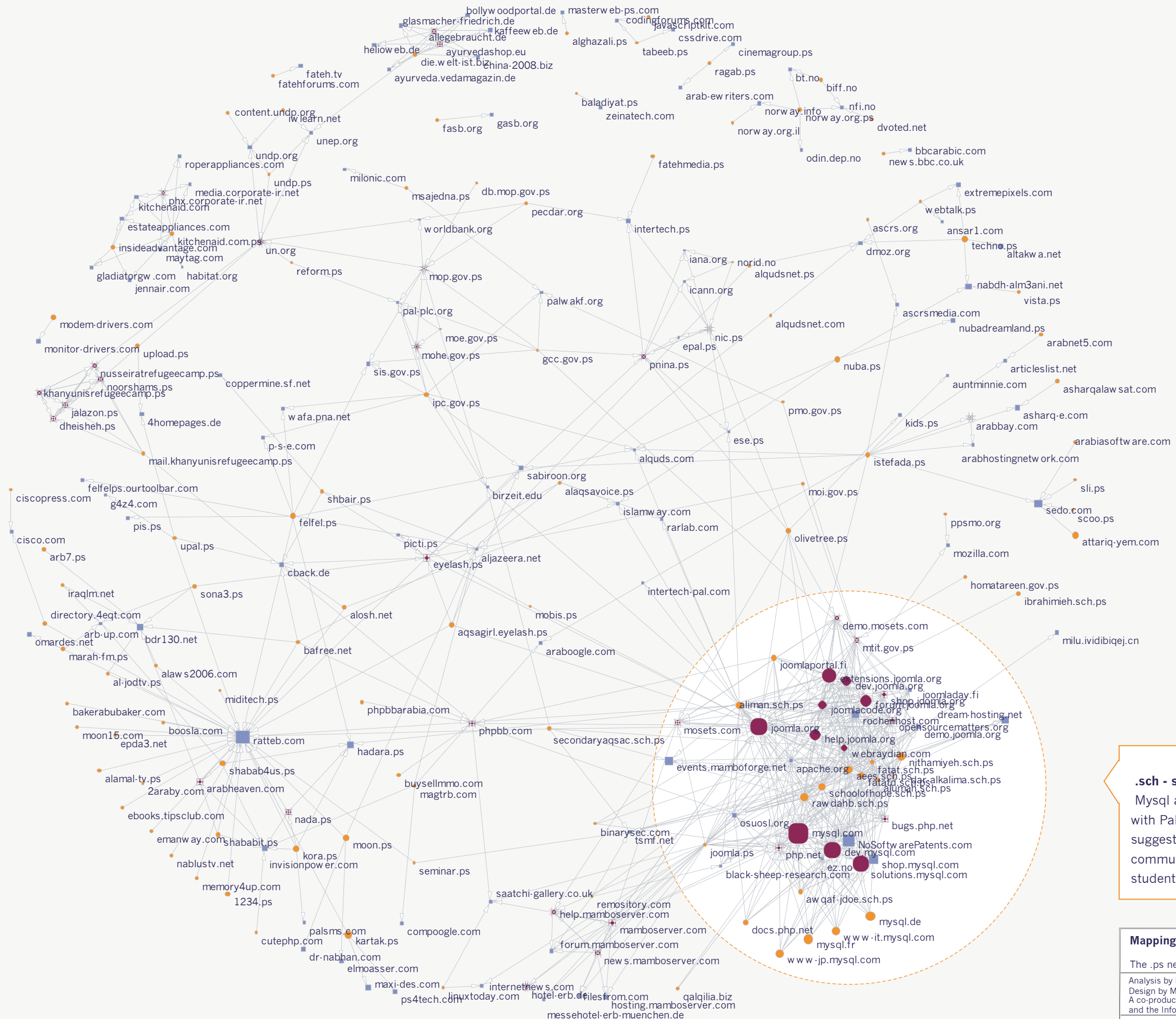


The .ps Network

Questions Do .ps sites significantly link to one other, thereby creating a form of collective recognition amongst the .ps sites? Around which types of sites do .ps sites cluster?

Method Snowball-crawl .ps sites (1233 in total) from the homepage, 3 levels deep, with a ceiling of 1000 URLs per host. The discovered network is that within two degrees of separation from the homepages in the .ps domain.

Findings .sch.ps sites (Palestinian schools) cluster significantly around software sites, notably free and open source software for databases and content management software (mysql, joomla). With the exception of the school-software grouping, .ps sites do not significantly cluster.



.sch - software cluster
 Mysql and joomla sites cluster together with Palestinian .sch (school) sites, suggesting an active Web site-making community amongst middle and high school students.

Legend

- only gives links
 - only receives links
 - ⊠ gives and receives links
- size of node indicates quantity of links

Mapping the Palestinian Web Space

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