

Router Security

Philip Smith <pfs@cisco.com>

AUUG Security Symposium

Brisbane

19-21 November 2001

Router Security

Cisco.com

- **Tutorial describes the key elements of router security**

Making the actual device secure

Secure packet and route filtering when connected to a public network

Making the network secure

Using routers to aid the defence against DOS attacks

- **These slides will be available at:**

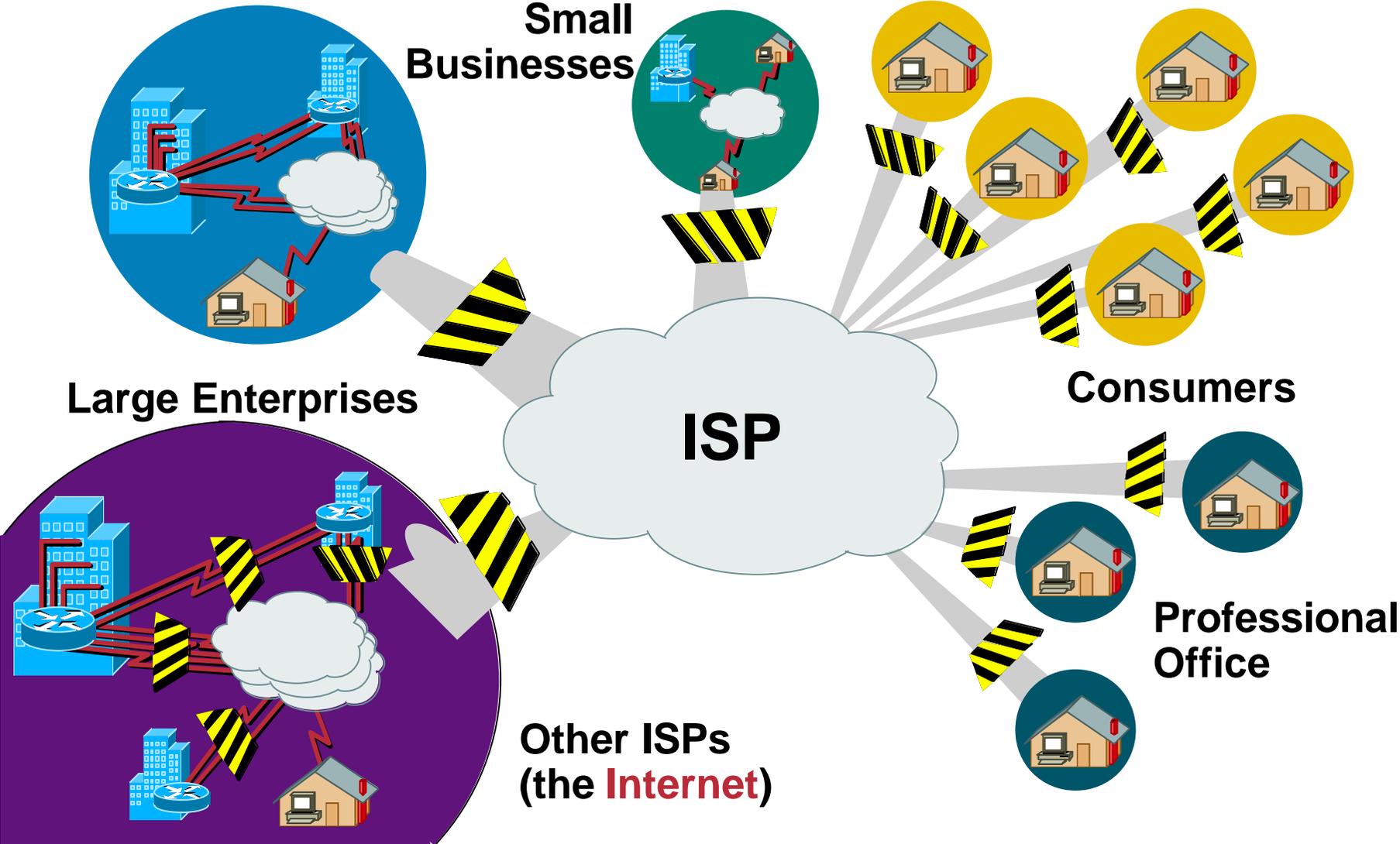
www.cisco.com/public/cons/seminars/AUUG2001

Router Security Agenda

Cisco.com

- **Overview**
- **Securing the Router**
- **Securing the Routing Protocols**
- **Securing the Network**
- **Administrative and Operational Practices**
- **Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding**
- **Recent DOS attacks and the defence**
- **Tracking DoS/DDOS Attacks through an ISP's Network**

The Internet Today



The Internet Today

- **Changing threat**

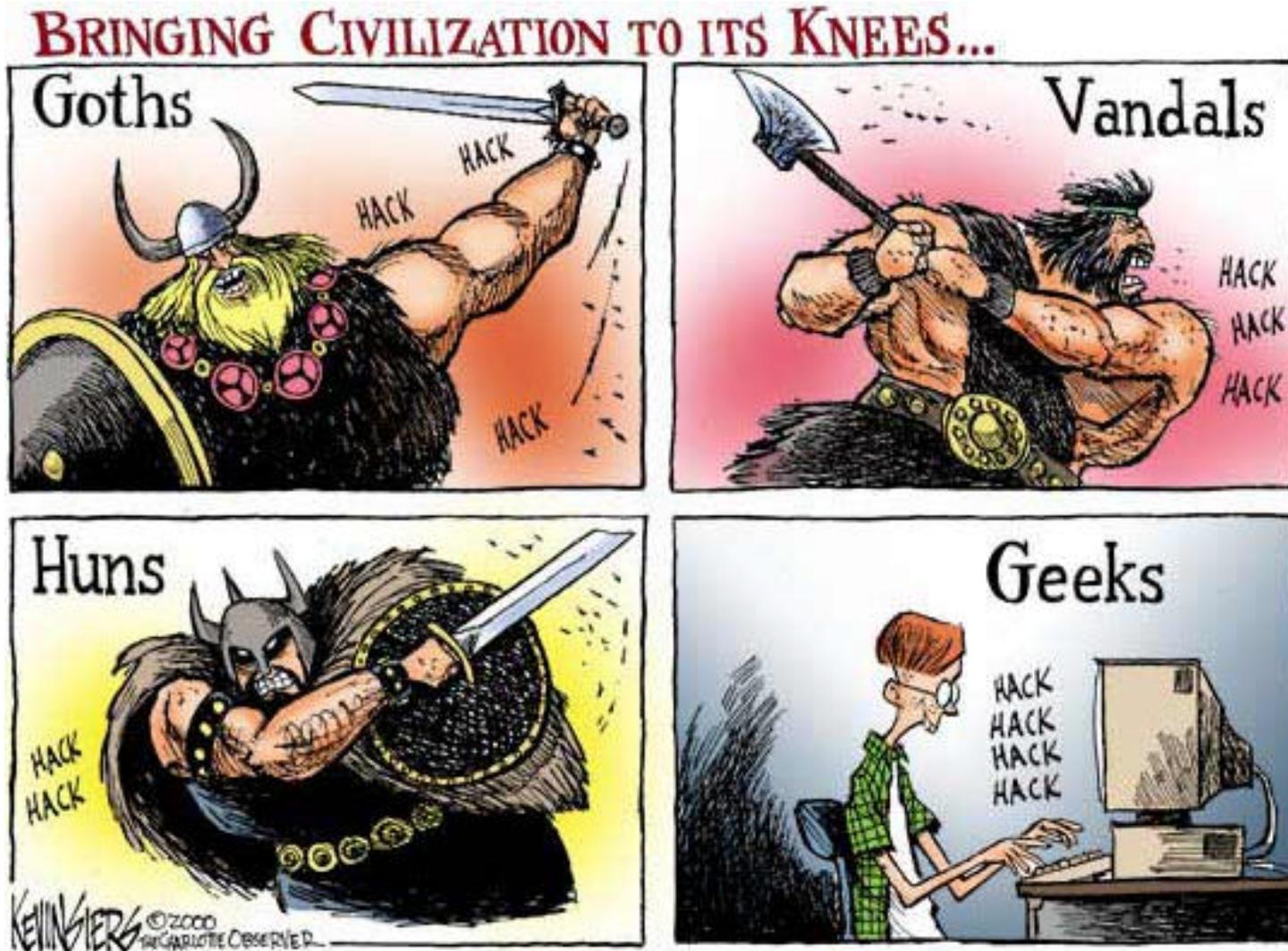
User friendly tools make it easier for the amateur cyberpunks to do more damage

eCommerce provides a monetary motivation

Direct attacks on the Internet's core infrastructure means that the NET is not sacred anymore

Common for ISPs to have several calls per day from their customers to help defend against attacks

Revenge of the Geeks



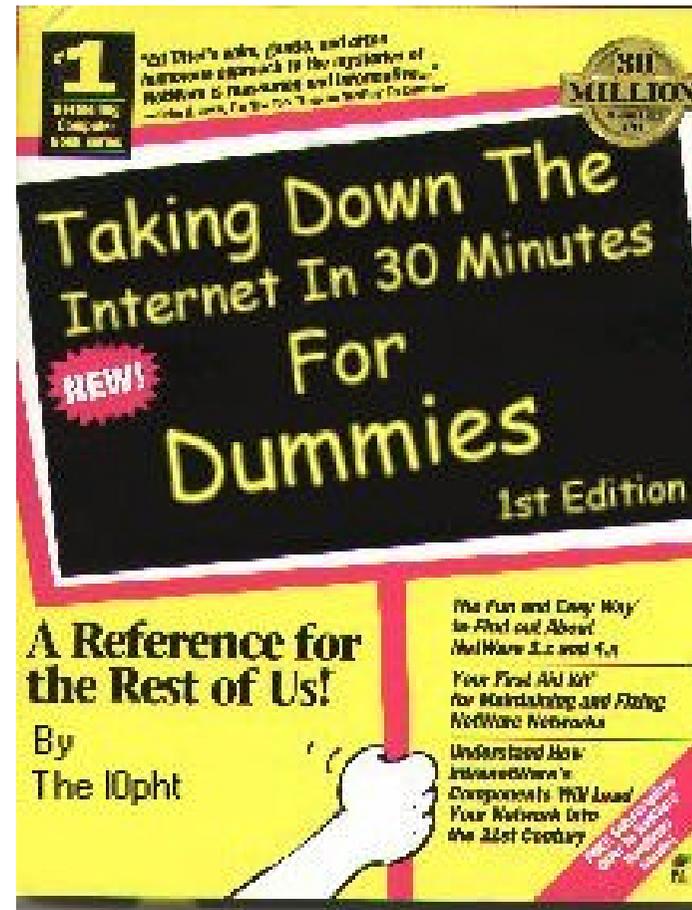
Denial of Service (DoS) Goals

Cisco.com

- **Bring a resource or a system to its knees**
- **Keeps the resource too busy to attend to legitimate services**
- **Can be potentially directed at anything with an IP address, or reachable via an IP address**
- **Generally based on tool kits available on Internet**
- **No theft of data is involved**
- **Hard to determine loss**
- **Hard to trace back to source (bogus sources)**

Motivation

- Vandalism
- Anger
- Political
- Curiosity
- Notoriety
- Malice
- Personal Gain



Attack Methods—WinNuke



Attack Methods—Crack Shareware

Cisco.com

L0PHT
HEAVY INDUSTRIES

[download](#)

[register](#)

[documentation](#)

[in the news](#)

[microsoft comments & patches](#)

L0phtCrack 2.0 for Win95/NT is here!

Over 30,000 downloads and still going strong. The NT IT community has embraced L0phtCrack 2.0 as the password auditing tool of choice.

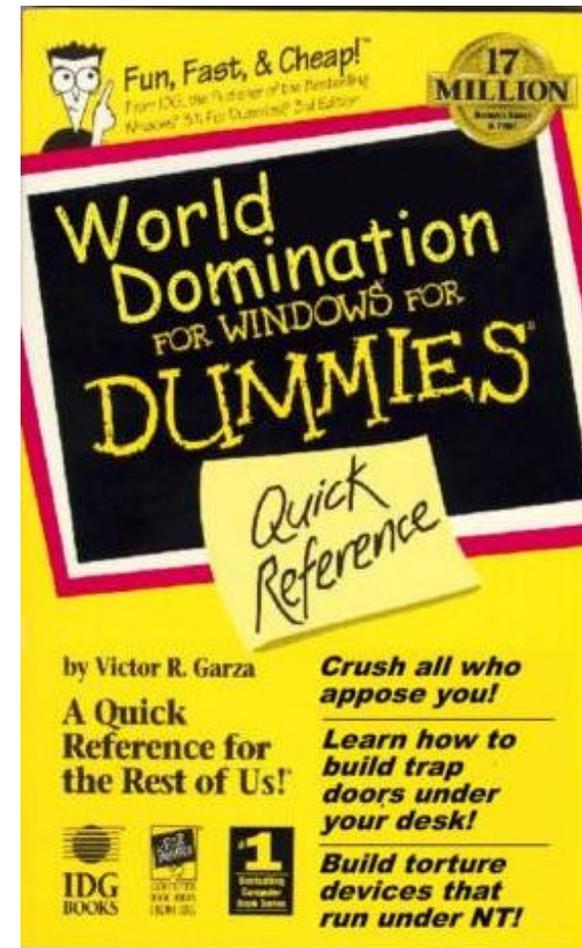
We have recieved lots of positive comments. Thank you all. Here is one of our favorites:

19% of 27K

Service Provider Security

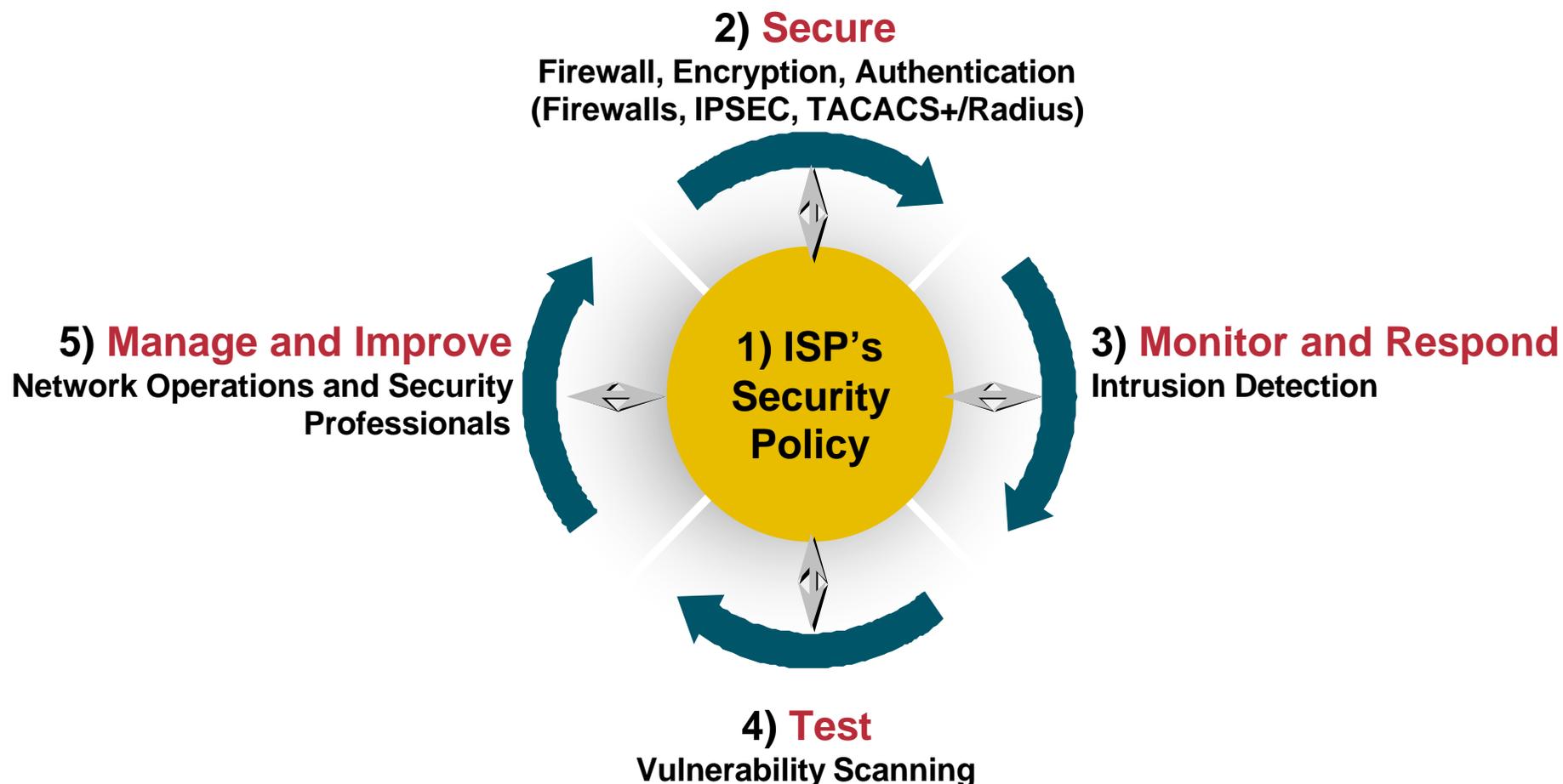
Cisco.com

- **Service Providers need to:**
 - Protect themselves**
 - Help protect their customers from the Internet**
 - Protect the Internet from their customers**
 - At any given time there are between 20 to 40 DOS/DDOS attacks on the Net**



What Do ISPs Need to Do?

Security Is **Not Optional!**



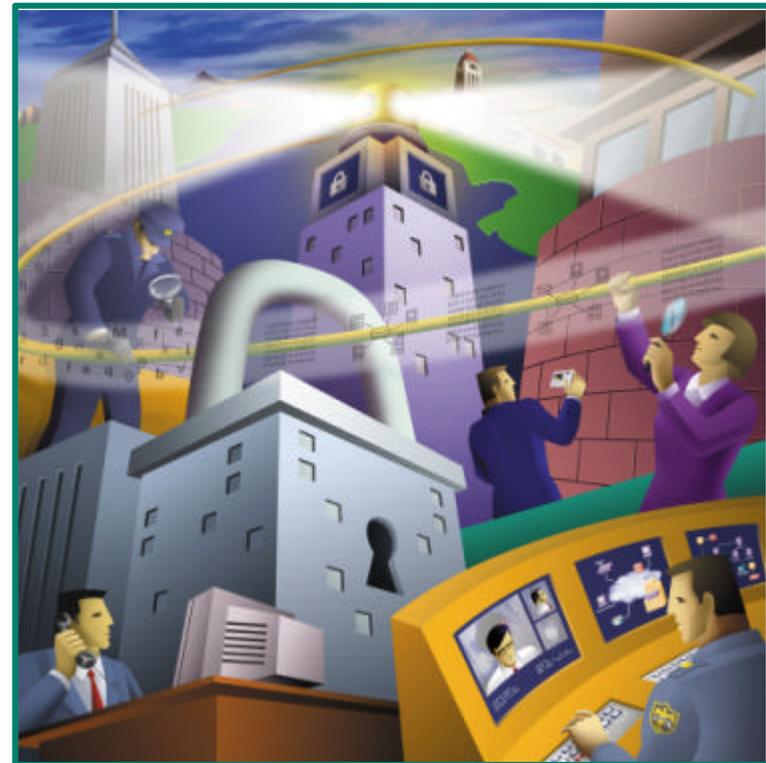
What Do ISPs Need to Do?

- **Implement Best Common Practices (BCPs)**
 - ISP infrastructure security**
 - ISP network security**
 - ISP services security**
- **Work with operations groups, standards organisations and vendors on new solutions**

Hardware Vendor's Responsibilities

Cisco.com

- **The role of the hardware vendor is to support the network's objectives. Hence, there is a very synergistic relationship between the ISP and the hardware vendor to ensure the network is resistant to security compromises**



Hardware Vendor's Responsibilities

Cisco.com



- **Cisco System's example:**
 - Operations people working directly with the ISPs
 - Emergency reaction teams (i.e. PSIRT)
 - Developers working with customers and IETF on new features
 - Security consultants working with customers on attacks, audits, and prosecution
 - Individuals** tracking the hacker/phracker communities
 - Consultants working with governments/law enforcement officials

Network Security

Cisco.com

- **Where to start...**

Cisco Internet Security Advisories

<http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/707/advisory.html>

Cisco IOS documentation

http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/software/ios122/122cgcr/fsecur_c/index.htm

RFC2196 (site security handbook)

Cisco Networker's security sessions

Network Security

- **Common misperception:**

My network will be secure if I install a firewall

- **Correct approach:**

Every device connected to the public network needs to be properly secured

And that includes routers and switches!

- **Network devices are the public network infrastructure**

why compromise network security by not securing network devices?

Top 14 Vulnerabilities

- **1 – Misconfigured ACLs**
- **2 – Unsecured/unmonitored remote access points**
- **3 – Information leakage**
- **4 – Hosts and devices running non-essential services**
- **5 – Weak passwords**
- **6 – User or test accounts with excess privileges**
- **7 – Misconfigured Internet Servers**

Top 14 Vulnerabilities (cont.)

Cisco.com

- **8 – Misconfigured firewall or router ACL**
- **9 – Unpatched, outdated or vulnerable software**
- **10 – Excessive file and directory access controls**
- **11 – Excessive trust relationships**
- **12 – Unauthenticated services e.g. X-Windows**
- **13 – Inadequate logging, monitoring and detection**
- **14 – Lack of well accepted security policies/procs**

Source: ©2000 Cisco *SAFEGuarding the E-Business Network*

Router Security Agenda

Cisco.com

- Overview
- **Securing the Router**
- Securing the Routing Protocols
- Securing the Network
- Administrative and Operational Practices
- Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding
- Recent DOS attacks and the defence
- Tracking DoS/DDOS Attacks through an ISP's Network

Securing the Router

Router Security

- **Routers shipped by vendors have:**
 - Default configuration**
 - No configured Security**
 - Many services switched on to make getting started easier**
- **Once a router has an IP address, it is accessible to the outside world**
 - Campus LAN**
 - Company LAN**
 - Internet**

Global Services You Turn OFF

- **Some services, turned on by default, should be turned off to prevent security breaches/attacks**

`no ip finger`

`no service pad`

`no service udp-small-servers`

`no service tcp-small-servers`

`no ip bootp server`

Global Services You Turn OFF

Cisco.com

- **Finger**
Find out who is logged in, from where, how long for
- **PAD**
Historical – from the days of X.25
- **Small servers**
Tcp and udp ports < 20 are for developing IP stacks and not needed in day to day operations
- **Bootp**
Used by systems to bootstrap themselves onto the network – e.g. X-terminals

Interface Services You Turn OFF

- **Some IP features make life easy on campus LANs, but do not make sense on a public backbone**
- **All interfaces on an SP's backbone router should have the following as a default:**
 - `no ip redirects`
 - `no ip directed-broadcast`
 - `no ip proxy-arp`

Interface Services You Turn OFF

- **IP redirects**

Router will send redirect message if it has to resend a packet through the same interface it was received on

- **Direct-broadcast**

If packet intended for network broadcast address, router will physically broadcast it onto the attached network

The cause of all SMURF attacks on the Internet

- **Proxy-arp**

Dumb host sends arp request for destination – documented in RFC1027

If router knows how to get to that destination, it will install an entry in the arp table for that destination

Cisco Discovery Protocol

- Lets network administrators discover neighbouring Cisco equipment, model numbers and software versions
- Should not be needed on ISP network or a well controlled corporate backbone
 - `no cdp run`
- Should not be activated on any public facing interface: IXP, customer, upstream ISP – unless part of the peering agreement
- Disable per interface
 - `no cdp enable`

Cisco Discovery Protocol

```
alpha>sh cdp neigh
```

```
Capability Codes: R - Router, T - Trans Bridge, B - Source Route Bridge
```

```
S - Switch, H - Host, I - IGMP, r - Repeater
```

Device ID	Local Intrfce	Holdtme	Capability	Platform	Port ID
beta7200.cisco.com	Ser 1/1	124	R	7206	Ser 2/1
sw2.cisco.com	Eth 1/1	178	T S	WS-C2924M-Fas	0/12
delta.cisco.com	Ser 2/0	146	R	3640	Ser 1/0
gamma.cisco.com	Ser 2/1	138	R	3640	Ser 1/1

Cisco Discovery Protocol

```
alpha>sh cdp neigh detail
```

```
-----
```

```
Device ID: beta7200.cisco.com
```

```
Entry address(es):
```

```
  IP address: 192.168.9.5
```

```
Platform: cisco 7206, Capabilities: Router
```

```
Interface: Serial1/1, Port ID (outgoing port): Serial2/1
```

```
Holdtime : 144 sec
```

```
Version :
```

```
Cisco Internetwork Operating System Software
```

```
IOS (tm) 7200 Software (C7200-K4P-M), Version 12.0(19)S, EARLY DEPLOYMENT  
  RELEASE SOFTWARE (fc2)
```

```
TAC Support: http://www.cisco.com/tac
```

```
Copyright (c) 1986-2001 by cisco Systems, Inc.
```

```
Compiled Fri 05-Oct-01 15:52 by nmasa
```

Login Banner

- Login banner displayed prior to login prompt
- Use a good login banner, or nothing at all:

```
banner login ^
```

```
    Authorised access only
```

```
    This system is the property of Galactic Internet
```

```
    Disconnect IMMEDIATELY if you are not an authorised user!
```

```
    Contact noc@net.galaxy +99 876 543210 for help.
```

```
^
```

Exec Banner

- **Exec banner display after successful login**
- **Useful to remind users of local conditions:**

```
banner exec ^
```

```
PLEASE NOTE - THIS ROUTER SHOULD NOT HAVE A DEFAULT ROUTE!
```

```
It is used to connect paying peers. These 'customers'  
should not be able to default to us.
```

```
The config for this router is NON-STANDARD
```

```
Contact Network Engineering +99 876 543234 for more info.
```

```
^
```

Use Enable Secret

- **Encryption '7' on a Cisco is reversible**
- **The “enable secret” password is encrypted via a one-way algorithm**

```
enable secret <removed>
```

```
no enable password
```

```
service password-encryption
```

VTY and Console Port Timeouts

- **Default idle timeout on async ports is 10 minutes 0 seconds**

```
exec-timeout 10 0
```

- **Timeout of 0 means permanent connection**
- **TCP keepalives on incoming network connections**

```
service tcp-keepalives-in
```

VTY Security

- Access to VTYS should be controlled, not left open
- Consoles should be used for last resort admin only:

```
access-list 3 permit 221.17.1.0 0.0.0.255
access-list 3 deny any
line vty 0 4
  access-class 3 in
  exec-timeout 5 0
  transport input telnet
  transport output none
  transport preferred none
  password 7 045802150C2E
```

VTY Security

- Use more robust ACLs with the logging feature to spot the probes on you network

```
access-list 199 permit tcp 1.2.3.0 0.0.0.255 any
access-list 199 permit tcp 1.2.4.0 0.0.0.255 any
access-list 199 deny tcp any any range 0 65535 log
access-list 199 deny ip any any log
!
line vty 0 4
  access-class 199 in
```

VTY Access and SSHv1

- **Secure shell server supported as from IOS 12.0S and 12.1T**
- **Obtain, load and run appropriate crypto images on router**
- **Set up SSH on router**

```
beta7200(config)#crypto key generate rsa
```

- **Add it as input transport**

```
line vty 0 4
```

```
transport input telnet ssh
```

VTY Access and SSHv1

- **Secure shell client added as from IOS 12.0(10)S and 12.1T**

Telnet should not be used any more

- **Add ssh as output transport**

Remove telnet as a transport

```
line vty 0 4
  transport input ssh
  transport output ssh
```

VTY Access and SSHv1

- **Example:**

Ensure you have the proper image (post 12.0(10)S with “k4p”)

e.g. c7200-k4p-mz.120-18.S1.bin

Set up SSH on the router

```
beta7200(config)#crypto key generate rsa
```

Use the SSH client:

```
ssh -l myuser myhost "sh users"
```

```
ssh -l myuser -c 3des -o 5 -p 22 myhost
```

User Authentication

- **Account per user, with passwords**

```
aaa new-model
aaa authentication login neteng local
username joe password 7 1104181051B1
username jim password 7 0317B21895FE
line vty 0 4
  login neteng
  access-class 3 in
```

- **Username/password is slightly more resistant to attack than a plain password**

User Authentication

- **Use centralised authentication system**

RADIUS – Recommended for user authentication/accounting

TACACS+ – Recommended for securing the network

```
aaa new-model
aaa authentication login default tacacs+ enable
aaa authentication enable default tacacs+ enable
aaa accounting exec start-stop tacacs+
ip tacacs source-interface Loopback0
tacacs-server host 221.17.1.1
tacacs-server host 221.15.35.8
tacacs-server key CKr3t#
line vty 0 4
    access-class 3 in
```

User Authentication

TACACS+ Provides a Detailed Audit Trail of what Is Happening on the Network Devices

User-Name	Group-cmd	priv-lvl	service	NAS-Portname	task_id	NAS-IP-reason
bgreene	NOC enable <cr>	0	shell	tty0	4	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC exit <cr>	0	shell	tty0	5	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC no aaa accounting exec Workshop <cr>	0	shell	tty0	6	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC exit <cr>	0	shell	tty0	8	210.210.51.224
pfs	NOC enable <cr>	0	shell	tty0	11	210.210.51.224
pfs	NOC exit <cr>	0	shell	tty0	12	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC enable <cr>	0	shell	tty0	14	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC show accounting <cr>	15	shell	tty0	16	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC write terminal <cr>	15	shell	tty0	17	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC configure <cr>	15	shell	tty0	18	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC exit <cr>	0	shell	tty0	20	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC write terminal <cr>	15	shell	tty0	21	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC configure <cr>	15	shell	tty0	22	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC aaa new-model <cr>	15	shell	tty0	23	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC aaa authorization commands 0 default tacacs+ none <cr>	15	shell	tty0	24	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC exit <cr>	0	shell	tty0	25	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC ping <cr>	15	shell	tty0	32	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC show running-config <cr>	15	shell	tty66	35	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC router ospf 210 <cr>	15	shell	tty66	45	210.210.51.224
bgreene	NOC debug ip ospf events <cr>	15	shell	tty66	46	210.210.51.224

User Authentication

- **When you have TACACS+ on a router:**
 - Do not need a local username/password**
 - Do not give out the local enable secret**
 - Lock them in a safe in the NOC in case of total TACACS+ failure**
- **Threat – disgruntled employees can attack/disable TACACS+**
 - If they know the local enable secret, they could get into the routers**
- **If you really believe you need local username/passwords despite TACACS+**
 - Can now encrypt the local password with MD5 hash**

User Authentication

- So now you can have the following:

```
aaa new-model
aaa authentication login default tacacs+ local enable
aaa authentication enable default tacacs+ enable
aaa accounting exec start-stop tacacs+
!
username joe secret 5 $1$j6Ac$3KarJszBV3VMaL/2Nio3E.
username jim secret 5 $1$LPV2$QO4NwAudy0/4AHHHQHvWj0
!
ip tacacs source-interface Loopback0
tacacs-server host 221.17.1.1
tacacs-server key CKr3t#
line vty 0 4
    access-class 3 in
```

Source Routing

- IP has a provision to allow source IP host to specify route through Internet
- ISPs should turn this off, unless it is specifically required:

```
no ip source-route
```

- ***tracert* -s** to investigate network failures – valuable tool

if you are not using *tracert* -s then turn off the feature!

ICMP Unreachable Overload

- All Routers which have any static route to Null0 should configure *no ip unreachable*s (i.e. for BGP Advertisements).

```
interface Null0
  no ip unreachable
!
ip route <dest to drop> <mask> null0
```

ICMP Unreachable Rate-Limiting

- **ICMP Unreachable Rate-Limiting Command:**

```
ip icmp rate-limit unreachable [DF] <1-4294967295  
millisecond>
```

```
no ip icmp rate-limit unreachable [df]
```

- **Turned on by default and hidden since 12.0(8)S. Default value set to 500 milliseconds.**
- **Peer Review with several top ISP operations engineers are recommending this be set at 1 second for normal and DF.**

What Ports Are open on the Router?

- It may be useful to see what sockets/ports are open on the router
- *Show ip sockets*

```
gw>sh ip sockets
Proto      Remote          Port    Local          Port    In  Out  Stat  TTY  OutputIF
 17 203.37.255.121  514 202.12.29.64  57617  0  0   10   0
 17 203.37.255.121  162 203.37.255.126 57556  0  0    0   0
 17 0.0.0.0         123 139.130.64.98   123   0  0    1   0
 17 203.37.255.121 39481 203.37.255.126 161   0  0    1   0
 17 202.12.29.129  514 202.12.29.64  49533  0  0   10   2
 17 203.37.255.121  49 203.37.255.126  49    0  0   11   0
```

Introducing a new Router to the Network

- 1. Set hostname**
- 2. Set passwords**
 - Enable secret and temporary vty passwords
- 3. Disable unnecessary services**
 - Global and per interface
- 4. Configure access-lists**
 - For vty and snmp access
 - For live interfaces (if required)
- 5. Only now assign IP address and plug into network**

Introducing a new Router to the Network

- 6. Configure TACACS+**
Remove local vty passwords
- 7. Configure NTP and Logging**
- 8. Configure SNMP (if required)**
Check access and what is being monitored
- 9. Configure remaining interfaces**
- 10. Configure routing protocols**
Include any necessary inbound and outbound filters
- 11. Confirm router security on network**
Tools like SAINT are very useful

Summary

- **These hints apply to routers (and switches, and any other IP infrastructure device)**
- **May be software release dependent**

But do your research so that only necessary services are left running on the router

Beware “convenient vendor defaults” – often they are a major cause of security problems on any network

Router Security Agenda

Cisco.com

- Overview
- Securing the Router
- **Securing the Routing Protocols**
- Securing the Network
- Administrative and Operational Practices
- Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding
- Recent DOS attacks and the defence
- Tracking DoS/DDOS Attacks through an ISP's Network

Securing the Routing Protocols

Routing Protocol Security

Cisco.com

- **Routing protocol can be attacked**

Denial of service

Smoke screens

False information

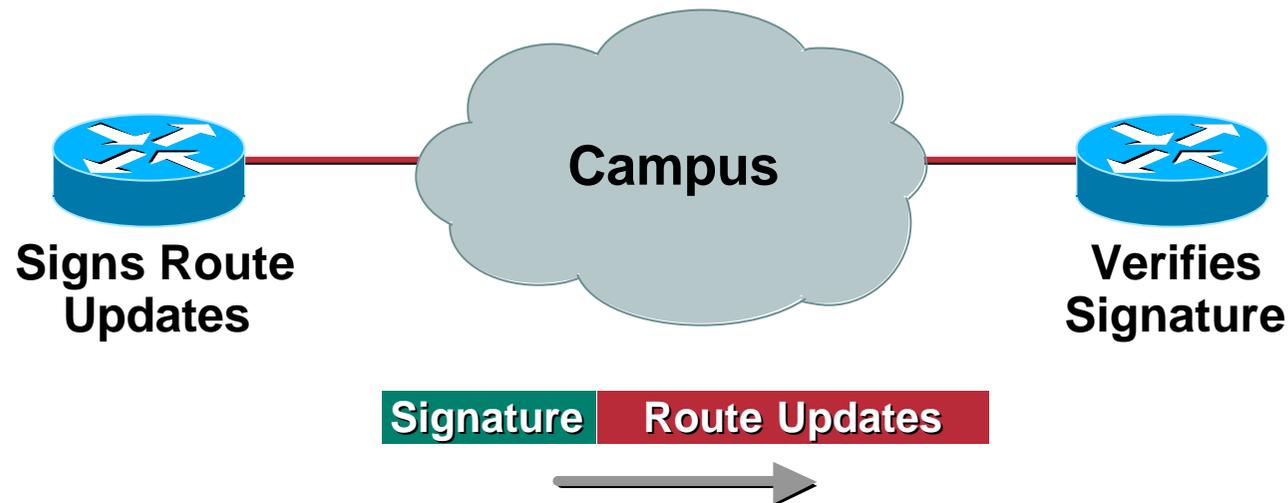
Reroute packets

May Be Accidental or Intentional

Secure Routing Route Authentication

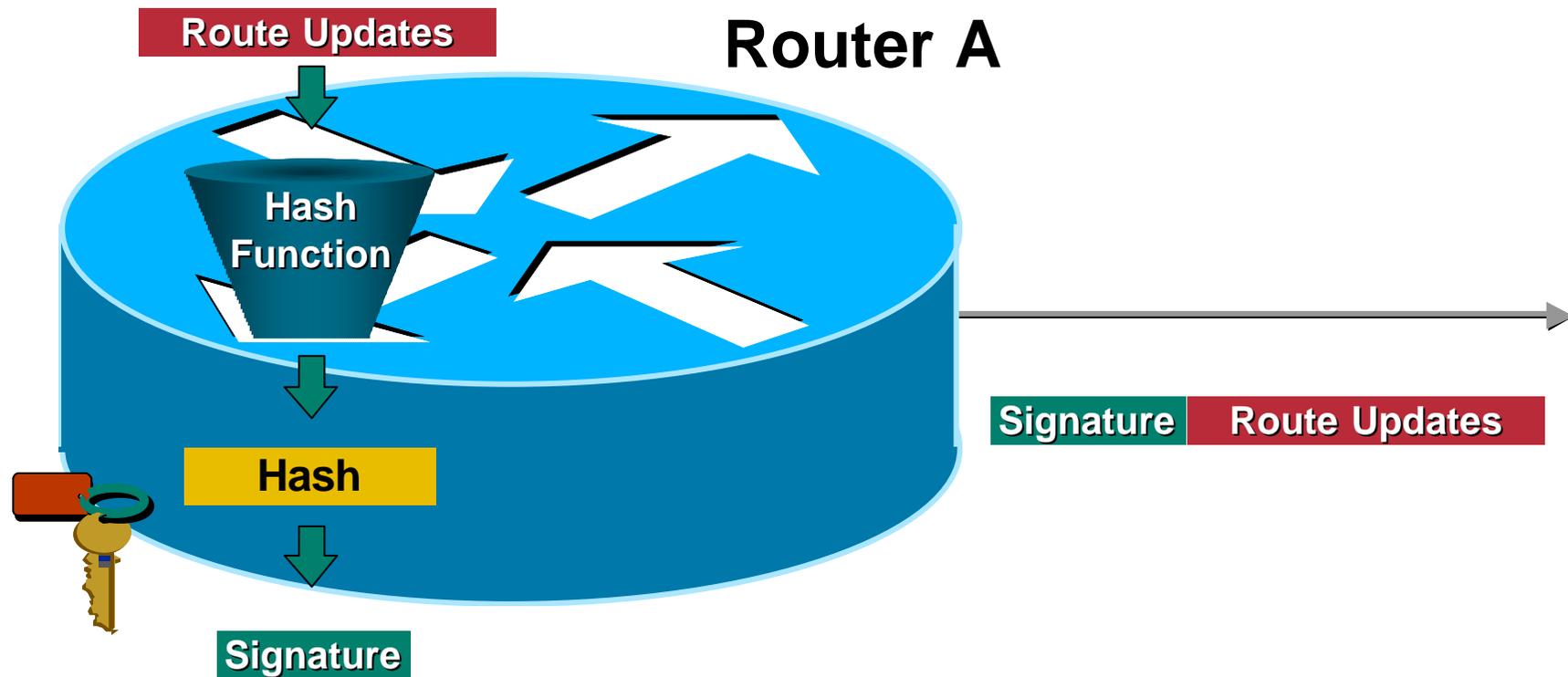
Cisco.com

Configure Routing Authentication



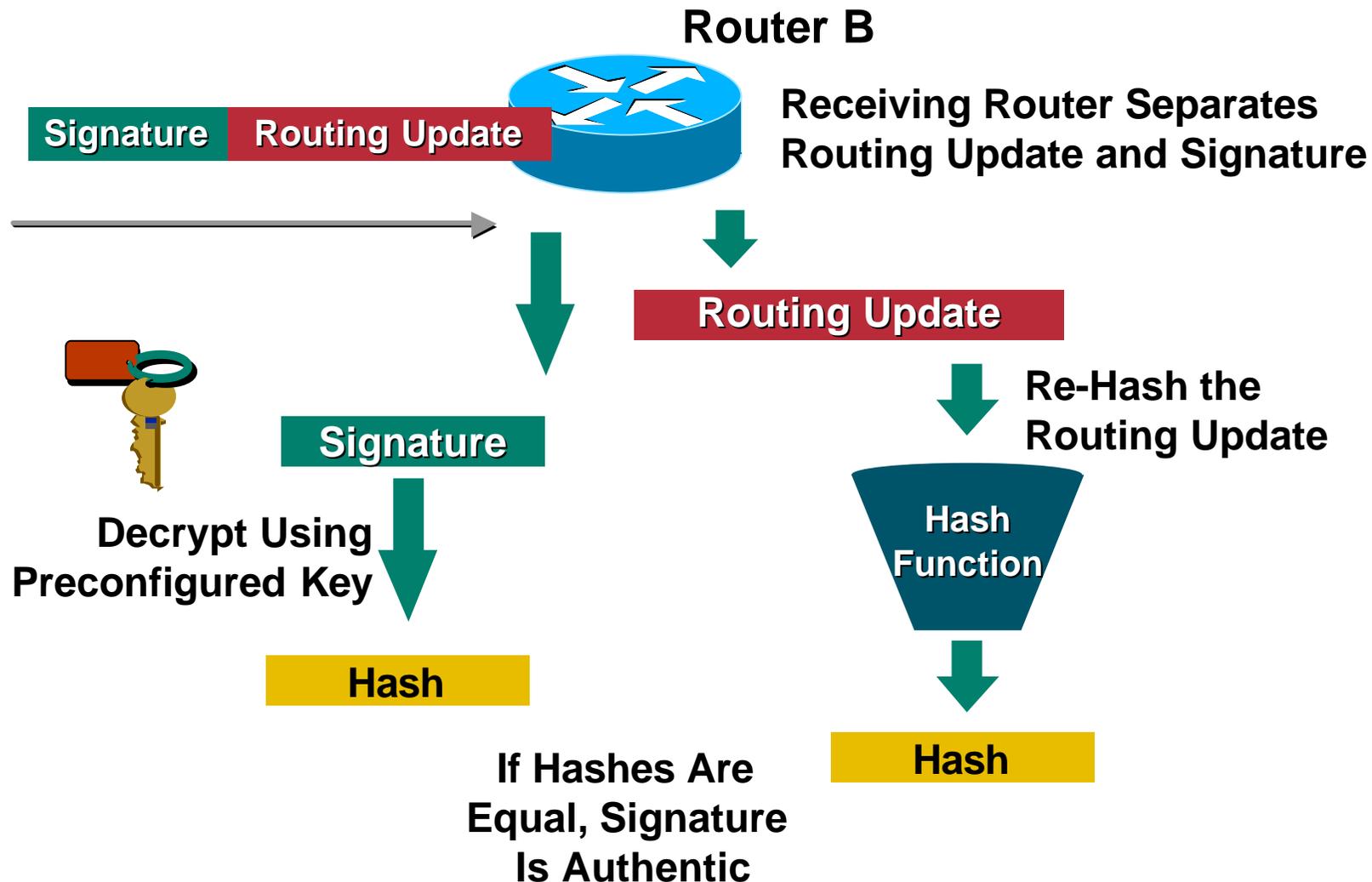
Certifies **Authenticity** of Neighbour
and **Integrity** of Route Updates

Signature Generation



Signature = Encrypted Hash of Routing Update

Signature Verification



Route Authentication

- **Authenticates routing update packets**
- **Shared key included in routing updates**

Plain text—Protects against accidental problems only

Message Digest 5 (MD5)—Protects against accidental and intentional problems

Route Authentication

- **Multiple keys supported**
 - Key lifetimes based on time of day**
 - Only first valid key sent with each packet**
- **Supported in: BGP, IS-IS, OSPF, RIPv2, and EIGRP(11.2(4)F)**
- **Syntax differs depending on routing protocol**

OSPF Route Authentication

- **OSPF area authentication**

Two types

Simple password

Message Digest (MD5)

ip ospf authentication-key *key* (this goes under the specific interface)
area *area-id* **authentication** (this goes under "router ospf <process-id>")

ip ospf message-digest-key *keyid md5 key* (used under the interface)
area *area-id* **authentication message-digest** (used under "router ospf <process-id>")

OSPF and ISIS Authentication Example

- **OSPF**

```
interface ethernet1
  ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.0
  ip ospf message-digest-key 100 md5 cisco
!
router ospf 1
  network 10.1.1.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
  area 0 authentication message-digest
```

- **ISIS**

```
interface ethernet0
  ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.0
  ip router isis
  isis password cisco level-2
!
```

BGP Route Authentication

```
router bgp 200
  no synchronization
  log-neighbor-changes
  neighbor 4.1.2.1 remote-as 300
  neighbor 4.1.2.1 description Link to Excalabur
  neighbor 4.1.2.1 send-community
  neighbor 4.1.2.1 version 4
  neighbor 4.1.2.1 route-map Community1 out
  neighbor 4.1.2.1 password 7 cisco
```

BGP Route Authentication

- **Works per neighbour or for an entire peer-group**
- **Two routers with password mis-match:**
`%TCP-6-BADAUTH: Invalid MD5 digest from [peer's IP address]:11004 to [local router's IP address]:179`
- **One router has a password and the other does not:**
`%TCP-6-BADAUTH: No MD5 digest from [peer's IP address]:11003 to [local router's IP address]:179`

Selective Packet Discard

- **When a link goes to a saturated state, you will drop packets; the problem is that you will drop any type of packets—including your routing protocols**
- **Selective Packet Discard (SPD) will attempt to drop non-routing packets instead of routing packets when the link is overloaded**

```
ip spd enable (11.1 CA & CC)
```

- **Enabled by default from 11.2(5)P and later releases, available option in 11.1CA/CC**
- **12.0 the syntax changes and the default is to enable SPD**

Selective Packet Discard

- **Attack of IP packets with bad TTL are process switched with ICMP reply – crippling the router**

`ip spd mode aggressive`

- `show ip spd`

Current mode: normal.

Queue min/max thresholds: 73/74, Headroom: 100

IP normal queue: 2, priority queue: 0

SPD special drop mode: aggressively drop bad packets

Summary

- **Securing routing protocols is mandatory on any network which is part of the Internet**
- **Not doing so has potential to leave the network vulnerable to attack**

Router Security Agenda

Cisco.com

- Overview
- Securing the Router
- Securing the Routing Protocols
- **Securing the Network**
- Administrative and Operational Practices
- Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding
- Recent DOS attacks and the defence
- Tracking DoS/DDOS Attacks through an ISP's Network

Securing the Network

Securing the Network

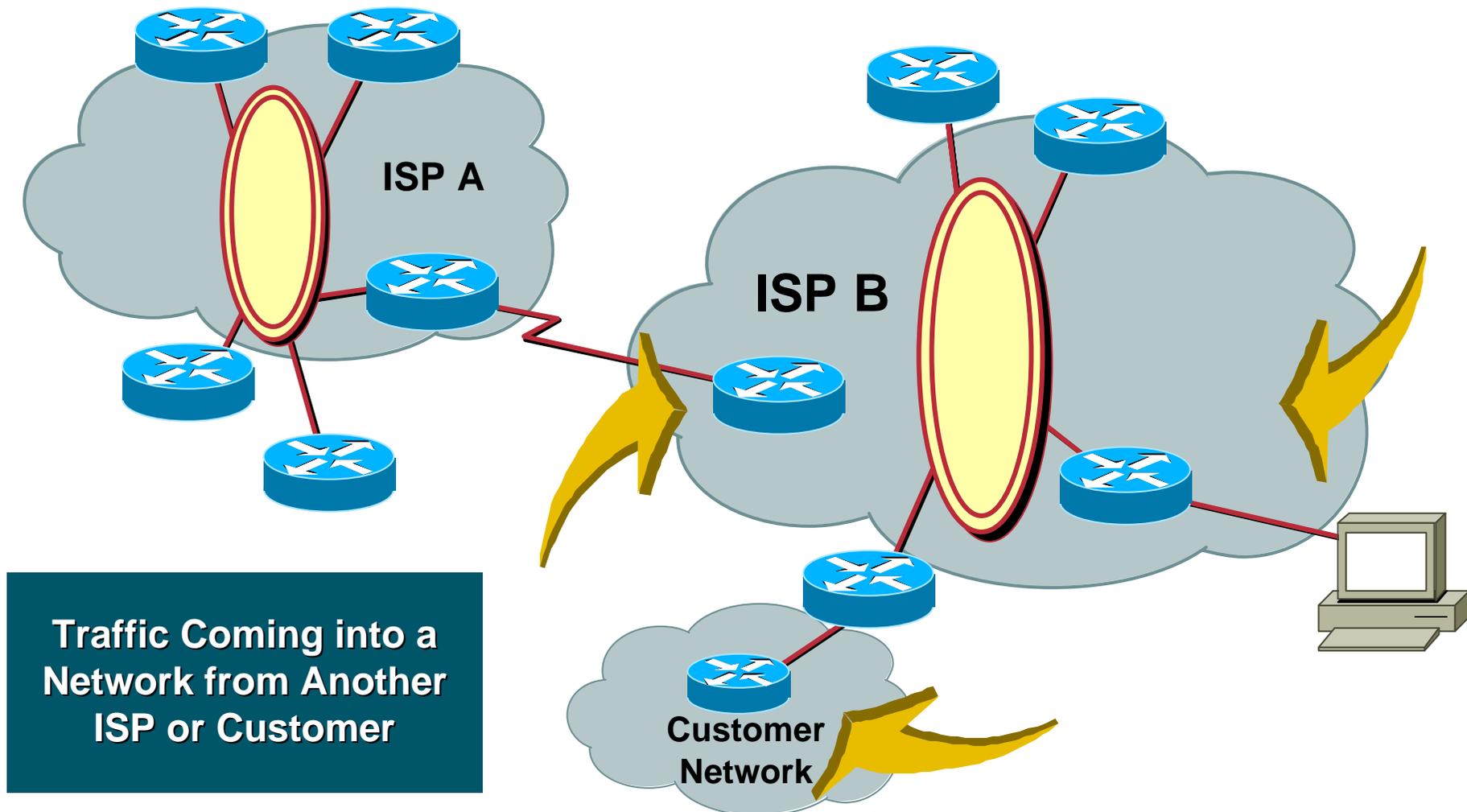
- **Two mandatory ingredients for router based network security:**

Route filtering

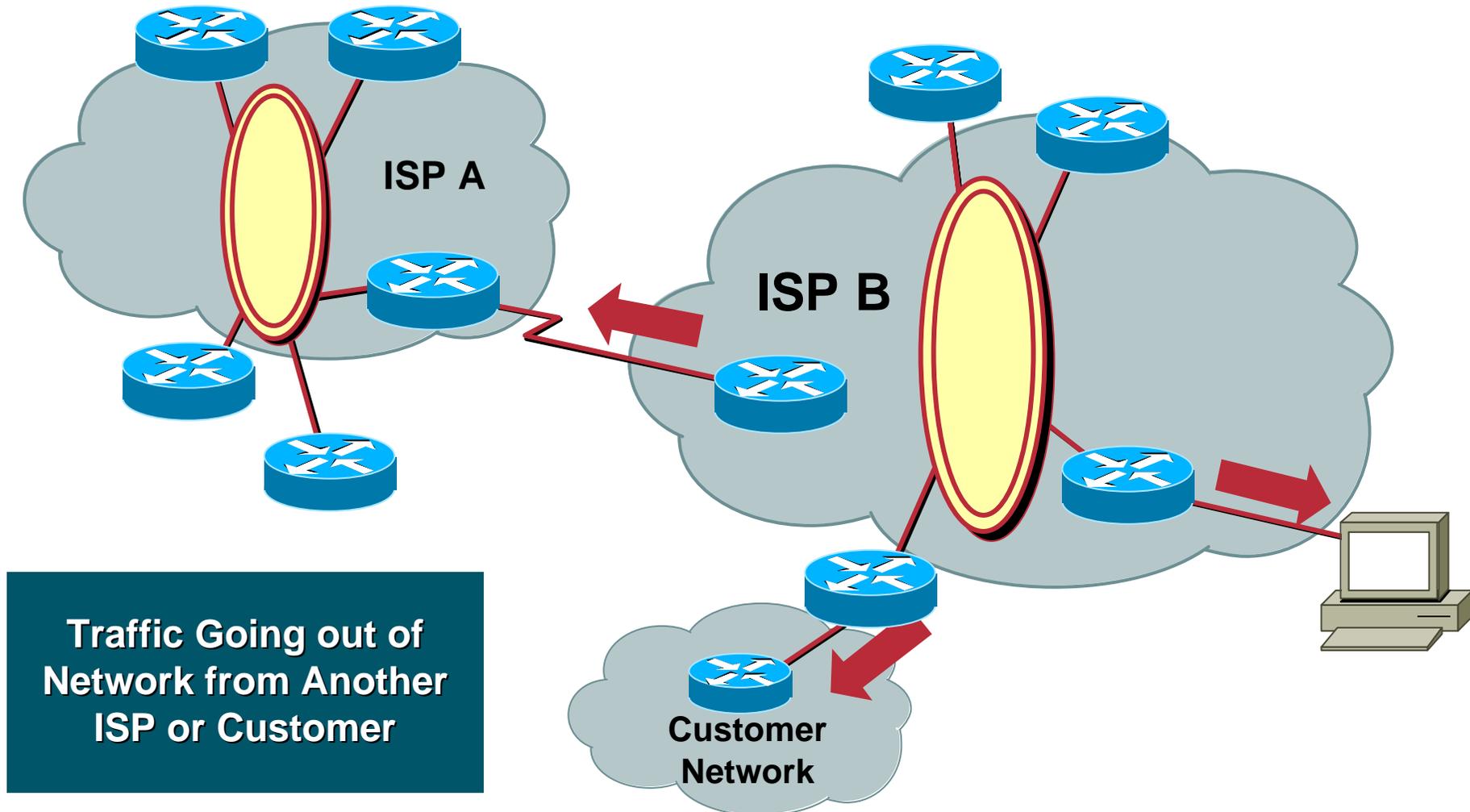
Packet filtering

Ingress Filters—Inbound Traffic

Cisco.com



Egress Filters—Outbound Traffic



Route Filtering

Ingress and Egress Route Filtering

Cisco.com

- **There are routes that should NOT be routed on the Internet**
 - RFC 1918 and “Martian” networks**
 - 127.0.0.0/8 and multicast blocks**
 - See Bill Manning’s ID for background information:**
<ftp://ftp.ietf.org/internet-drafts/draft-manning-dsua-07.txt>
- **BGP should have filters applied so that these routes are not advertised to or propagated through the Internet**

Ingress and Egress Route Filtering

Cisco.com

- **Quick overview**

0.0.0.0/8 – Default/broadcast & other unique properties

127.0.0.0/8 – Host loopback network

192.0.2.0/24 – TEST-NET, used in documentation etc

10.0.0.0/8, 172.16.0.0/12, and 192.168.0.0/16 – RFC 1918 private addresses

169.254.0.0/16 – End node auto-config in absence of DHCP

224.0.0.0/3 – Multicast and former E-space block

Ingress and Egress Route Filtering

Cisco.com

- **Two flavours of route filtering:**
 - Distribute list – Widely used**
 - Prefix list – Increasingly used, easier syntax**
- **Both work fine—Engineering preference**

Ingress and Egress Route Filtering

Cisco.com

Extended ACL for a BGP Distribute List

```
access-list 150 deny ip 0.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 255.0.0.0 0.255.255.255
access-list 150 deny ip 10.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 255.0.0.0 0.255.255.255
access-list 150 deny ip 127.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 255.0.0.0 0.255.255.255
access-list 150 deny ip 169.254.0.0 0.0.255.255 255.255.0.0 0.0.255.255
access-list 150 deny ip 172.16.0.0 0.15.255.255 255.240.0.0 0.15.255.255
access-list 150 deny ip 192.0.2.0 0.0.0.255 255.255.255.0 0.0.0.255
access-list 150 deny ip 192.168.0.0 0.0.255.255 255.255.0.0 0.0.255.255
access-list 150 deny ip 224.0.0.0 31.255.255.255 224.0.0.0 31.255.255.255
access-list 150 permit ip any any
```

Ingress and Egress Route Filtering

Cisco.com

BGP with Distribute-list Flavour of Route Filtering

```
router bgp 200
  no synchronization
  bgp dampening
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 remote-as 210
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 version 4
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 distribute-list 150 in
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 distribute-list 150 out
  neighbor 222.222.8.1 remote-as 220
  neighbor 222.222.8.1 version 4
  neighbor 222.222.8.1 distribute-list 150 in
  neighbor 222.222.8.1 distribute-list 150 out
  no auto-summary
!
```

Ingress and Egress Route Filtering

Prefix-List for a for a BGP Prefix List

```
ip prefix-list rfc1918-sua deny 0.0.0.0/8 le 32
ip prefix-list rfc1918-sua deny 10.0.0.0/8 le 32
ip prefix-list rfc1918-sua deny 127.0.0.0/8 le 32
ip prefix-list rfc1918-sua deny 169.254.0.0/16 le 32
ip prefix-list rfc1918-sua deny 172.16.0.0/12 le 32
ip prefix-list rfc1918-sua deny 192.0.2.0.0/24 le 32
ip prefix-list rfc1918-sua deny 192.168.0.0/16 le 32
ip prefix-list rfc1918-sua deny 224.0.0.0/3 le 32
ip prefix-list rfc1918-sua permit 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
```

Ingress and Egress Route Filtering

Cisco.com

BGP with Prefix-List Flavour of Route Filtering

```
router bgp 200
  no synchronization
  bgp dampening
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 remote-as 210
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 version 4
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 prefix-list rfc1918-sua in
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 prefix-list rfc1918-sua out
  neighbor 222.222.8.1 remote-as 220
  neighbor 222.222.8.1 version 4
  neighbor 222.222.8.1 prefix-list rfc1918-sua in
  neighbor 222.222.8.1 prefix-list rfc1918-sua out
  no auto-summary
!
```

Using BGP

- **Only accept prefixes your neighbour is entitled to send**

If they originate 221.10.0.0/20, then you should only accept this prefix

```
router bgp 200
  no synchronization
  bgp dampening
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 remote-as 210
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 version 4
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 prefix-list customer in
  no auto-summary
!
ip prefix-list customer permit 221.10.0.0/20
!
```

Using BGP

- **Only send prefixes you are entitled to send**
If you originate 221.10.0.0/20, then you should only send this prefix

```
router bgp 200
  no synchronization
  bgp dampening
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 remote-as 210
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 version 4
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 prefix-list my-peer out
  no auto-summary
!
ip prefix-list customer permit 221.10.0.0/20
!
```

Using BGP

- **If you are receiving the full routing table**

In addition to previously mentioned special use addresses, block your own prefix coming in

```
router bgp 200
  no synchronization
  bgp dampening
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 remote-as 210
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 version 4
  neighbor 220.220.4.1 prefix-list rfc1918-sua in
  no auto-summary
!
ip prefix-list rfc1918-sua <snip>
ip prefix-list rfc1918-sua deny 224.0.0.0/3 le 32
ip prefix-list rfc1918-sua deny 221.10.0.0/20 le 32
ip prefix-list rfc1918-sua permit 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
!
```

Using BGP

- **General principle**
 - Be frugal in what you send**
 - Be sparing in what you receive**
- **Many network security and service denial instances caused by lax and careless BGP configuration**

Packet Filtering

Ingress and Egress Packet Filtering

Cisco.com

Your customers should not be sending **any IP packets out to the Internet with a source address other than the address you have allocated to them!**

Ingress and Egress Packet Filtering

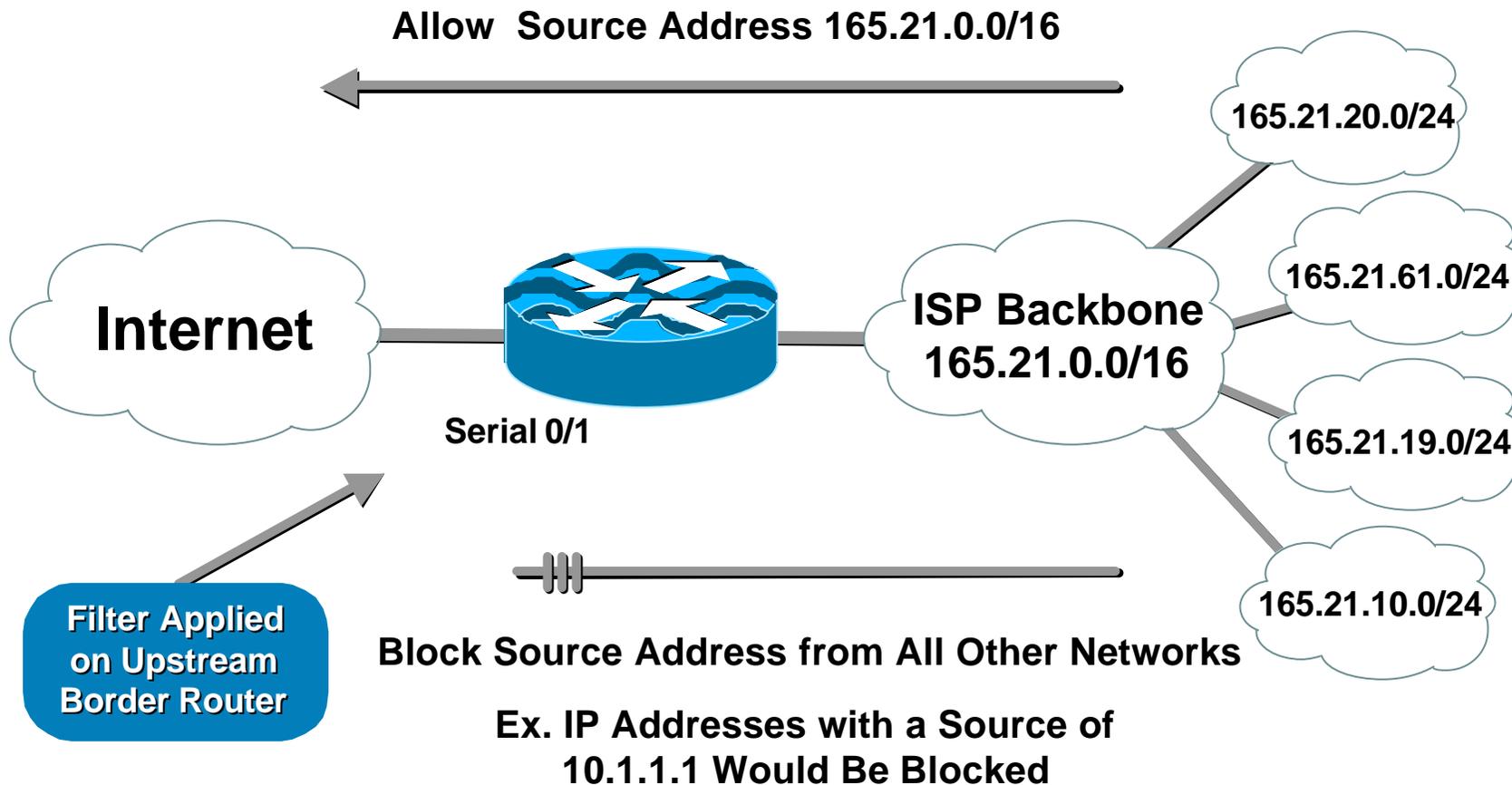
Cisco.com

- **BCP 38/ RFC 2827**
- **Title: Network Ingress Filtering: Defeating Denial of Service Attacks which Employ IP Source Address Spoofing**
- **Author(s): P. Ferguson, D. Senie**

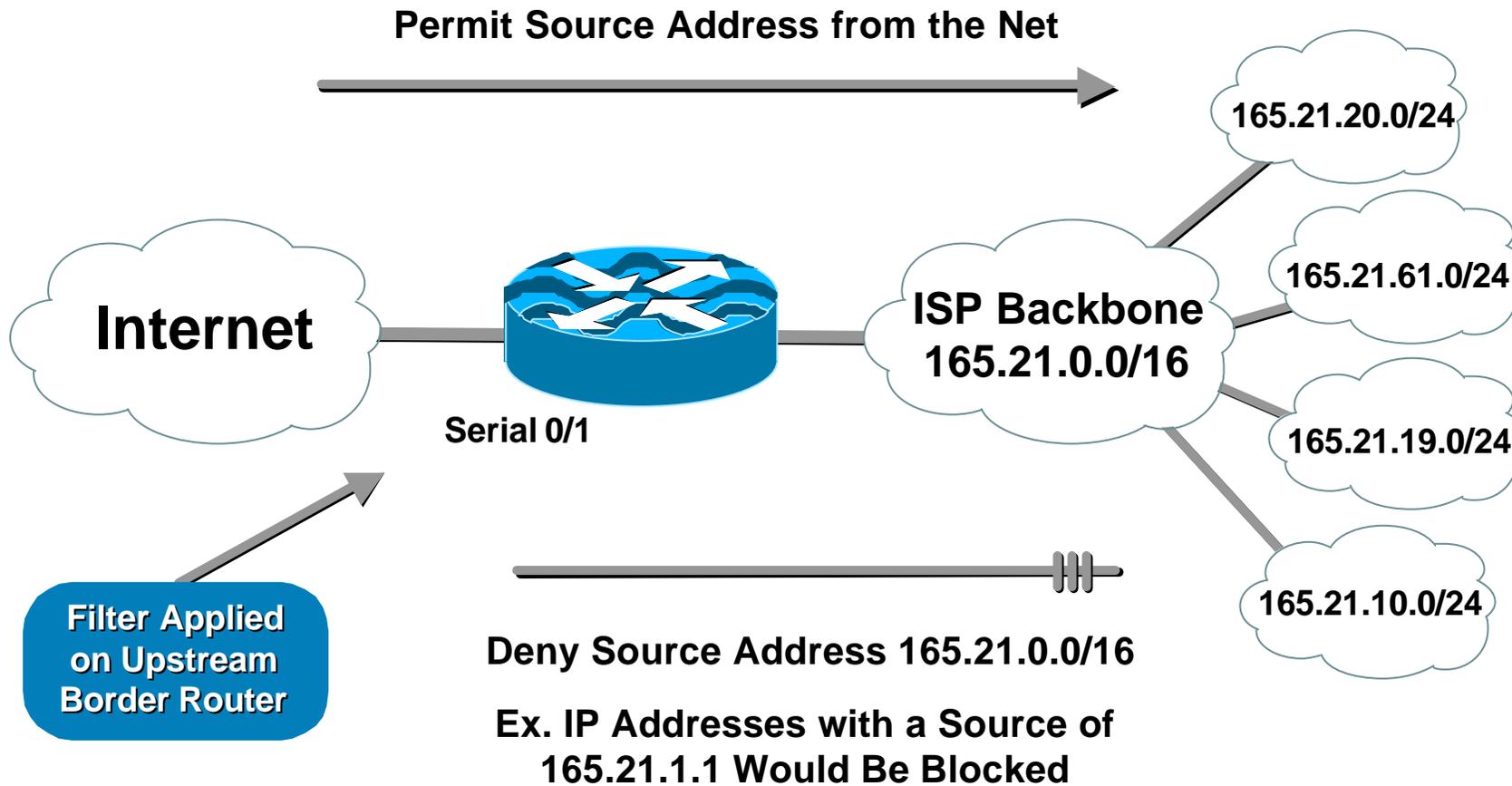
Packet Filtering

- **Static access list on the edge of the network**
- **Dynamic access list with AAA profiles**
- **Unicast RPF**
- **Rate Limiting & Precedence Values**

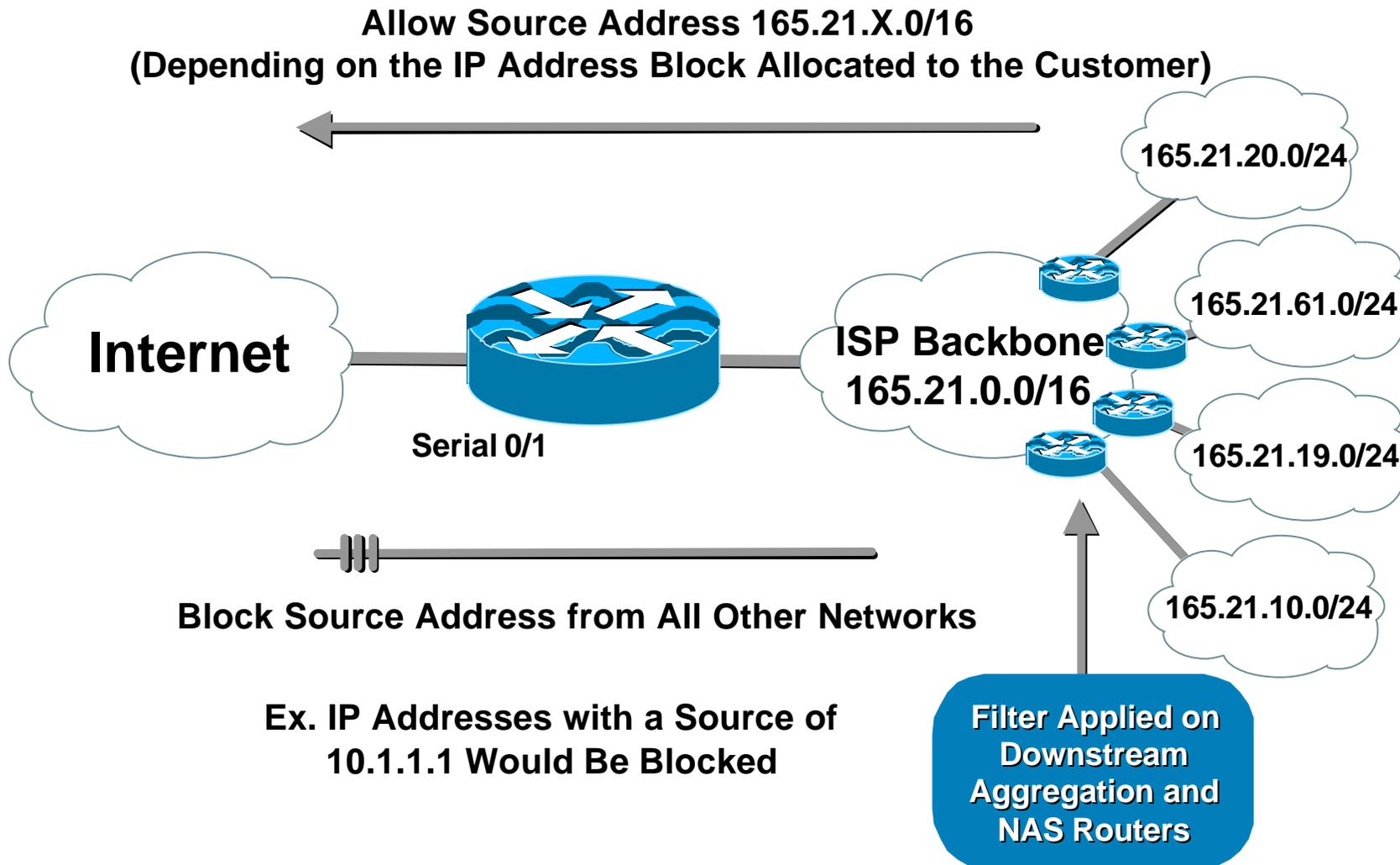
Egress Packet Filtering Upstream Border



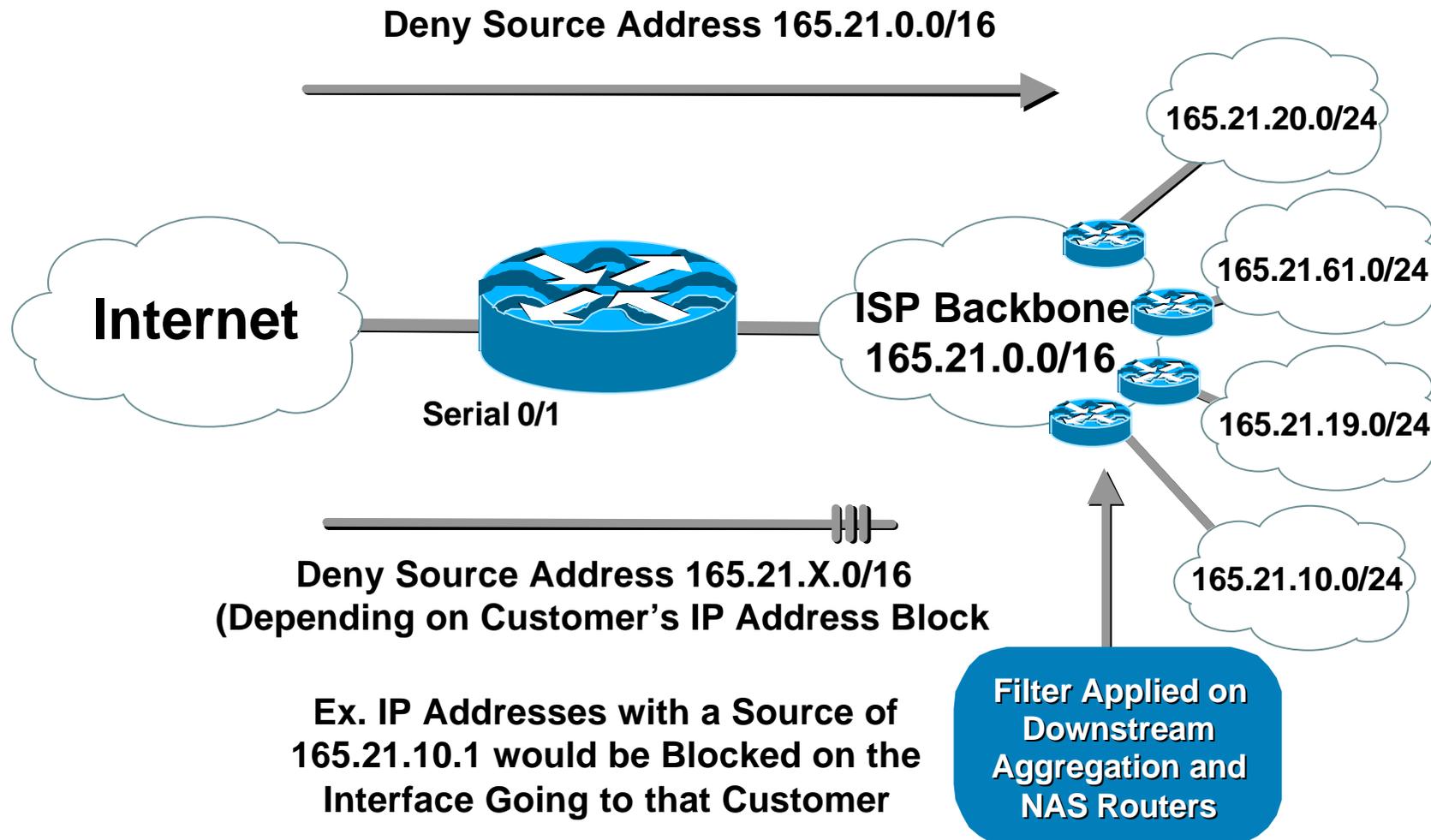
Ingress Packet Filtering Upstream Border



Ingress Packet Filtering Customer Edge



Egress Packet Filtering Customer Edge



Guidelines

- **End-site network connecting to the Internet**
 - MUST use inbound and outbound packet filters to protect network**
- **Configuration example**
 - Outbound – only allow my network source addresses out**
 - Inbound – only allow specific ports to specific destinations in**

Guidelines – Example

```
interface serial 0
  description Connection to Planet ISP
  ip unnumbered Ethernet 0
  ip access-group 100 in
  ip access-group 101 out
  no ip directed-broadcast
!
access-list 100 permit icmp any any
access-list 100 permit tcp any any established
access-list 100 permit tcp any any eq 22
access-list 100 permit tcp any host 221.4.0.1 eq www
access-list 100 permit tcp any host 221.4.0.2 eq smtp
access-list 100 permit udp any host 221.4.0.3 eq domain
access-list 100 permit tcp any host 221.4.0.3 eq domain
access-list 100 permit udp any any eq ntp
access-list 100 deny    udp any any eq 2049
access-list 100 permit udp any any gt 1023
access-list 100 deny   ip any any log
!
access-list 101 permit ip 221.4.0.0 0.0.3.255 any
access-list 101 deny   ip any any log
!
```

Guidelines – Example

- **Access-list 100:**
 - Permit icmp**
 - Permit established tcp connections (ie block TCP-SYN)**
 - Permit SecureShell**
 - Allow WWW to Webserver**
 - Allow SMTP to Mailserver**
 - Allow DNS to Nameserver**
 - Allow NTP for time synchronisation**
 - Block NFS**
 - Permit only unprivileged UDP ports**
 - Block everything else, and log it**
- **Access-list 101:**
 - Permit only packets from my address block out**
 - Block everything else, and log it**

Guidelines

- **ISPs**

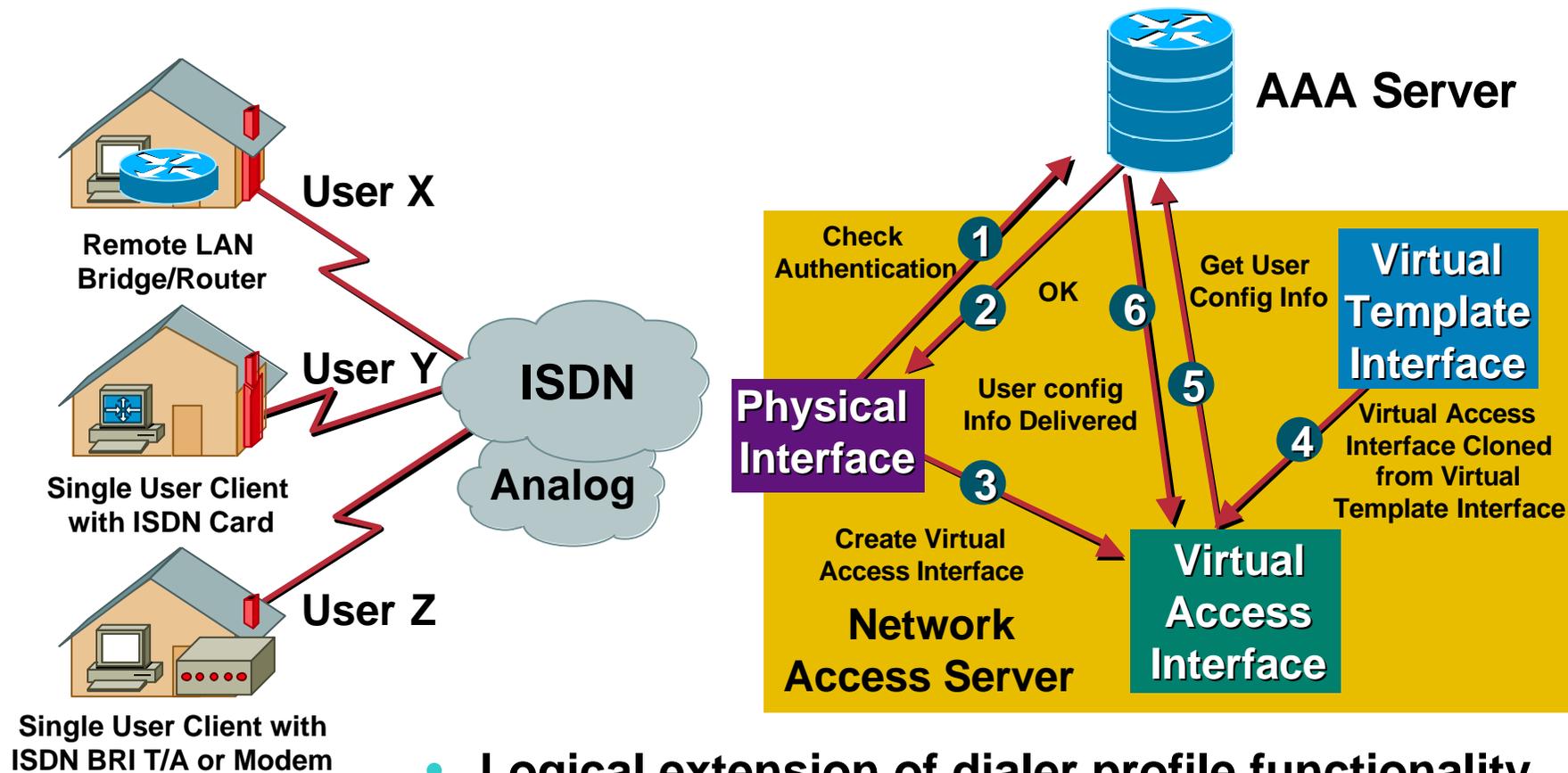
- Make sure your customers install filters on their routers
– give them a template they can use**

- **End-sites**

- Make sure you install strong filters on routers you use
to connect to the Internet**

- First line of defence – **never** assume your ISP will do it**

Dynamic ACLs with AAA Virtual Profiles



- Logical extension of dialer profile functionality
- ACLs stored in the Central AAA server
- Supports both Radius and Tacacs+

Dynamic ACLs with AAA Virtual Profiles

Cisco.com

- **List of sites with information on how to configure tacacs+ and radius to download ACLs:**

Cisco Radius

http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/480/radius_ACL1.html#secondary

Ascend/Radius

<http://www.hal-pc.org/~ascend/MaxTNT/radius/attrib.htm#216191>

TACACS+

http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/480/tacacs_ACL1.html

Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding

Cisco.com

- Checks source address of inbound packets to check that it is reachable through the inbound interface
- Efficient and **very important** filtering tool for edge of Internet
- Covered in detail later on!!

Rate Limiting

- **Rate limiting used to limit packet floods**
Used to counter DoS attacks and aggressive probes

- **Example**

To rate limit ICMP to 16kbps and TCP SYN to 8kbps:

```
interface serial 0
  description Connection to Planet ISP
  ip unnumbered Ethernet 0
  rate-limit input access-group 102 16000 8000 8000 conform-action transmit exceed-
action drop
  rate-limit input access-group 103 8000 8000 8000 conform-action transmit exceed-
action drop
  no ip directed-broadcast
  !
  access-list 102 permit icmp any any echo
  access-list 102 permit icmp any any echo-reply
  access-list 103 deny tcp any any established
  access-list 103 permit tcp any any
  !
```

IP Precedence

- **Some Internet sites change IP precedence so their content always “gets through”**

Recommended to reset IP precedence of incoming packets to default values (unless you know of traffic which needs different precedence values)

- **Example:**

Running a Voice over IP network – inbound packets with highest precedence are “more important” than VoIP traffic, and will cause havoc in the local network

IP Precedence – Example

```
interface serial 0
  description Connection to Planet ISP
  ip unnumbered Ethernet 0
  ip route-cache policy
  ip policy route-map SET-PREC
  no ip directed-broadcast
!
route-map SET-PREC permit 10
  match ip address 160
  set ip precedence routine
!
access-list 160 permit ip any any precedence priority
access-list 160 permit ip any any precedence immediate
access-list 160 permit ip any any precedence flash
access-list 160 permit ip any any precedence flash-override
access-list 160 permit ip any any precedence critical
access-list 160 permit ip any any precedence internet
access-list 160 permit ip any any precedence network
!
```

IP Precedence – Example

- **Route-map matches all possible precedence values apart from “routine”**
- **Uses policy routing**
 - Make sure policy routing is fast or cef switched (process switched by default)**
- **“show access-list 160” will display different precedence levels of incoming packets**

```
Extended IP access list 160 (Compiled)
  permit ip any any precedence priority (33137629 matches)
  permit ip any any precedence immediate (3916144 matches)
  permit ip any any precedence flash (1967437 matches)
  permit ip any any precedence flash-override (4034766 matches)
  permit ip any any precedence critical (2306059 matches)
  permit ip any any precedence internet (8024235 matches)
  permit ip any any precedence network (919538 matches)
```

Summary

- **Network security is about**
 - Filtering prefixes exchanged between networks**
 - Filtering packets sent between networks**
 - Using the tools and recommendations – networks should comply with BCP 38**

Router Security Agenda

Cisco.com

- Overview
- Securing the Router
- Securing the Routing Protocols
- Securing the Network
- **Administrative and Operational Practices**
- Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding
- Recent DOS attacks and the defence
- Tracking DoS/DDOS Attacks through an ISP's Network

Administrative and Operational Practices

Administrative and Operational Practices

- **Configuration hints to aid security**
 - Router features**
 - Network features**
 - Operational practices**

Loopback Interface

- **Most ISPs make use of the router loopback interface**
- **IP address configured is a host address**
- **Configuration example:**

```
interface loopback 0
  description Loopback Interface of CORE-GW3
  ip address 215.18.3.34 255.255.255.255
  no ip redirects
```

Loopback Interface

- **Loopback interfaces on ISP backbone usually numbered:**
 - Out of one contiguous block, or**
 - Using a geographical scheme, or**
 - Using a per PoP scheme**
- **Aim is to increase network stability, aid administration, and improve security**

Configuration Management

- **Backup NVRAM configuration off the router:**
 - Write configuration to TFTP server**
 - TFTP server files kept under revision control**
 - Router configuration built from master database**
- **Allows rapid recovery in case of emergency**

Configuration Management

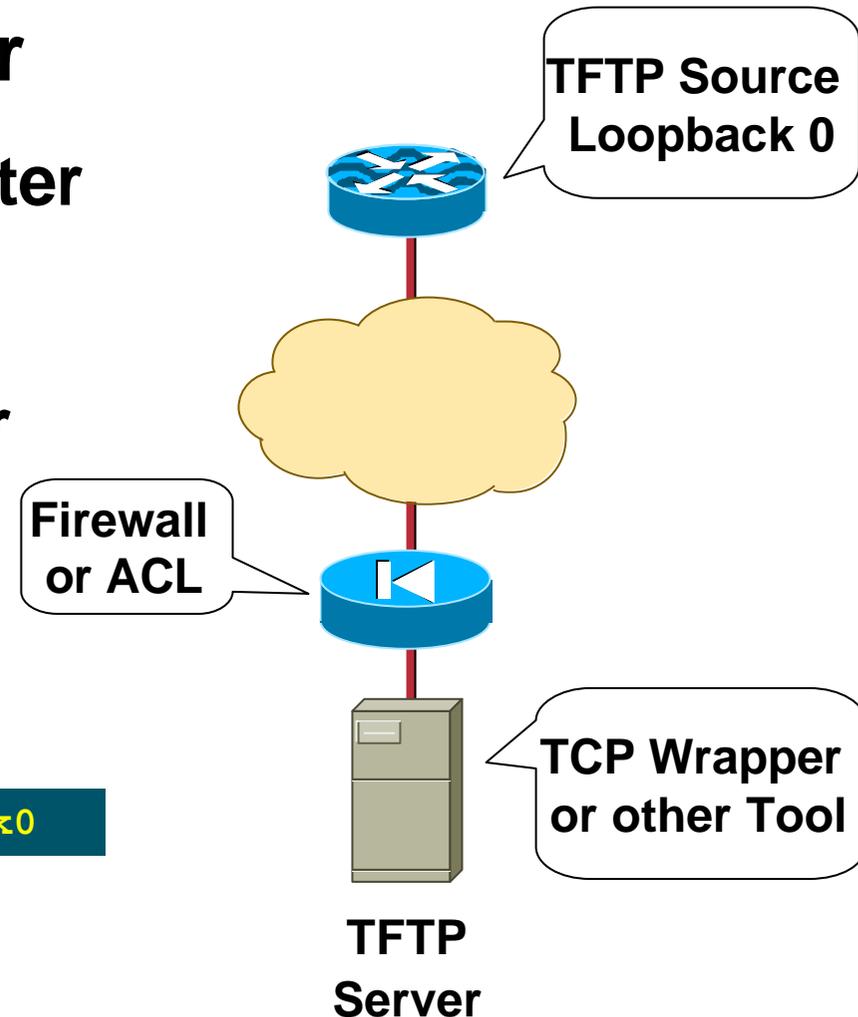
Cisco.com

- **Secure the TFTP server**
TFTP loopback 0 on router

Firewall/ACL

**Wrapper on TFTP server
which only allows the
router's loopback
address**

```
ip tftp source-interface Loopback0
```



FTP Client Support

- **TFTP has its limitations**
- **FTP client support is added in IOS 12.0; this allows for FTP upload/downloads**
- **Remember to use the same security/redundancy options with loopback 0:**

```
ip ftp source-interface loopback 0
```

FTP Client Support

Cisco.com

```
7206-AboveNet-SJ2#copy ftp://bgreene:XXX@ftp.cisco.com slot0:
```

```
Source filename []? /cisco/ios/12.0/12.0.9S/7200/c7200-k3p-  
mz.120-9.S.bin
```

```
Destination filename [c7200-k3p-mz.120-9.S.bin]?
```

```
Accessing ftp://bgreene:XXX@ftp.cisco.com
```

```
//cisco/ios/12.0/12.0.9S/7200/c7200-k3p-mz.120-
```

```
9.S.bin...Translating "ftp.cisco.com"...domain server
```

```
(207.126.96.162) [OK]
```

```
Loading /cisco/ios/12.0/12.0.9S/7200/c7200-k3p-mz.120-9.S.bin
```

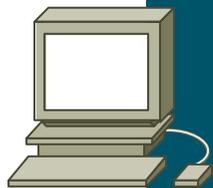
Use Detailed Logging

- Off load logging information to a logging server
- Use the full detailed logging features to keep exact details of the activities

```
service timestamps debug datetime msec localtime show-timezone
service timestamps log datetime msec localtime show-timezone
logging buffered 16384
logging trap debugging
logging facility local7
logging 169.223.32.1
logging 169.223.55.37
logging source-interface loopback0
no logging console ! Recommended - keeps the console port free
```

Use Detailed Logging

- **Two topologies used:**
 - Central Syslog servers in operations center**
 - Syslog servers in major POPs**



```
[philip@vectra log]$ tail -1 cisco.log
Nov  6 11:49:43 gw 2021: Nov  6 11:49:40.779 AEST: %SYS-
5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by philip on vty0
(192.168.1.1)
[philip@vectra log]$ date
Tue Nov  6 11:50:04 EST 2001
[philip@vectra log]$
```



Network Time Protocol

- **If you want to cross compare logs, you need to synchronize the time on all the devices**
- **Use NTP**

From external time source

Upstream ISP, Internet, GPS, atomic clock

From internal time source

Router can act as *stratum 1* time source

Network Time Protocol

- **Set timezone**

```
clock timezone <name> [+/-hours [mins]]
```

- **Router as source**

```
ntp master 1
```

- **External time source (master)**

```
ntp server a.b.c.d
```

- **External time source (equivalent)**

```
ntp peer e.f.g.h
```

Network Time Protocol

- **Example configuration:**

```
clock timezone AEST 10
ntp update-calendar
ntp source loopback0
ntp server <other time source>
ntp peer <other time source>
ntp peer <other time source>
```

Network Time Protocol

- **Network Time Protocol (NTP) used to synchronize the time on all the devices**
- **NTP packets leave router with loopback address as source**
- **Configuration example:**

```
ntp source loopback0
```

```
ntp server 169.223.1.1 source loopback 1
```

Network Time Protocol

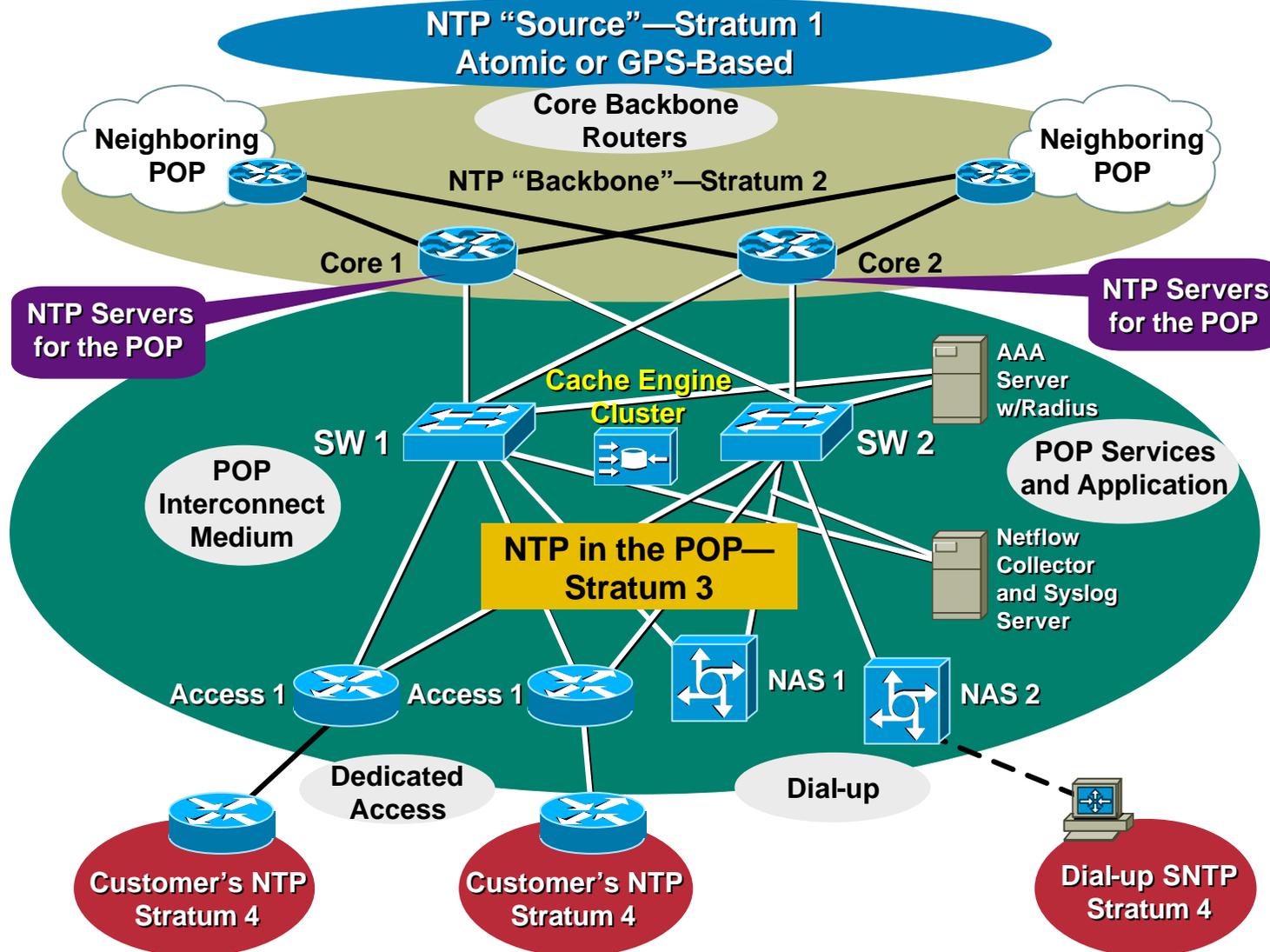
- **Motivation—NTP security:**

NTP systems can be protected by filters which only allow the NTP port to be accessed from the loopback address block

- **Motivation—easy to understand NTP peerings:**

NTP associations have the loopback address recorded as source address, not the egress interface

Network Time Protocol



Network Time Protocol

- **Where to get NTP reference sources?**
<http://www.eecis.udel.edu/~ntp/hardware.html>
- **Attach a Telecom Solutions GPS clock to the router's AUX port:**

```
Excalabur(config)#line aux 0
```

```
Excalabur(config-line)#ntp refclock telecom-solutions pps ?
```

```
cts  PPS on CTS
```

```
none No PPS signal available
```

```
ri   PPS on RI
```

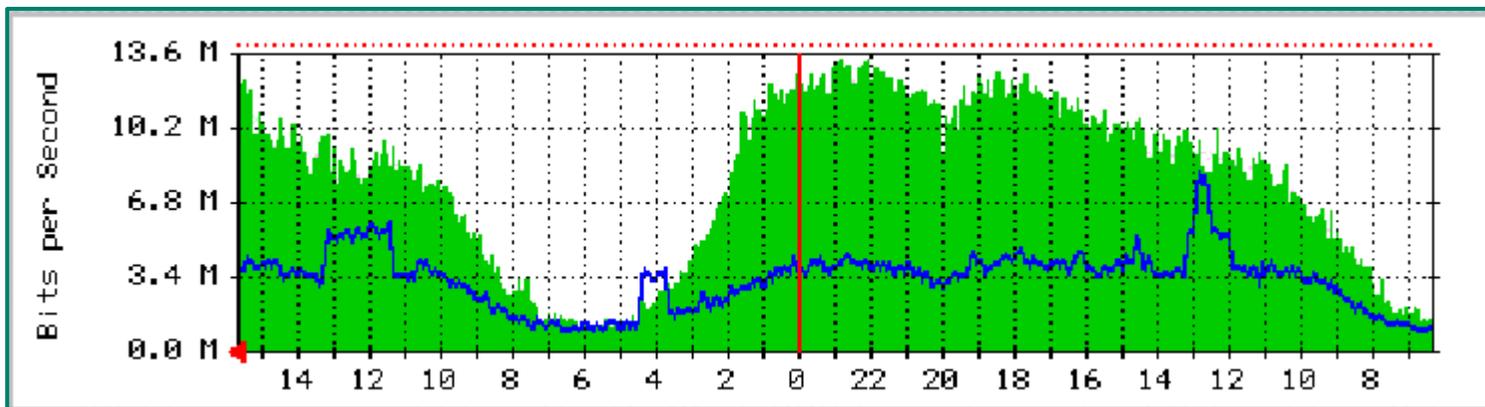
SNMPv1

- **Remove any SNMP commands if SNMP is not going to be used**
- **If SNMP is going to be used:**

```
access-list 98 permit 169.223.1.1
access-list 98 deny any
snmp-server community 5nmc02m RO 98
snmp-server trap-source Loopback0
snmp-server trap-authentication
snmp-server host 169.223.1.1 5nmc02m
```

SNMPv1

- Recommend that all ISPs aggressively and consistently monitor their network
- Despite SNMPv2 and SNMPv3, most ISPs are still using SNMPv1 (personal observation)
- SNMPv3 supported since 12.0(6)S



HTTP Server

- HTTP server in Cisco IOS from 11.1CC and 12.0S

Router configuration via web interface

- **Disable** if not going to be used (disabled by default):

```
no ip http server
```

- **Configure securely** if going to be used:

```
ip http server
```

```
ip http port 8765
```

```
ip http authentication aaa
```

```
ip http access-class <1-99>
```

Core Dumps

- **Cisco routers have a core dump feature that will allow ISPs to transfer a copy of the core dump to a specific FTP server**
- **Set up a FTP account on the server the router will send the core dump to**
- **The server should NOT be a public server**
 - Use filters and secure accounts**
 - Locate in NOC with NOC staff access only**
 - Enough disk space to handle the dumps**

Core Dumps

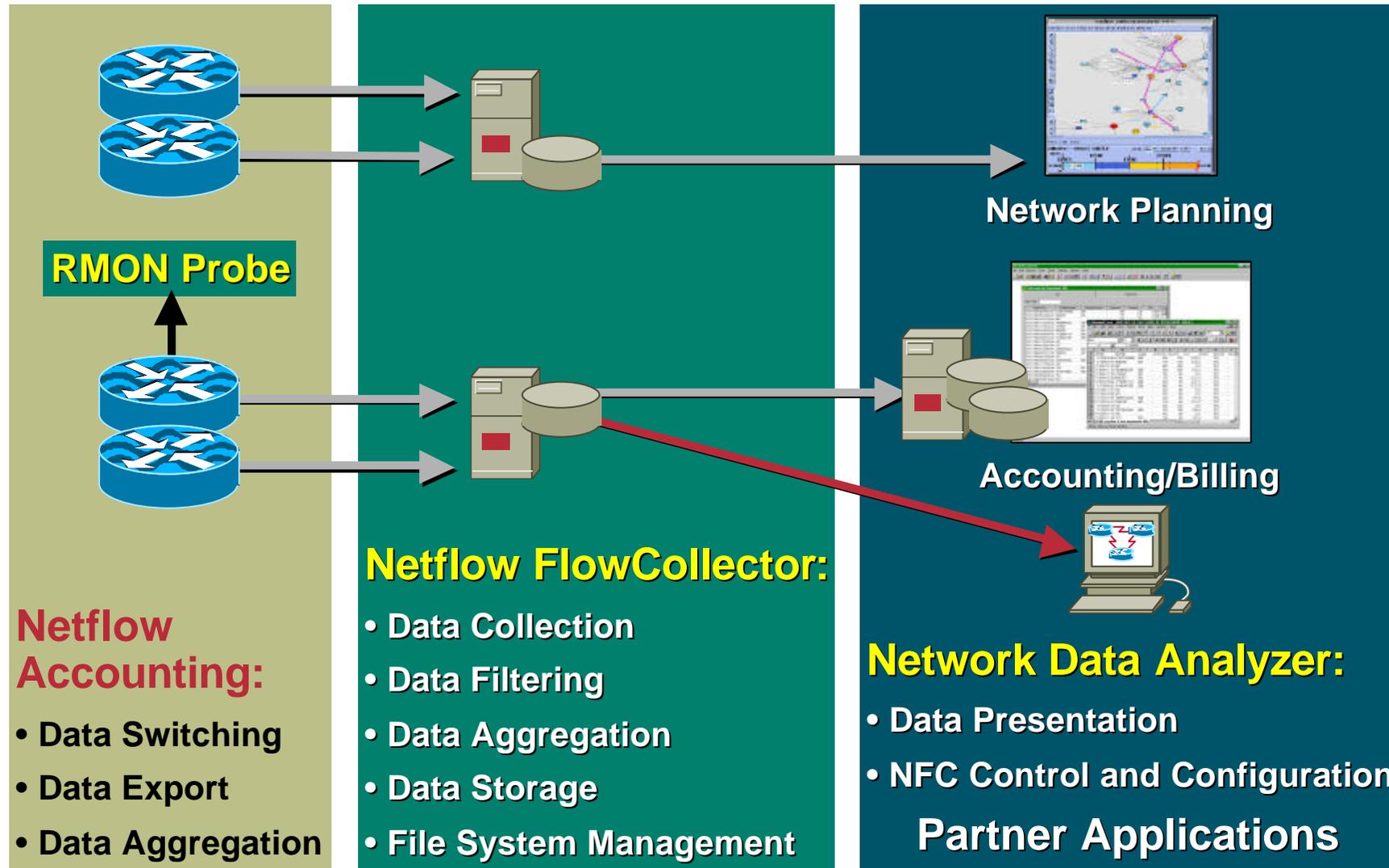
- **Example configuration:**

```
ip ftp username cisco
ip ftp password 7 045802150C2E
ip ftp source-interface loopback 0
exception protocol ftp
exception dump 169.223.32.1
```

Netflow

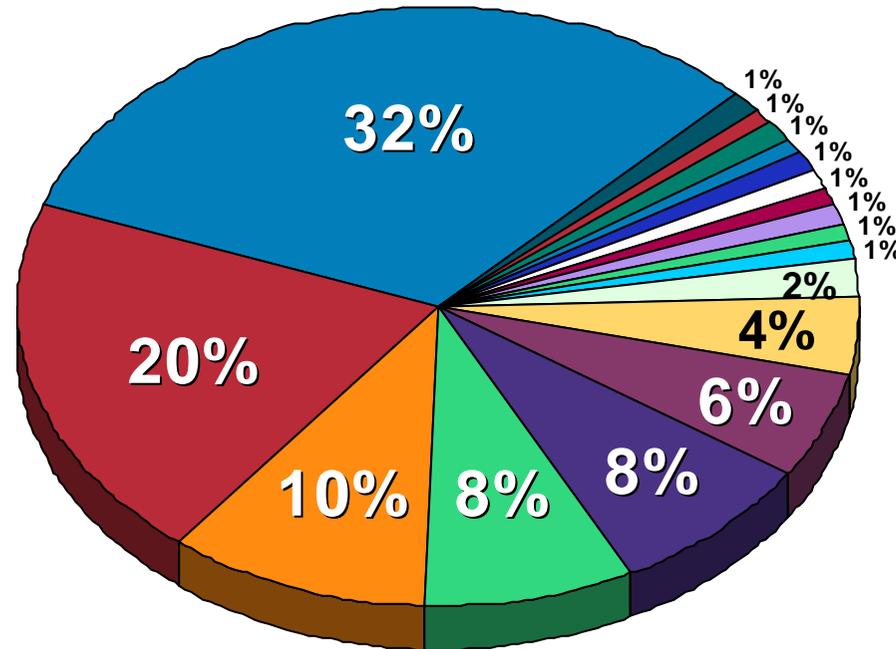
- **Provides network administrators with “packet flow” information**
- **Allows:**
 - Security monitoring**
 - Network management and planning**
 - Customer billing**
 - Traffic flow analysis**
- **Available from 11.1CC for 7x00 and 12.0 for remaining router platforms**

Netflow Infrastructure



Netflow—Capacity Planning

Public Routers 1, 2, 3 Month of September Outbound Traffic



- WEC
- Compuserve
- NIH
- UMD
- Digex

- WebTV
- SURANet
- PacBell Internet Service
- AT&T
- Other

- ABSN
- IBM
- JHU
- BBN
- Slice 19

- AOL
- ORANet
- C&W
- Erols
- Slice 20

Netflow

- **Configuration example:**

```
interface serial 5/0  
  ip route-cache flow
```

- **If CEF not configured, Netflow enhances existing switching path (i.e. optimum switching)**
- **If CEF configured, Netflow becomes a flow information gatherer and feature acceleration tool**

- **Information export:**

- Router to collector system**

- ```
ip flow-export version 5 [origin-as|peer-as]
ip flow-export destination x.x.x.x <udp-port>
```

- **Flow aggregation (new in 12.0S):**

- Router sends aggregate records to collector system**

- ```
ip flow-aggregation cache as|prefix|dest|source|proto  
enabled  
export destination x.x.x.x <udp-port>
```

Netflow—Simple Monitoring

- **Sample output on router:**

```
Beta-7200-2>sh ip cache flow
```

```
IP packet size distribution (14280M total packets):
```

```
 1-32   64   96  128  160  192  224  256  288  320  352  384  416  448  480
 .000 .145 .403 .101 .178 .105 .017 .005 .003 .001 .000 .000 .000 .000 .001

 512   544   576 1024 1536 2048 2560 3072 3584 4096 4608
 .001 .000 .025 .001 .004 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000
```

```
IP Flow Switching Cache, 4456704 bytes
```

```
14369 active, 51167 inactive, 253731473 added
```

```
1582853980 aged polls, 0 flow alloc failures
```

```
last clearing of statistics 16w5d
```

Protocol	Total	Flows	Packets	Bytes	Packets	Active(Sec)	Idle(Sec)
-----	Flows	/Sec	/Flow	/Pkt	/Sec	/Flow	/Flow
TCP-Telnet	28284	0.0	36	71	0.2	13.4	17.7
TCP-FTP	171390	0.0	15	63	0.6	8.1	16.6
TCP-FTPD	104030	0.0	693	384	16.8	29.7	9.7
TCP-WWW	28119533	6.5	17	290	115.8	6.5	10.9
TCP-SMTP	3615725	0.8	18	266	15.7	5.6	15.5
TCP-X	1649	0.0	3	84	0.0	4.1	14.0
TCP-BGP	1483900	0.3	5	258	1.7	13.1	19.1
TCP-NNTP	2330	0.0	2	53	0.0	8.4	20.7
TCP-Frag	484	0.0	1	46	0.0	1.2	20.9
TCP-other	343437823	79.9	5	129	410.9	2.5	11.0

Netflow—Simple Monitoring

- **Sample output on router (continued):**

Protocol -----	Total Flows	Flows /Sec	Packets /Flow	Bytes /Pkt	Packets /Sec	Active(Sec) /Flow	Idle(Sec) /Flow
UDP-DNS	2513140694	585.1	3	90	1778.6	5.3	21.5
UDP-NTP	2675203	0.6	1	76	0.6	0.0	21.6
UDP-TFTP	25750	0.0	6	157	0.0	20.1	20.8
UDP-Frag	737	0.0	5	210	0.0	14.4	21.4
UDP-other	1532677302	356.8	2	154	950.7	4.3	21.6
ICMP	30784392	7.1	4	109	30.7	7.3	20.5
IGMP	31	0.0	1903	1085	0.0	89.7	21.7
IP-other	985081	0.2	8	354	1.9	13.9	20.2
Total:	4457254338	1037.7	3	123	3324.8	4.8	20.6

SrcIf	SrcIPAddress	DstIf	DstIPAddress	Pr	SrcP	DstP	Pkts
Se2/0	203.161.234.211	Fa1/0	203.37.255.97	11	0404	0035	1
Fa1/0	203.37.255.97	Se2/0	203.161.234.211	11	0035	0404	1
Fa1/0	203.37.255.97	Se2/0	203.93.111.1	11	0035	8124	1
Fa1/0	203.37.255.114	Se2/0	195.67.208.248	11	1B3A	3F04	4675
Se2/0	195.67.208.248	Fa1/0	203.37.255.114	11	3F04	1B3A	6672
Se2/0	203.93.111.1	Fa1/0	203.37.255.97	11	8124	0035	1
Fa1/0	203.37.255.97	Se2/0	203.132.224.11	11	0035	0EDC	1
Se2/0	216.154.240.8	Fa1/0	203.37.255.97	11	0424	0035	12K
Fa1/0	203.37.255.97	Se2/0	216.154.240.8	11	0035	0424	12K
Se2/0	203.132.224.11	Fa1/0	203.37.255.97	11	0EDC	0035	1

...etc...

- **As a security tool**

Very easy to spot port scans, address range scans, etc

Many documented cases of ISPs using NetFlow to catch “crackers”

First tool to use in instance of suspected or real DOS attack

Out of Band Management

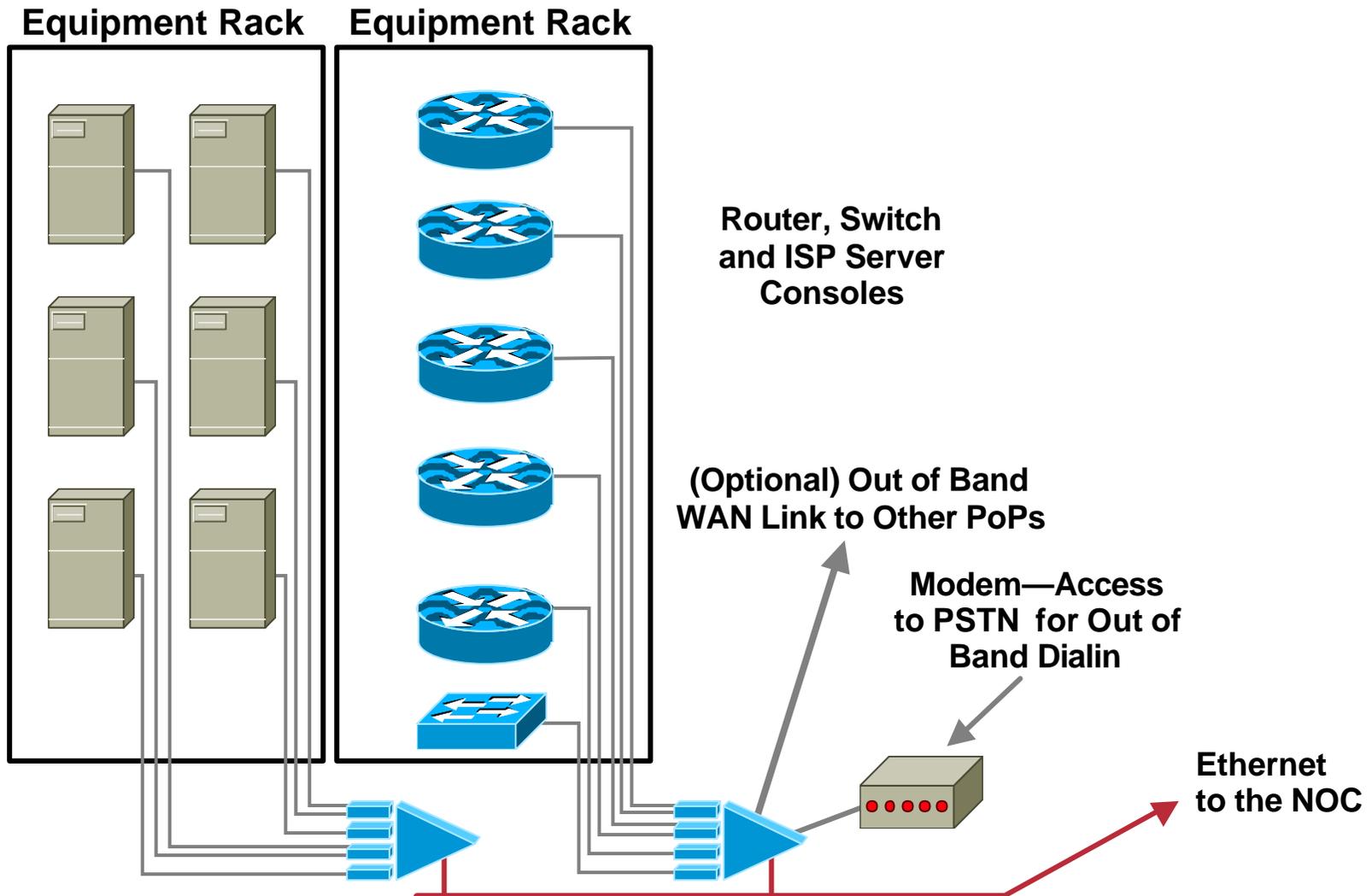
Cisco.com

- **Not optional!**
- **Allows access to network equipment in times of failure or when under attack**
- **Ensures quality of service to customers**
 - Minimises downtime**
 - Minimises repair time**
 - Eases diagnostics and debugging**

Out of Band Management

- **OoB example—Access server:**
 - Modem attached to allow NOC dial in**
 - Console ports of all network equipment connected to serial ports**
 - LAN and/or WAN link connects to network core, or via separate management link to NOC**
- **Full remote control access under all circumstances**

Out of Band Network



Out of Band Management

- **OoB example—Statistics gathering:**
 - Routers are NetFlow and syslog enabled**
 - Management data is congestion/failure sensitive**
 - Ensures management data integrity
in case of failure or unexpected network load**
- **Full remote information under all circumstances**

Out of Band Access

- **Router console port gives complete control over router**

Ensure router is in locked cabinet

-and/or-

Ensure comms room is locked and only accessible by authorised personnel

-and/or-

Ensure premises are secure, only accessible by authorised personnel, and has a working environmental control system

faulty airconditioning ® open doors/windows ® no security ® network devices become vulnerable

Test Laboratory

- **Designed to look like a typical PoP**
Operated like a typical PoP
- **Used to trial new services or new software under realistic conditions**
Allows discovery and fixing of potential problems before they are introduced to the network
- **Used to simulate solutions or workarounds to security incidents affecting the backbone**
Before they are deployed!

Test Laboratory

- **Some ISPs dedicate equipment to the lab**
- **Other ISPs “purchase ahead” so that today’s lab equipment becomes tomorrow’s PoP equipment**
- **Other ISPs use lab equipment for “hot spares” in the event of hardware failure**

Test Laboratory

- **Can't afford a test lab?**
 - Set aside one spare router and server to trial new services**
 - Never ever try out new hardware, software or services on the live network**
- **Every major ISP in the US and Europe has a test lab**
 - It's a serious consideration**

ISP NOC

- **Every ISP needs a NOC**
- **Anyone who has worked or run a NOC has their own list of what should be in a NOC**
 - Make your own wish list**
 - Talk to colleagues and get their list**
 - Then try to make it happen**
- **No NOC is a perfect NOC—the result is always a ratio of time, money, skills, facilities, and manpower**

NOC Communications

- **NOCs need to communicate with**
 - Teams inside their network**
 - Customers**
 - Other ISPs**
- **E-mail and Web pages are the most common forms of communication**
- **Pagers and hand phones are secondary communication tools**

NOC Communications

- **Q. Does *noc@someisp.net* work?**
- **Q. Do you have a Operations Web site with:**
 - Contact information**
 - Network policies (i.e. RFC 1998)**
 - Security policies and contact information**
- **Q. Have you registered you NOC information at one of the NOC Coordination Pages?**

Summary

- **NetFlow is primary security information tool for any network**
- **Use other router facilities to aid network security**
- **Router can be secure, but is the surrounding environment also secure?**
- **Don't forget the human aspects – out of band management, knowledge of NOCs and having good test facilities all contribute to helping with network security**

Router Security Agenda

Cisco.com

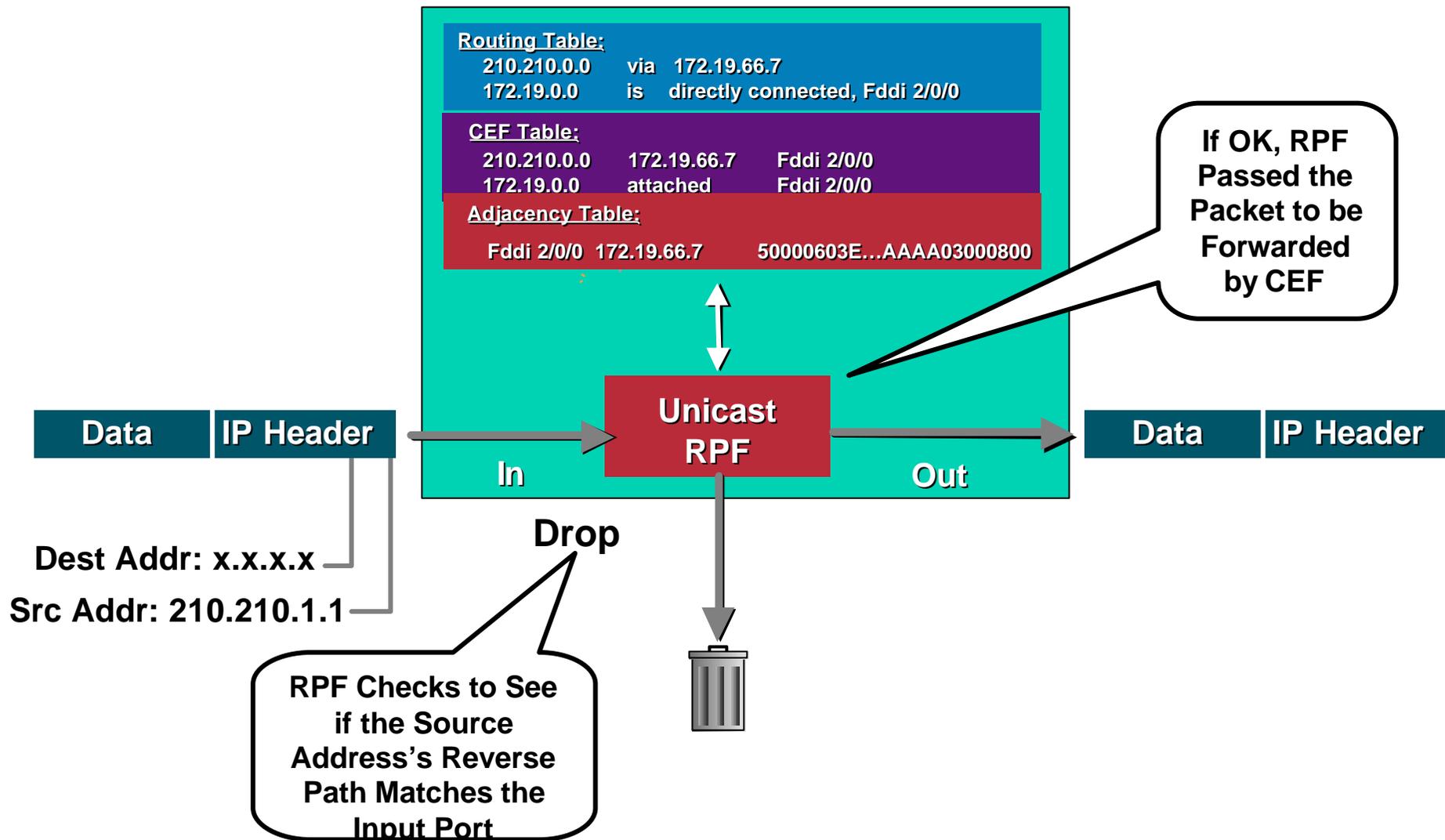
- Overview
- Securing the Router
- Securing the Routing Protocols
- Securing the Network
- Administrative and Operational Practices
- **Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding**
- Recent DOS attacks and the defence
- Tracking DoS/DDOS Attacks through an ISP's Network

The Unicast Reverse Path Forward Check

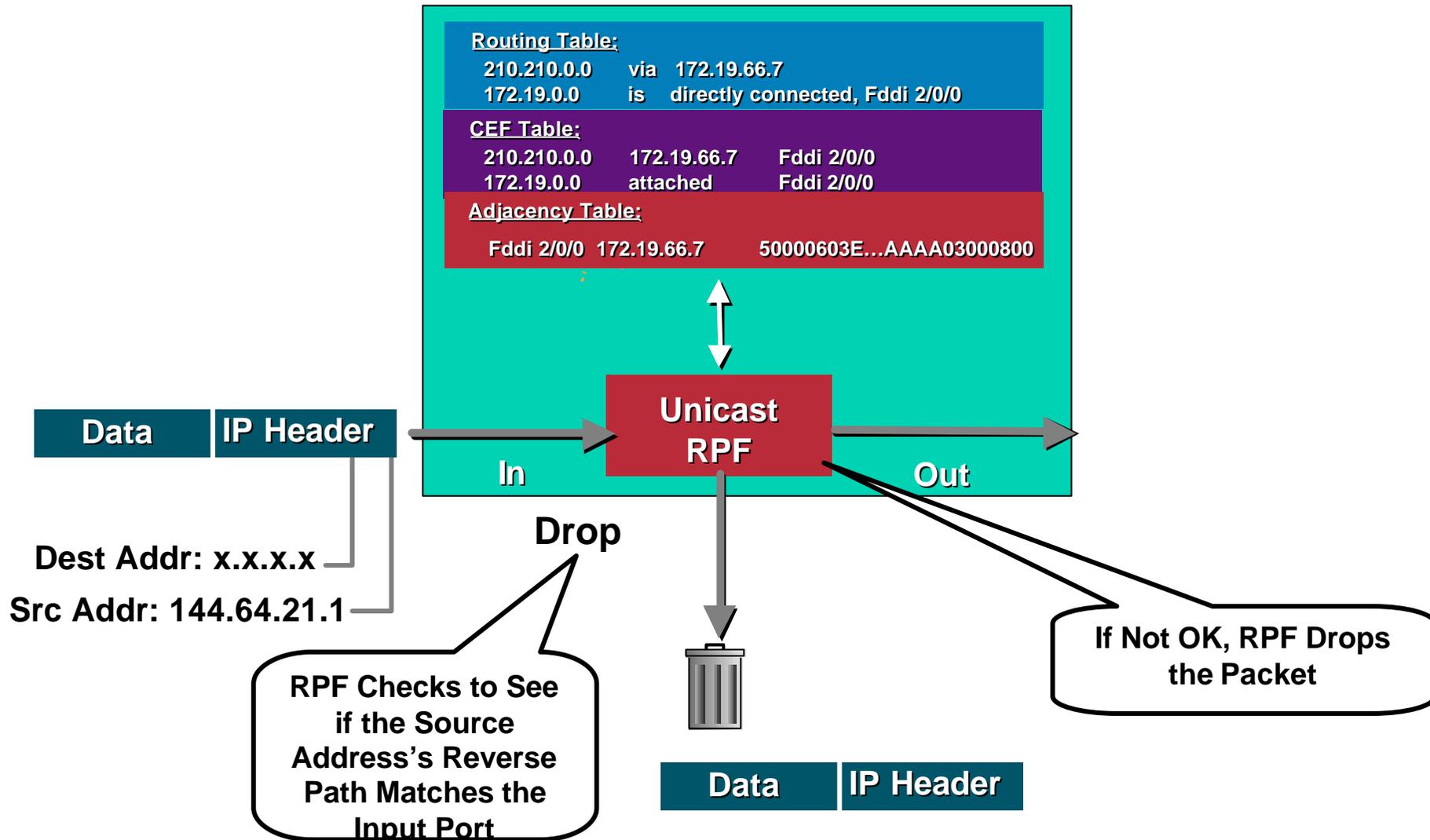
Reverse Path Forwarding

- **Supported from 11.1(17)CC images**
Feature introduced in March 1998
- **CEF switching **must** be enabled**
- **Source address of incoming IP packets are checked to ensure that the route back to the source uses the inbound interface**
- **Care required in multihoming situations**
- **Two Flavours of uRPF:**
 - Strict Mode for BCP 38/ RFC 2827 Filters on Customer Ingress Edge**
 - Loose Mode for ISP ↔ ISP Edge**

CEF Unicast RPF (Strict Mode)

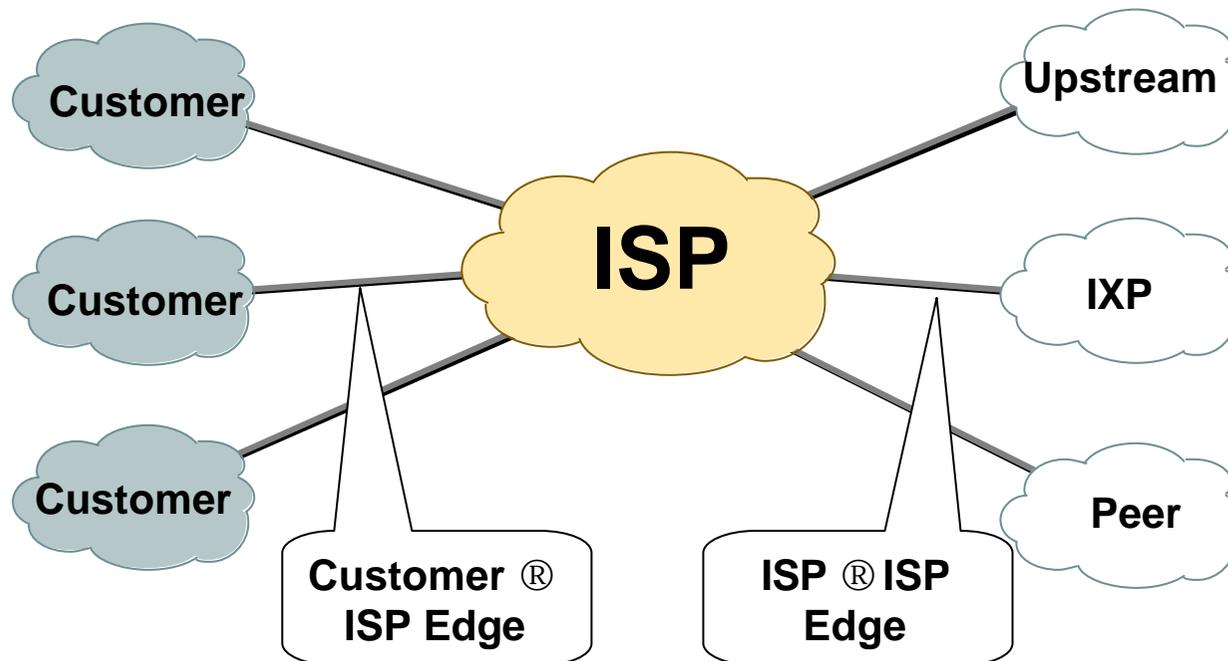


CEF Unicast RPF (Strict Mode)



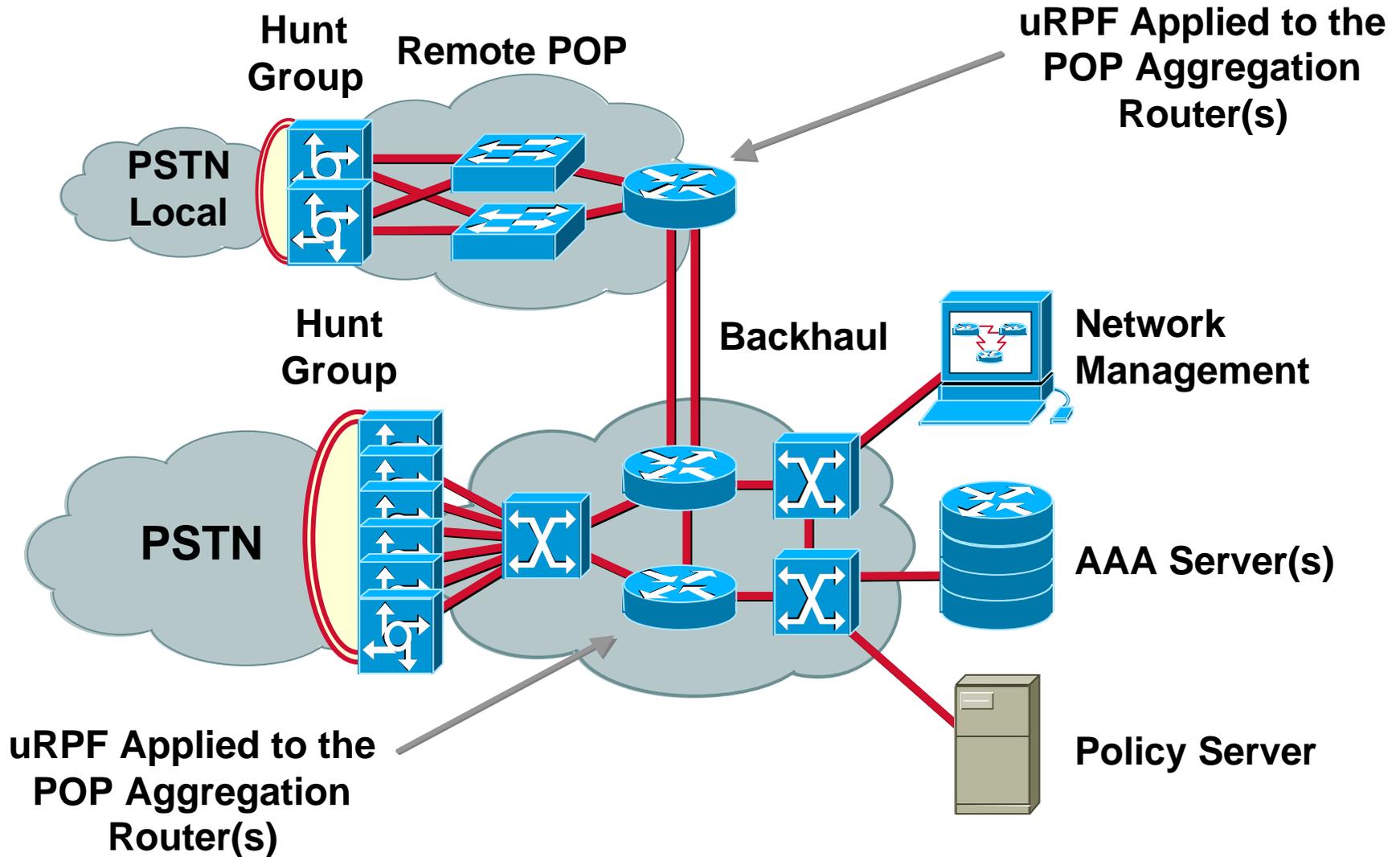
uRPF Originally Designed for the Customer® ISP Edge

- Unicast RPF was originally designed for deployment on the customer® ISP edge
- New enhancements allow it to work on the ISP® ISP edge



Where to Apply Unicast RPF (Strict Mode)?

Cisco.com



Unicast RPF Commands (Strict Mode)

- **Configure RPF on the interface using the following interface command syntax:**

```
[no] ip verify unicast reverse-path [<ACL>]
```

- **For example on a leased line aggregation router:**

```
ip cef ! or "ip cef distributed" for an RSP+VIP based  
box
```

```
!
```

```
interface serial 5/0/0
```

```
    ip verify unicast reverse-path
```

- ***Interface group-async* command for dial-up ports:**

```
ip cef
```

```
!
```

```
interface Group-Async1
```

```
    ip verify unicast reverse-path
```

Unicast RPF Drop Logic (Strict Mode)

Cisco.com

- **Exceptions to RPF**

```
lookup source address in forwarding database
```

```
  if the source address is reachable via the source  
  interface
```

```
    pass the packet
```

```
  else
```

```
    if the source is 0.0.0.0 and destination is a  
    255.255.255.255
```

```
      /* BOOTP and DHCP */
```

```
        pass the packet
```

```
      else if destination is multicast
```

```
        pass the packet
```

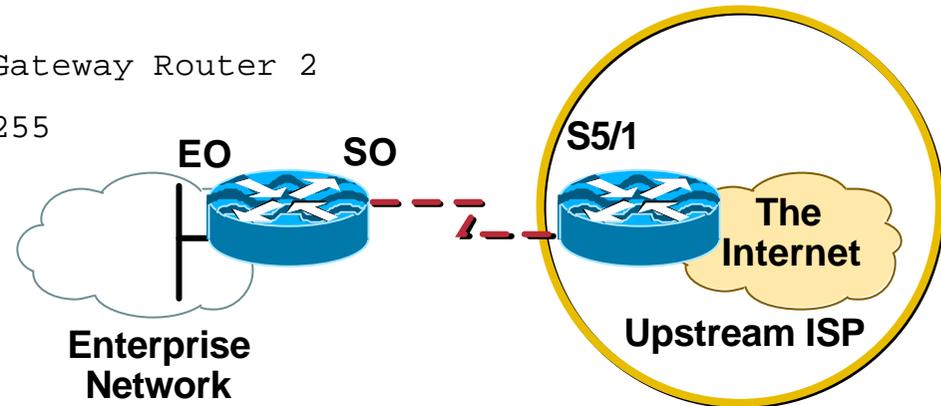
```
      else
```

```
        drop the packet
```

Unicast RPF—Simple Single Homed Customer Example

Cisco.com

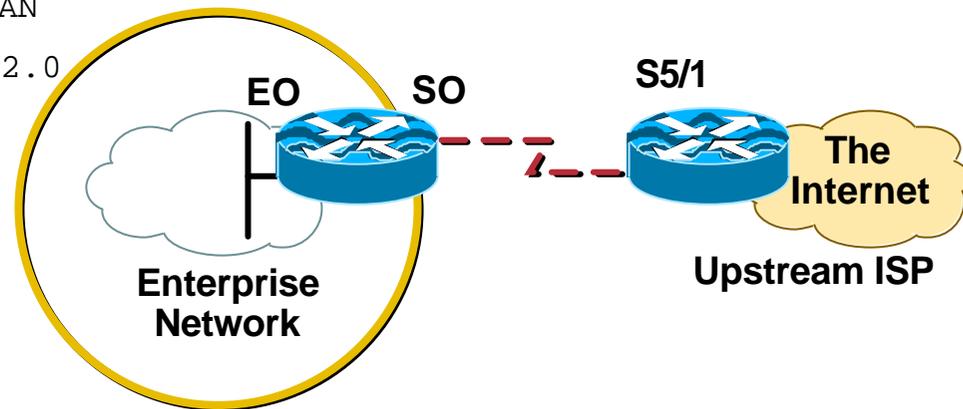
```
interface loopback 0
  description Loopback interface on Gateway Router 2
  ip address 215.17.3.1 255.255.255.255
  no ip redirects
  no ip directed-broadcast
  no ip proxy-arp
!
interface Serial 5/0
  description 128K HDLC link to Galaxy Publications Ltd [galpub1] R5-0
  bandwidth 128
  ip unnumbered loopback 0
  ip verify unicast reverse-path ! Unicast RPF activated here
  no ip redirects
  no ip directed-broadcast
  no ip proxy-arp
!
ip route 215.34.10.0 255.255.252.0 Serial 5/0
```



Unicast RPF—Simple Single Homed Customer Example

Cisco.com

```
interface Ethernet 0
  description Galaxy Publications LAN
  ip address 215.34.10.1 255.255.252.0
  no ip redirects
  no ip directed-broadcast
  no ip proxy-arp
!
interface Serial 0
  description 128K HDLC link to Galaxy Internet Inc WT50314E C0
  bandwidth 128
  ip unnumbered ethernet 0
  ip verify unicast reverse-path ! Unicast RPF activated here
  no ip redirects
  no ip directed-broadcast
  no ip proxy-arp
!
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 Serial 0
```



CEF Unicast RPF (Strict Mode)

- **Unicast RPF provides**
 - Automatic Ingress filtering based on routing information**
 - Can be part of the default configuration**
 - Packet drops at CEF—Before the router processes spoofed packets**
- **If this feature is so great, why is it not used?**

Why Is Unicast RPF Not Widely Deployed?

- The **myth**

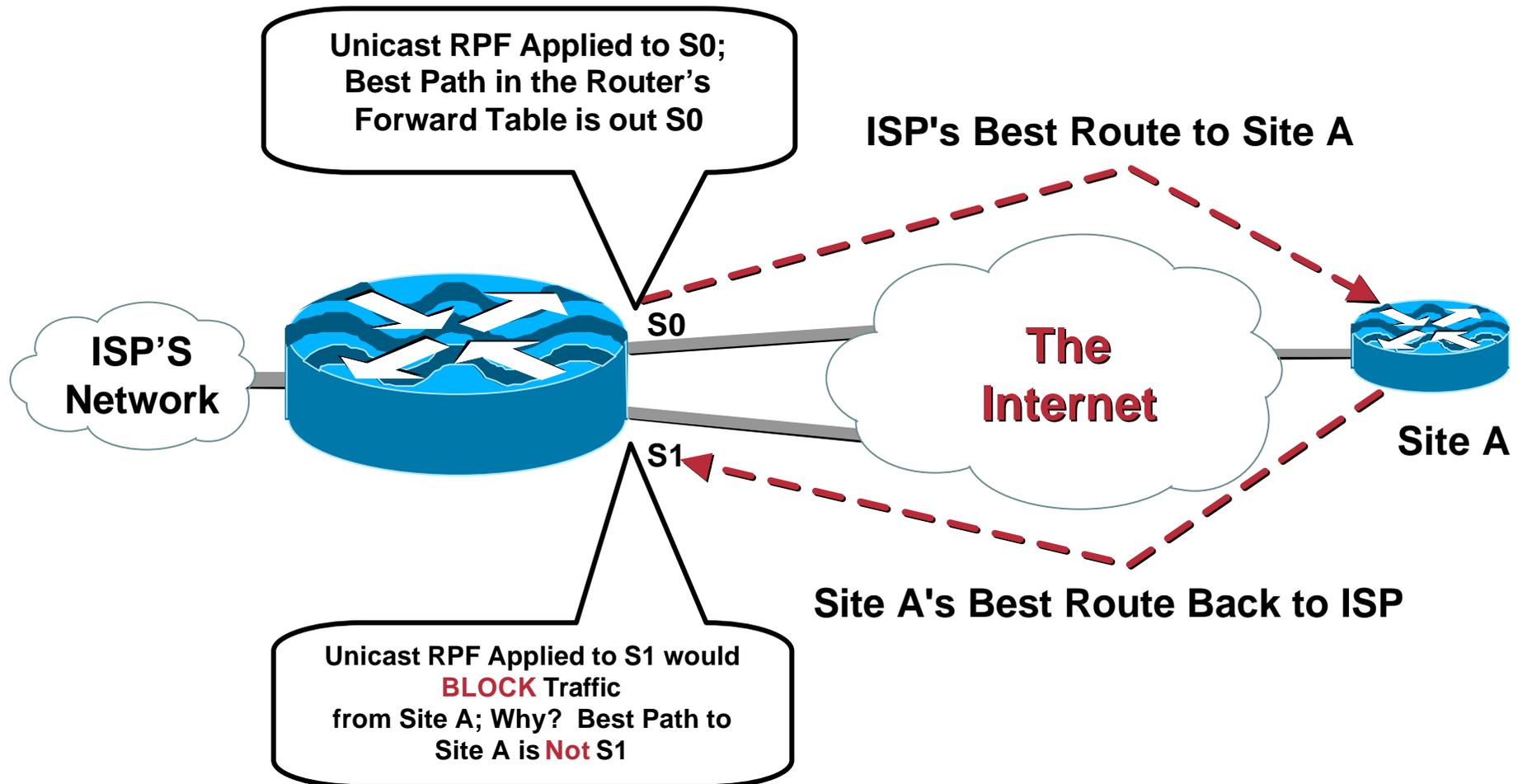
What people say:

Unicast RPF will not work with asymmetrical routing; since the Internet has a lot of asymmetrical routing, it will not work

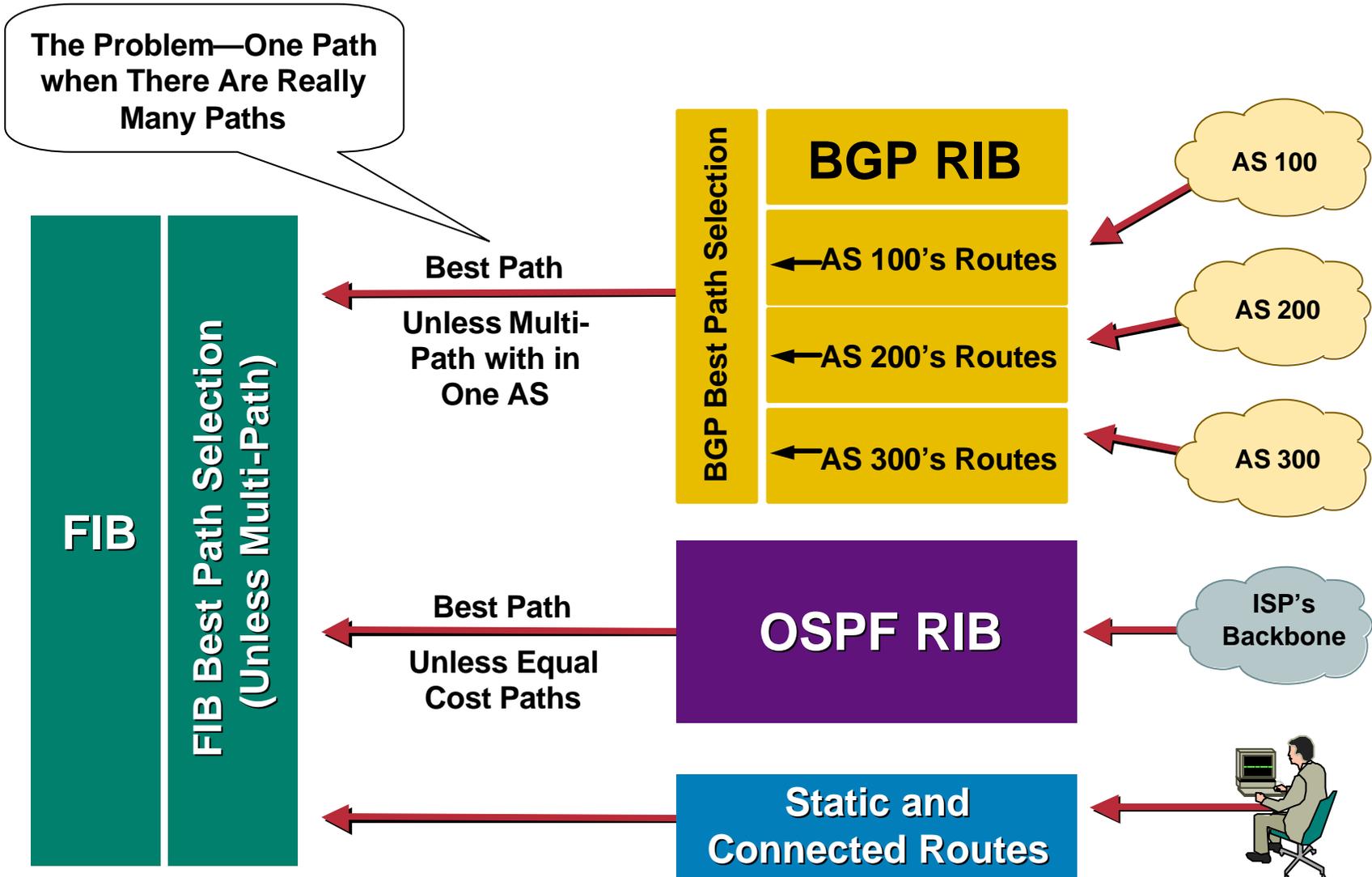
The real reason:

ISP network engineers have not given the feature enough thought!

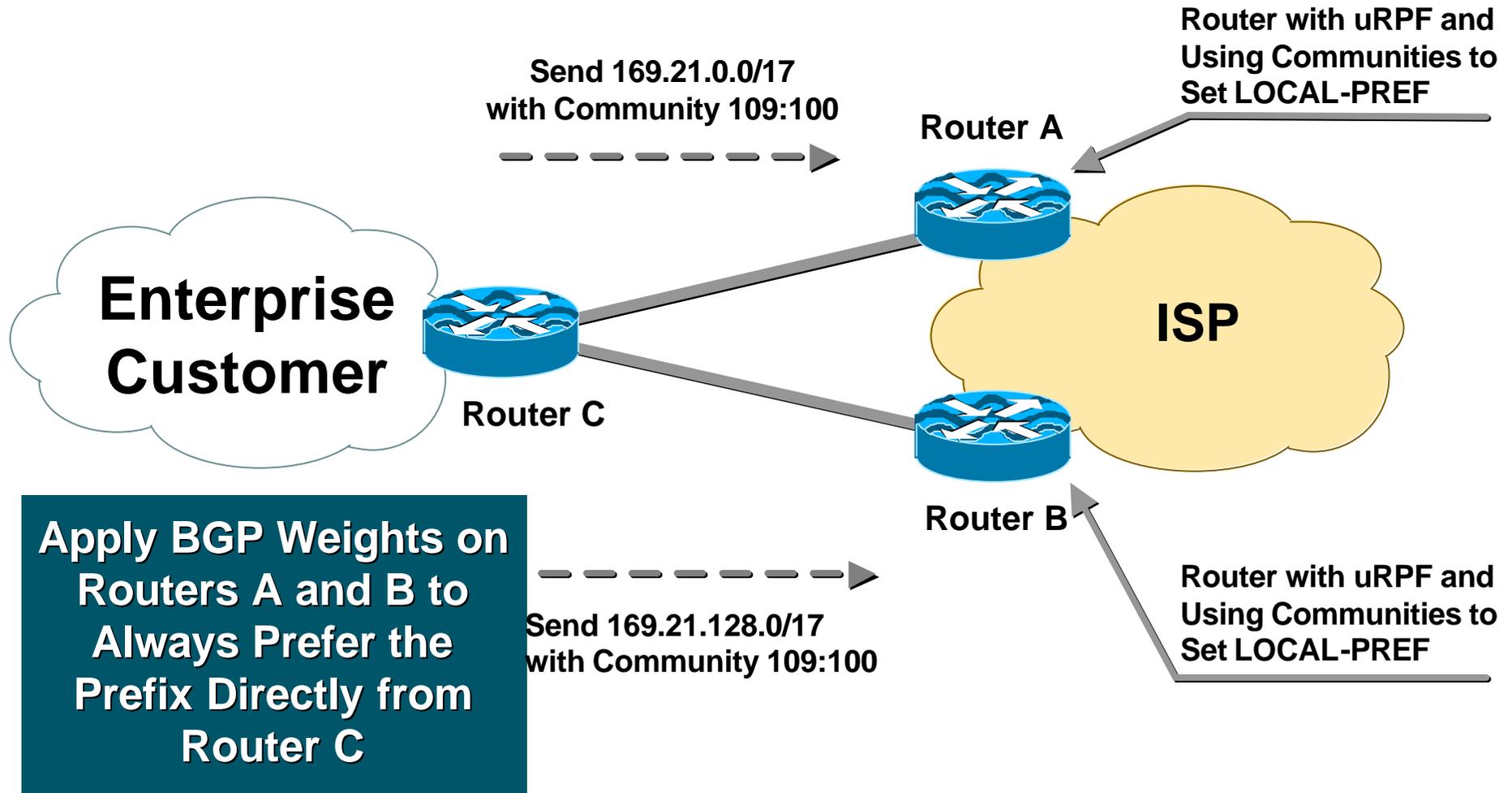
Why Is Unicast RPF Not Widely Deployed?



Why Is Unicast RPF Not Widely Deployed?



Unicast RPF—Dual Homed Customer



Unicast RPF — Dual Homed Customer

Cisco.com

ISP Router A - Link to Customer Router C

```
interface serial 1/0/1
```

```
description Link to Acme Computer's Router C
```

```
ip address 192.168.3.2 255.255.255.252
```

```
ip verify unicast reverse-path
```

```
no ip redirects
```

```
no ip directed-broadcast
```

```
no ip proxy-arp
```

```
ip route-cache distributed
```

Unicast RPF — Dual Homed Customer

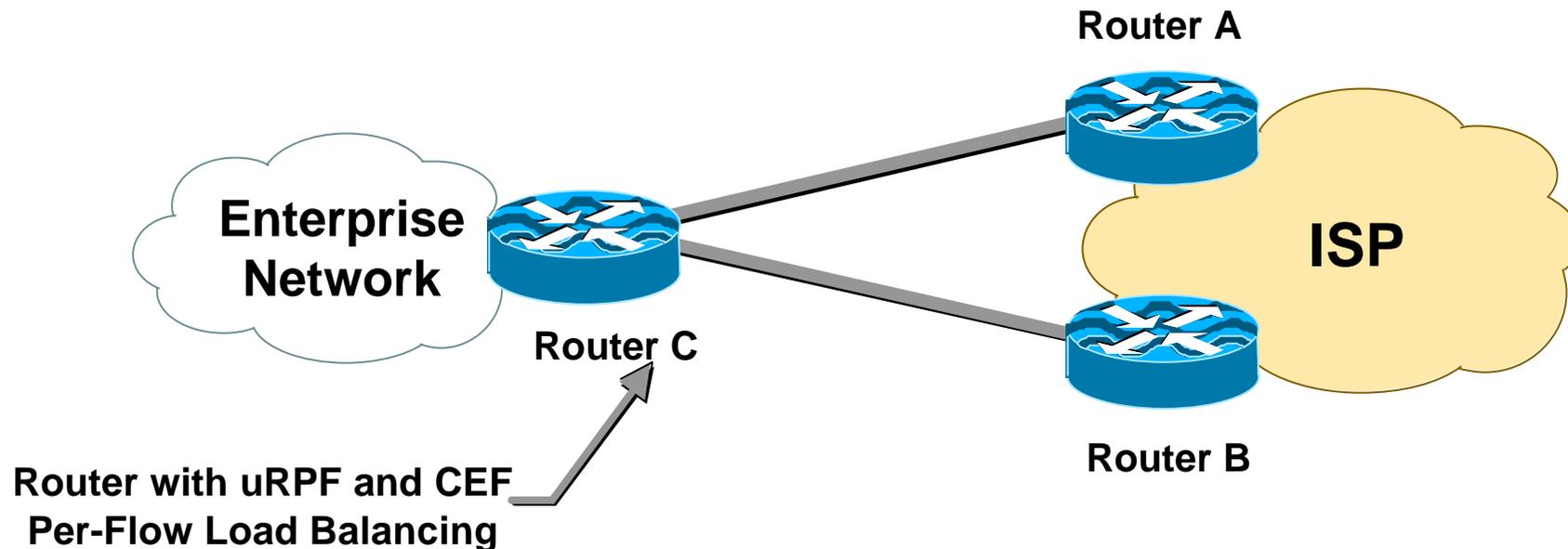
Cisco.com

ISP Router A - Link to Customer Router C (Cont)

```
router bgp 109
  neighbor 192.168.10.3 remote-as 65000
  neighbor 192.168.10.3 description Multihomed Customer - Acme
  Computers
  neighbor 192.168.10.3 update-source Loopback0
  neighbor 192.168.10.3 send-community
  neighbor 192.168.10.3 soft-reconfiguration inbound
  neighbor 192.168.10.3 route-map set-customer-local-pref in
  neighbor 192.168.10.3 weight 255
  .
ip route 192.168.10.3 255.255.255.255 serial 1/0/1
ip bgp-community new-format
```

Unicast RPF — Dual Homed Enterprise to One ISP

Cisco.com



- Used to protect against spoof attacks
- Some attacks get around the RFC1918 filters by using un-allocated IP address space

Unicast RPF — Dual Homed Enterprise to One ISP

```
router bgp 65000
  no synchronization
  network 169.21.0.0
  network 169.21.0.0 mask 255.255.128.0
  network 169.21.128.0 mask 255.255.128.0
  neighbor 171.70.18.100 remote-as 109
  neighbor 171.70.18.100 description Upstream Connection #1
  neighbor 171.70.18.100 update-source Loopback0
  neighbor 171.70.10.100 send-community
  neighbor 171.70.18.100 soft-reconfiguration inbound
  neighbor 171.70.18.100 route-map Router-A-Community out
  neighbor 171.70.18.200 remote-as 109
  neighbor 171.70.18.200 description Upstream Connection #2
  neighbor 171.70.18.200 update-source Loopback0
  neighbor 171.70.18.200 send-community
  neighbor 171.70.18.200 soft-reconfiguration inbound
  neighbor 171.70.18.200 route-map Router-B-Community out
  maximum-paths 2
  no auto-summary
```

```
route-map Router-A-Community permit 10
```

```
  match ip address 51
```

```
  set community 109:70
```

```
!
```

```
route-map Router-A-Community permit 20
```

```
  match ip address 50
```

```
  set community 109:100
```

```
!
```

```
route-map Router-B-Community permit 10
```

```
  match ip address 50
```

```
  set community 109:70
```

```
!
```

```
route-map Router-B-Community permit 20
```

```
  match ip address 51
```

```
  set community 109:100
```

```
!
```

```
access-list 50 permit 169.21.0.0 0.0.127.255
```

```
access-list 51 permit 169.21.128.0 0.0.127.255
```

Unicast RPF — Dual Homed Enterprise to One ISP

Cisco.com

```
ip route 169.21.0.0 0.0.255.255 Null 0
ip route 169.21.0.0 0.0.127.255 Null 0
ip route 169.21.128.0 0.0.127.255 Null 0
```

```
ip route 171.70.18.100 255.255.255.255 S 1/0
ip route 171.70.18.200 255.255.255.255 S 1/1
ip bgp-community new-format
!
```

```
interface serial 1/0/
description Link to Upstream Router A
ip address 192.168.3.1 255.255.255.252
ip verify unicast reverse-path
no ip redirects
no ip directed-broadcast
no ip proxy-arp
ip load-sharing per-destination
ip route-cache distributed
!
interface serial 1/0
description Link to Upstream ISP Router B
ip address 192.168.3.5 255.255.255.252
ip verify unicast reverse-path
no ip redirects
no ip directed-broadcast
no ip proxy-arp
ip load-sharing per-destination
ip route-cache distributed
```

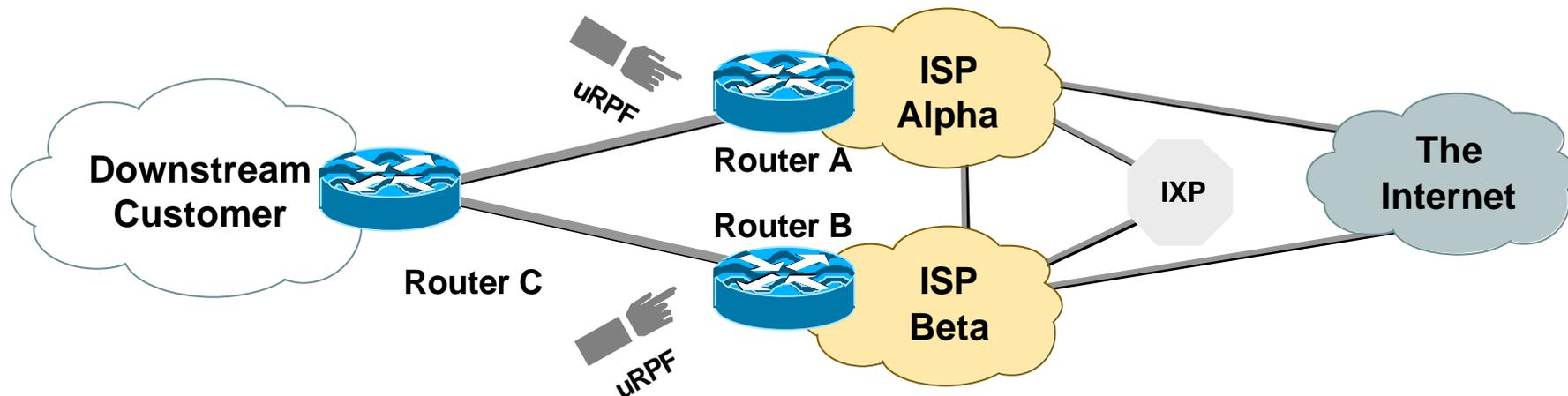
Unicast RPF — Dual Homed Enterprise to One ISP

- **The results:**

The customer has a multihomed connection to the Internet **with Unicast RPF protecting source spoofing**

The ISP provides a multihomed solution with Unicast RPF turned on

Unicast RPF — Dual Homed Enterprise to Two ISPs

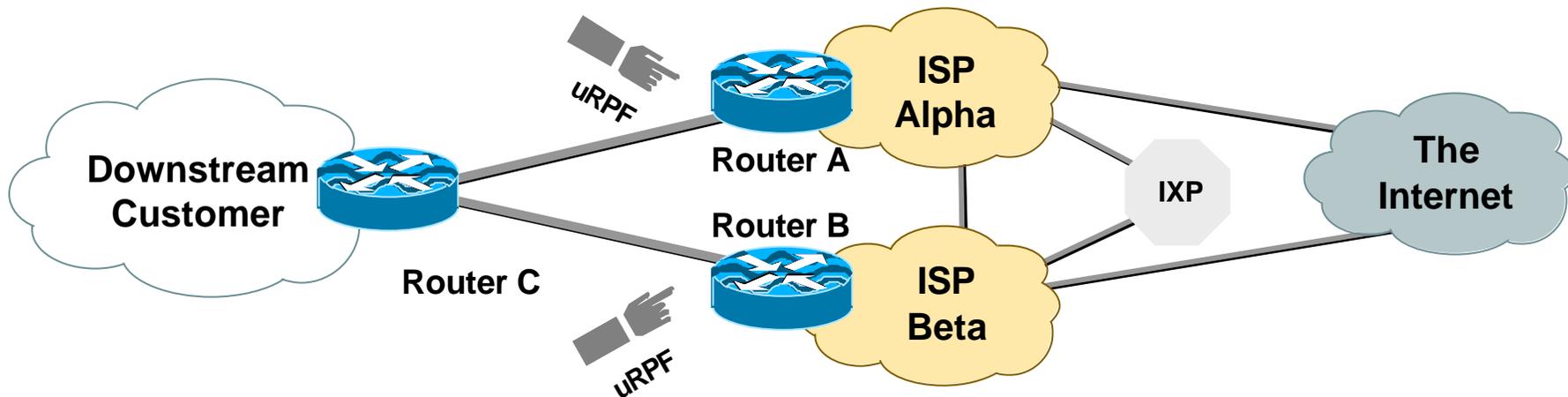


- **ISP Configuration for both ISPs are similar to a dual homed customer.**

BGP weight is used to over ride AS path prepends

Unicast RPF — Dual Homed Enterprise to Two ISPs

Cisco.com



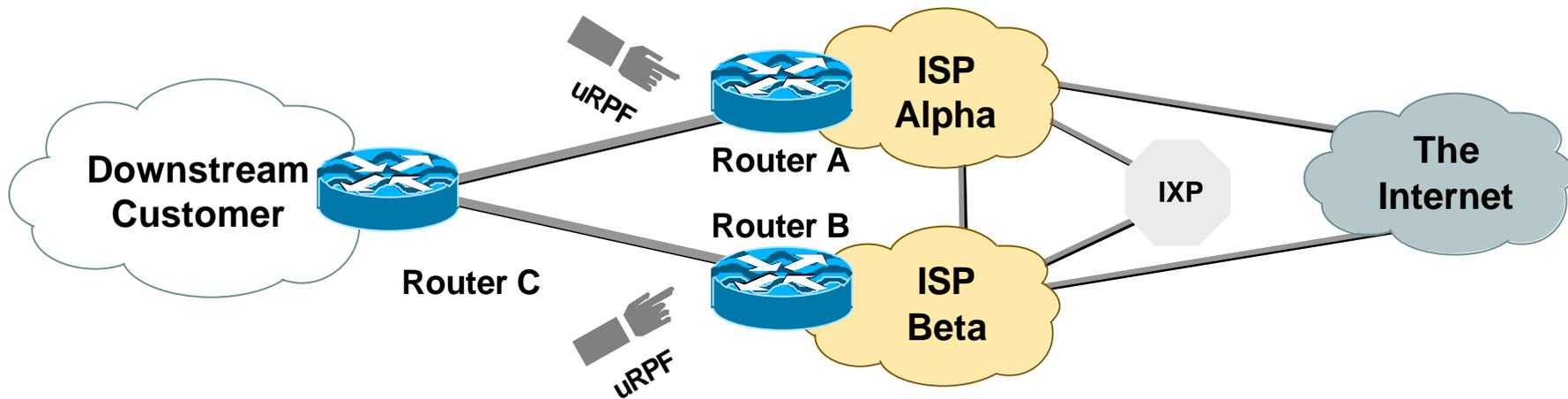
- BGP weight override an AS path prepend

BGP weight on Router A will keep the preferred path for packets on that router to be $C \ll A$

BGP weight on Router B will keep the preferred path for packets on that router to be $C \ll B$

Unicast RPF — Dual Homed Enterprise to Two ISPs

Cisco.com



- Enterprise configuration cannot use **maximum-paths**

Need equal AS paths for maximum-paths to work

Unicast RPF — The ACL Bypass Option

Cisco.com

- **ACLs can now be used with Unicast RPF (Strict Mode):**

ip verify unicast reverse-path 171

- **uRPF ACLs are used to:**

Allow exceptions to the Unicast RPF check

Identify characteristics of spoofed packets being dropped by Unicast RPF

Unicast RPF — The ACL Bypass Option

Cisco.com

- **Cisco 7206 with bypass ACL**

```
interface ethernet 1/1
```

```
ip address 192.168.200.1 255.255.255.0
```

```
ip verify unicast reverse-path 197
```

```
!
```

```
access-list 197 permit ip 192.168.201.0 0.0.0.255 any log-input
```

```
show ip interface ethernet 1/1 | include RPF
```

```
Unicast RPF ACL 197
```

```
1 unicast RPF drop
```

```
1 unicast RPF suppressed drop
```

Unicast RPF — The ACL Bypass Option

Cisco.com

- **Cisco 7500 with a classification filter:**

```
interface ethernet 0/1/1
```

```
ip address 192.168.200.1 255.255.255.0
```

```
ip verify unicast reverse-path 171
```

```
!
```

```
access-list 171 deny icmp any any echo log-input
```

```
access-list 171 deny icmp any any echo-reply log-input
```

```
access-list 171 deny udp any any eq echo log-input
```

```
access-list 171 deny udp any eq echo any log-input
```

```
access-list 171 deny tcp any any established log-input
```

```
access-list 171 deny tcp any any log-input
```

```
access-list 171 deny ip any any log-input
```

Unicast RPF — The ACL Bypass Option

Cisco.com

- **Show the “log-input” results:**

7200—logging done in the RP

show logging

7500—logging done on the VIP

Excalabur#sh controllers vip 4 logging

show logging from Slot 4:

▪

**4d00h: %SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGNP: list 171 denied 0 20.1.1.1
-> 255.255.255.255, 1 packet**

▪

Unicast RPF — Operations Tools

Cisco.com

```
Excalabur#sh cef inter serial 2/0/0
```

```
Serial2/0/0 is up (if_number 8)
```

```
Internet address is 169.223.10.2/30
```

```
ICMP redirects are never sent
```

```
Per packet loadbalancing is disabled
```

```
IP unicast RPF check is enabled
```

```
Inbound access list is not set
```

Unicast RPF — Operations Tools

Cisco.com

- **Other commands:**

show ip traffic | include RPF

show ip interface ethernet 0/1/1 | include RPF

debug ip cef drops rpf <ACL>

Unicast RPF — Bottom Line

- Unicast RPF is another tool to help defend the Internet
- Unicast RPF works when it is deployed within its operational envelop
- Unicast RPF does not work when **just thrown into the network**; give it some thought

New Unicast RPF Enhancements

- **Objectives—Allow Unicast RPF to work on an ISP-ISP Edge or ISP-Complex multihomed enterprise customer edge**

Phase 1—Original uRPF (BCP 38/ RFC 2827)

Phase 2—Loose check — if exist in FIB

Phase 3—Dedicated VRF table per interface

New Unicast RPF Enhancements

- **Phase 2—Loose check (if exist)**

DDTS CSCdr93424

**12.0(14)S for 7200, 7500, and GSR
Engine 0 and 1**

Scheduled 12.0(19)S for GSR Engine 2

Scheduled 12.1(8)E for CAT6K

New Unicast RPF Enhancements

- **Objectives in phase 2:**

Allow for uRPF to work on the ISP ↔ ISP edge of the network

Create a new tool to drop DOS/DDOS attacks on the edge of an ISP's network

All for the drop to be **activated and controlled by a network protocol**

New Unicast RPF Enhancements

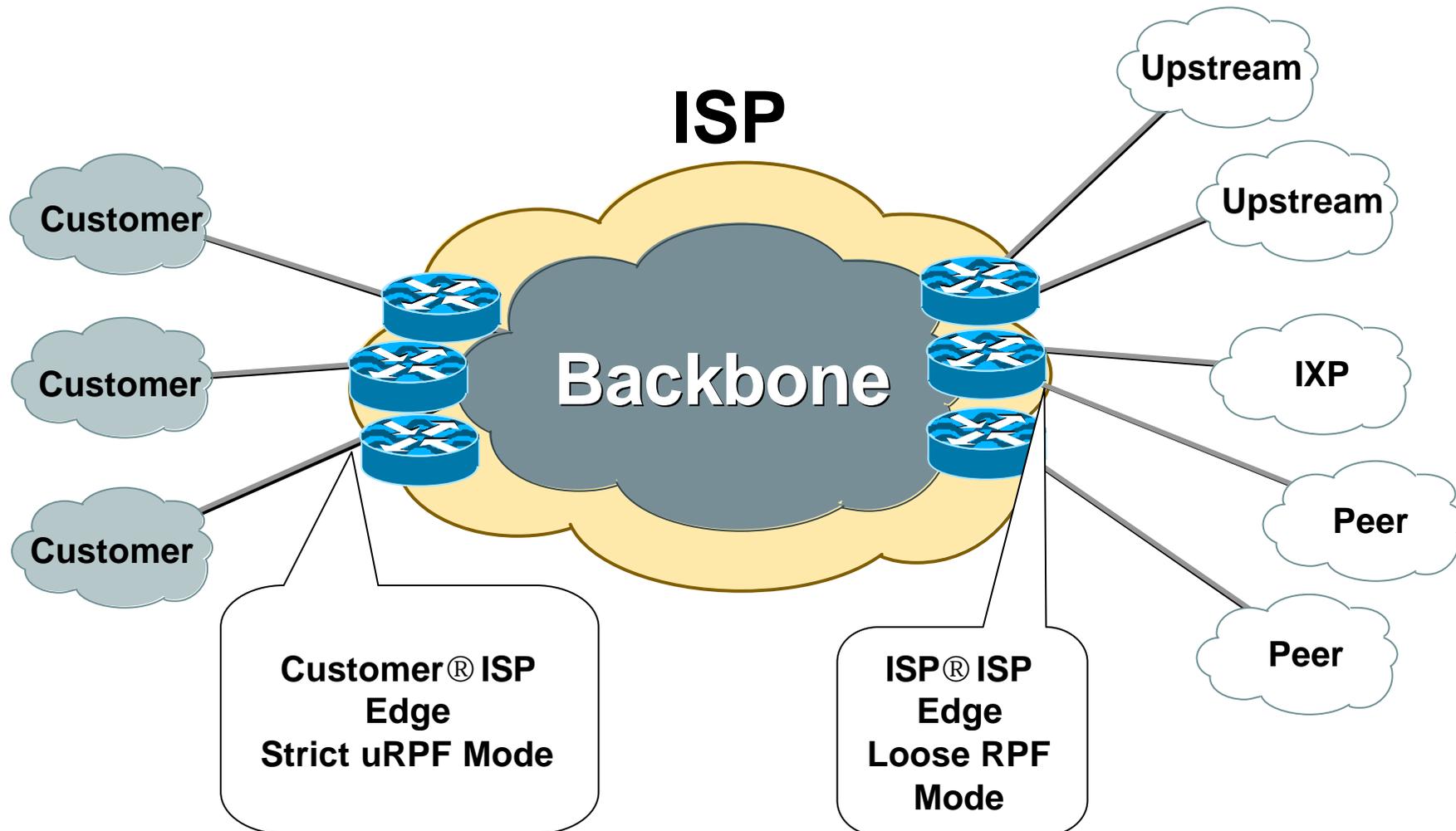
- **New commands from DDTS CSCdr93424:**

```
ip verify unicast reverse-path [allow-self-ping] [<list>]
```

```
ip verify unicast source reachable-via  
(rx|any) [allow-default] [allow-self-ping]  
[<list>]
```

uRPF Originally Designed for the Customer® ISP Edge

Cisco.com



Router Security Agenda

Cisco.com

- Overview
- Securing the Router
- Securing the Routing Protocols
- Securing the Network
- Administrative and Operational Practices
- Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding
- **Recent DOS attacks and the defence**
- Tracking DoS/DDOS Attacks through an ISP's Network

Recent DOS Attacks and the Defence

Recent Attacks

- **Code Red**

<http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/707/cisco-code-red-worm-pub.shtml>

- **NIMDA**

<http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/63/nimda.shtml>

Code Red Worm Version I

- ***DoS flooding is side-effect of scanning***
- **Logic – Exploits MS-IIS URL vulnerability**
- **Flood – Specific DoS attack against www.whitehouse.gov (198.137.240.91)**
- **Scans for a list of IP addresses**
- **Scanning causes sharp traffic increase**
- **Widespread denial of service on internet**
- **Some Cisco products affected**

Code Red Worm Version II

- ***Same behaviour as version 1 plus more***
- ***Exploits MS Indexing Server ISAPI Buffer Overflow vulnerability shipping with Win2000***
- **Looks up `www.whitehouse.gov` address via DNS**
- **Scans for a list of random IP addresses**
- **Scanning causes sharp traffic increase**
- **Uses more scanning/infection threads**
- **Copies `cmd.exe` into two directories**
- **Creates copies of `explorer.exe` on `C:/D:` and embeds trojan code for executing remote commands**

Code Red Detection and Prevention Techniques

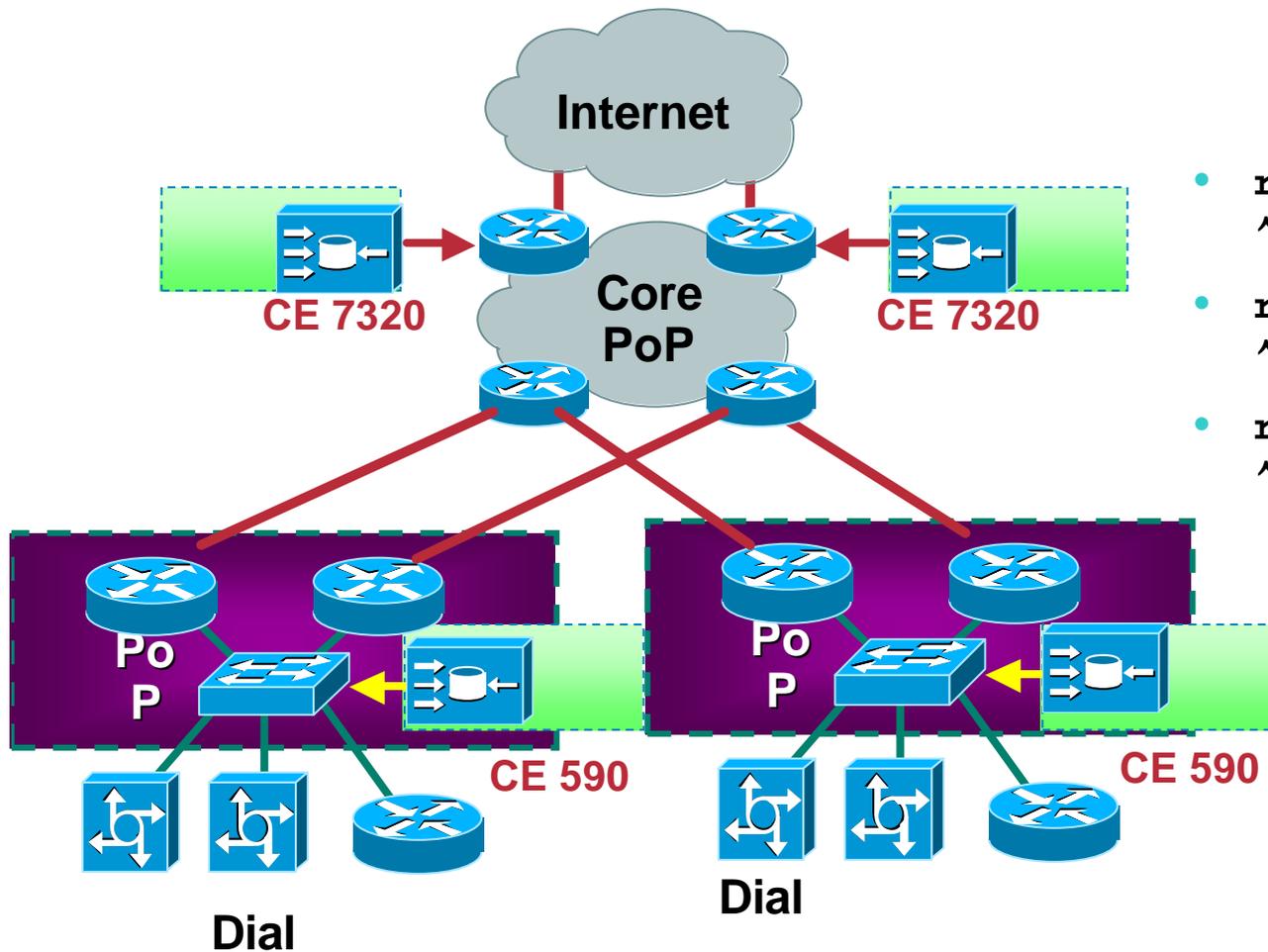
- netstat – to check Win2K/NT connections
- netflow – *sh ip cache flow | include 0050* on routers
- Apply Microsoft patch to IIS servers
- **Configure CacheEngine with CodeRed blocking rules**
- Ensure “no ip http server” on routers
- Restrict xml access on CSS11000 switch
- **Use NBAR at network ingress points**

Network Based Application Recognition

NBAR can use ACLs, PBR and CAR rate-limits

NBAR needs CEF and IOS 12.1(5)T / (6)E

Cisco Cache Engine Rules



- `rule block url-regex ^http://.*/cmd\.exe`
- `rule block url-regex ^http://.*/root\.exe`
- `rule block url-regex ^http://.*/default\.ida`

NBAR Ingress Blocking Example using a Rate-limit

- **Classify Inbound CodeRed with Class-Map**

```
Router(config)#class-map match-any http-hacks
Router(config-cmap)#match protocol http url "*default.ida*"
Router(config-cmap)#match protocol http url "*x.ida*"
Router(config-cmap)#match protocol http url "*.ida*"
Router(config-cmap)#match protocol http url "*cmd.exe*"
Router(config-cmap)#match protocol http url "*root.exe"
```

- **Use Policy-Map to define rate-limit for class**

```
Router(config)#policy-map drop-inbound-http-hacks
Router(config-pmap)#class http-hacks
Router(config-pmap)#police 1000000 31250 31250 conform-action drop exceed-action drop
violate-action drop
```

- **Apply policy to ingress interface to drop packets**

```
Router(config)#interface ethernet 0/0
Router(config-if)#service-policy input drop-inbound-http-hacks
```

NIMDA

- **Could have been more easily prevented with proper router filters on network edges and between different subnets**
- **NBAR can be used to catch/block certain file types**
- **Cisco Security Advisory (and others) documents recommendations for network filtering**
Already documented and widely used in ISP community

Router Security Agenda

Cisco.com

- **Overview**
- **Securing the Router**
- **Securing the Routing Protocols**
- **Securing the Network**
- **Administrative and Operational Practices**
- **Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding**
- **Recent DOS attacks and the defence**
- **Tracking DoS/DDOS Attacks through an ISP's Network**

Tracking DoS/DDoS Attacks through an ISP's Network

Tracking DOS/DDOS Attacks through a Network

- **Five Phase Approach:**
 - Preparation**
 - Identification**
 - Classification**
 - Traceback**
 - Reaction**

Phase 1 – Preparation

- **Preparation is critical!**
 - You know your *customers* are going to be attacked
 - It is not a matter of **if** but **how often and how hard**
 - The Internet is not a nice place anymore!
 - Think **battle plans**
- **Militaries know the value of planning, practice, drilling and simulation**
 - Those that are prepared will be victorious

Phase 1 – Preparation

- **The problem – Most ISP NOCs:**
 - Do not have security plans**
 - Do not have security procedures**
 - Do not train in the tools or procedures**
 - OJT (on the job training) – learn as it happens**



Phase 1 – Preparation

Cisco.com

- **Red Team/Blue Team exercises**



Divide up into two teams — one defends, one attacks

Referee assigns the attackers with an objective (get this file, deface the web site, take down the target, etc.)

Defenders use network/system designs and tools/procedures to defend the target

One of the most effective ways to get your staff into the depths of TCP/IP, OS, applications, and security



Phase 2 – Identifying an Attack

- **When are we being probed?**

Probes happen all the time; which ones are important?

Probes precede an attack; if you can track specific probes, you might get a heads up that an attack is imminent

- **When are we being attacked?**

#1 way to identify that there is an attack in progress is when a customer calls the NOC

New ISP oriented IDS tool are in the works

Phase 3 – Classifying an Attack

- **How are we being attacked?**

Once the attack starts, how do you find specifics of the attack?

Customer might provide information

Tools and procedures needed inside an ISP to specific information on the attack

Minimum source addresses and protocol type

Phase 3 – Classifying an Attack

- Use ACL with permit for a group of protocols to drill down to the protocol

```
Extended IP access list 169
```

```
permit icmp any any echo (2 matches)
```

```
permit icmp any any echo-reply (21374 matches)
```

```
permit udp any any eq echo
```

```
permit udp any eq echo any
```

```
permit tcp any any established (150 matches)
```

```
permit tcp any any (15 matches)
```

```
permit ip any any (45 matches)
```

See <http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/707/22.html>

Phase 4 – Traceback the Attack

- **From where are we being attacked (inside or outside)?**

Once you have a fundamental understanding of the type of attack (source address and protocol type), you then need to track back to the ingress point of the network

Two techniques—hop by hop and jump to ingress

Traceback via Hop by Hop Technique

Cisco.com

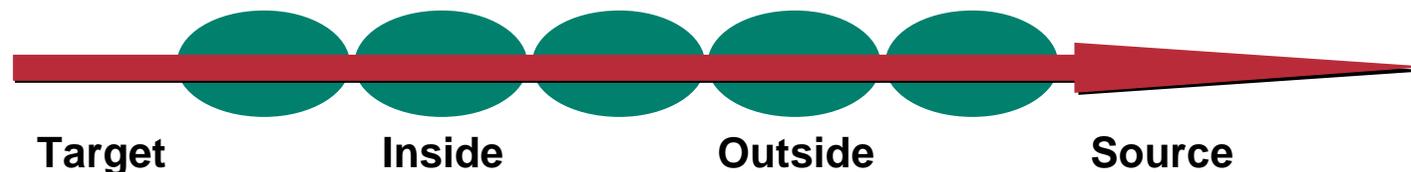
- **Hop by hop tracebacks takes time**

Starts from the beginning and traces to the source of the problem

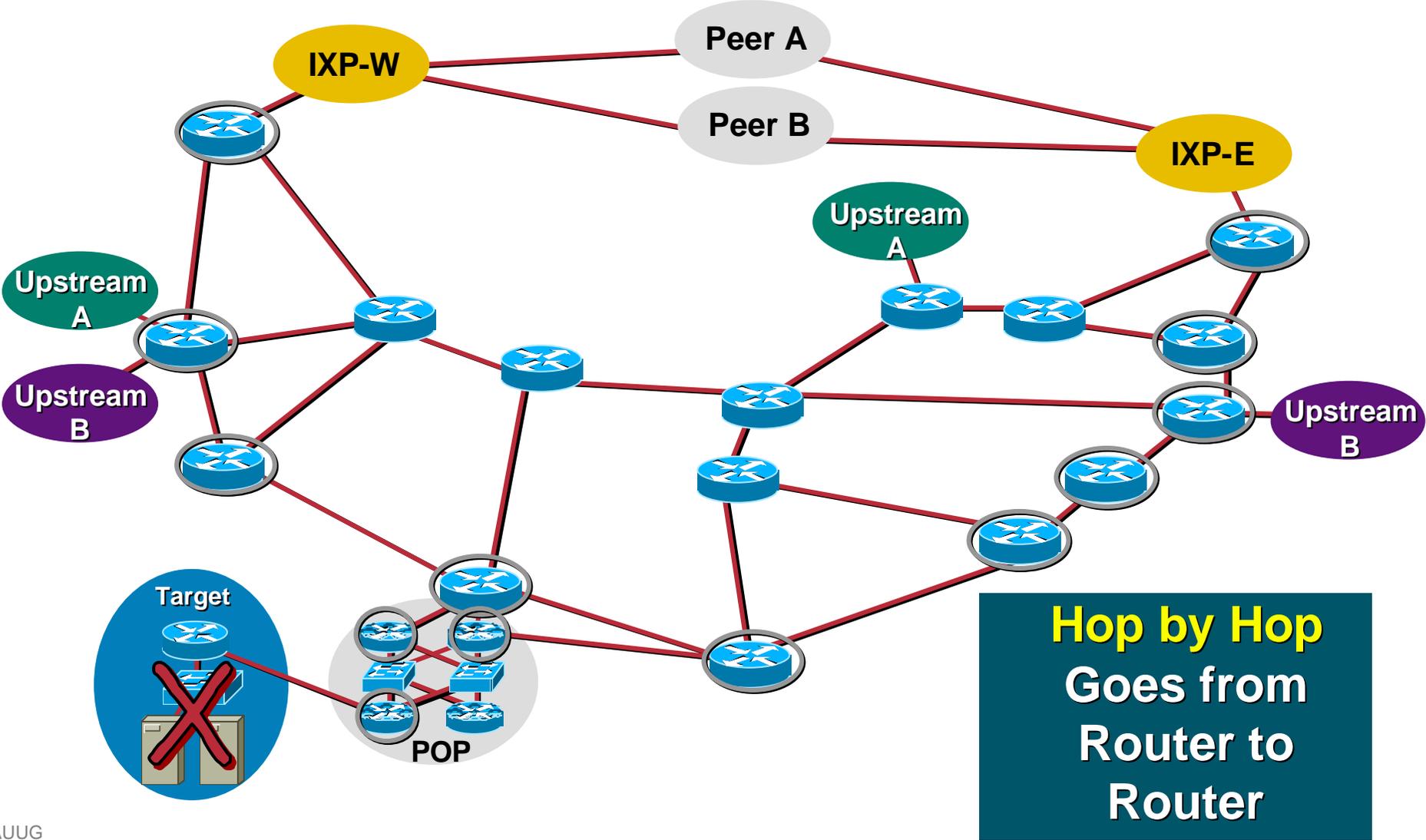
Needs to be done on each router

Often requires splitting—tracing two separate paths

Speed is the limitation of the technique



Traceback via Hop by Hop Technique



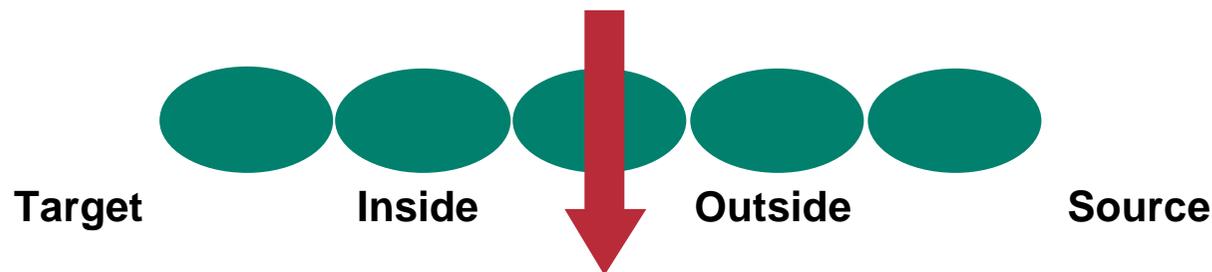
Traceback via the Jump to Ingress Technique

- **Jump to ingress traceback divides the problem in half**

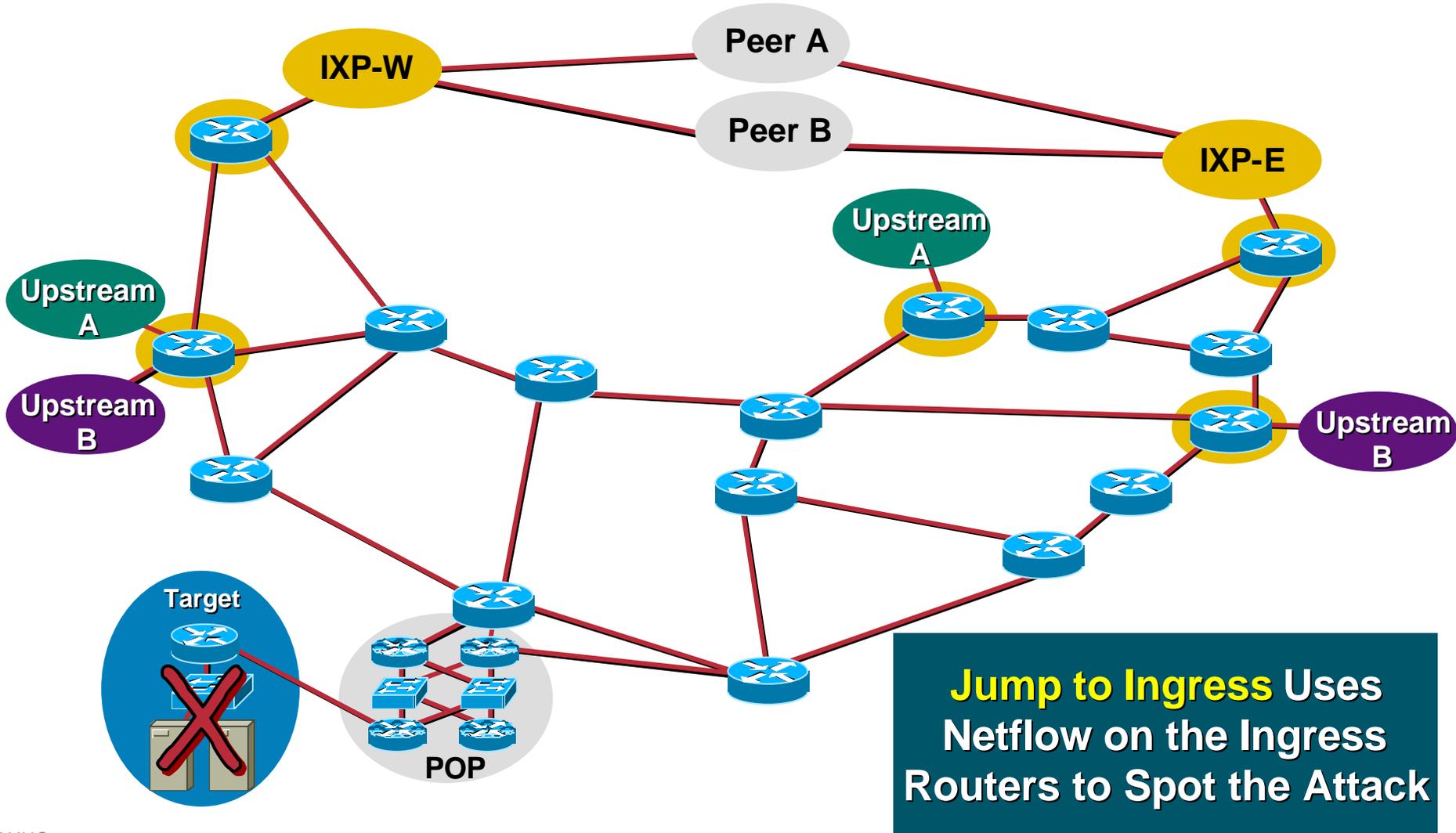
Is the attack originating from **inside** the ISP or **outside** the ISP?

Jumps to the ISP's ingress border routers to see if the attack is entering the network from the outside

Advantage of speed—**are we the source or someone else the source?**



Traceback via the Jump to Ingress Technique



Phase 4 – Traceback the Attack

- **Two techniques**

Apply temporary ACLs with **log-input** and examine the logs (like step 2)

Query Netflow's flow table (if **ip route-cache flow** is turned on)

Traceback with ACLs

```
access-list 170 permit icmp any any echo
access-list 170 permit icmp any any echo-reply log-input
access-list 170 permit udp any any eq echo
access-list 170 permit udp any eq echo any
access-list 170 permit tcp any any established
access-list 170 permit tcp any any
access-list 170 permit ip any any
!
interface serial 0
    ip access-group 170 out
! Wait a short time - (i.e 10 seconds)
    no ip access-group 170 out
```

Traceback with ACLs

- Original technique for doing tracebacks
- Hazard—inserting change into a network that is under attack
- Hazard—**log-input** requires the forwarding ASIC to punt the packet to capture log information
- BCP is to apply the filter, capture just enough information, then remove the filter

Traceback with Netflow

- Using Netflow for hop-by-hop traceback:

```
Beta-7200-2>sh ip cache 198.133.219.0 255.255.255.0 verbose flow
```

```
IP packet size distribution (17093 total packets)
 1-32  64  96 128 160 192 224 256 288 320 352 384 416 448 480
 .000 .735 .088 .054 .000 .000 .008 .046 .054 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000
      512 544 576 1024 1536 2048 2560 3072 3584 4096 4608
 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000
```

```
IP Flow Switching Cache, 1257536 bytes
 3 active, 15549 inactive, 12992 added
 210043 ager polls, 0 flow alloc failures
 last clearing of statistics never
```

Protocol	Total	Flows	Packets	Bytes	Packets		
-----	Flows	/Sec	/Flow	/Pkt	/Sec	/Flow	/Flow
TCP-Telnet	35	0.0	80	41	0.0	14.5	12.7
UDP-DNS	20	0.0	1	67	0.0	0.0	15.3
UDP-NTP	1223	0.0	1	76	0.0	0.0	15.5
UDP-other	11709	0.0	1	87	0.0	0.1	15.5
ICMP	2	0.0	1	56	0.0	0.0	15.2
Total:	12989	0.0	1	78	0.0	0.1	15.4

**Spoofer Flows
are Tracks in
Netflow!**

SrcIf	SrcIPAddress	DstIf	DstIPAddress	Pr	SrcP	DstP	Pkts
Fal/1	192.168.45.142	POS1/0	198.133.219.25	11	008A	008A	1
Fal/1	192.168.45.113	POS1/0	198.133.219.25	11	0208	0208	1
Fal/1	172.16.132.154	POS1/0	198.133.219.25	06	701D	0017	63

Traceback with Netflow

- **Generic ways to use the Netflow command:**

show ip cache <addr> <mask> verbose flow

show ip cache flow | include <addr>

Proactive approach—create scripts

ssh -x -t -c [des|3des] -l <username> <IPAddr>

“show ip cache <addr> <mask> verbose flow”

Traceback with Netflow

- **GSR—use the show controllers with sample Netflow (if LC supports SNF)**

```
GSR-2# exec slot 0 sh ip cache <addr> <mask>  
verbose flow
```

- **7500 with dCEF—CSCdp91364.**

```
7500# exec slot 0 sh ip cache <addr> <mask>  
verbose flow
```

- **Remember! *execute-on all* to get Netflow from all the LC/VIPs.**

Traceback with Netflow

- **Key advantage of Netflow:**
 - No changes to the router while the network is under attack; passive monitoring**
 - Scripts can be used to poll and sample throughout the network**
 - IDS products can **plug into** Netflow**
 - Working on a MIB for SNMP access**

Phase 5 – React to the Attack

- **Do something to mitigate the impact of the attack OR stop the attack**
 - Options can be everything from do nothing (doing something might cause other problems) to unplug from the source of the attack (another country during a cyberwar attack)
- **Most ISPs try to help their customers**
 - Rate-limit the attack
 - Drop the packets based on a list of source addresses
- **Reactions need to be fast and flexible**

Phase 5 – React to the Attack

- **Three techniques used to drop or rate limit:**

ACLs—Manual upload

uRPF—Remote trigger via BGP

CAR—Manual upload or remote trigger via BGP

Reacting to an Attack with ACL

- **Traditional mode of stopping attacks**
- **Scaling issues encountered:**

Updates of ACLs on many many routers a pain

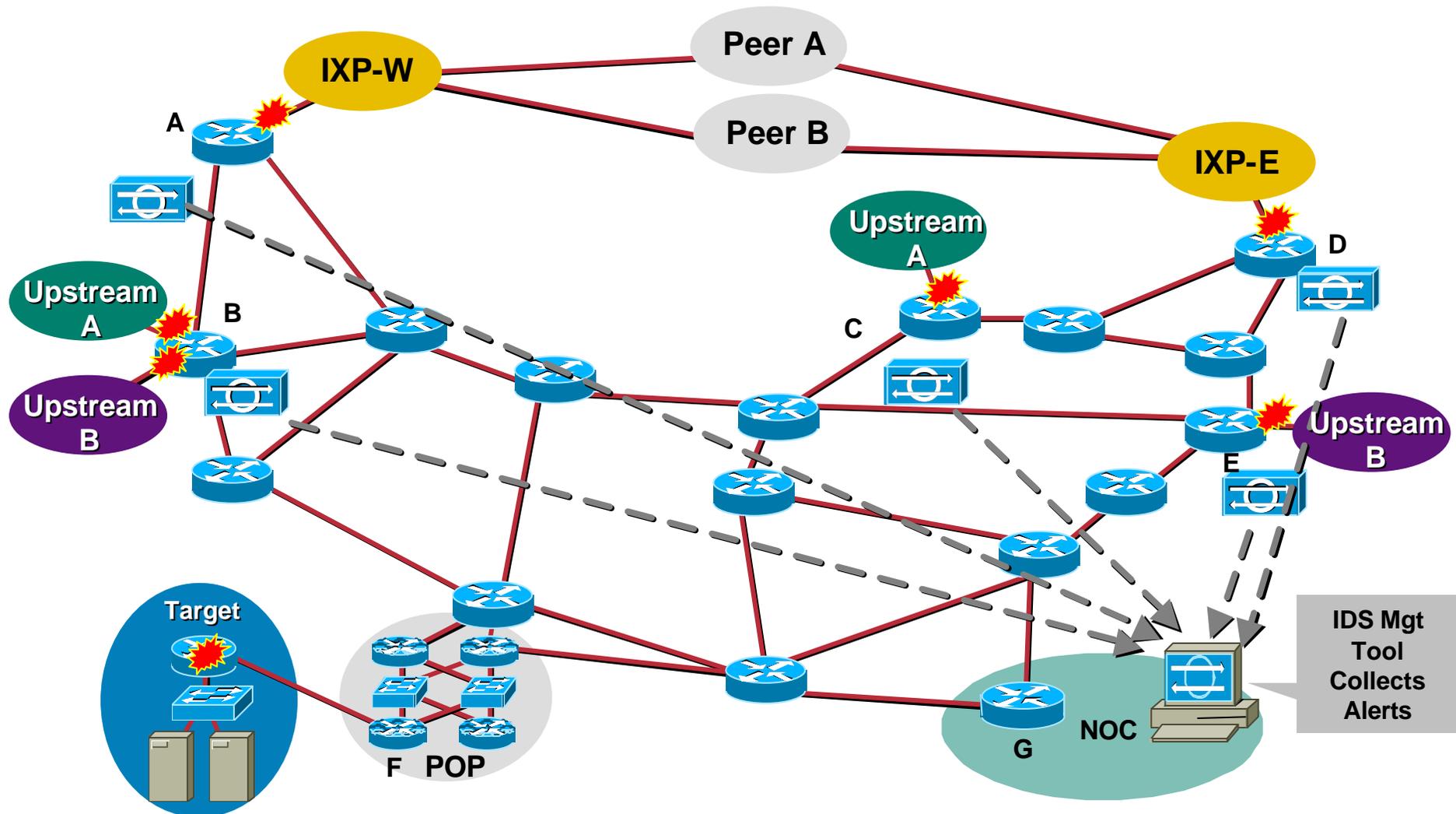
Additive ACLs when there are multiple attacks on multiple customers are a pain

Confusion with the “Line Rate Debate”

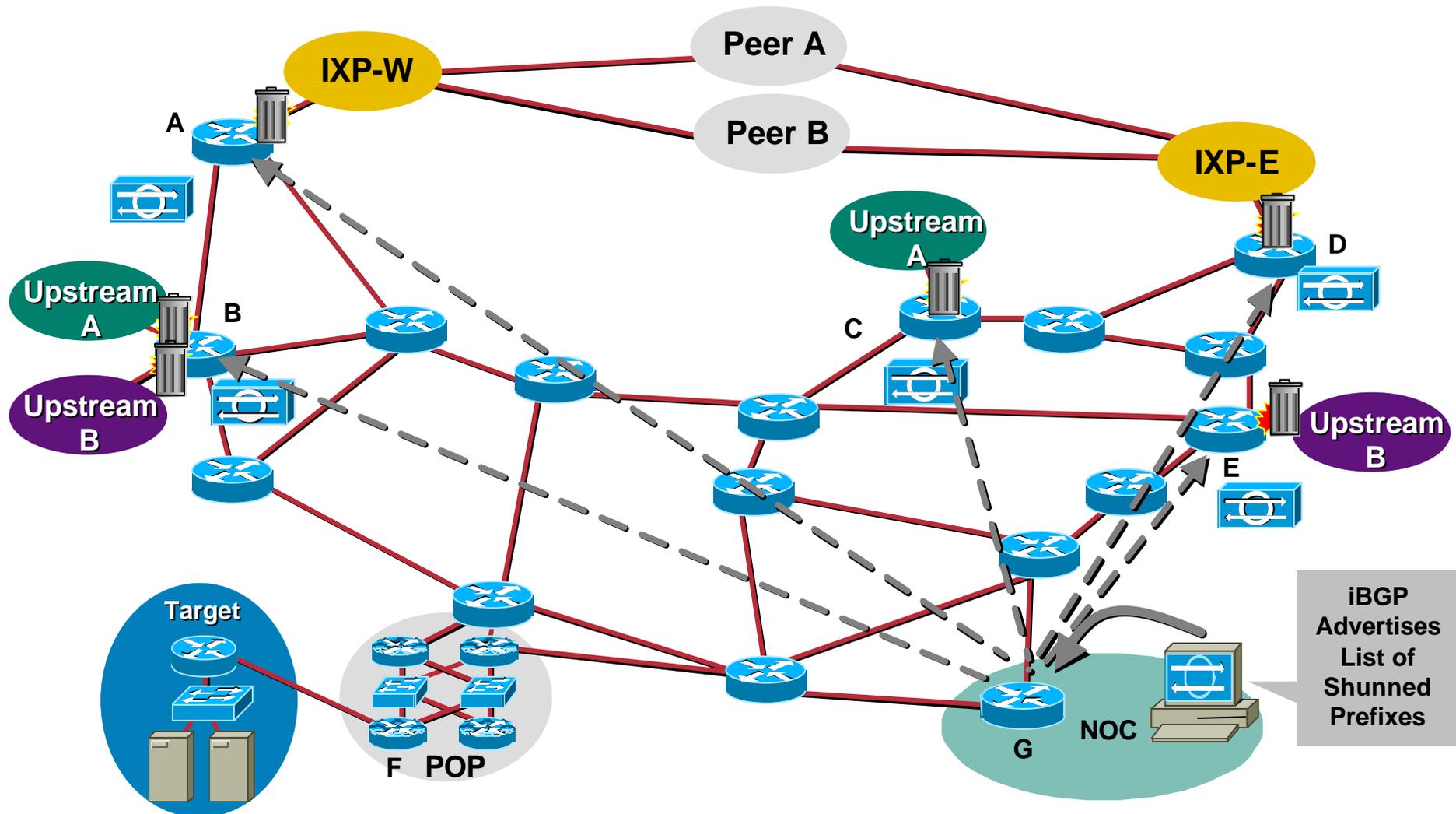
Reacting to an Attack with uRPF

- **uRPF loose check mode can be used on the ISP[®] ISP edge**
- **Can be used remote trigger drops of a DOS/DDOS flow**
- **Allows many many routers to be simultaneously updated with a new **drop list** all via a routing protocol**
- **Effect L3 filter (source and destination address)**

Reacting to an Attack with uRPF



Reacting to an Attack with uRPF



Reacting to an Attack with uRPF

BGP Sent – 171.68.1.0/24 Next-Hop = 192.0.2.1

Static Route in Edge Router – 192.0.2.1 = Null0

171.68.1.0/24 = 192.0.2.1 = Null0

171.68.1.0/24 = Null0

Reacting to an Attack with uRPF

- **What is needed?**

uRPF loose check on all border routers

Static to Null0 with an address like the test-net on all border routers

Way to inject a BGP advertisement into the network with a BGP community that will trigger the drop; (should include the no-export community and have good egress router filters)

Reacting to an Attack with uRPF

- **Key advantages:**

No ACL update

No change to the router's config

Drops happen in the forwarding path

**Frequent changes when attacks are dynamic
(or multiple attacks on multiple customers)**

Reacting to an Attack with CAR

- **CAR and other rate-limit features have proven to be an effective reaction to an attack**

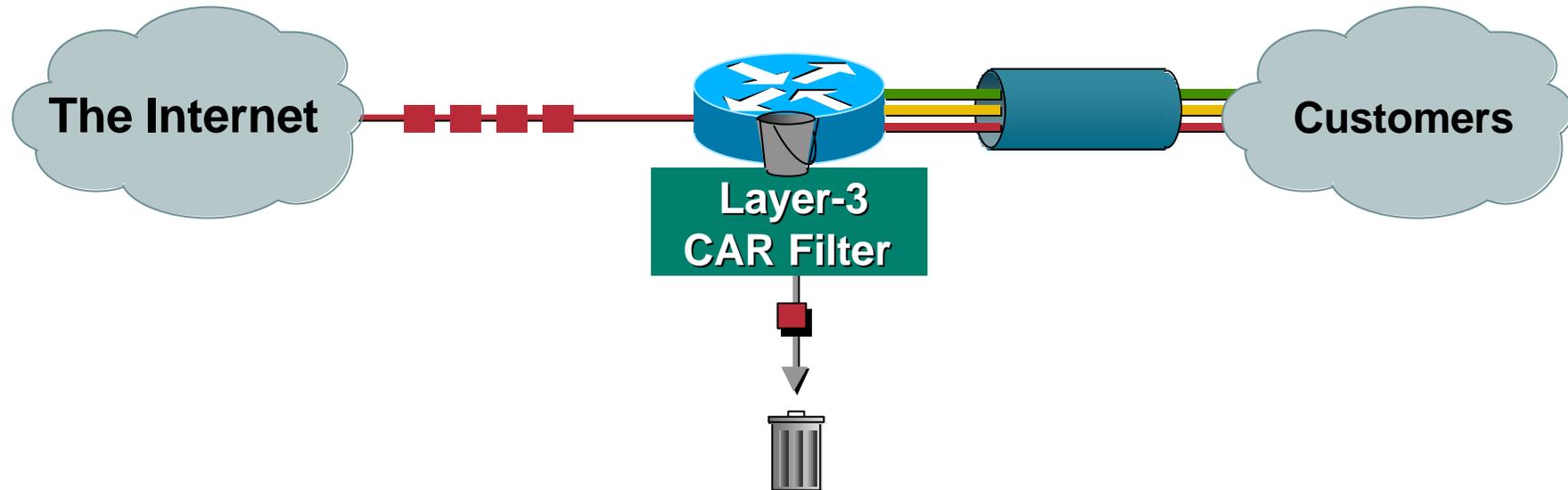
Rate limiting attacks allow the attack to be monitored

Data collection for law enforcement evidence can continue with rate limiting

QOS group support (QPPB) allows for remote triggering of CAR with out logging into the router

Reacting to an Attack with CAR

Cisco.com



- Layer-3 input and output rate limits® specifically **input rate limits**
- Security filters use the input rate limit to drop packets before there are forwarded through the network
- Aggregate and granular limits
 - Port, MAC address, IP address, application, precedence, QOS ID
- Excess burst policies

Reacting to an Attack with CAR

- **Limit all ICMP echo and echo-reply traffic received at the borders to 256 Kbps with a small amount of burst:**

```
! traffic we want to limit
access-list 102 permit icmp any any echo
access-list 102 permit icmp any any echo-reply
! interface configurations for borders
interface Serial3/0/0

    rate-limit input access-group 102 256000 8000 8000
    conform-action transmit exceed-action drop
```

- **Multiple “rate-limit” commands can be added to an interface in order to control other kinds of traffic as well**

Reacting to an Attack with CAR

- Use CAR to limit TCP SYN floods to particular hosts—without impeding existing connections; some attackers have started using very high streams of TCP SYN packets in order to harm systems
- This example limits TCP SYN packets directed at host 10.0.0.1 to 8 kbps or so:

```
! We don't want to limit established TCP sessions -- non-SYN packets
```

```
access-list 103 deny tcp any host 10.0.0.1 established
```

```
! We do want to limit the rest of TCP (this really only includes SYNs)
```

```
access-list 103 permit tcp any host 10.0.0.1
```

```
! interface configurations for network borders
```

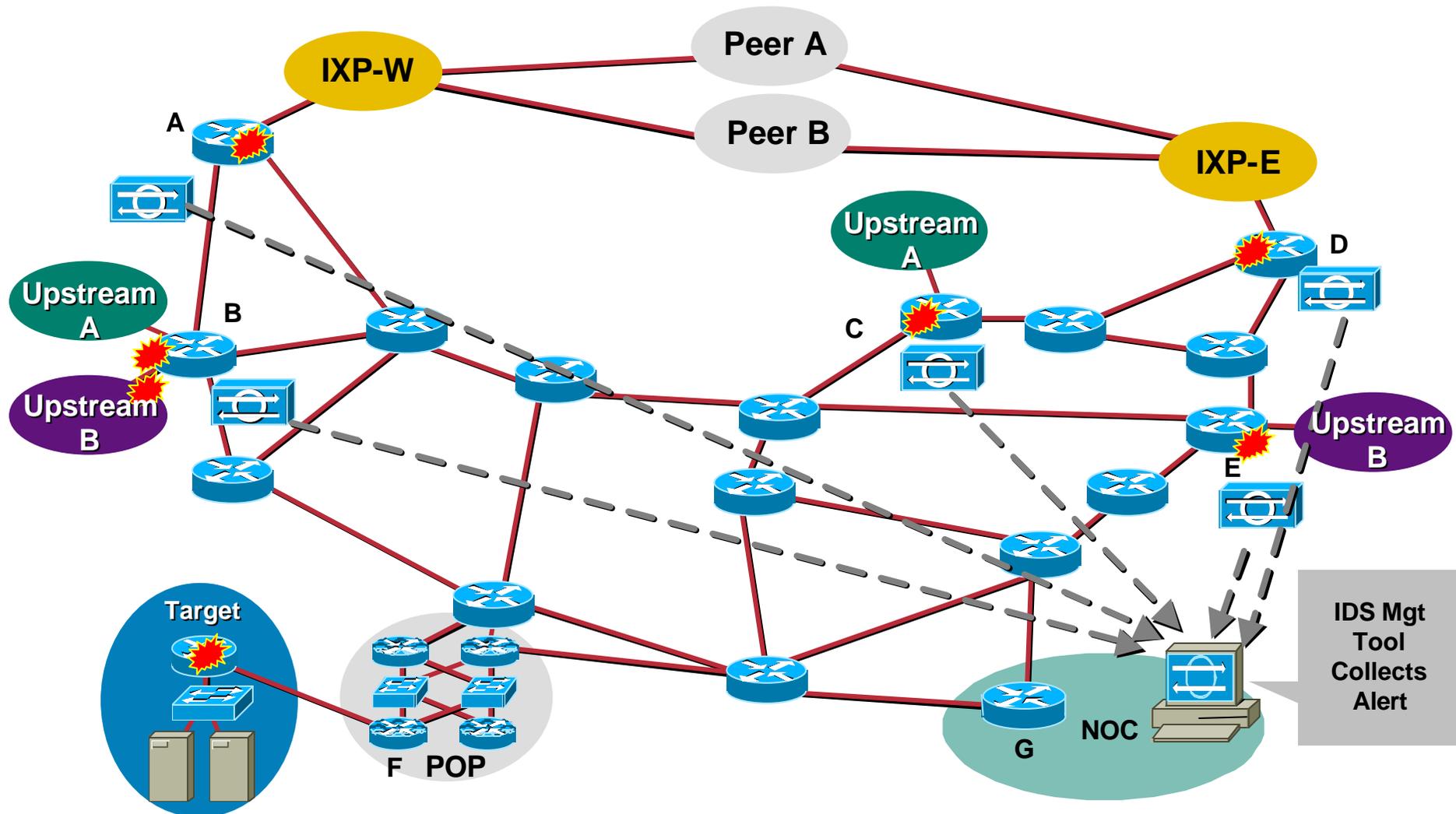
```
interface Serial3/0/0
```

```
rate-limit input access-group 103 8000 8000 8000 conform-action transmit exceed-action drop
```

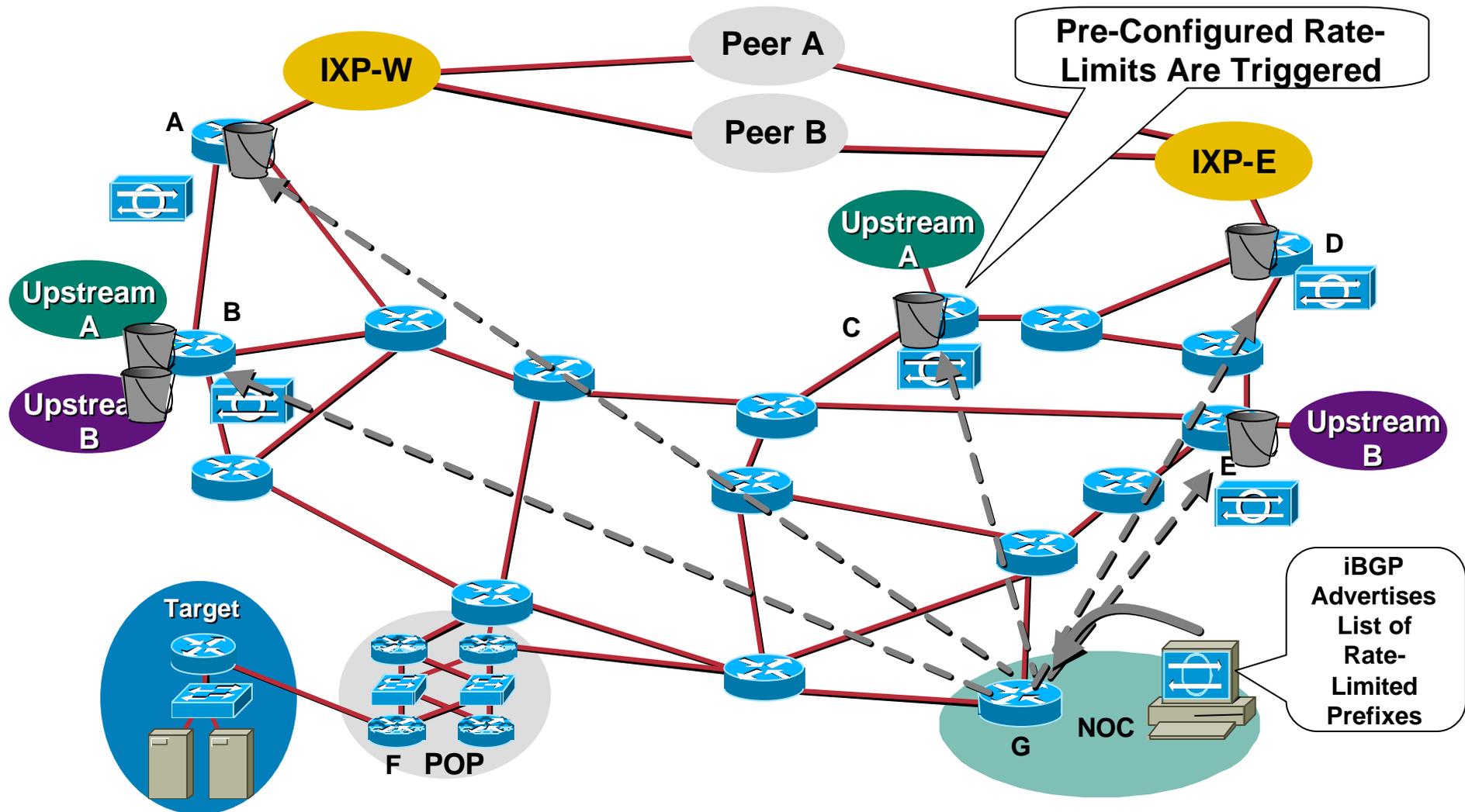
Reacting to an Attack with CAR with Remote Trigger

- **CAR's rate limiting has proven to be an effective reaction tool to a DOS/DDOS attack**
- **The problem is how do quickly update +60 routers on the ingress of a network—especially when the attack character shifts to respond to your countermeasures?**
- **Answer—CAR is a FIB entry-based feature (CEF feature); so we can use a network protocol to trigger the rate limits on source/destination**

Reacting to an Attack with CAR with Remote Trigger



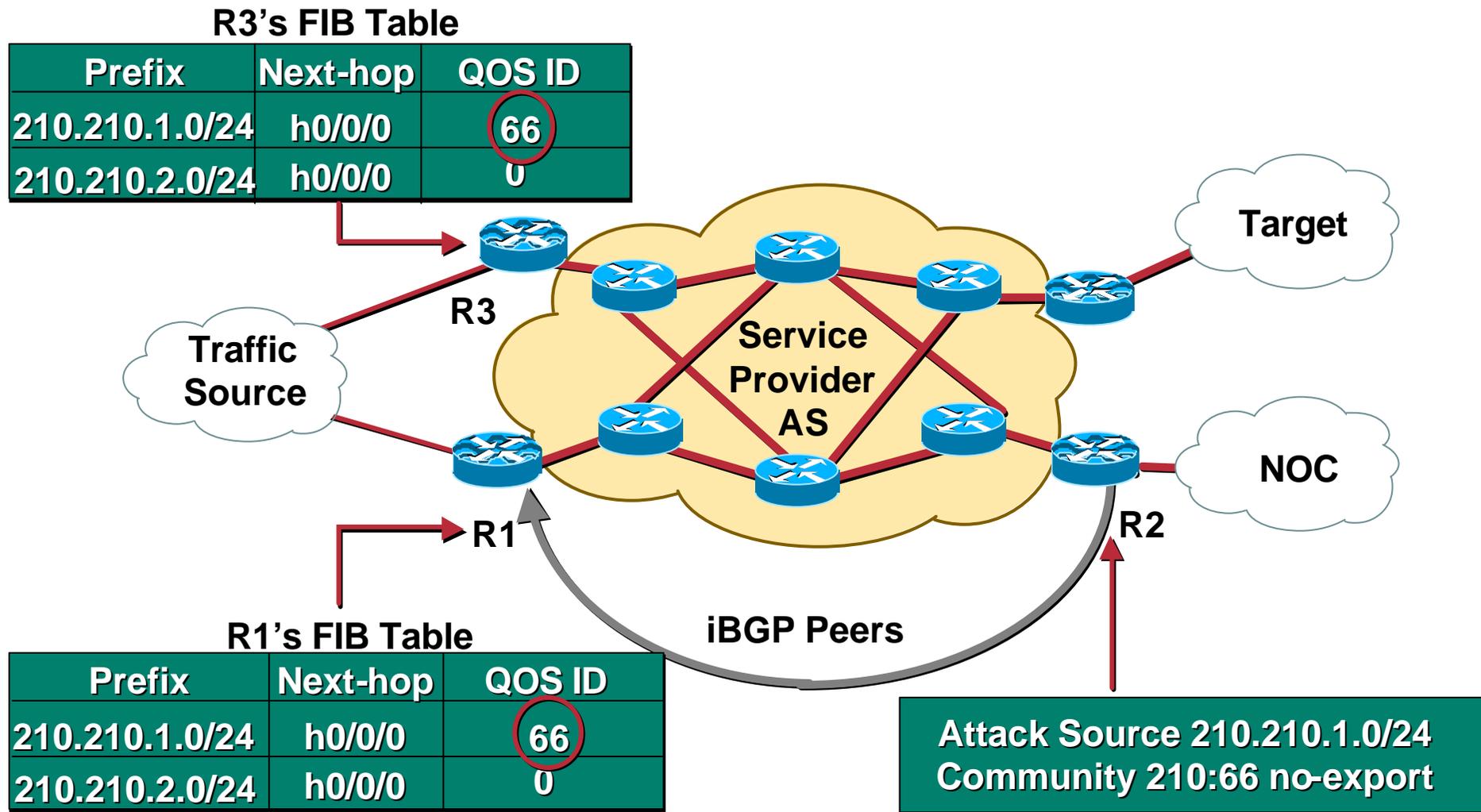
Reacting to an Attack with CAR with Remote Trigger



Reacting to an Attack with CAR with Remote Trigger

- **Conveys IP precedence to be used in forwarding to specified destination prefix via BGP community tag**
- **Allows ingress routers to prioritise incoming traffic**
- **Also allows IP precedence setting based on AS-path attribute or access list**
- **Inter-ISP Service Level Agreements (SLAs)**

Reacting to an Attack with CAR with Remote Trigger



Reacting to an Attack with CAR with Remote Trigger

- NOC-Router#write term

```
router bgp 210

  network 210.210.1.0 mask 255.255.255.0
  neighbor 210.210.14.1 remote-as 210
  neighbor 210.210.14.1 route-map DOS-Trigger out
  neighbor 210.210.14.1 send-community
!
ip bgp-community new-format
!
ip route 210.210.1.0 255.255.255.0 Null0 254

access-list 1 permit 210.210.1.0 0.0.0.255
!
route-map DOS-Trigger permit 10
  match ip address 1
  set community 210:66 no-export
!
route-map DOS-Trigger permit 20
```

**Note: There Are
Other Ways to
Originate a Prefix**

Reacting to an Attack with CAR with Remote Trigger

Cisco.com

- R1#write term

```
!  
router bgp 210  
  table-map DOS-Activate  
  neighbor 200.200.14.4 remote-as 210  
  neighbor 200.200.14.4 update-source Loopback0  
!  
ip bgp-community new-format  
!  
ip community-list 1 permit 210:66  
!  
route-map DOS-Activate permit 10  
  match community 1  
  set ip qos-group 66  
!  
route-map DOS-Activate permit 20  
!
```

Directly
Updates
QOS_ID in the
FIB

Matches
Community
and Sets the
QOS Group

Reacting to an Attack with CAR with Remote Trigger

- Router 1 (cont.):

!

```
interface HSSI 0/0/0
```

```
bgp-policy source ip-qos-map
```

```
rate-limit input qos-group 66 256000 8000  
8000 conform-action transmit exceed-action  
drop
```

Sets the
MTRIE Look
up on the
SRC/DST

QoS Group To
Be Checked

Reacting to an Attack with CAR with Remote Trigger

- **Caveats with CAR:**

- **Not all platforms support the full version of CAR (i.e. Engine 2)**

- **Not all platforms support the full version of QoS group (QPPB)**

- **Some platforms have specialized rate limiting ASICs (7600)**

- **Bottom-line—CAR is not yet cross platform compatible (working on it)**

Example of an ISP Tracking DoS/DDoS Attacks through an ISP's Network

Tracking Attacks—ISP POV

- **Situation in the NOC**

Alarms go off in the NOC—circuits are dropping packets

Major content customer calls—their site is being hit by a DoS/DDoS attack

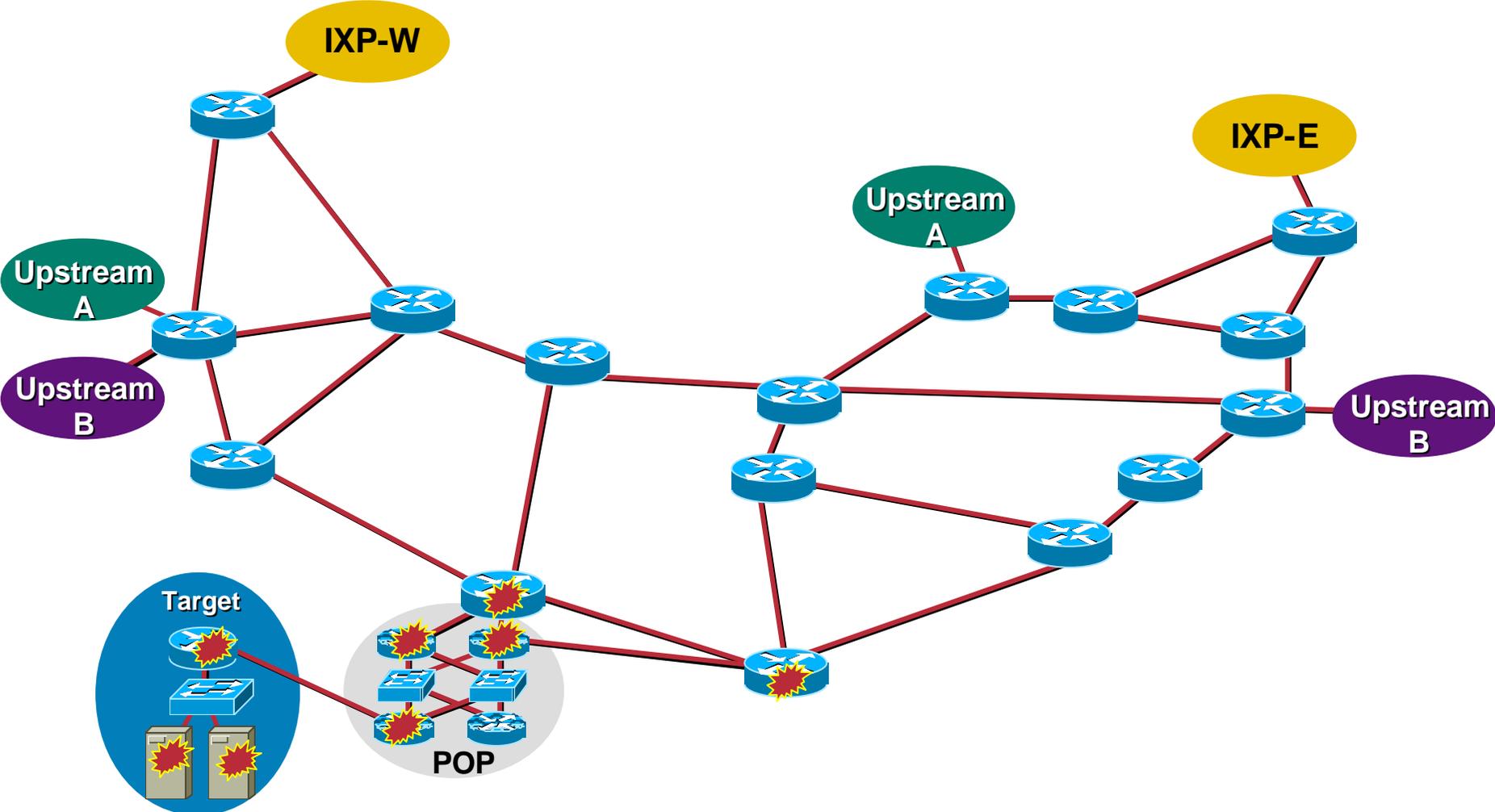
Management calls, they want to know what is going on

Other customers call, slow network performance

Reporter calls—not sure how they got the NOC's number, they are looking for a quote

It's been 5 minutes since the first alarm went off, what do you do?!?!?!?!?

The Network

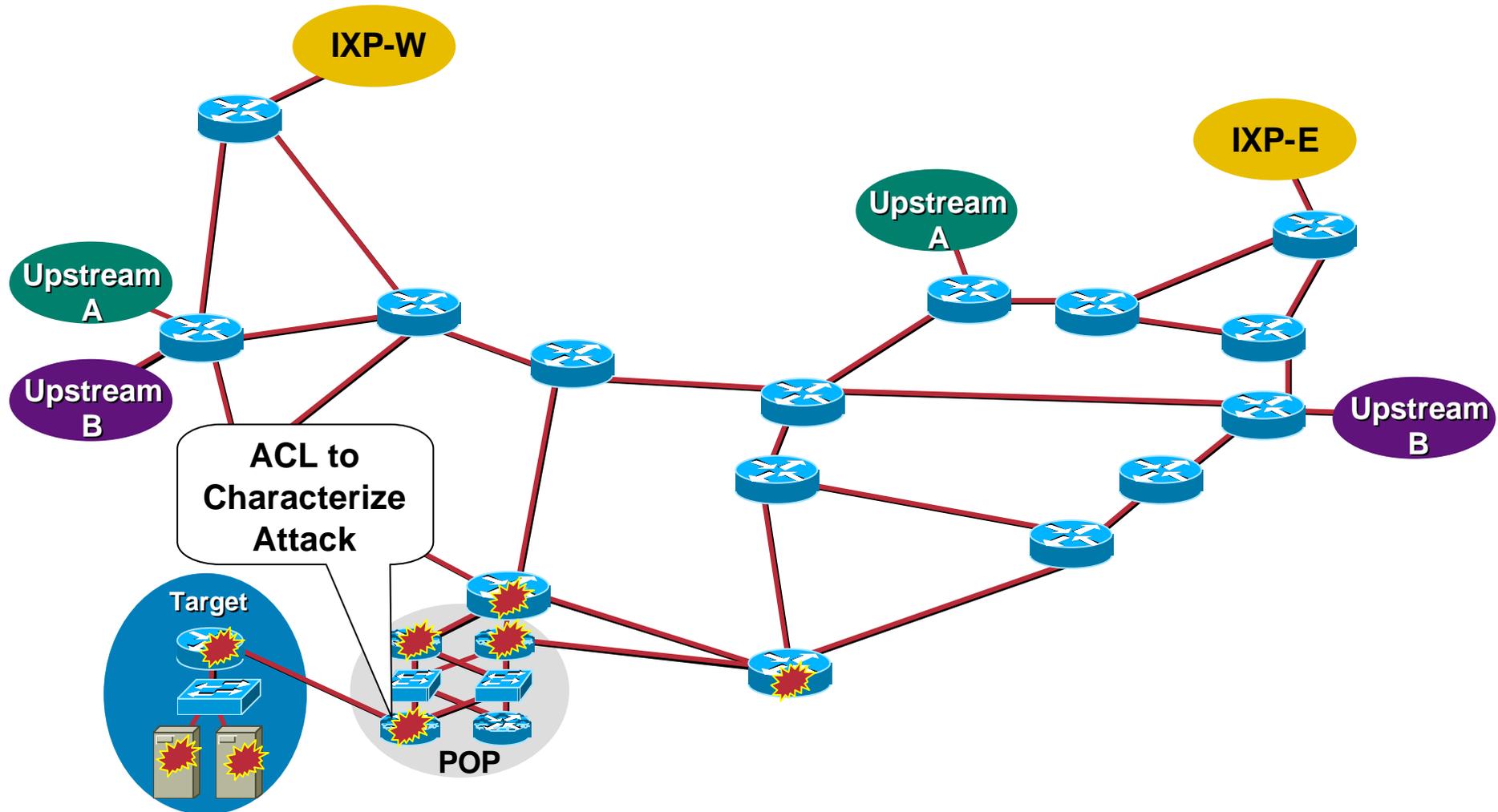


Step 1 – Classifying the Attack

- Use ACL to find out the characteristics of the attack

```
access-list 169 permit icmp any any echo
access-list 169 permit icmp any any echo-reply
access-list 169 permit udp any any eq echo
access-list 169 permit udp any eq echo any
access-list 169 permit tcp any any established
access-list 169 permit tcp any any range 0 65535
access-list 169 permit ip any any
interface serial 0
ip access-group 169 out
```

Step 1 – Classifying the Attack



Step 1 – Classifying the Attack

- Use the show access-list 169 to see which protocol is the source of the attack:

```
Extended IP access list 169
```

```
permit icmp any any echo (2 matches)
```

```
permit icmp any any echo-reply (21374 matches)
```

```
permit udp any any eq echo
```

```
permit udp any eq echo any
```

```
permit tcp any any established (150 matches)
```

```
permit tcp any any (15 matches)
```

```
permit ip any any (45 matches)
```

Step 2 – Capture a Source IP

- **Tracing spoofed source IP addresses is a challenge**
- **Tracing needs to happen hop by hop**
- **The first step is to use the ACL “log-input” function to grab a few packets**
- **Quick in and out is needed to keep the router from overloading with logging interrupts to the CPU**

Step 2 – Capture a Source IP

- **Preparation**

Make sure your logging buffer on the router is large

Create the ACL

Turn off any notices/logging messages to the console or vty (so you can type the command *no access-group 170*)

Step 2 – Capture a Source IP

Cisco.com

```
access-list 170 permit icmp any any echo
access-list 170 permit icmp any any echo-reply log-input
access-list 170 permit udp any any eq echo
access-list 170 permit udp any eq echo any
access-list 170 permit tcp any any established
access-list 170 permit tcp any any
access-list 170 permit ip any any
```

```
interface serial 0
  ip access-group 170 out
! Wait a short time - (i.e 10 seconds)
  no ip access-group 170 out
```

Step 2 – Capture a Source IP

- Validate the capture with *show access-list 170*; make sure it the packets we counted
- Check the log with *show logging* for addresses:

```
%SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGDP: list 170 permit icmp 192.168.212.72  
(Serial0 *HDLC*) -> 198.133.219.25 (0/0), 1 packet
```

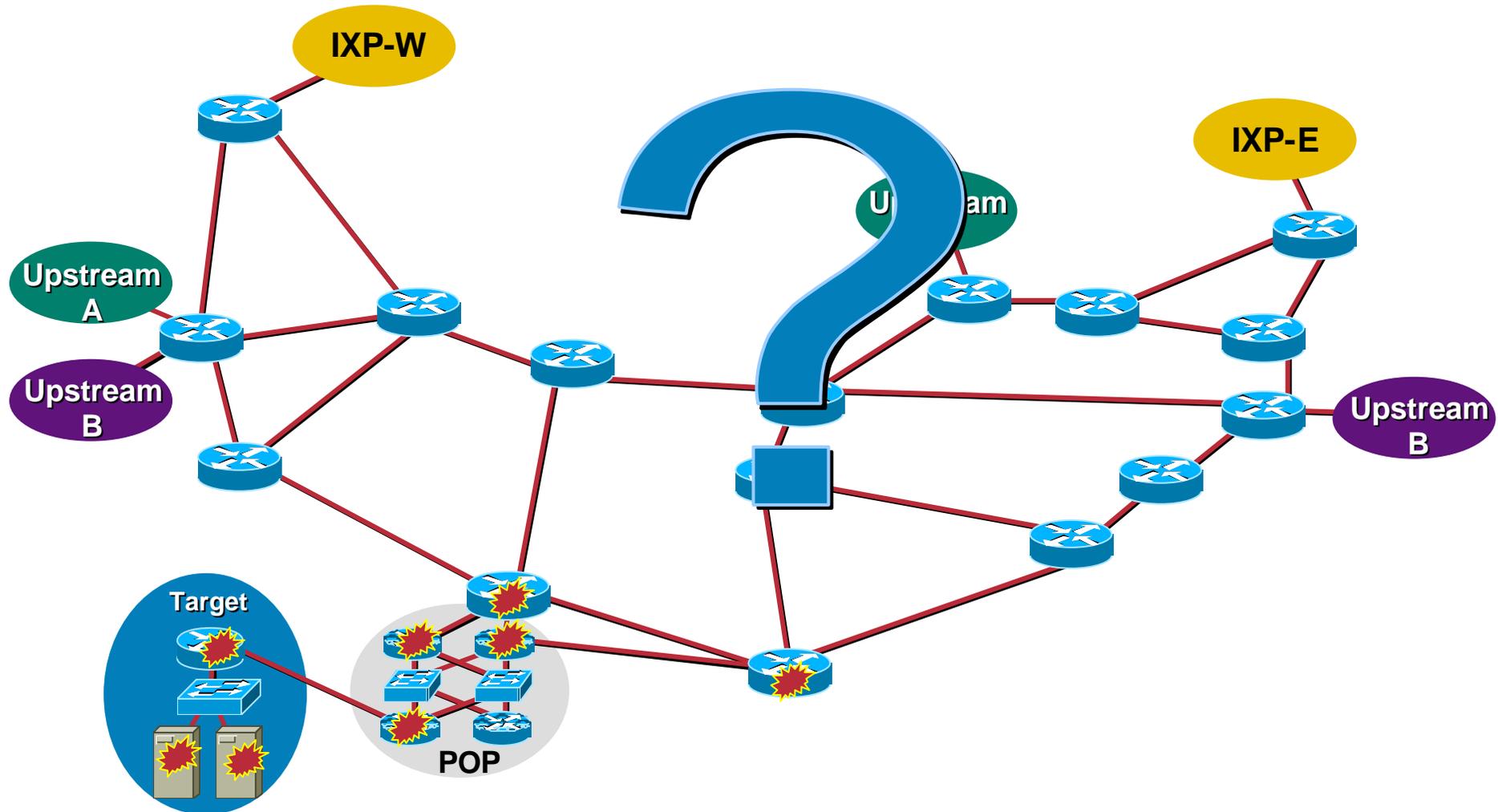
```
%SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGDP: list 170 permit icmp 172.16.132.154  
(Serial0 *HDLC*) -> 198.133.219.25 (0/0), 1 packet
```

```
%SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGDP: list 170 permit icmp 192.168.45.15  
(Serial0 *HDLC*) -> 198.133.219.25 (0/0), 1 packet
```

```
%SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGDP: list 170 permit icmp 192.168.45.142  
(Serial0 *HDLC*) -> 198.133.219.25 (0/0), 1 packet
```

```
%SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGDP: list 170 permit icmp 172.16.132.47  
(Serial0 *HDLC*) -> 198.133.219.25 (0/0), 1 packet
```

Step 3 – Tracing the Source



Step 3 – Tracing the Source

- Using Netflow for hop-by-hop traceback:

```
Beta-7200-2>sh ip cache 198.133.219.0 255.255.255.0 verbose flow
IP packet size distribution (17093 total packets):
  1-32   64   96  128  160  192  224  256  288  320  352  384  416  448  480
  .000 .735 .088 .054 .000 .000 .008 .046 .054 .000 .009 .000 .000 .000 .000

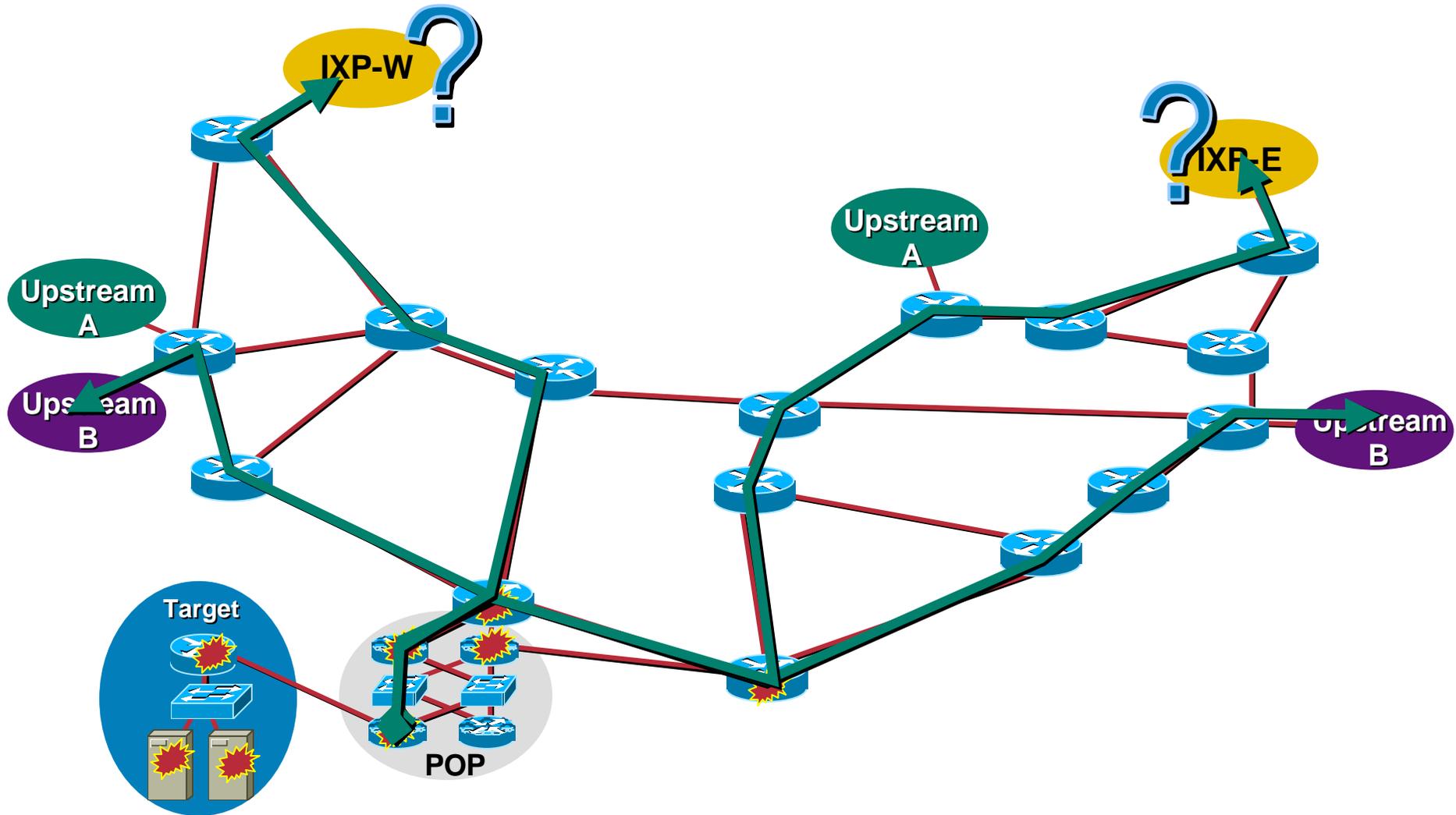
   512   544   576 1024 1536 2048 2560 3072 3584 4096 4608
   .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000
```

```
IP Flow Switching Cache, 1257536 bytes
  3 active, 15549 inactive, 12992 added
 210043 ager polls, 0 flow alloc failures
last clearing of statistics never
```

Protocol	Total	Flows	Packets	Bytes	Packets	Active(Sec)	Idle(Sec)
-----	Flows	/Sec	/Flow	/Pkt	/Sec	/Flow	/Flow
TCP-Telnet	35	0.0	80	41	0.0	14.5	12.7
UDP-DNS	20	0.0	1	67	0.0	0.0	15.3
UDP-NTP	1223	0.0	1	76	0.0	0.0	15.5
UDP-other	11709	0.0	1	87	0.0	0.1	15.5
ICMP	2	0.0	1	56	0.0	0.0	15.2
Total:	12989	0.0	1	78	0.0	0.1	15.4

SrcIf	SrcIPAddress	DstIf	DstIPAddress	Pr	SrcP	DstP	Pkts
Fa1/1	192.168.45.142	POS1/0	198.133.219.25	11	008A	008A	1
Fa1/1	192.168.45.113	POS1/0	198.133.219.25	11	0208	0208	1
Fa1/1	172.16.132.154	POS1/0	198.133.219.25	06	701D	0017	63

Step 3 – Tracing the Source



Step 3 – Tracing the Source

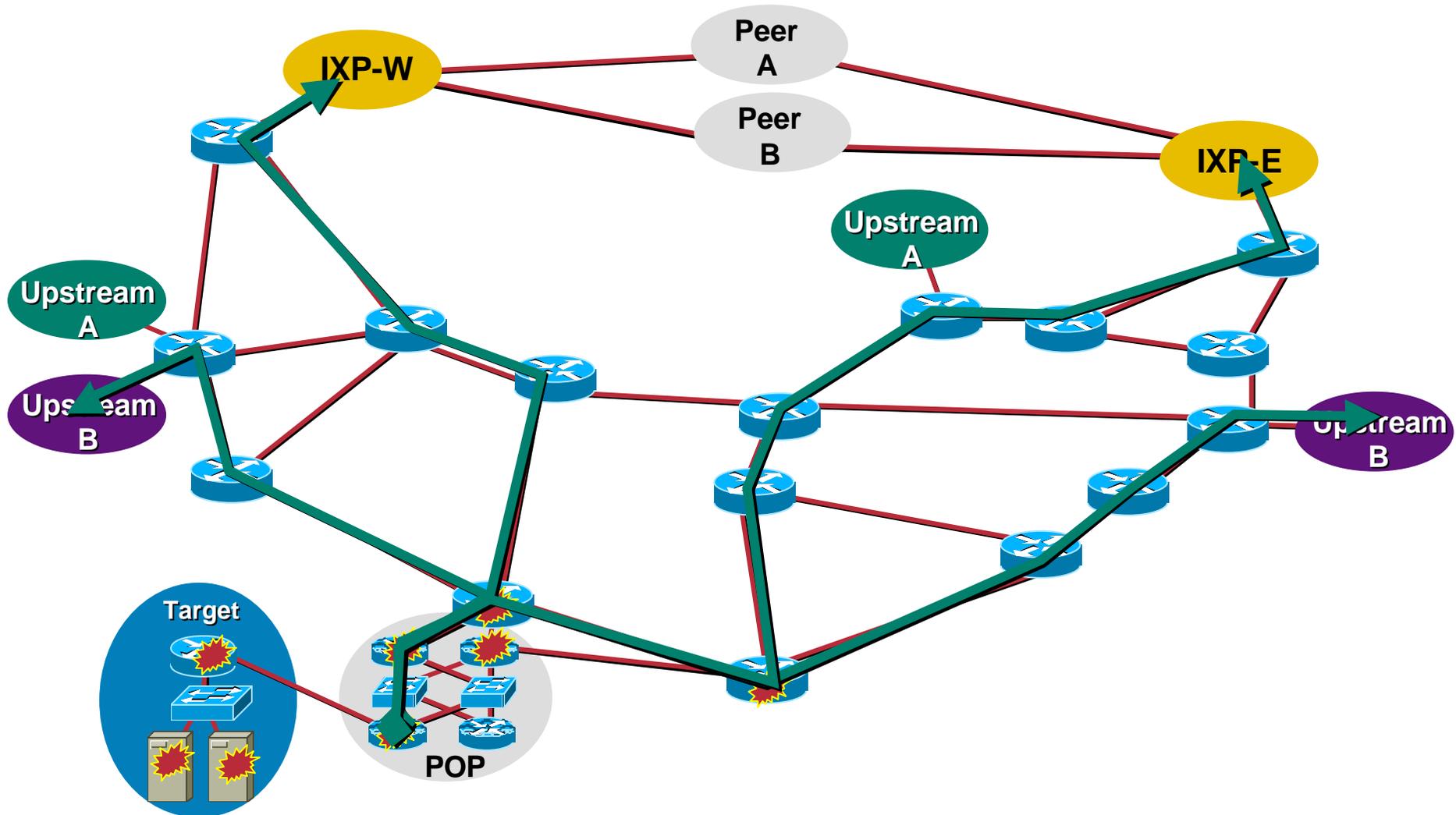
- **Tracing across a shared access medium (I.e. like IXPs) require that ACL technique**

```
May 23 4:30:04.379: %SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGP: list 170 permitted  
icmp 192.168.45.142(0)(FastEthernet3/0/0 00d0.bc83.58a0)  
-> 198.133.219.25 (0), 1 packet
```

```
May 23 4:30:05.379: %SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGP: list 170 permitted  
icmp 192.168.45.142(0)(FastEthernet3/0/0 00d0.bc83.58a0)  
-> 198.133.219.25 (0), 1 packet
```

```
May 23 4:30:06.379: %SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGP: list 170 permitted  
icmp 192.168.45.142 (0)(FastEthernet3/0/0 00d0.bc83.58a0)  
-> 198.133.219.25 (0), 1 packet
```

Step 3 – Tracing the Source



Troubleshooting Split

- **Split in the security reaction team's flow:**

One team starts calling NOCs

Upstream 2, Peer A, and Peer B

Other team drops filters in to push the packet drops to the edge of the network

Step 4 – Pushing the Packet Drops to the Edge

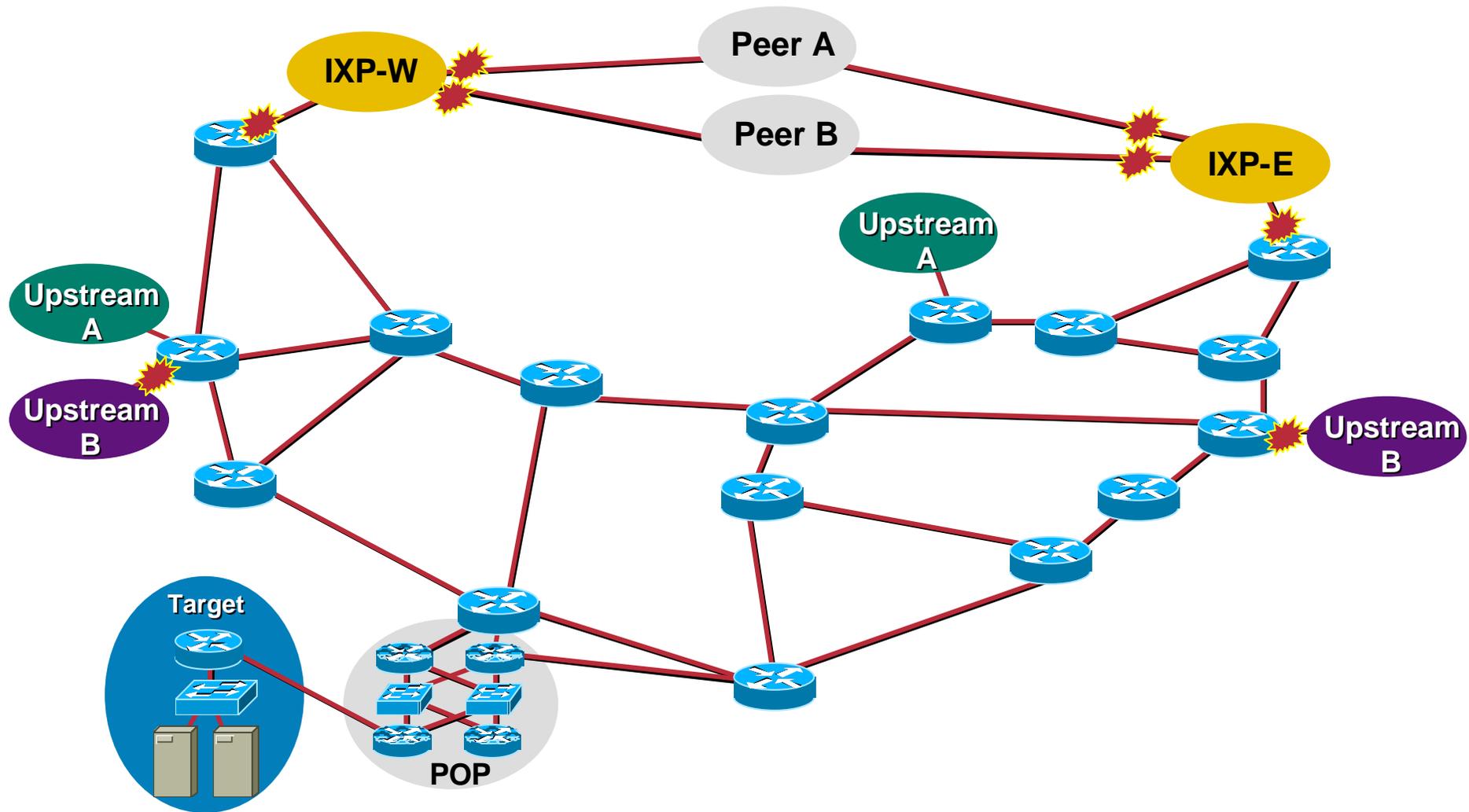
- **Options:**
 - Rate limit the attack with CAR (input feature)**
 - ACL to drop the packets**
 - uRPF (perhaps)**
 - Drop the connection to the peer/upstream**

Step 4 – Pushing the Packet Drops to the Edge

- **Select rate limiting option; limit ICMP echo-reply for everyone and limit the peer's traffic**

```
interface FastEthernet3/0/0
    rate-limit output access-group 2020 256000 16000
    24000 conform-action transmit exceed-action drop
    rate-limit input access-group rate-limit 100 8000000
    64000 80000 conform-action transmit exceed-action drop
!
access-list 2020 permit icmp any any echo-reply
access-list rate-limit 100 00d0.bc83.58a0
```

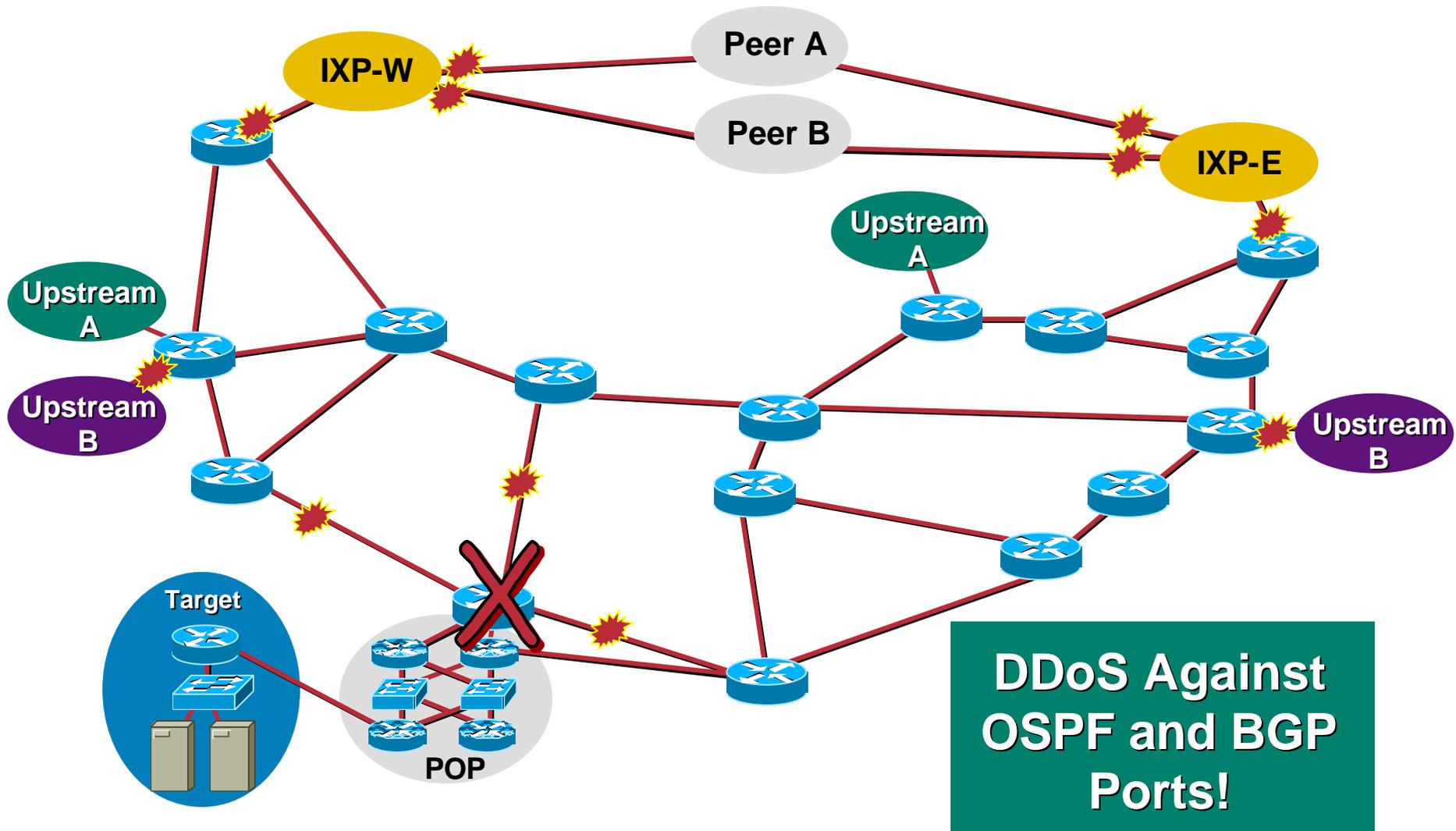
Step 4 – Pushing the Packet Drops to the Edge



Check Point

- **SitRep—attack still in progress—packets being dropped at the ISP edge**
- **Work with upstream and peer ISP NOCs to continue the trace back to the sources**
- **Collect evidence—work with customer and call your legal team**

Alert!



Next Phase of the Attack

- **The attackers have shifted the attack to their target's **infrastructure****

ISPs and IXPs **have and will be directly attacked to get at the target!**

ISP's routers are being directly attacked to take out the target

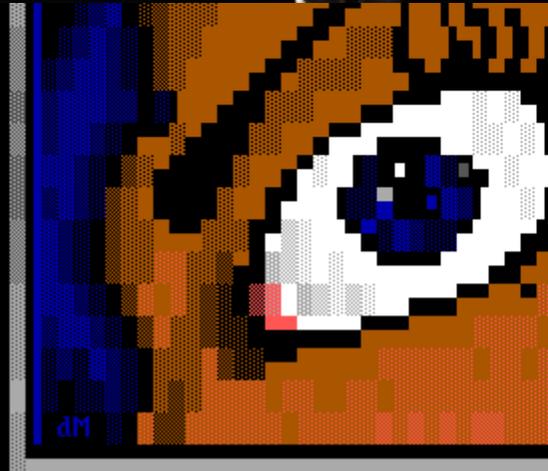


Are

You



Ready?



In Case You Wondering...

Cisco.com

- **How to work a DoS attack against the routing protocol?**

Out of band access to the router!

Rate limits on traffic to the routing protocol

ACLs to block outside traffic to the routing protocol ports

DDoS Links

- <http://www.denialinfo.com/>
- <http://www.staff.washington.edu/dittrich>
- <http://www.sans.org/y2k/DDoS.htm>
- <http://www.nanog.org/mtg-9910/robert.html>
- <http://cve.mitre.org/>
- <http://packetstorm.securify.com/distributed/>

Router Security Summary

Cisco.com

- **Tutorial has covered**
 - Securing the Router**
 - Securing the Routing Protocols**
 - Securing the Network**
 - Administrative and Operational Practices**
 - Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding**
 - Recent DOS attacks and the defence**
 - Tracking DoS/DDOS Attacks through an ISP's Network**

Router Security

End of Tutorial