texas2step at a glance

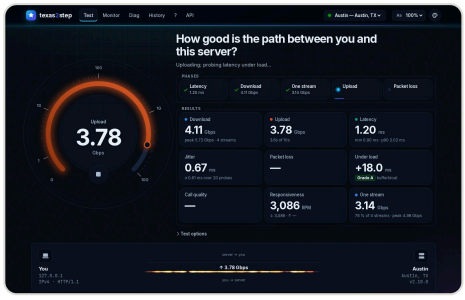
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A network test you host yourself, measuring what your users experience: from their own browser, phone or command line to your servers.

Throughput, latency, jitter, real UDP packet loss, call quality and responsiveness, with tools for the service desk and for engineers.

Why network teams run it

- **It tests your paths.** Servers in your data centers, branches and cloud regions measure the path your applications take, not the way to a public speed test.
- **Nothing to install for the person testing.** A browser on a laptop or phone runs every test. t2s, one file for Linux, macOS and Windows, does the same from servers and scripts.
- **It finds what a speed figure hides:** packet loss each way over real UDP, call quality, latency under load (bufferbloat), and which protocols and address families get through.
- **The service desk can act on it.** A caller reads out a short Result ID, and History lists every saved test with the address it came from.
- **It stays inside your network.** No CDN, analytics, telemetry or cookies. It runs on air-gapped networks and updates from a local directory or mirror.



The Test page during an upload

What it does

	What it shows	Web page	t2s	API
Speed test	Download and upload, many streams and one; latency and jitter, idle and under load (bufferbloat, A+ to F); UDP loss and call quality (MOS) each way; responsiveness (RPM); readiness for video, calls, VDI and file transfers	Test	`t2s run`	`/api/v1/measure/full`
Monitor	A continuous UDP trace of round trip and loss over 1, 5 or 15 minutes, or a voice or video call scored every 10 seconds; one server, or two side by side	Monitor	`t2s monitor`	
Diag	HTTP/1.1, HTTP/2, HTTP/3, WebSocket and UDP over IPv4 and IPv6, tried once a second; your addresses, NAT, TLS and DTLS, and an event log	Diag	`t2s diag`	`/api/v1/diag/http`
IPv4 and IPv6	Each address family tested on its own	IP switch	`-4`, `-6`	A name per family
Several servers	A server picker; any server measures another on request	Picker	The server's URL	`/api/v1/measure/*`
Saved results	Short Result IDs, History, a share link and a JSON download	History	`--save`	`/api/v1/results`
Automation	JSON output, copy-ready examples and an OpenAPI explorer	API tab	`--json`	`/api/docs`

Where it helps

Situation	Use	What you learn
Slow for a remote worker	The Test page; they read out the Result ID	Speed, loss and bufferbloat on their own connection. A nearby server and a distant one tell their Wi-Fi or ISP apart from your WAN.
Choppy Teams or Zoom calls	Test page call quality; Monitor's call profiles	The score each way, and whether loss comes in bursts, late, or one way
Wi-Fi dead spots	Monitor on a phone, walking the building	Spikes and loss marks show where coverage fails
A new circuit or site	`t2s run --save` on site, or server to server	Throughput both ways, the one-stream rate and loss, kept as a baseline
A firewall or VPN change	Diag, or `t2s diag`	HTTP/3 or UDP blocked, IPv6 broken, or an unexpected exit address
An IPv6 rollout	The IP switch; `t2s monitor -4` and `-6`; Diag	Whether IPv6 performs like IPv4, or takes a longer route
Two sites or providers	Monitor with two servers at once	Which path is worse, moment by moment
Scheduled checks	t2s or the REST API, from cron or monitoring	JSON results to trend and alert on in your own tools

Running it

Server. Ubuntu 26.04 LTS with nginx: one `.deb`, and a setup tool that checks the host first.

Network. HTTPS on port 443, and a UDP port range for the packet-loss test, Monitor and Diag.

Clients. A browser on a computer or phone; t2s for Linux, macOS and Windows (x86-64, ARM64).

Updates. `texas2step update`, by hand, on a timer, or offline from a local mirror; each download checked by SHA-256.

Open to the Internet. Service desk codes that change daily, weekly or monthly; wrong ones lock a network out. Your own networks need none.

Billed traffic. Daily and monthly caps on what the tests move, and time limits for Monitor and Diag.

Watching the server. `texas2step clients` lists who is testing now; `texas2step cpu` and Prometheus show its CPU beside the traffic.

Your brand. Your name, logo, notice, links, footer and seven themes; hide any page or header item.

Security. Sandboxed behind nginx, with a CSP and no cookies or telemetry. TLS 1.3 with post-quantum key exchange recommended.

Get started

1. On Ubuntu 26.04 LTS with nginx, download `texas2step-setup` and the `.deb` from the latest release.
2. `sudo ./texas2step-setup --id houston` checks the server and writes an install script: read it, then run it.
3. Open the address it gives and press Start, or run `t2s run https://houston.example.net/texas2step`

Docs and downloads
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