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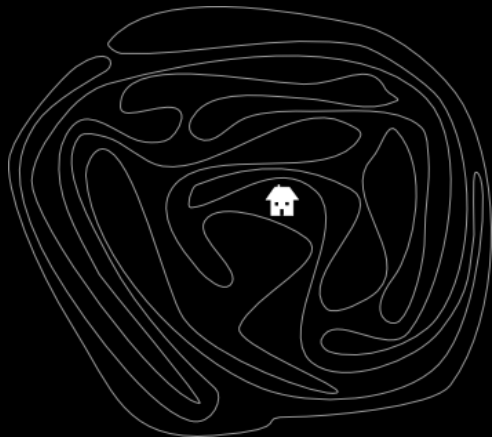
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Proof.

Using Brouwer’s fixed-point theorem, see Maehara 1984.



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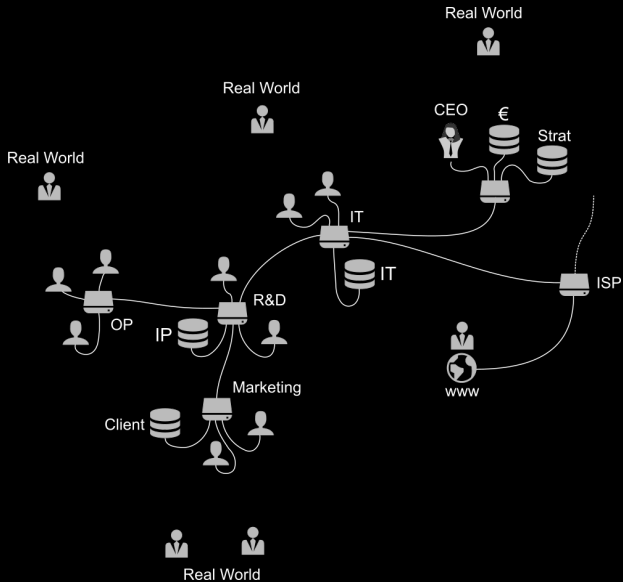
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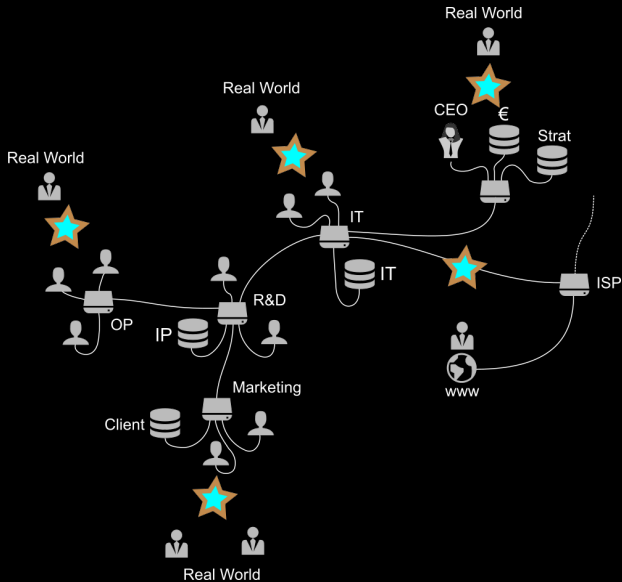
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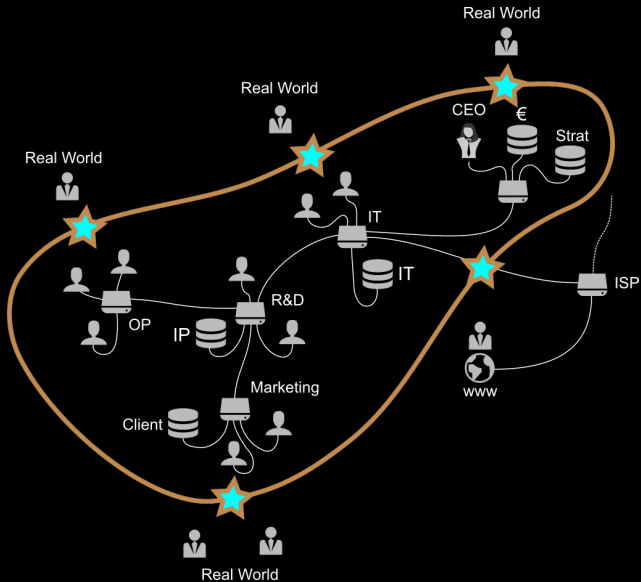
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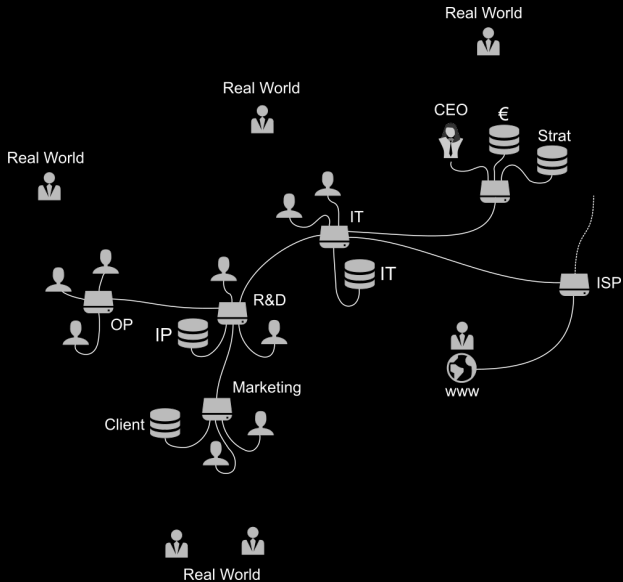
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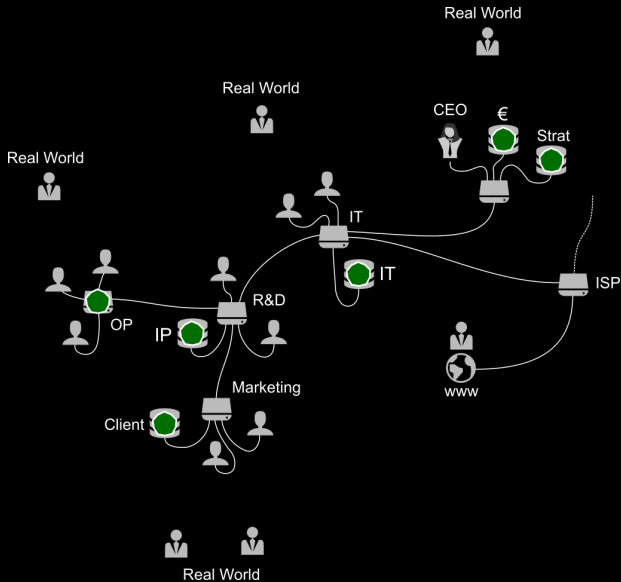
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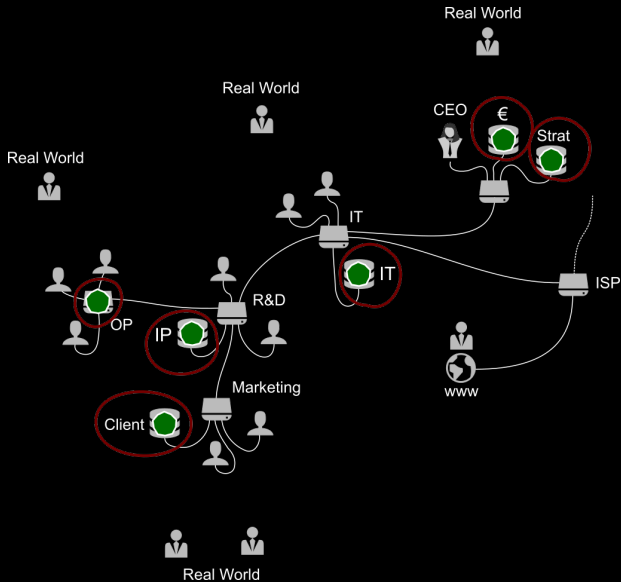
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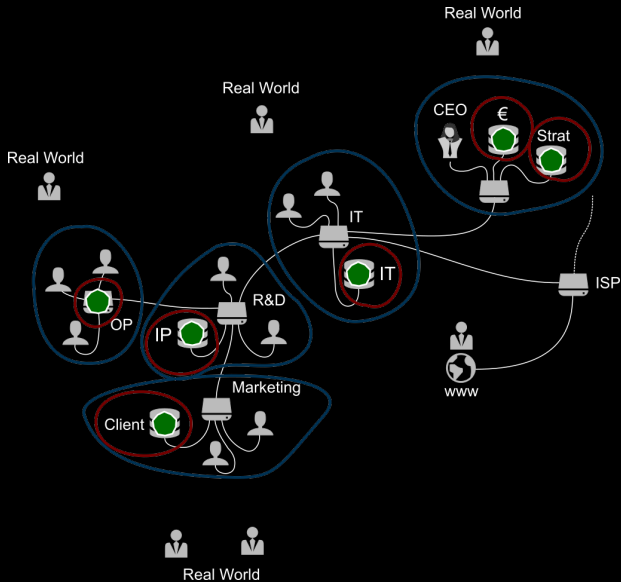


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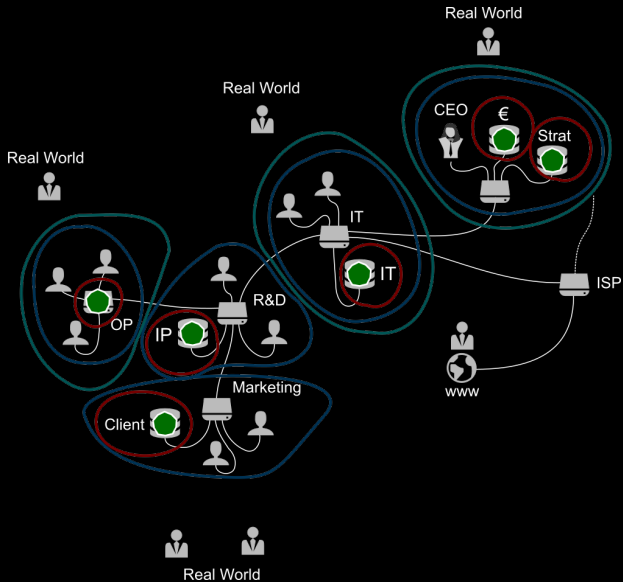




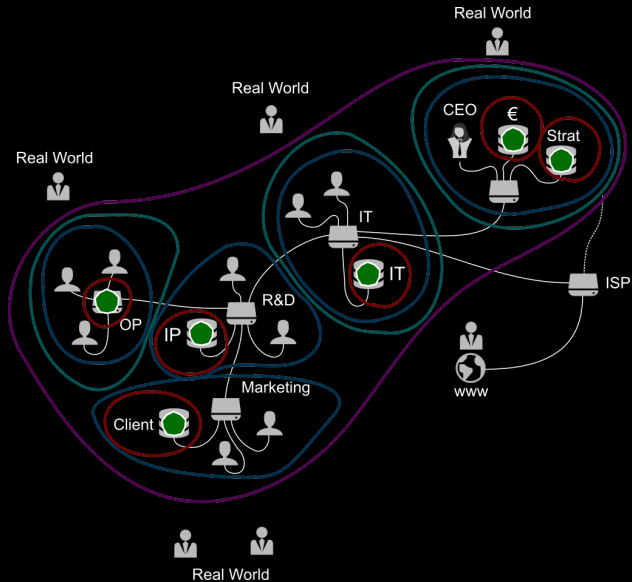
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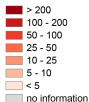
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Daily Tor users  
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Average number of  
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