

# Imprecise Network Monitoring Tools

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Important word here is imprecise

This is a secondary information source at best

People on the Internet are often wrong

Do not go home and turn off other tools!



# **Imprecise Tools**





#### Is This the Future?



xkcd.com



# **More Imprecise Tools**





#### Is It Someone's Job?

 Many commercial operators have dedicated social media CS teams.

No expectation for NRENs to have them, yet.

 Any expectation for either group to have engineering staff hired to check Twitter?

### Use Cases - NRENs

Is \$VLE down for everyone or just me?

 Has the campus lost power or just connectivity?

 Has the local computer services dept noticed something they haven't told you about yet?



## **Use Cases – Commercial Operators**

Routing issues to !Google or !Amazon?

Increased latency?

Unintended consequences of a change?



# **Configuration Hints**

 Find relevant official a/cs, follow them

Reactive searches

 Don't just search locally, the Internet is a big place!



## **Alarm Filtering**

Huge amounts of noise, even (especially?)
during an incident

 Many students complain about having to study, then complain when they can't

 Institution acronyms may well be shared (DCU is a university, a football team & a superhero universe)



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