Newsbone

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The Newsbone history

- ❏ **overlay network for distribution of Netnews**
- ❏ **born on January 1997 RIPE meeting**
- ❏ **goals**
  - ❏ **to promote open monitoring for news servers**
  - ❏ **to offer a platform to advertise well run servers**
  - ❏ **to strive towards a more reliable News distribution**
  - ❏ **to reduce waste of network bandwidth**
- ❏ **Newsbone participant list on http://www.switch.ch/netnews/wg/olm-list.html**

The Newsbone participants list

Netnews Monitoring Overview

This is a summary of actual and soon-to-emerge Newsbone sites, combined with other backbone News servers providing online-monitoring facilities. Newsbone participants are marked with a special sign 🦴. News sites qualify for Newsbone if they disclose fundamental information about their News service and allow online-minitoring of their backbone server(s). Have a look at the Newsbone documentation for more details !

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country	ISP	status	lastmod	News server
AT	ACONET	🦴	19980123	newscore.univie.ac.at
BE	BELNET	🦴	19980316	news.belnet.be
BE	SKYNET	🦴	19991005	news.skynet.be
CA	HUB	-	19980821	news.hub.org
CA	IDIRECT	-	19980622	island.idirect.com
CA	OCHIN	-	19980331	pacific.ochin.on.ca
CA	UBC	-	19990420	newsxfer.cs.ubc.ca
CH	IP-PLUS		20011109	news.ip-plus.net newsfeed-zh.ip-plus.net
CH	SWITCH	🦴	20010531	news-ge.switch.ch news-zh.switch.ch
DE	DFN	🦴	19980206	news-fra1.dfn.de
DE	IBMNET		19980920	news-cut.de.ibm.net

The Newsbone 5 years later

❑ **monitoring software available for common news server software**

❑ **open monitoring more common**

❑ **most prevalent problem has shifted**

    ❑ **from lack of bandwidth**

    ❑ **to lack of server performance**

❑ **difficulties to keep Newsbone page up-to-date**

❑ **serious doubts about need for Newsbone**

Newsbone future

- **SWITCH stops Newsbone activities by May 2003 (RIPE-45 meeting)!**
- **intention to do so will be**
  - **communicated on the netnews-wg list**
  - **advertised on the Newsbone pages**
- **volunteers to continue Newsbone efforts are most welcome!**