

Imprecise Network Monitoring Tools

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Caveats!

- Important word here is imprecise
- This is a secondary information source at best
- People on the Internet are often wrong
- Do not go home and turn off other tools!



Imprecise Tools





Is This the Future?



xkcd.com



More Imprecise Tools





Is It Someone's Job?

 Many commercial operators have dedicated social media CS teams.

 No expectation for NRENs to have them, yet.

 Any expectation for either group to have engineering staff hired to check Twitter?



Use Cases - NRENs

Is \$VLE down for everyone or just me?

 Has the campus lost power or just connectivity?

 Has the local computer services dept noticed something they haven't told you about yet?



Use Cases - Commercial Operators

- Routing issues to !Google or !Amazon?
- Increased latency?
- CPE facing interface issues?
- Unintended consequences of a change?



Configuration Hints

 Find relevant official a/cs, follow them

Reactive searches

 Don't just search locally, the Internet is a big place!



Alarm Filtering

- Huge amounts of noise, even (especially?) during an incident
- Many students complain about having to study, then complain when they can't
- Institution acronyms may well be shared (DCU is a university, a football team & a superhero universe)



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