

Re: Tsunami Sattelite Images?

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Your IP address is the number assigned by your internet service provider (ISP) that identifies your computer as you surf the web. An IP address usually looks like this: 111.222.333.444. It may have less digits in each field.

If you want to know your computer's IP address IPChicken will tell you: <http://www.ipchicken.com/> You can also find it by clicking start, run, typing cmd, (in Win XP), hit enter, then type in "ipconfig" without the quotes.

The important thing to know about your IP address is that it is recorded at every website you visit and is shown in the header of every email that you send. However your IP address cannot be traced to you as in individual. It can be looked up at <http://www.arin.net/whois>.

When you type in the set of numbers it will show the netblock or range of numbers in which yours is located. It may list the name of your ISP. It might or might not give a clue to the area where you live.

The only way to prevent your IP address from being visible on the web is to use a proxy or service such as Anonymizer to mask your identify while you surf.

If you wish to trace the origins of an IP in Europe, then RIPE (www.ripe.net) is the usual body.

As for proxies provided on the net, the server which provides you with your 'fake IP' records your real IP, along with the one it provides, and the time, date and longevity of the connection.

Unless you are on a local area network (LAN) in which case the above will only give you your local IP (usually 192.168.xxx.xxx).

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In such a case, you can run the program which accompanies your LAN/WAN router (if you have access) and obtain your IP from there.

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