The Public Data Network Numbers Registry
or Internet Archaeology

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What is it?

• 14.0.0.0/8 — “One of the Internet Class A Networks is the international system of Public Data Networks. This section lists the mapping between the Internet Addresses and the Public Data Network Addresses (X.121)”

• “X.121 is the ITU-T address format of the X.25 protocol suite used as part of call setup to establish a switched virtual circuit between Public Data Networks (PDNs), connecting two network user addresses (NUAs). It consists of a maximum of fourteen binary-coded decimal digits and is sent over the Packet Layer Protocol (PLP) after the packet type identifier (PTI).”
What am I doing?

• Updating the registry
  – Removing assignments for decommissioned systems
  – Checking and updating contact details for active systems
What have I done so far?

- More than 75% of the addresses in the registry have been returned by the registrants or their successors
- What remains are slightly higher hanging fruit
Why am I here?

• Some of the POCs are hard to contact
  – No contact details at all
  – Missing e-mail addresses
  – Missing DNS entries
  – Broken SMTP to UUCP gateways
  – Or just plain unresponsive
The pitch?

- Did you ever work at a network with an X.25 to IP gateway?
- Do you know who operated it?
- Can you help me get an authoritative update to its address registration?
Alternatively...

• If you are still operating an X.25 to IP gateway using addresses from 14.0.0.0/8 I’d like to have a chat in the bar...
Where is it?

• The registry is located at:
Thank you for your time

Questions?