US Patent & Trademark Office
Patent Public Search | Text View

United States Patent	12388784
Kind Code	B1
Date of Patent	August 12, 2025
Inventor(s)	Kim; Simon Young-min et al.

Visualization of network address space

Abstract

Disclosed are various embodiments for visualization of network address space. In one embodiment, a network address block assigned to an entity in a network addressing scheme is determined. A user interface is generated that visually represents the network addressing scheme with a plurality of rows. Individual rows represent divisions of a corresponding network prefix length in the network addressing scheme. The user interface indicates a location of the network address block.

Inventors: **Kim; Simon Young-min (Fairfax, VA), Das; Shovan Kumar (Medina, WA), McCarthy; Geoffrey (Fort Myers, FL), Mahon; Patrick Charles (Gaithersburg, MD), Gray; James Alexander (Cape Town, ZA), Davis; Quintin Parker (Alexandria, VA), Patry; Julien Mathieu (Northville, MI)**

Applicant: **Amazon Technologies, Inc.** (Seattle, WA)

Family ID: **1000007398665**

Assignee: **AMAZON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (Seattle, WA)**

Appl. No.: **18/475893**

Filed: **September 27, 2023**

Publication Classification

Int. Cl.: **H04L61/5061** (20220101); **H04L101/668** (20220101)

U.S. Cl.:

CPC   **H04L61/5061** (20220501); H04L2101/668 (20220501)

Field of Classification Search

CPC: H04L (61/5061); H04L (2101/668)

References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Patent No.	Issued Date	Patentee Name	U.S. Cl.	CPC
8862725	12/2013	Voltmer	709/224	H04L 61/5007
9680858	12/2016	Boyer	N/A	G06Q 50/01
2009/0254833	12/2008	McLaughlin	715/737	H04L 41/22
2009/0313537	12/2008	Fu	715/201	G06F 16/00
2021/0142760	12/2020	Kim	N/A	G09G 5/005

Primary Examiner: Georgandellis; Andrew C

Attorney, Agent or Firm: Perilla Knox & Hildebrandt LLP

Background/Summary

BACKGROUND

(1) Network addresses for the Internet are specified in respective addressing schemes for Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) and Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6). IPv4 addresses are 32 bits in length and are usually visually represented by dotted quad notation, with four octets, each ranging from 0 to 255 and separated by periods. There are roughly 2^{32} or 4,294,967,296 addresses, less reserved and/or system address ranges. The use of Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR) allowed for allocation of addresses using variable length subnet masks and accompanying arbitrary length network prefixes. For example, a network "192.168.1.0/24" indicates a network prefix 24 bits in length using CIDR notation, with the equivalent subnet mask of "255.255.255.0" being implied by the "/24" CIDR notation. While four billion addresses may seem like a large number, every top-level block of IPv4 addresses has already been allocated. Because of IPv4 address exhaustion, the Internet is transitioning to the use of IPv6, which uses 128-bit addresses and 2^{128} possible addresses. IPv6 addresses are represented as eight groupings of four hexadecimal digits, each ranging from 0000 to ffff, and separated by colons.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

(1) Many aspects of the present disclosure can be better understood with reference to the following drawings. The components in the drawings are not necessarily to scale, with emphasis instead being placed upon clearly illustrating the principles of the disclosure. Moreover, in the drawings, like reference numerals designate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

(2) FIGS. **1**A-**1**C are drawings of example user interfaces for visualizing network address space according to various embodiments of the present disclosure.

(3) FIG. **2** is a schematic block diagram of a networked environment according to various embodiments of the present disclosure.

(4) FIG. **3** is a flowchart illustrating one example of functionality implemented as portions of a network address visualization service executed in a computing environment in the networked environment of FIG. **2** according to various embodiments of the present disclosure.

(5) FIG. **4** is a flowchart illustrating one example of functionality implemented as portions of a network address visualization service executed in a computing environment in the networked

environment of FIG. **2** according to various embodiments of the present disclosure.

(6) FIG. **5** is a schematic block diagram that provides one example illustration of a computing environment employed in the networked environment of FIG. **2** according to various embodiments of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

(7) The present disclosure relates to visualization of network address space. Organizations that manage networking infrastructure may need to keep track of network address allocations in order to know what address ranges are already allocated, or conversely, are unallocated and available for allocation. In various scenarios, a customer may be seeking a new network address allocation with at least a certain number of network addresses to configure a subnetwork in a cloud provider network, where the addresses are allocated from a pool of available addresses from the cloud provider or from a pool of addresses that the customer already controls. Using CIDR notation, the "/X" number of bits subtracted from the number of bits in the address yields the number of addresses available in a network according to the formula 2 (32-X) for IPv4 or 2 (128-X) for IPv6. For example, a request for a "/28" network allocation in IPv4 would be for 2 (32-28) or 16 contiguous addresses.

(8) Customer resources or hosts on a cloud provider network are assigned network addresses (IPv4 and/or IPv6) in order to communicate with one another and with other resources or hosts on the cloud provider network. For example, when a customer creates a first virtual private cloud (VPC) network, a first allocation of network addresses may be randomly allocated. When the customer subsequently creates a second VPC network, a second allocation of network addresses may be randomly allocated. These random allocations prevent customers from pre-planning their network address numbering. The first and second allocations may be non-contiguous, which may pose problems and interfere with unified management of hosts on the first and second allocations. For example, non-contiguous network address allocations would force customers to create individual static routes, security groups, access control lists, and firewalls for each function in their respective table.

(9) It is also important to avoid unnecessary fragmentation of larger network address blocks to preserve them for customers who may require such larger allocations. To illustrate, within a "/30" block of four contiguous addresses in IPv4 are two "/31" blocks of two contiguous addresses each. Allocating a single address from the first "/31" block and a single address from the second "/31" block would make it impossible to allocate an entire "/31" block of two addresses. Thus, an allocation management system should seek to allocate both single addresses (each considered "/32" blocks) within one "/31" block, thus preserving the entire remaining "/31" block for a possible future allocation request of two contiguous addresses.

(10) It may be difficult for individuals who manage networking infrastructure to understand how their network address space is used. Seeing a list of network address allocations in CIDR notation does not immediately indicate which allocations are contiguous or overlap. Also, due to multiple individuals potentially requesting network address allocations in an organization, various network address allocations may be deemed non-compliant for failing to comply with established rules. In one example, a subnet used in a first region may be deemed non-compliant if the subnet is within a larger network address block for a VPC network in a second region. In another example, a network address allocation for a "/24" block may be non-compliant if a rule specifies a requirement to use "/28" blocks.

(11) Various embodiments of the present disclosure introduce graphical user interfaces that facilitate visualization of network address space. The interfaces may show a decomposition of an entire network address space in an addressing scheme, such as from "0.0.0.0" to "255.255.255.255" in the case of IPv4. Users may drill down into the graphical user interface to see smaller network address blocks. For example, users may manipulate the graphical user interface to visualize block sizes from "/1" to "/32." Color coding and/or other indicia may indicate to users whether address

space is available, allocated, assigned to a pool, compliant, non-compliant, public, private, or other statuses. This visualization enables users to manage their network address space in a more efficient manner, with fewer non-compliant allocations and greater contiguity. Through the stacked CIDR visualization, block grouping, colorization, popover details, and navigation methods, a customer can freely browse the entire IPv4 and IPv6 ranges, comprehend the overview as well as down to the details, and develop a mental model of their CIDR block landscape fast and easily.

(12) As one skilled in the art will appreciate in light of this disclosure, certain embodiments may be capable of achieving certain advantages, including some or all of the following: (1) improving the functioning of computer systems by enabling administrative users to perceive their organization's network address space visually; (2) improving the functioning of computer networks by enabling improved network address allocations that comply with various rules and more efficiently divide the address space; (3) improving the functioning of computer networks by preventing network address space exhaustion due to suboptimal allocations and fragmentation; and so forth.

(13) With reference to FIG. **1**A, shown is one example of a user interface **100** for visualization of network address space according to one or more embodiments. The user interface **100** includes a table **103** or grid that represents a particular network addressing scheme, such as IPv4 or IPv6. In other examples, the visualization of the table **103** may be in the form of a binary tree or another corresponding visualization.

(14) The table **103** includes a plurality of rows **106**, where each row **106** corresponds to a particular network prefix length in the network addressing scheme. Each row **106** is visually divided into one or more network address blocks. In this example, each row **106** is labeled with the corresponding CIDR notation or size, and each division of the row **106** corresponds to a division of the network addressing scheme into a CIDR block of that size. In some cases, the row **106** may be additionally labeled with a quantity of network addresses that are in a network corresponding to a CIDR block of the particular size.

(15) In this example, the top row **106** is "/0," or a zero network prefix length, the second row **106** is "/1," or a single-bit network prefix length (of which there are two (2.sup.1) blocks in the network addressing scheme), the third row **106** is "/2," or a two-bit network prefix length (of which there are four (2.sup.2) blocks in the network addressing scheme), the fourth row **106** is "/3," or a three-bit network prefix length (of which there are eight blocks (2.sup.3) in the network addressing scheme), and so on, until the sixth row **106**. Although the quantity of rows **106** in this example is six, a different number of rows **106** may be included in the table **103** in other examples. In some cases, the quantity of rows **106**, and the number of divisions shown in each row **106**, may depend at least in part on the display area for the user interface **100**. Also, in other examples, the rows **106** may have different network prefix lengths than those depicted.

(16) The table **103** may have legend labels **109** with corresponding reference addresses. In this example, four legend labels **109** are shown, "0.0.0.0," "64.0.0.0," "128.0.0.0," and "192.0.0.0," corresponding to the starting address of the CIDR blocks aligned to the left of the legend label **109**. In other examples, a different quantity of legend labels **109** may be shown, and they may be aligned to different CIDR blocks.

(17) The locations **112** of one or more network address blocks assigned to an entity such as a customer of a cloud provider network may be indicated in the table **103**. In this example, the indicated location **112** corresponds to the CIDR block "10.0.0.0/16." The locations **112** may be color coded, shaded, or marked with an indicium (e.g., a shape) that indicates a status of the corresponding network address block. For example, such statuses may include overlapping, compliant, non-compliant, unmanaged, managed, ignored, public, private, and so on. In some examples, a legend **113** explaining the relationship between the color/indicium and the status may be provided. In some examples, labels for the status may be displayed on the representations of the CIDR blocks themselves.

(18) In some cases, the assigned network address block is smaller than the smallest division shown

in the table **103**. For example, the block may be a "/16" and the smallest division in the table **103** may be "/5." In such cases, the smallest division in the table **103** that includes the network address block (as well as other network address blocks) may be consolidated with the smaller block and marked. In some embodiments, the bottom row shown may have a fixed number of blocks, while a horizontal scroll bar or other navigational component may enable the user to access the entire visualization.

(19) In some embodiments, hovering over or selecting a location **112** may cause additional information about the network address block to be displayed in a pop-over user interface. Such information may include an identification of the block in CIDR notation, a utilization of network addresses in the block, a region in which the block is used, and/or other information. In some embodiments, the CIDR blocks may be selectable and may be moved (e.g., click and drag) to other locations **112** in the table **103** in order to set one or more associations for the destination CIDR blocks.

(20) Various selectable components **115** may be provided to update the table **103** to navigate within the network address space. Such selectable components **115** may correspond to links, buttons, and/or other user interface components. The selectable components **115** may enable updating the table **103** to show different rows **106** corresponding to larger CIDR blocks or smaller CIDR blocks (e.g., denoted with an up arrow or with a down arrow). The selectable components **115** may also enable moving laterally within the network address space (e.g., denoted with a left arrow or with a right arrow). In some embodiments, scroll bars may be present to facilitate navigation and/or swipe or pinch gestures may be used. In some embodiments, a scroll wheel or other input device may be used to pan or navigate in the table **103**. In some embodiments, a voice command (e.g., "move left," "move down," etc.) may be used to pan or navigate in the table **103**. While FIG. **1**A shows the entirety of the network address space, display area constraints may limit horizontal size for showing smaller CIDR blocks, thereby limiting the table **103** to show a portion of the network address space. In this way, a user may interactively manipulate the table **103** to explore the entire network address space of the network addressing scheme.

(21) An input component **118** may enable the user to specify a specific CIDR block (e.g., "10.0.0.0/16"), which would then cause the table **103** to be updated to be at the level ("/16") and the range ("10.0.0.0") to show the CIDR block at a location **112**. Selecting the location **112** may provide additional information about the CIDR block and/or may cause the table **103** to be updated with a more specific location of the CIDR block (e.g., at the level of the CIDR block in terms of network prefix length). The input component **118** may also be populated with the current top most CIDR block.

(22) In addition to showing the locations **112** of network address blocks in a network addressing scheme, the user interface **100** may also show information about usage of the network addresses within a cloud provider network. For example, the user interface may show a quantity **121** of resources. Such resources may correspond, for example, to individual virtual private cloud networks associated with a customer.

(23) With reference to FIG. **1**B, shown is one example of the user interface **100** of FIG. **1**A with additional information according to one or more embodiments. The user interface **100** may also include a table **124** listing information about each of the resources. In this example, for each resource, the table **124** may include a respective name **127**, a respective status **130**, a respective network address block **133**, a respective utilization **136** of network addresses within the block, and a respective region **139** in which the block is used. In other examples, the table **124** may include resource unique identifiers, gateways, scopes, accounts, and/or other information. In other examples, navigational components may be provided to scroll to or otherwise access other portions of the table **124**. An input component **142** may be employed by a user to enter a search query or criterion to filter the table **124**. In some embodiments, a selection of a CIDR block in the table **103** may result in a row in the table **124** corresponding to the CIDR block being selected.

(24) With reference to FIG. **1**C, shown is one example of an update to the user interface **100** of FIG. **1**B according to one or more embodiments. In FIG. **1**C, the table **103** has been updated with a different set of rows **106**, from "/7" to "/12" in CIDR notation. The range of network address space shown also differs from FIG. **1**B. In FIG. **1**C, the network address space that is shown ranges from "10.0.0.0" to "10.255.0.0," and the labels **109** are updated accordingly. The location **112** is updated to be a more specific location **112** for the network address block "10.0.0.0/16," as compared to FIG. **1**B. Alternatively, the user may cause the user interface **100** to move to a higher-level view (such as that of FIG. **1**B), which shows a less specific location **112** for the network address block. Although only one network address block is indicated in FIG. **1**C, in other examples, multiple network address blocks may be shown. In the following discussion, a general description of the system and its components is provided, followed by a discussion of the operation of the same.

(25) With reference to FIG. **2**, shown is a networked environment **200** according to various embodiments. The networked environment **200** includes a computing environment **203** and one or more client devices **206**, which are in data communication with each other via a network **209** The network **209** includes, for example, the Internet, intranets, extranets, wide area networks (WANs), local area networks (LANs), wired networks, wireless networks, cable networks, satellite networks, or other suitable networks, etc., or any combination of two or more such networks.

(26) The computing environment **203** may comprise, for example, a server computer or any other system providing computing capability. Alternatively, the computing environment **203** may employ a plurality of computing devices that may be arranged, for example, in one or more server banks or computer banks or other arrangements. Such computing devices may be located in a single installation or may be distributed among many different geographical locations. For example, the computing environment **203** may include a plurality of computing devices that together may comprise a hosted computing resource, a grid computing resource, and/or any other distributed computing arrangement. In some cases, the computing environment **203** may correspond to an elastic computing resource where the allotted capacity of processing, network, storage, or other computing-related resources may vary over time.

(27) The computing environment **203** may implement a cloud provider network operated by a cloud provider. A cloud provider network (sometimes referred to simply as a "cloud") refers to a pool of network-accessible computing resources (such as compute, storage, and networking resources, applications, and services), which may be virtualized or bare-metal. The cloud can provide convenient, on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources that can be programmatically provisioned and released in response to customer commands. These resources can be dynamically provisioned and reconfigured to adjust to variable load. Cloud computing can thus be considered as both the applications delivered as services over a publicly accessible network (e.g., the Internet, a cellular communication network) and the hardware and software in cloud provider data centers that provide those services.

(28) The cloud provider network can provide on-demand, scalable computing services to users through a network, for example, allowing users to have at their disposal scalable "virtual computing devices" via their use of the compute servers (which provide compute instances via the usage of one or both of central processing units (CPUs) and graphics processing units (GPUs), optionally with local storage) and block store servers (which provide virtualized persistent block storage for designated compute instances). These virtual computing devices have attributes of a personal computing device including hardware (various types of processors, local memory, random access memory (RAM), hard-disk, and/or solid-state drive (SSD) storage), a choice of operating systems, networking capabilities, and pre-loaded application software. Each virtual computing device may also virtualize its console input and output (e.g., keyboard, display, and mouse). This virtualization allows users to connect to their virtual computing device using a computer application such as a browser, API, software development kit (SDK), or the like, in order to configure and use their virtual computing device just as they would a personal computing device.

Unlike personal computing devices, which possess a fixed quantity of hardware resources available to the user, the hardware associated with the virtual computing devices can be scaled up or down depending upon the resources the user requires.

(29) A cloud provider network can be formed as a number of regions, where each region represents a geographical area in which the cloud provider clusters data centers. Each region can further include multiple (e.g., two or more) availability zones (AZs) connected to one another via a private high-speed network, for example, a fiber communication connection. An AZ may provide an isolated failure domain including one or more data center facilities with separate power, separate networking, and separate cooling from those in another AZ. Preferably, AZs within a region are positioned far enough away from one another such that a same natural disaster (or other failure-inducing event) should not affect or take more than one AZ offline at the same time. Customers can connect to an AZ of the cloud provider network via a publicly accessible network (e.g., the Internet, a cellular communication network).

(30) Transit Centers (TC) are the primary backbone locations linking customers to the cloud provider network and may be co-located at other network provider facilities (e.g., Internet service providers, telecommunications providers). Each region can operate two or more TCs for redundancy.

(31) The parenting of a given edge location to an AZ or region of the cloud provider network can be based on a number of factors. One such parenting factor is data sovereignty. For example, to keep data originating from a communication network in one country within that country, the edge locations deployed within that communication network can be parented to AZs or regions within that country. Another factor is availability of services. For example, some edge locations may have different hardware configurations such as the presence or absence of components such as local non-volatile storage for customer data (e.g., solid state drives), graphics accelerators, etc. Some AZs or regions might lack the services to exploit those additional resources, thus, an edge location could be parented to an AZ or region that supports the use of those resources. Another factor is the latency between the AZ or region and the edge location. While the deployment of edge locations within a communication network has latency benefits, those benefits might be negated by parenting an edge location to a distant AZ or region that introduces significant latency for the edge location to region traffic. Accordingly, edge locations are often parented to nearby (in terms of network latency) AZs or regions.

(32) The cloud provider network can include a physical network (e.g., sheet metal boxes, cables, rack hardware) referred to as the substrate. The substrate can be considered as a network fabric containing the physical hardware that runs the services of the provider network. The substrate may be isolated from the rest of the cloud provider network, for example it may not be possible to route from a substrate network address to an address in a production network that runs services of the cloud provider, or to a customer network that hosts customer resources.

(33) The cloud provider network can also include an overlay network of virtualized computing resources that run on the substrate. In at least some embodiments, hypervisors or other devices or processes on the network substrate may use encapsulation protocol technology to encapsulate and route network packets (e.g., client IP packets) over the network substrate between client resource instances on different hosts within the provider network. The encapsulation protocol technology may be used on the network substrate to route encapsulated packets (also referred to as network substrate packets) between endpoints on the network substrate via overlay network paths or routes. The encapsulation protocol technology may be viewed as providing a virtual network topology overlaid on the network substrate. As such, network packets can be routed along a substrate network according to constructs in the overlay network (e.g., virtual networks that may be referred to as virtual private clouds (VPCs), port/protocol firewall configurations that may be referred to as security groups). A mapping service (not shown) can coordinate the routing of these network packets. The mapping service can be a regional distributed look up service that maps the

combination of overlay internet protocol (IP) and network identifier to substrate IP so that the distributed substrate computing devices can look up where to send packets.

(34) To illustrate, each physical host device (e.g., a compute server, a block store server, an object store server, a control server) can have an IP address in the substrate network. Hardware virtualization technology can enable multiple operating systems to run concurrently on a host computer, for example as virtual machines (VMs) on a compute server. A hypervisor, or virtual machine monitor (VMM), on a host allocates the host's hardware resources amongst various VMs on the host and monitors the execution of the VMs. Each VM may be provided with one or more IP addresses in an overlay network, and the VMM on a host may be aware of the IP addresses of the VMs on the host. The VMMs (and/or other devices or processes on the network substrate) may use encapsulation protocol technology to encapsulate and route network packets (e.g., client IP packets) over the network substrate between virtualized resources on different hosts within the cloud provider network. The encapsulation protocol technology may be used on the network substrate to route encapsulated packets between endpoints on the network substrate via overlay network paths or routes. The encapsulation protocol technology may be viewed as providing a virtual network topology overlaid on the network substrate. The encapsulation protocol technology may include the mapping service that maintains a mapping directory that maps IP overlay addresses (e.g., IP addresses visible to customers) to substrate IP addresses (IP addresses not visible to customers), which can be accessed by various processes on the cloud provider network for routing packets between endpoints.

(35) Various applications and/or other functionality may be executed in the computing environment **203** according to various embodiments. Also, various data is stored in a data store **212** that is accessible to the computing environment **203**. The data store **212** may be representative of a plurality of data stores **212** as can be appreciated. The data stored in the data store **212**, for example, is associated with the operation of the various applications and/or functional entities described below.

(36) The components of the computing environment **203**, for example, include a network address visualization service **215**, one or more cloud regions **221**, and other applications, services, processes, systems, engines, or functionality not discussed in detail herein. The network address visualization service **215** is executed to generate user interfaces **100** that enable users to visualize their network address space in a network addressing scheme. For example, the user may represent a customer of a cloud provider network, and one or more network address blocks may be assigned to that customer, either by the cloud provider network or by one or more regional internet registries. The user interfaces **100** generated by the network address visualization service **215** may be interactive, enabling users to drill down into the network address space to see how their network address blocks and subnets are used. The user interfaces **100** may also comprise information about cloud network resources that employ the network address blocks.

(37) The cloud provider network may be associated with a plurality of cloud regions **221**. In one embodiment, a network address allocation may span only one cloud region **221** in order to simplify routing. In other embodiments, a network address allocation may span multiple regions **221**.

(38) Virtual private cloud (VPC) networks **227** of one or more customers may be in a cloud region **221**. A VPC network **227** is a custom-defined, virtual network within another network, such as a cloud provider network. A VPC network **227** can provide the foundational network layer for a cloud service, for example a compute cloud or an edge cloud, or for a customer application or workload that runs on the cloud. A VPC network **227** can be defined by at least its address space, internal structure (e.g., the computing resources that comprise the VPC network **227**), and transit paths. VPC network **227** resources are typically hosted and provisioned within the cloud provider network, though customer-owned networks may be connected to the VPC network **227** through a gateway. In hosting the VPC network **227**, the cloud provide network implements a logical construct using physical, and optionally virtual, resources of the cloud provider network to

provision the VPC network **227**.

(39) A VPC network **227** is a virtual network dedicated to a particular customer account (or set of related customer accounts, such as different customer accounts belonging to the same business organization). A VPC network **227** is logically isolated from other virtual networks in the cloud. Customers can launch resources, such as compute instances, into a VPC network **227**. When creating a VPC network **227**, a customer can specify a range of IPv4 and/or IPv6 addresses for the VPC network **227** in the form of a Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR) block. A VPC network **227** can span all of the availability zones in a particular region. After creating a VPC network **227**, a customer can add one or more subnets in each availability zone or edge location.

(40) A VPC network **227** may have one or more access controls. Access controls can refer to security groups or network access control lists. Security groups (also known as network security groups, application security groups, cloud security groups, or compute engine firewall rules, in various implementations) act as a virtual firewall for a virtual machine instance to control inbound and outbound traffic. Customers can define security groups as policies that can be applied to specific instances. When a customer launches an instance in a VPC network **227**, they can assign one or more security groups to the instance. Security groups may act at the instance level instead of the subnet level. Therefore, each instance in a subnet can be assigned to a different set of security groups. For each security group, the customer can add rules that control the inbound traffic to instances, and a separate set of rules that control the outbound traffic. Security groups can be stateful, in that return traffic is automatically allowed.

(41) A customer can also set up network access control lists (ACLs) with rules similar to security groups in order to add an additional layer of security to a VPC network **227**. Network ACLs operate at the subnet level, support allow rules and deny rules, and automatically apply to all instances in any subnet with which it is associated. Network ACLs may not be stateful, in that return traffic must be explicitly allowed by the rules.

(42) Each VPC network **227** may be associated with a network address allocation **230** and one or more computing instances **233**. The network address allocation **230** corresponds to a block of network addresses that the customer has assigned to the particular VPC network **227**. Different VPC networks **227** may be assigned different size network address allocations **230**. Individual network addresses may be assigned to respective computing instances **233** of the customer, so that data traffic to the respective computing instance **233** can be correctly routed using the network address.

(43) The data stored in the data store **212** includes, for example, customer data **236**, one or more address usage rules **239**, cloud region data **248**, a user interface (UI) generation configuration **249**, one or more network address pools **251**, a network address visualization user interface (UI) **254**, and potentially other data.

(44) The customer data **236** includes data associated with one or more accounts of a customer of the cloud provider, such as an organization or another entity. The customer data **236** may include assigned network address space **255**, cloud resource information **256**, and/or other data. The assigned network address space **255** is assigned to the customer by another customer, the cloud provider network, or a regional internet registry. The assigned network address space **255** may include public and/or private network addresses. The cloud resource information **256** includes data about various cloud resources, such as virtual private cloud networks **227**, that are controlled by the customer.

(45) The address usage rules **239** correspond to rules that establish whether network address blocks or subnets of network address blocks are considered compliant or non-compliant. For example, an address usage rule **239** may indicate that a first network address block that overlaps a second network address block of the customer may be considered non-compliant due to the overlap. Also, if a network address block is assigned to a particular cloud region **221**, an address usage rule **239** may indicate that a subset of the network address block is non-compliant if it is being used in a

different cloud region **221**.

(46) The cloud region data **248** may include data describing the plurality of cloud regions **221**, including the VPC networks **227** assigned to the cloud region **221**, network address allocations **230** assigned to the cloud region **221**, and other data.

(47) The UI generation configuration **249** may control how the network address visualization user interfaces **254** are generated. For example, the UI generation configuration **249** may control the look-and-feel of the network address visualization user interfaces **254**, including proportions, colors, sizes, graphical embellishments, UI components used, default views, navigation behavior, and so on.

(48) The network address pools **251** are pools of network addresses that are issued by the cloud provider network from one or more root allocations to the cloud provider network. In one example, the network addresses correspond to publicly routable network addresses that are assigned to the cloud provider network. In another example, the network addresses correspond to internal network addresses that are routable only within the cloud provider network or a cloud region **221**. A network address pool **251** corresponds to a particular set of network addresses that are assigned to a particular customer for use by that customer in the cloud provider network or to connect hosts to the resources of the customer in the cloud provider network.

(49) A network address pool **251** may include one or more network address blocks **260**. The network address blocks **260** correspond to ranges of network addresses within the network address pool **251** that are either allocated or free for future allocations by the customer. In one embodiment, a particular network address block **260** may be allocated to a VPC network **227**, and then the network addresses of the network address block **260** may be assigned to individual hosts or computing instances **233** of the VPC network **227**. Each of the network address blocks **260** may be associated with a corresponding status **263** (e.g., compliant, non-compliant, managed, unmanaged, overlapping, etc.), a corresponding utilization **264** of network addresses, and a corresponding region **265** in which the network address block **260** is assigned for use.

(50) The network address visualization user interface **254** corresponds to the user interfaces **100** generated by the network address visualization service **215**. The network address visualization user interface **254** may comprise hypertext markup language (HTML), JAVASCRIPT, cascading style sheets (CSS), extensible markup language (XML), and/or other formatting elements. In some embodiments, the network address visualization user interfaces **254** may be configured to dynamically adapt to a screen size or available display area of a client device **206**. In some embodiments, the network address visualization user interface **254** may be wholly generated in the computing environment **203** and then sent to the client device **206** (e.g., as an image or a complete HTML page). In other embodiments, logic executed in the client device **206** may generate the network address visualization user interface **254** in response to parameters sent from the computing environment **203**.

(51) The client device **206** is representative of a plurality of client devices **206** that may be coupled to the network **209**. The client device **206** may comprise, for example, a processor-based system such as a computer system. Such a computer system may be embodied in the form of a desktop computer, a laptop computer, personal digital assistants, cellular telephones, smartphones, set-top boxes, music players, web pads, tablet computer systems, game consoles, electronic book readers, smartwatches, head mounted displays, voice interface devices, or other devices. The client device **206** may comprise a display such as, for example, one or more devices such as liquid crystal display (LCD) displays, gas plasma-based flat panel displays, organic light emitting diode (OLED) displays, electrophoretic ink (E ink) displays, LCD projectors, or other types of display devices, etc.

(52) The client device **206** may be configured to execute various applications such as a client application and/or other applications. The client application may be executed in a client device **206**, for example, to access network content served up by the computing environment **203** and/or other

servers, thereby rendering a user interface **100** on the display. To this end, the client application may comprise, for example, a browser, a dedicated application, etc., and the user interface **100** may comprise a network page, an application screen, etc. The client device **206** may be configured to execute applications beyond the client application such as, for example, email applications, social networking applications, word processors, spreadsheets, and/or other applications.

(53) Referring next to FIG. **3**, shown is a flowchart that provides one example of the operation of a portion of the network address visualization service **215** according to various embodiments. It is understood that the flowchart of FIG. **3** provides merely an example of the many different types of functional arrangements that may be employed to implement the operation of the portion of the network address visualization service **215** as described herein. As an alternative, the flowchart of FIG. **3** may be viewed as depicting an example of elements of a method implemented in the computing environment **203** (FIG. **2**) and/or the client device **206** (FIG. **2**) according to one or more embodiments.

(54) Beginning with box **303**, the network address visualization service **215** authenticates a customer of a cloud provider network at a client device **206**. For example, the customer may be required to log in using a username, password, authentication token, and/or other security credentials. Alternatively, the client device **206** may be automatically authenticated due to a long-lived registration credential, e.g., stored in cookie data presented to the network address visualization service **215**.

(55) In box **306**, the network address visualization service **215** determines one or more network address blocks **260** assigned to the customer in the cloud provider network. The network address visualization service **215** may be determined from the assigned network address space **225**. In another embodiment, the network address visualization service **215** may receive a list of the network address blocks **260** from another source.

(56) In box **309**, the network address visualization service **215** determines corresponding statuses **263** associated with the network address blocks **260** of the customer. Such statuses **263** may include compliant, non-compliant, free, allocated, overlapping, public, private, and/or other statuses **263**. In some embodiments, the network address visualization service **215** may dynamically evaluate one or more address usage rules **239** against the network address blocks **260** of the customer in order to determine statuses **263** such as compliant or non-compliant.

(57) In box **312**, the network address visualization service **215** generates a network address visualization user interface **254** to visually represent a network addressing scheme, such as IPv4 or IPv6. The network address visualization user interface **254** includes a table **103** having a plurality of rows **106**, where the individual rows **106** represent divisions of a corresponding network prefix length in the network addressing scheme. For example, a row **106** corresponding to the "/17" level may show multiple CIDR blocks corresponding to size "/17," each having $2^{(32-17)}$ or 32,768 addresses.

(58) In some embodiments, the quantity of rows **106** and/or the quantity of divisions shown for each row **106** may be determined based at least in part on an available display area of the client device **206**. In other words, how many CIDR blocks are shown may depend on the available display area, and which range of CIDR blocks may be selectable. For example, the range may be selected so as to include the location **112** of the network address block **260** of the customer. The network address visualization user interface **254** may also be resized, and upon resizing, may be dynamically updated to change the quantity of rows **106** and/or the quantity of divisions.

(59) In box **315**, the network address visualization service **215** indicates a location **112** and a corresponding status **263** of the one or more network address blocks **260** in the network address visualization user interface **254**. The location **112** may be color coded or display a corresponding indicium to indicate the status **263** of the network address blocks **260**. In one embodiment, the block in the table **103** may have multiple colors (e.g., in bands) to represent different concurrent statuses embodied in the corresponding network address block **260**.

(60) In box **318**, the network address visualization service **215** indicates the network address utilization **264** corresponding to the network address blocks **260** in the network address visualization user interface **254**. For example, the network address utilization **264** may be provided for each of a plurality of subnets corresponding to virtual private cloud networks **227** of the customer, where the virtual private cloud networks **227** are allocated at least a portion of the network address block **260** of the customer. The network address visualization user interface **254** may also indicate corresponding regions **265** for each subnet of a plurality of subnets in a network address block **260**. Thereafter, the operation of the portion of the network address visualization service **215** ends.

(61) Referring next to FIG. **4**, shown is a flowchart that provides one example of the operation of another portion of the network address visualization service **215** according to various embodiments. It is understood that the flowchart of FIG. **4** provides merely an example of the many different types of functional arrangements that may be employed to implement the operation of the portion of the network address visualization service **215** as described herein. As an alternative, the flowchart of FIG. **4** may be viewed as depicting an example of elements of a method implemented in the computing environment **203** (FIG. **2**) and/or the client device **206** (FIG. **2**) according to one or more embodiments.

(62) Beginning with box **403**, the network address visualization service **215** receives a first navigation command, such as a user selection of a first UI component (e.g., a navigation component) in the network address visualization UI **254**. For example, the first UI component may be an up or down button for requesting that a different set of rows **106** be displayed in the table **103**. In another example, the first UI component may be a box in the table **103** corresponding to a location **112** of the particular network address block **260**.

(63) In box **406**, the network address visualization service **215** updates the network address visualization UI **254** to replace the current rows **106** with different rows **106**, which correspond to different network prefix lengths as compared to the current rows **106**. For example, the user interface **100** of FIG. **1**B may be updated to the user interface **100** of FIG. **1**C. In box **409**, the network address visualization service **215** may update the network address visualization UI **254** to indicate a more specific location **112** (or a less specific location **112** if moving to a higher level) of the network address blocks **260** of the customer.

(64) In box **412**, the network address visualization service **215** receives a second navigation command, such as a user selection of a second UI component (e.g., a navigation component) in the network address visualization UI **254**. For example, the first UI component may be a left or right button for requesting that the rows **106** be updated to show a different set of divisions or a different range of network addresses in the network addressing scheme. In other words, selection of the component may cause the user interface to move the rows **106** to different divisions of the corresponding network prefix lengths in the network addressing scheme. In box **415**, the network address visualization service **215** updates the network address visualization UI **254** to move the rows **106** to different divisions of the corresponding network prefix lengths, thereby covering a different range of the network addressing scheme.

(65) In box **418**, the network address visualization service **215** may receive a command to view details about a selected network address block **260**. For example, a user may tap on, right click, double click, hover over, etc., a particular network address block **260**. In box **421**, the network address visualization service **215** causes the network address visualization UI **254** to be updated to show detailed information about the network address block **260**. In one embodiment, this may be shown in a pop-over window. The detailed information may include the network prefix and prefix length of the network address block **260**, textual explanations of any status, percentage of network addresses allocated, information about a virtual private cloud network that is assigned the network address block **260**, and so forth. Thereafter, the operation of the portion of the network address visualization service **215** ends.

(66) In some embodiments, the network address visualization UI **254** may be integrated with a network address management service, such that management functions of the network address management service may be performed by way of the network address visualization UI **254**. For example, the user may select a particular network address block **260** and assign it to a network address pool **251**, allocate it to a virtual private cloud network **227**, split it into multiple network address blocks **260** or independently managed subnets, merge multiple network address blocks **260** that are contiguous together, and other management functions.

(67) With reference to FIG. **5**, shown is a schematic block diagram of the computing environment **203** according to an embodiment of the present disclosure. The computing environment **203** includes one or more computing devices **500**. Each computing device **500** includes at least one processor circuit, for example, having a processor **503** and a memory **506**, both of which are coupled to a local interface **509**. To this end, each computing device **500** may comprise, for example, at least one server computer or like device. The local interface **509** may comprise, for example, a data bus with an accompanying address/control bus or other bus structure as can be appreciated.

(68) Stored in the memory **506** are both data and several components that are executable by the processor **503**. In particular, stored in the memory **506** and executable by the processor **503** are the network address visualization service **215**, and potentially other applications. Also stored in the memory **506** may be a data store **212** and other data. In addition, an operating system may be stored in the memory **506** and executable by the processor **503**.

(69) It is understood that there may be other applications that are stored in the memory **506** and are executable by the processor **503** as can be appreciated. Where any component discussed herein is implemented in the form of software, any one of a number of programming languages may be employed such as, for example, C, C++, C#, Objective C, Java®, JavaScript®, Perl, PHP, Visual Basic®, Python®, Ruby, Flash®, or other programming languages.

(70) A number of software components are stored in the memory **506** and are executable by the processor **503**. In this respect, the term "executable" means a program file that is in a form that can ultimately be run by the processor **503**. Examples of executable programs may be, for example, a compiled program that can be translated into machine code in a format that can be loaded into a random access portion of the memory **506** and run by the processor **503**, source code that may be expressed in proper format such as object code that is capable of being loaded into a random access portion of the memory **506** and executed by the processor **503**, or source code that may be interpreted by another executable program to generate instructions in a random access portion of the memory **506** to be executed by the processor **503**, etc. An executable program may be stored in any portion or component of the memory **506** including, for example, random access memory (RAM), read-only memory (ROM), hard drive, solid-state drive, universal serial bus (USB) flash drive, memory card, optical disc such as compact disc (CD) or digital versatile disc (DVD), floppy disk, magnetic tape, or other memory components.

(71) The memory **506** is defined herein as including both volatile and nonvolatile memory and data storage components. Volatile components are those that do not retain data values upon loss of power. Nonvolatile components are those that retain data upon a loss of power. Thus, the memory **506** may comprise, for example, random access memory (RAM), read-only memory (ROM), hard disk drives, solid-state drives, USB flash drives, memory cards accessed via a memory card reader, floppy disks accessed via an associated floppy disk drive, optical discs accessed via an optical disc drive, magnetic tapes accessed via an appropriate tape drive, and/or other memory components, or a combination of any two or more of these memory components. In addition, the RAM may comprise, for example, static random access memory (SRAM), dynamic random access memory (DRAM), or magnetic random access memory (MRAM) and other such devices. The ROM may comprise, for example, a programmable read-only memory (PROM), an erasable programmable read-only memory (EPROM), an electrically erasable programmable read-only memory

(EEPROM), or other like memory device.

(72) Also, the processor **503** may represent multiple processors **503** and/or multiple processor cores and the memory **506** may represent multiple memories **506** that operate in parallel processing circuits, respectively. In such a case, the local interface **509** may be an appropriate network that facilitates communication between any two of the multiple processors **503**, between any processor **503** and any of the memories **506**, or between any two of the memories **506**, etc. The local interface **509** may comprise additional systems designed to coordinate this communication, including, for example, performing load balancing. The processor **503** may be of electrical or of some other available construction.

(73) Although network address visualization service **215** and other various systems described herein may be embodied in software or code executed by general purpose hardware as discussed above, as an alternative the same may also be embodied in dedicated hardware or a combination of software/general purpose hardware and dedicated hardware. If embodied in dedicated hardware, each can be implemented as a circuit or state machine that employs any one of or a combination of a number of technologies. These technologies may include, but are not limited to, discrete logic circuits having logic gates for implementing various logic functions upon an application of one or more data signals, application specific integrated circuits (ASICs) having appropriate logic gates, field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs), or other components, etc. Such technologies are generally well known by those skilled in the art and, consequently, are not described in detail herein.

(74) The flowcharts of FIGS. **3** and **4** show the functionality and operation of an implementation of portions of the network address visualization service **215**. If embodied in software, each block may represent a module, segment, or portion of code that comprises program instructions to implement the specified logical function(s). The program instructions may be embodied in the form of source code that comprises human-readable statements written in a programming language or machine code that comprises numerical instructions recognizable by a suitable execution system such as a processor **503** in a computer system or other system. The machine code may be converted from the source code, etc. If embodied in hardware, each block may represent a circuit or a number of interconnected circuits to implement the specified logical function(s).

(75) Although the flowcharts of FIGS. **3** and **4** show a specific order of execution, it is understood that the order of execution may differ from that which is depicted. For example, the order of execution of two or more blocks may be scrambled relative to the order shown. Also, two or more blocks shown in succession in FIGS. **3** and **4** may be executed concurrently or with partial concurrence. Further, in some embodiments, one or more of the blocks shown in FIGS. **3** and **4** may be skipped or omitted. In addition, any number of counters, state variables, warning semaphores, or messages might be added to the logical flow described herein, for purposes of enhanced utility, accounting, performance measurement, or providing troubleshooting aids, etc. It is understood that all such variations are within the scope of the present disclosure.

(76) Also, any logic or application described herein, including the network address visualization service **215**, that comprises software or code can be embodied in any non-transitory computer-readable medium for use by or in connection with an instruction execution system such as, for example, a processor **503** in a computer system or other system. In this sense, the logic may comprise, for example, statements including instructions and declarations that can be fetched from the computer-readable medium and executed by the instruction execution system. In the context of the present disclosure, a "computer-readable medium" can be any medium that can contain, store, or maintain the logic or application described herein for use by or in connection with the instruction execution system.

(77) The computer-readable medium can comprise any one of many physical media such as, for example, magnetic, optical, or semiconductor media. More specific examples of a suitable computer-readable medium would include, but are not limited to, magnetic tapes, magnetic floppy

diskettes, magnetic hard drives, memory cards, solid-state drives, USB flash drives, or optical discs. Also, the computer-readable medium may be a random access memory (RAM) including, for example, static random access memory (SRAM) and dynamic random access memory (DRAM), or magnetic random access memory (MRAM). In addition, the computer-readable medium may be a read-only memory (ROM), a programmable read-only memory (PROM), an erasable programmable read-only memory (EPROM), an electrically erasable programmable read-only memory (EEPROM), or other type of memory device.

(78) Further, any logic or application described herein, including the network address visualization service **215**, may be implemented and structured in a variety of ways. For example, one or more applications described may be implemented as modules or components of a single application. Further, one or more applications described herein may be executed in shared or separate computing devices or a combination thereof. For example, a plurality of the applications described herein may execute in the same computing device **500**, or in multiple computing devices **500** in the same computing environment **203**.

(79) Unless otherwise explicitly stated, articles such as "a" or "an", and the term "set", should generally be interpreted to include one or more described items. Accordingly, phrases such as "a device configured to" are intended to include one or more recited devices. Such one or more recited devices can also be collectively configured to carry out the stated recitations. For example, "a processor configured to carry out recitations A, B, and C" can include a first processor configured to carry out recitation A working in conjunction with a second processor configured to carry out recitations B and C.

(80) Disjunctive language such as the phrase "at least one of X, Y, or Z," unless specifically stated otherwise, is otherwise understood with the context as used in general to present that an item, term, etc., may be either X, Y, or Z, or any combination thereof (e.g., X, Y, and/or Z). Thus, such disjunctive language is not generally intended to, and should not, imply that certain embodiments require at least one of X, at least one of Y, or at least one of Z to each be present.

(81) Any process descriptions, elements or blocks in the flow diagrams described herein and/or depicted in the attached figures should be understood as potentially representing modules, segments, or portions of code which include one or more executable instructions for implementing specific logical functions or elements in the process. Alternate implementations are included within the scope of the embodiments described herein in which elements or functions may be deleted, executed out of order from that shown, or discussed, including substantially concurrently or in reverse order, depending on the functionality involved as would be understood by those skilled in the art.

(82) It should be emphasized that the above-described embodiments of the present disclosure are merely possible examples of implementations set forth for a clear understanding of the principles of the disclosure. Many variations and modifications may be made to the above-described embodiment(s) without departing substantially from the spirit and principles of the disclosure. All such modifications and variations are intended to be included herein within the scope of this disclosure and protected by the following claims.

Claims

1. A system, comprising: a cloud provider network that hosts virtual private cloud networks on behalf of a plurality of customers; and at least one computing device configured to at least: determine a network address block assigned to a customer of the cloud provider network in a network addressing scheme; generate a user interface that visually represents the network addressing scheme in a table having a plurality of rows, individual rows of the plurality of rows representing divisions of a corresponding network prefix length in the network addressing scheme; indicate in the user interface a location of the network address block; indicate in the user interface a

compliance status of the network address block, the compliance status indicating whether an allocation of network addresses in the network address block is compliant or non-compliant with a rule established by the cloud provider network; and indicate in the user interface a network address utilization of a virtual private cloud network of the customer that is allocated at least a portion of the network address block; wherein the location is color coded to indicate the compliance status of the network address block, and the allocation is deemed non-compliant in response to the allocation being into a first region of the cloud provider network that differs from a second region of the cloud provider network that is associated with the network address block.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one computing device is further configured to at least: receive a user selection of the location of the network address block; update the user interface to show a different row having divisions of a different network prefix length; and indicate a more specific location of the network address block in the different row.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein the location is further color coded to indicate whether the network address block includes an overlap of another network address block.

4. The system of claim 1, wherein the cloud provider network comprises a plurality of regions, and the user interface indicates a corresponding region of the plurality of regions for individual subnets of a plurality of subnets in the network address block.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of: a quantity of rows or a quantity of divisions shown in the user interface is determined based at least in part on an available display area for the user interface on a client device.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface includes a first set of rows as the plurality of rows, and the user interface includes selectable components that in response to selection cause the user interface to replace the first set of rows with a second set of rows representing a different set of network prefix lengths in the network addressing scheme.

7. The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface includes selectable components that in response to selection cause the user interface to move the plurality of rows to different divisions of the corresponding network prefix lengths in the network addressing scheme.

8. A computer-implemented method, comprising: hosting, by a cloud provider network, virtual private cloud networks on behalf of a plurality of entities; determining a network address block assigned to an entity in a network addressing scheme; generating a user interface that visually represents the network addressing scheme in a table with a plurality of rows, individual rows of the plurality of rows representing divisions of a corresponding network prefix length in the network addressing scheme; indicating a location of the network address block in the user interface; indicating in the user interface a compliance status of the network address block, the compliance status indicating whether an allocation of network addresses in the network address block is compliant or non-compliant with a rule established by the cloud provider network; and indicating in the user interface a network address utilization of a virtual private cloud network of the entity that is allocated at least a portion of the network address block; wherein the location is color coded to indicate the compliance status of the network address block, and the allocation is deemed non-compliant in response to the allocation being into a first region of the cloud provider network that differs from a second region of the cloud provider network that is associated with the network address block.

9. The computer-implemented method of claim 8, wherein the allocation is deemed non-compliant further in response to the rule requiring a different allocation size than the allocation.

10. The computer-implemented method of claim 8, further comprising indicating respective locations of a plurality of subdivisions of the network address block in the user interface.

11. The computer-implemented method of claim 10, further comprising indicating respective statuses of the plurality of subdivisions of the network address block using a corresponding color or a corresponding indicium.

12. The computer-implemented method of claim 8, further comprising updating the user interface

to show a different row having divisions of a different network prefix length.

13. The computer-implemented method of claim 8, further comprising: receiving a user selection of the location of the network address block; updating the user interface to show a different row having divisions of a different network prefix length; and indicating a more specific location of the network address block in the different row.

14. A computer-implemented method, comprising: generating a user interface that visually represents a network addressing scheme in a table having a plurality of rows, individual rows of the plurality of rows representing divisions of a corresponding network prefix length in the network addressing scheme; receiving a navigation command; updating the user interface to show a different set of rows corresponding to different network prefix lengths in the network addressing scheme; indicating a location of each of a plurality of network address blocks represented in the user interface; indicating in the user interface a compliance status for each of the plurality of network address blocks represented in the user interface, the compliance status indicating whether a network address block includes an allocation of network addresses that is compliant or non-compliant with a rule established by a cloud provider network; and indicating, for each network address block represented in the user interface, a network address utilization of the network addresses in the network address block; wherein the location of each of the plurality of network address blocks represented in the user interface is color coded to indicate the compliance status of the network address block, and the allocation is deemed non-compliant in response to the allocation being into a first region of the cloud provider network that differs from a second region of the cloud provider network that is associated with the network address block in which the allocation is included.

15. The computer-implemented method of claim 14, wherein the user interface comprises a legend indicating indicia or colors corresponding to a plurality of statuses of network address blocks represented in the user interface.

16. The computer-implemented method of claim 14, wherein receiving the navigation command further comprises receiving a user selection of a navigation component in the user interface.

17. The computer-implemented method of claim 14, further comprising determining a quantity of rows shown in the user interface based at least in part on an available display area.

18. The computer-implemented method of claim 14, further comprising: receiving a different navigation command; and updating the user interface so that a different set of divisions for the corresponding network prefix lengths are shown in respective rows of the user interface.

19. The computer-implemented method of claim 14, wherein the allocation is deemed non-compliant further in response to the rule requiring a different allocation size than the allocation.

20. The computer-implemented method of claim 14, wherein the location is further color coded to indicate whether the network address block includes an overlap of another network address block.