



**OONI**

# **Internet Censorship Measurements**

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# **WHY MEASURE INTERNET CENSORSHIP?**

- It's harder to notice the blocking of less popular sites and services.
- Internet censorship often differs from network to network within a country.
- Most censorship techniques are quite subtle.
- Cases of over-blocking, collateral damage, and censorship leakages.
- The fact that a site or service is inaccessible doesn't necessarily mean that it's blocked by your ISP.



# **OONI**

**The Open Observatory of  
Network Interference**

**OONI IS**  
**OPEN METHODOLOGIES**  
**OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE**  
**OPEN DATA**  
**FOR REPRODUCIBLE**  
**RESEARCH!**



WhatsApp Blocked

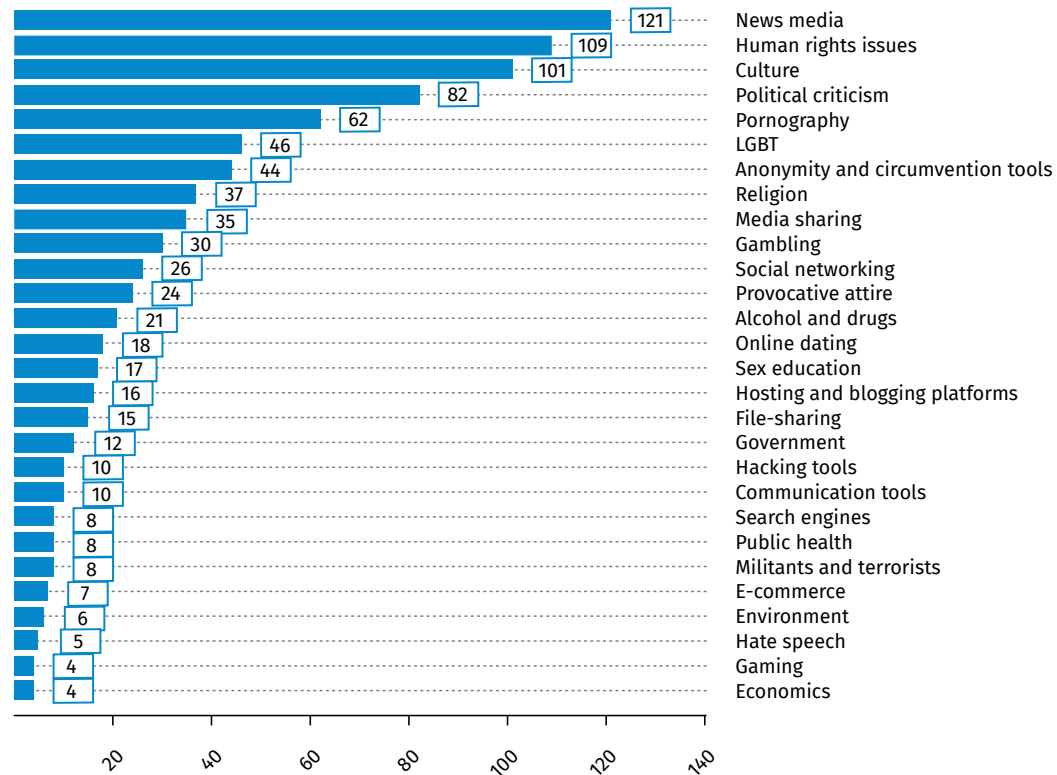
Deep Packet Inspection (DPI) detected

Media outlets, LGBT sites, human rights websites, political opposition sites  
& censorship circumvention tool sites found to be blocked

## Ethiopia's wave of political protests

December 2016

<https://ooni.torproject.org/post/ethiopia-report/>

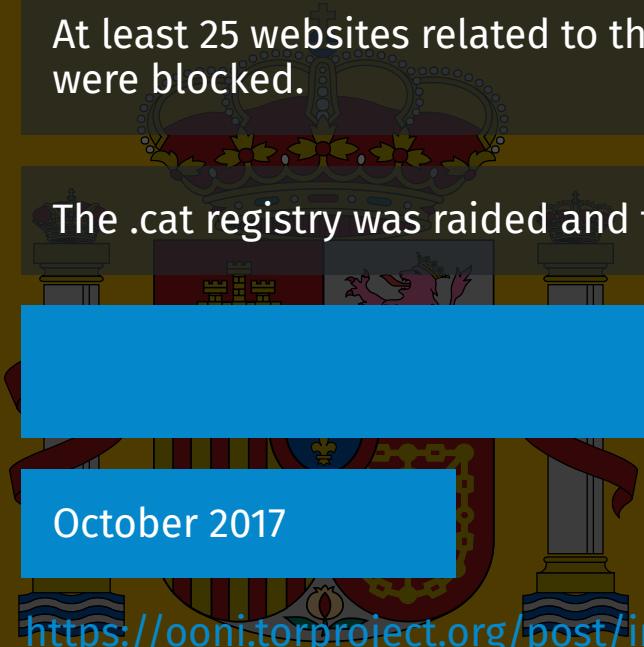


## Blocked domains in Iran

From 2014 to 2017

September 2017

<https://ooni.torproject.org/post/iran-internet-censorship/>



At least 25 websites related to the Catalonia Independence Referendum were blocked.

The .cat registry was raided and forced to take down many websites.

## Spain

October 2017

<https://ooni.torproject.org/post/internet-censorship-catalonia-independence-referendum/>



# OONI SOFTWARE ECOSYSTEM



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Probe



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Run



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Explorer



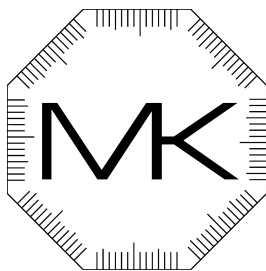
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Sync



**Measurement Kit**



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API



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Pipeline

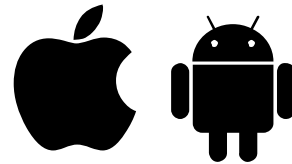


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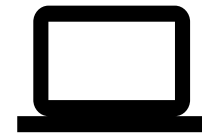
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**Probe**

**MEASUREMENT APP FOR**



**Android**  
**iOS**



**macOS**  
**Linux**

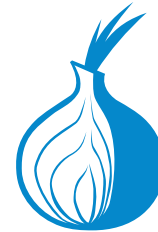
# OONI Software tests



**Web Censorship**



**Instant Messaging Apps**



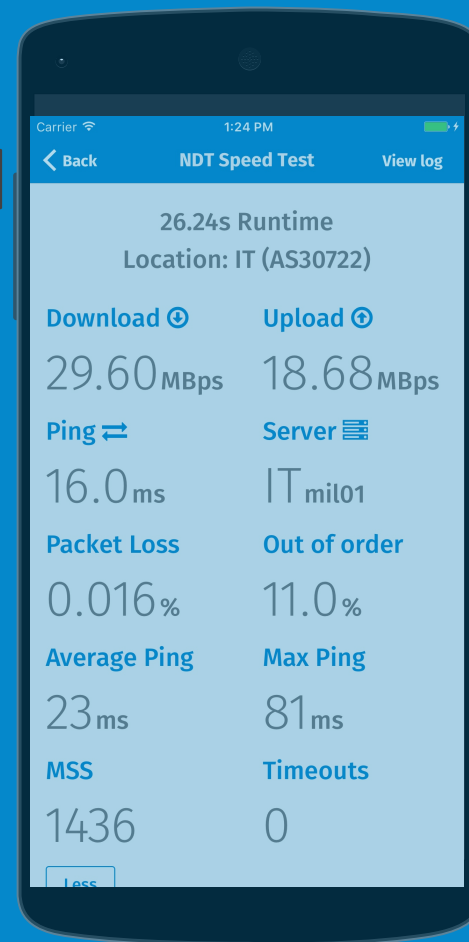
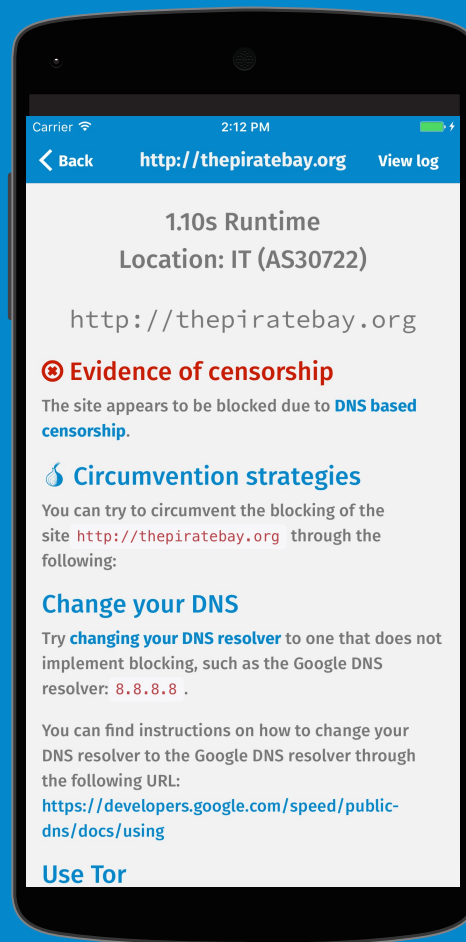
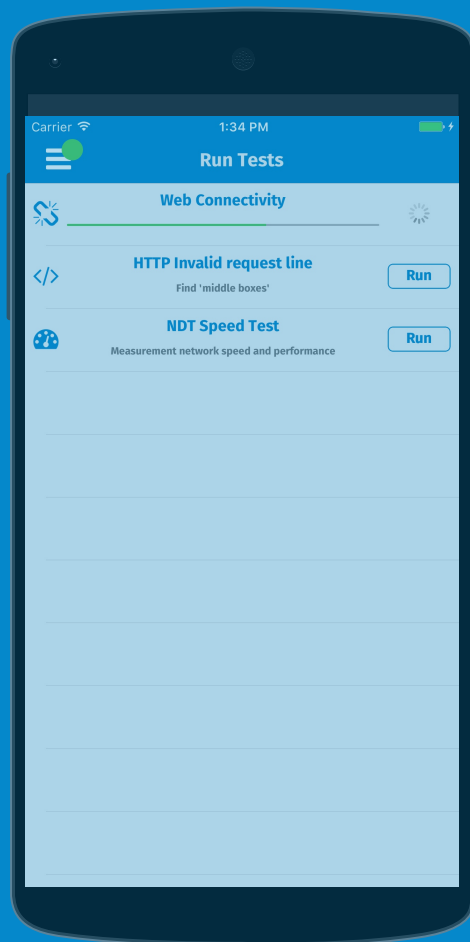
**Censorship Circumvention**



**Middleboxes**




**Speed & Performance**






# OONI Probe Dashboard


ooniprobe 2.2.1-dev | running | Location: IS (AS47172)




Test Tor









Test the Web









Test Instant Messaging Apps





Test for Middle Boxes





## Last 4 tests

 telegram	Dec 23, 2017 3:14 AM	AS47172	IS	
 facebook_messenger	Dec 23, 2017 3:14 AM	AS47172	IS	
 whatsapp	Dec 23, 2017 3:10 AM	AS47172	IS	
 tcp_connect	Dec 23, 2017 3:05 AM	AS47172	IS	

View your measurements

# OPEN DATA



**OONI** | Pipeline

Provides **evidence** of censorship events



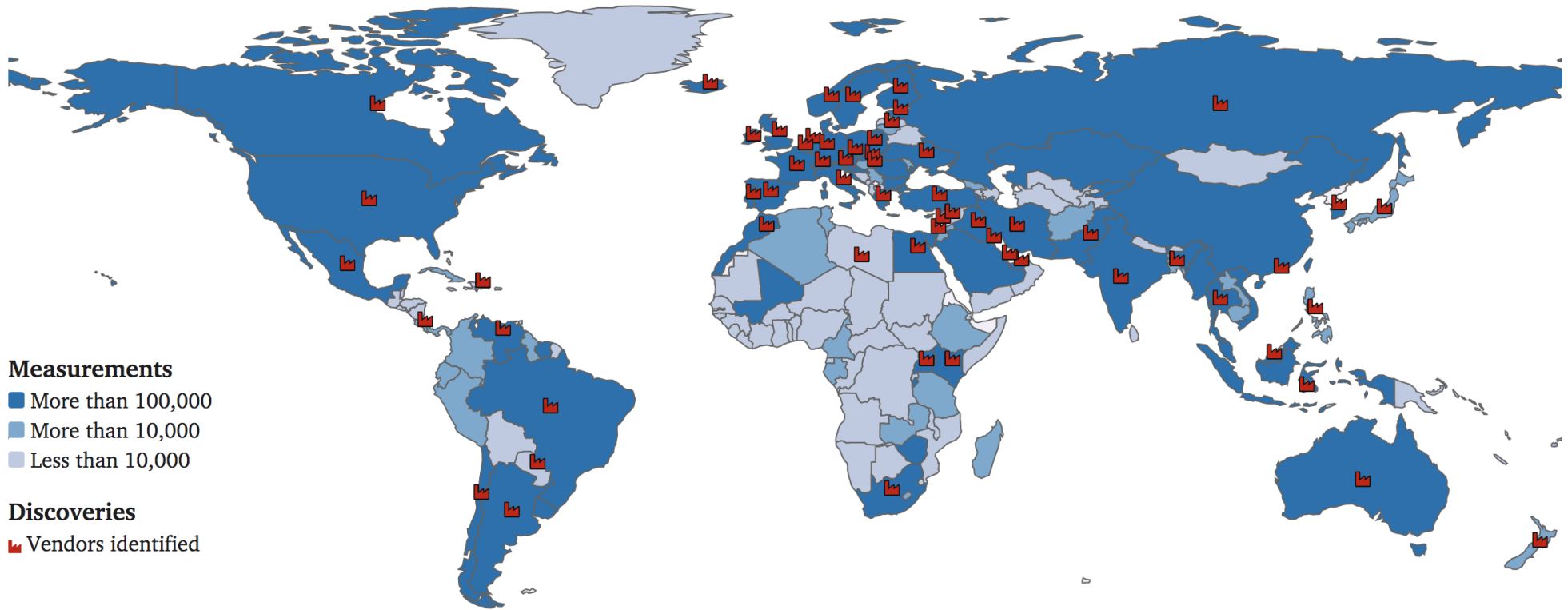
**OONI** | API

Allows researchers to conduct **independent studies** & to explore other research questions



**OONI** | Explorer

Allows the public to **verify** our findings



## Country List

Browse countries to find the one you want to investigate measurements for

Filter Country

<https://explorer.ooni.io>



**Afghanistan**

24,756

measurements



**Albania**

8,450

measurements



**Algeria**

36,756

measurements



**Andorra**

142



**Angola**

1,848



**Antigua And Barbuda**

47





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# Welcome to the OONI API

Dynamically updated every day, the OONI API enables researchers and data scientists to analyze all data collected from OONI Probes around the world.

Download and search [OONI Probe](#) network measurements.

Join the OONI data analyst community and help uncover internet censorship worldwide!

[READ THE API DOCS](#)

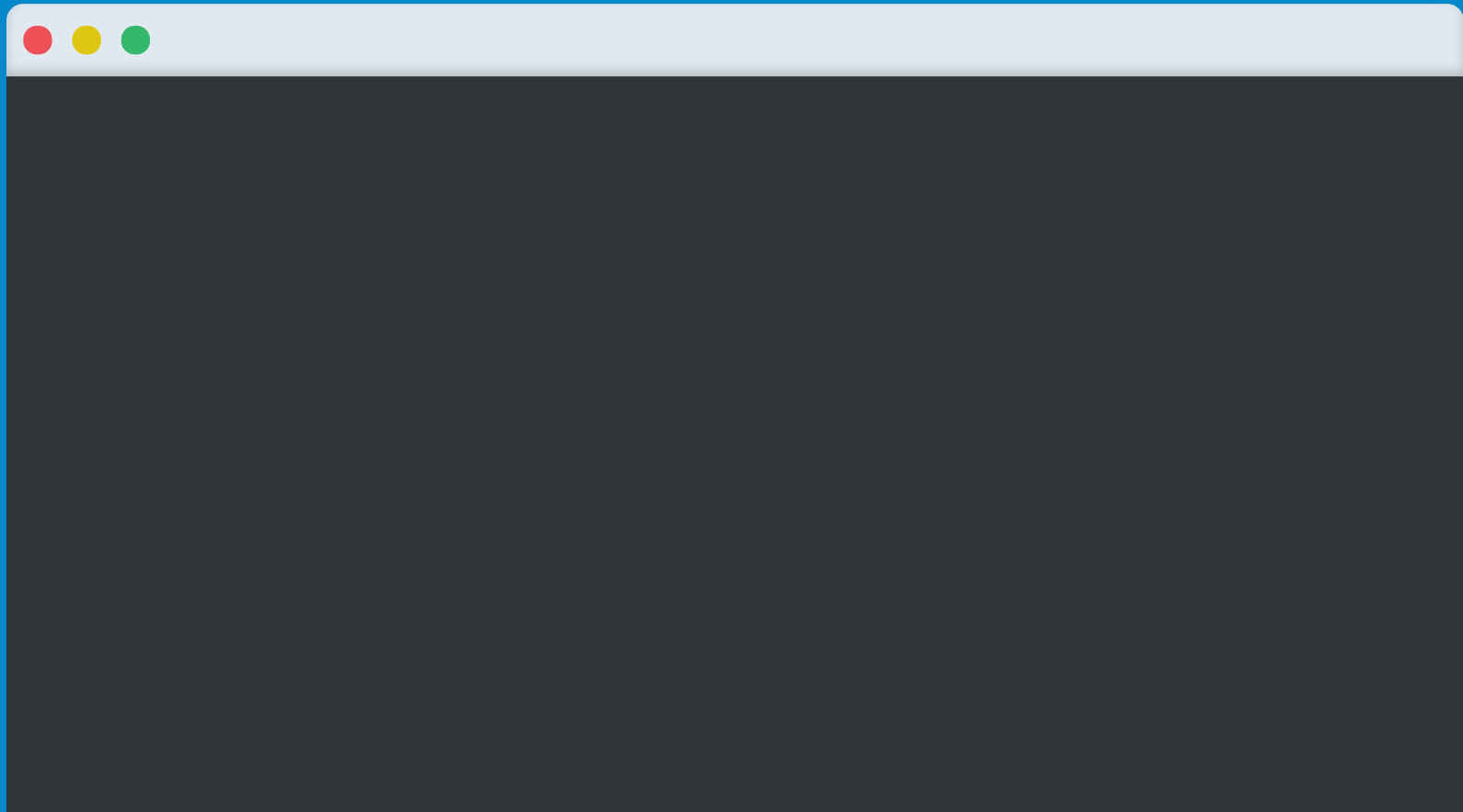
## Latest Measurements

ASN	Country code	Test Start Time	Test Name	
AS9121	TR	2018-01-04 21:32:10	ndt	<a href="#">Download</a>
AS15895	UA	2017-12-30 05:49:02	ndt	<a href="#">Download</a>
AS15895	UA	2017-12-30 01:46:11	ndt	<a href="#">Download</a>
AS5438	TN	2017-12-29 11:14:18	ndt	<a href="#">Download</a>
AS197207	IR	2017-12-28 16:35:15	ndt	<a href="#">Download</a>
AS4818	MY	2017-12-28 01:59:24	ndt	<a href="#">Download</a>

# MINING OONI DATA

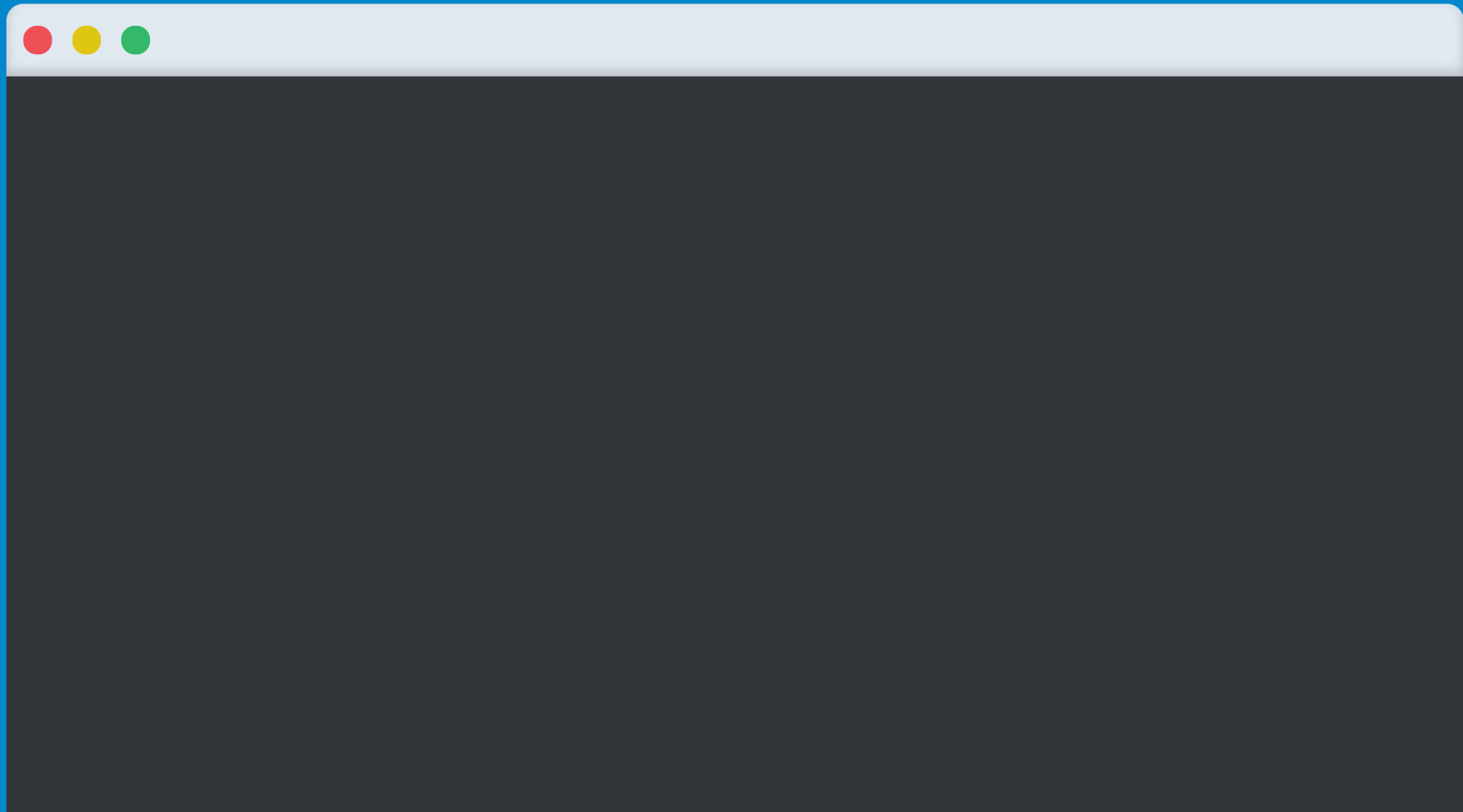
<https://ooni.torproject.org/post/mining-ooni-data/>

# OONI-SYNC



<https://github.com/thetorproject/ooni-sync>

# AWS S3



<https://aws.amazon.com/cli/>

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SOURCE  
LUKE**



## Essential tools

```
11. import requests
12. try:
13.     from urllib.parse import urlparse
14.     from urllib.request import urlopen
15. except ImportError:
16.     from urllib import urlopen
17.     from urlparse import urlparse
18.
19. # Date parsing
20. from dateutil.parser import parse as parse_date
21.
22. # For dealing with ASN data (optional)
23. import pyasn
24. import radix
25.
26. # Numpy and pandas
27. import pandas as pd
28. import numpy as np
29.
30. # Dask
31. import dask.bag as db
32. import dask.dataframe as dd
33. from dask.delayed import delayed
34. import dask.multiprocessing
35. from dask.diagnostics import ProgressBar
36.
37. # censys (optional)
38. import censys.ipv4 as censsysipv4
39.
40. MEASUREMENT_DIR = 'data/'
41.
42. import re
43. BLOCKPAGES = [
44.     {
45.         'match': [
```

# LEARN MORE

- <https://ooni.torproject.org/>
- <https://api.ooni.io/>
- <https://explorer.ooni.io/>

## **Contacts**

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