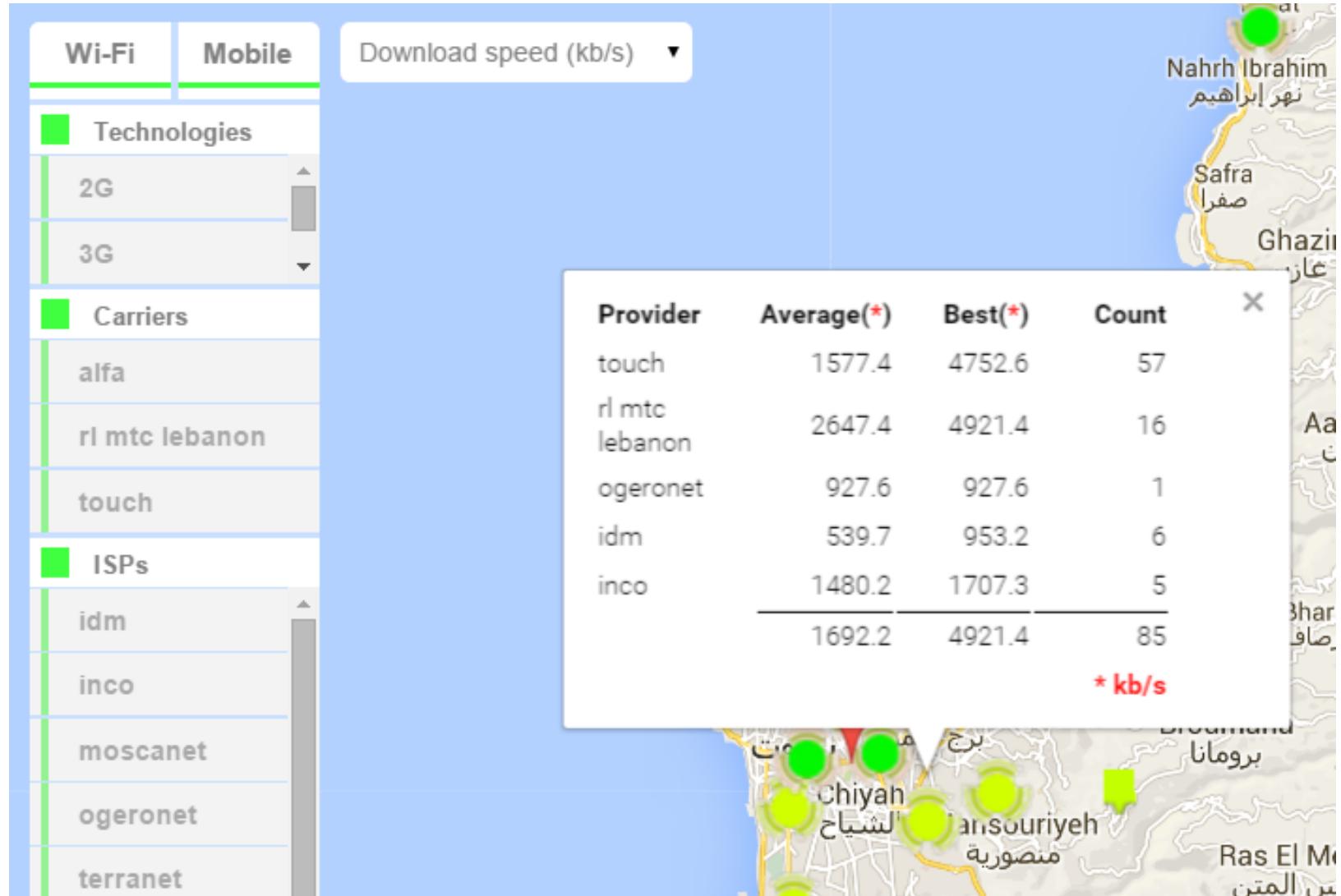
Android agent



Measurements on map (1)



Measurements on map (2)





Results for Measurement Agent 417

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Search:

Date	Task ID	Type	Status	Arguments	Metrics	Provider
2/26/2015 2:38:24 PM	91	TCP Down (Mlab)	OK	Target=1.michigan.mlab1.ath01.measurement-lab.org	throughput=1,412.19 kbps	touch
2/26/2015 2:38:32 PM	92	TCP UP (Mlab)	OK	Target=1.michigan.mlab3.ath02.measurement-lab.org	throughput=218.19 kbps	touch

Measurement Details

Measurement Information

Measurement Key	17852
Measurement Name	RTT
Measurement Description	ICMP
task ID	97
MA ID	417
Status	OK

Arguments

target	1.michigan.mlab1.ath02.measurement-lab.org
timeout	10 sec
packet size	56 byte
number of sent packets	10
measurement tool	/system/bin/ping

Metrics

target IP	"83.212.5.142"
max RTT	153.0 ms
min RTT	128.0 ms
stddev RTT	9.221713506718803 ms
mean RTT	139.4 ms
loss ratio	0.0 %

Context

app version	2.0
battery level	80 %
is battery charging	false
carrier	touch
network type	3G
mobile country code	415
mobile network code	03
location area code	932
cell id	19855123
RSSI	1 dB
network technology	HSPA+
DNS resolvability	IPv4 only
IP connectivity	IPv4 only
ISP	TERRANET
initial longitude	35.56373221 deg
initial latitude	33.86568644 deg
final longitude	35.56373221 deg
final latitude	33.86568644 deg
initial location type	gps
final location type	gps
start date	02-26-2015 02:38:48 PM
end date	02-26-2015 02:38:48 PM



Platform management interface

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TCP Down (Mlab) [Delete]

Version	Date of Creation	End Date	Is Valid?	Repeat Interval	Scenario Name		
1	7/31/2014 5:17:43 PM	7/31/2024 12:00:00 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	none	default	Details	Unvalidate

DNS lookup [Delete]

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RTT [Delete]

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Issues

- Perform throughput measurement with minimum TCP traffic
- Find incentives to make people contribute

Perspectives

- Converge towards LMAP standard
- Anonymization of the data
- Under development:
 - An API and a client for iPhone.
 - Online statistical tool.

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