BGP Techniques for Internet Service Providers

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BGP Techniques for Internet Service Providers

- BGP Basics
- Scaling BGP
- Using Communities
- Deploying BGP in an ISP network

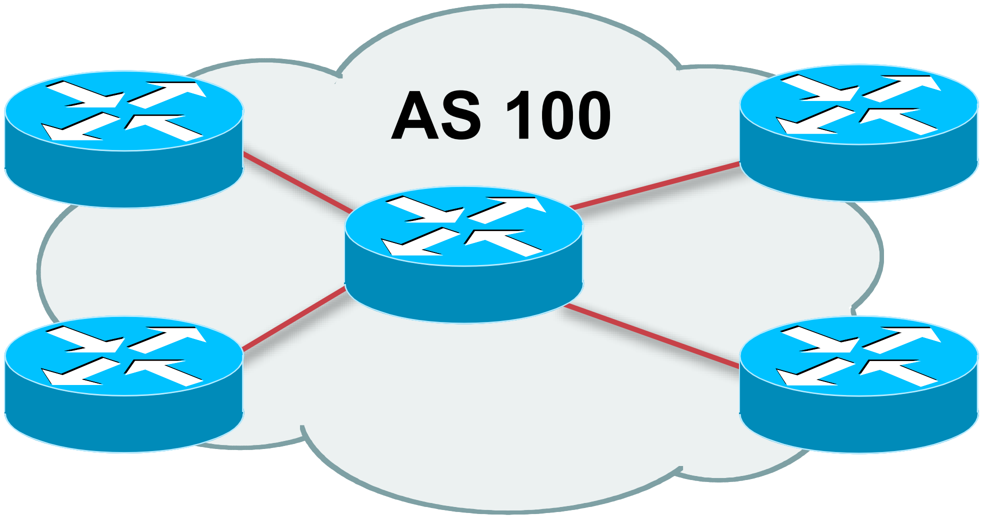
BGP Basics

What is BGP?

Border Gateway Protocol

- A Routing Protocol used to exchange routing information between different networks
  - Exterior gateway protocol
- Described in RFC4271
  - RFC4276 gives an implementation report on BGP
  - RFC4277 describes operational experiences using BGP
- The Autonomous System is BGP's fundamental operating unit
  - It is used to uniquely identify networks with a common routing policy

Autonomous System (AS)



- Collection of networks with same routing policy
- Single routing protocol
- Usually under single ownership, trust and administrative control
- Identified by a unique number (ASN)

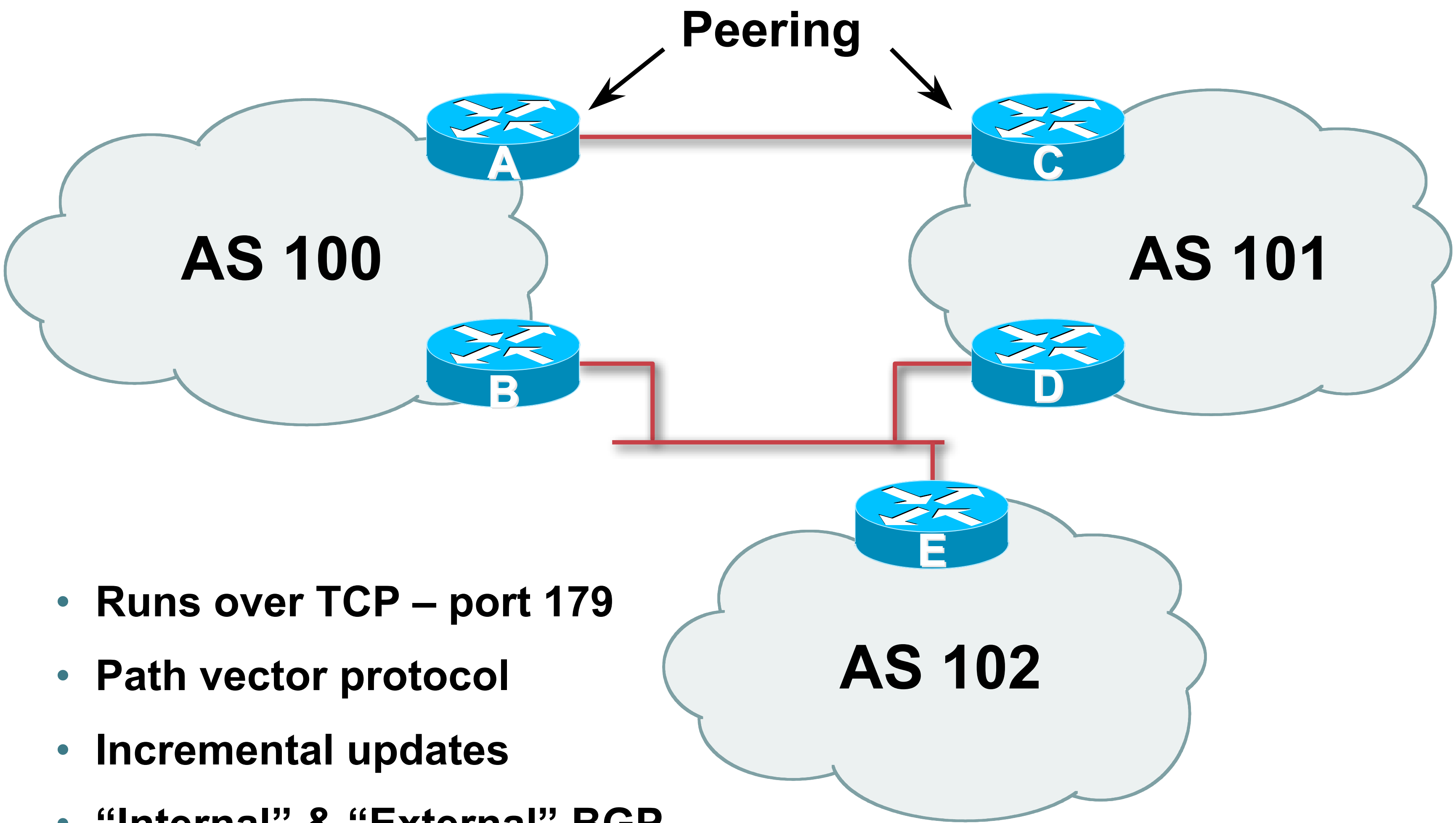
Autonomous System Number (ASN)

- **An ASN is a 16 bit integer**
  - **1-64511 are for use on the public Internet**
  - **64512-65534 are for private use only**
  - **0 and 65535 are reserved**
- **ASNs are now extended to 32 bit!**
  - **RFC4893 is standards document describing 32-bit ASNs**
  - **Representation still under discussion:**
    - **32-bit notation or “16.16” notation**
    - **Now expired Internet Draft:**
      - **draft-michaelson-4byte-as-representation-02.txt**
  - **AS 23456 is used to represent 32-bit ASNs in 16-bit ASN world**

Autonomous System Number (ASN)

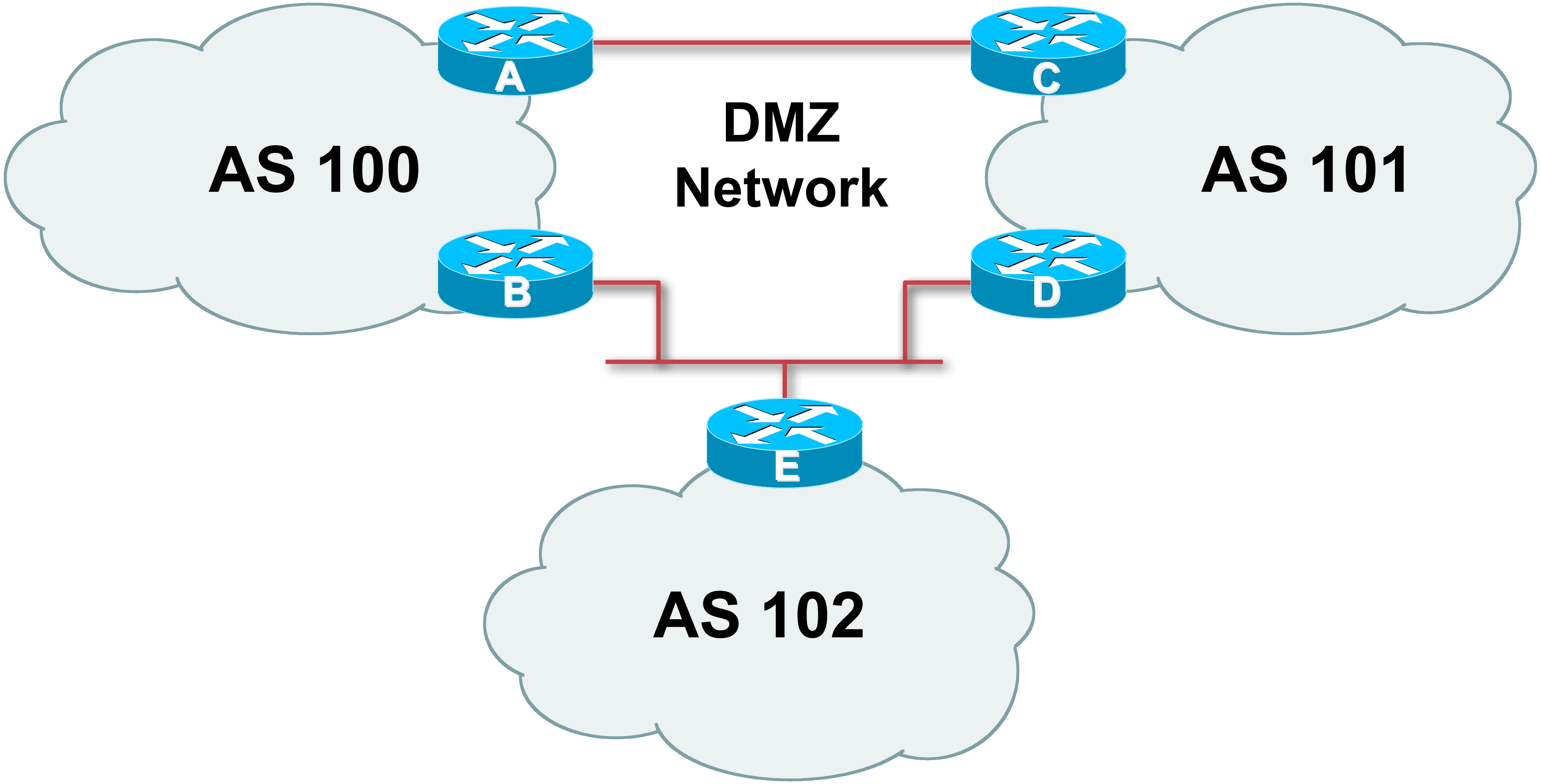
- **ASNs are distributed by the Regional Internet Registries**
    - They are also available from upstream ISPs who are members of one of the RIRs
- **Current 16-bit ASN allocations up to 44031 have been made to the RIRs**
        - Around 25200 are visible on the Internet
    - The RIRs also have received 1024 32-bit ASNs each
        - Around 5 are visible on the Internet (early adopters)
    - See www.iana.org/assignments/as-numbers

BGP Basics



- Runs over TCP – port 179
- Path vector protocol
- Incremental updates
- “Internal” & “External” BGP

Demarcation Zone (DMZ)



- **Shared network between ASes**

BGP General Operation

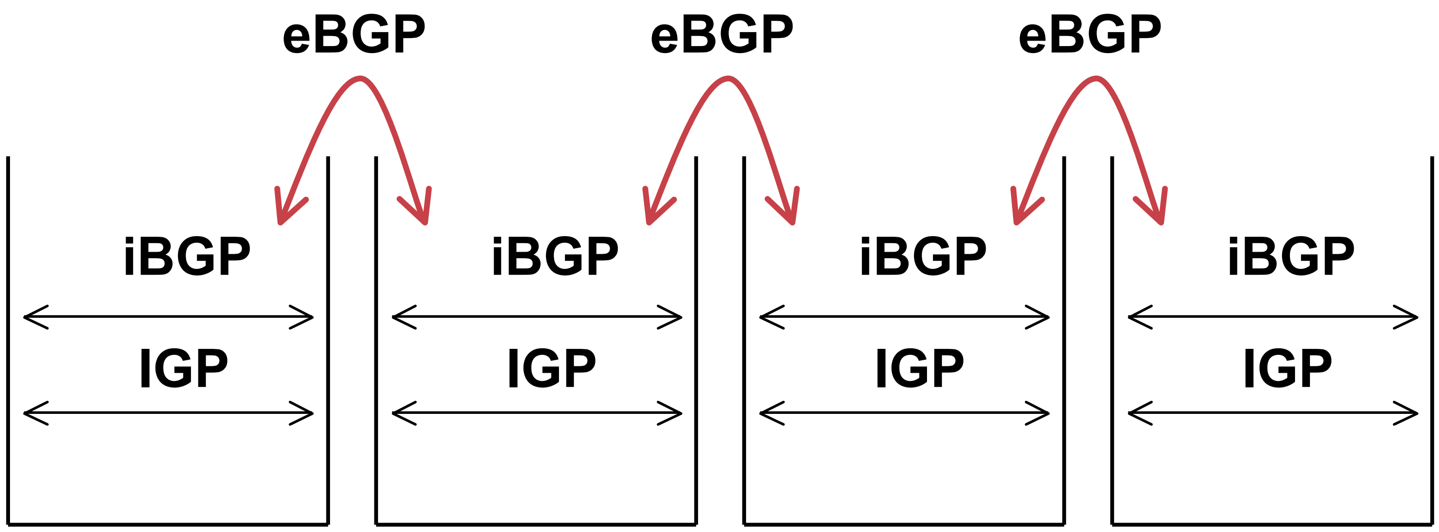
- Learns multiple paths via internal and external BGP speakers
- Picks the best path and installs in the forwarding table
- Best path is sent to external BGP neighbours
- Policies are applied by influencing the best path selection

eBGP & iBGP

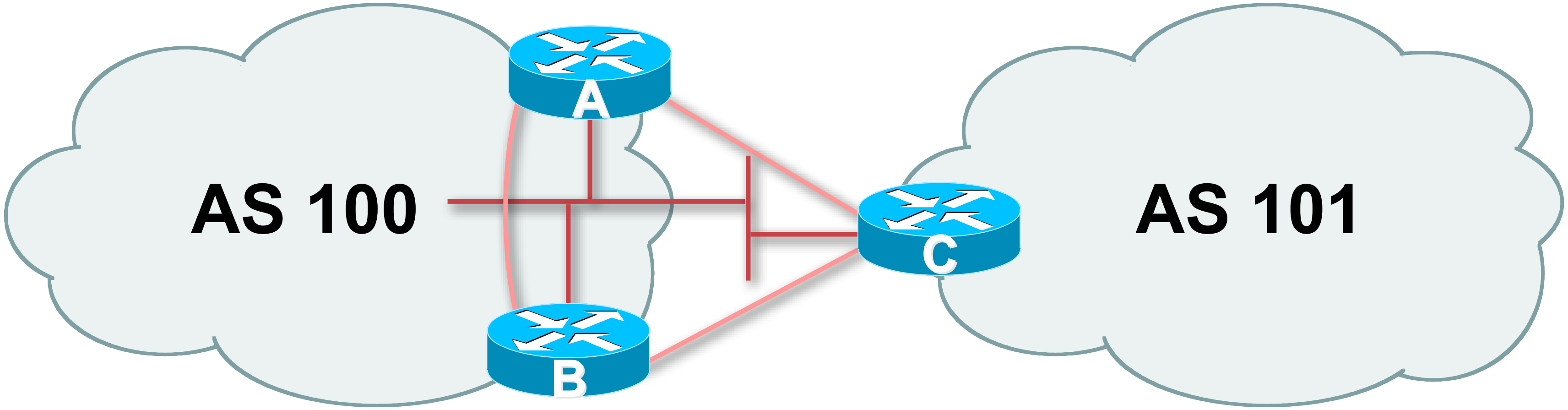
- **BGP used internally (iBGP) and externally (eBGP)**
- **iBGP used to carry**
  - **some/all Internet prefixes across ISP backbone**
  - **ISP's customer prefixes**
- **eBGP used to**
  - **exchange prefixes with other ASes**
  - **implement routing policy**

BGP/IGP model used in ISP networks

- **Model representation**



External BGP Peering (eBGP)

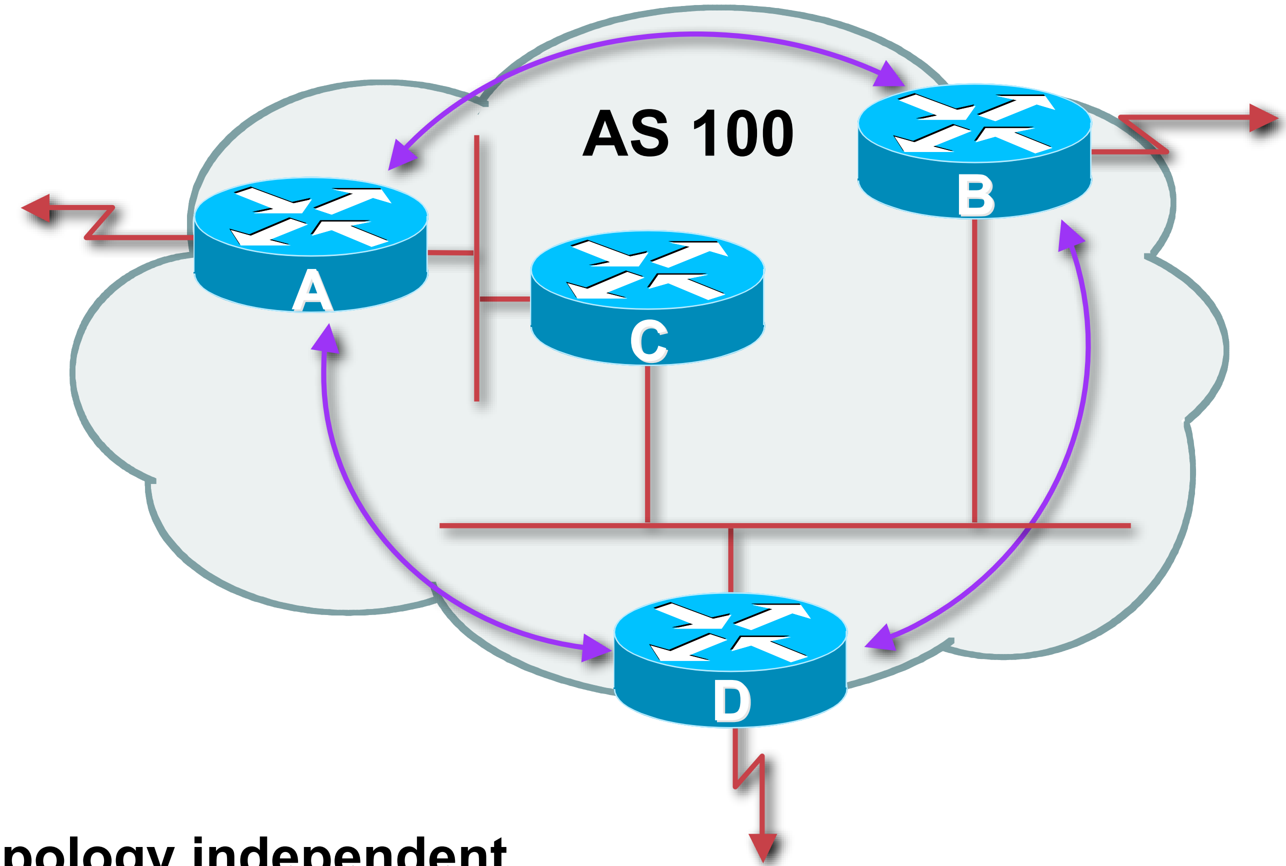


- Between BGP speakers in different AS
- Should be directly connected
- Never run an IGP between eBGP peers

Internal BGP (iBGP)

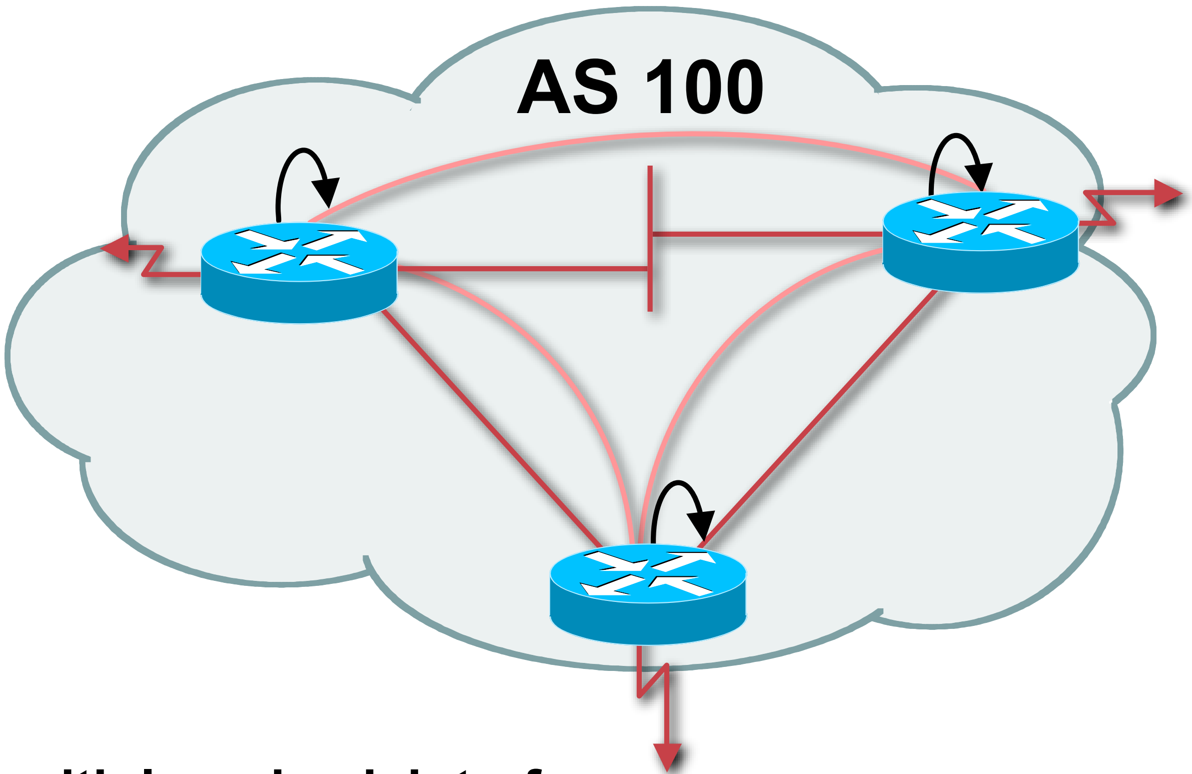
- **BGP peer within the same AS**
- **Not required to be directly connected**
  IGP takes care of inter-BGP speaker connectivity
- **iBGP speakers must to be fully meshed:**
  They originate connected networks
  They pass on prefixes learned from outside the ASN
  They do not pass on prefixes learned from other iBGP speakers

Internal BGP Peering (iBGP)



- **Topology independent**
- **Each iBGP speaker must peer with every other iBGP speaker in the AS**

Peering to Loopback Interfaces



- **Peer with loop-back interface**

  Loop-back interface does not go down – ever!

- **Do not want iBGP session to depend on state of a single interface or the physical topology**

BGP Attributes

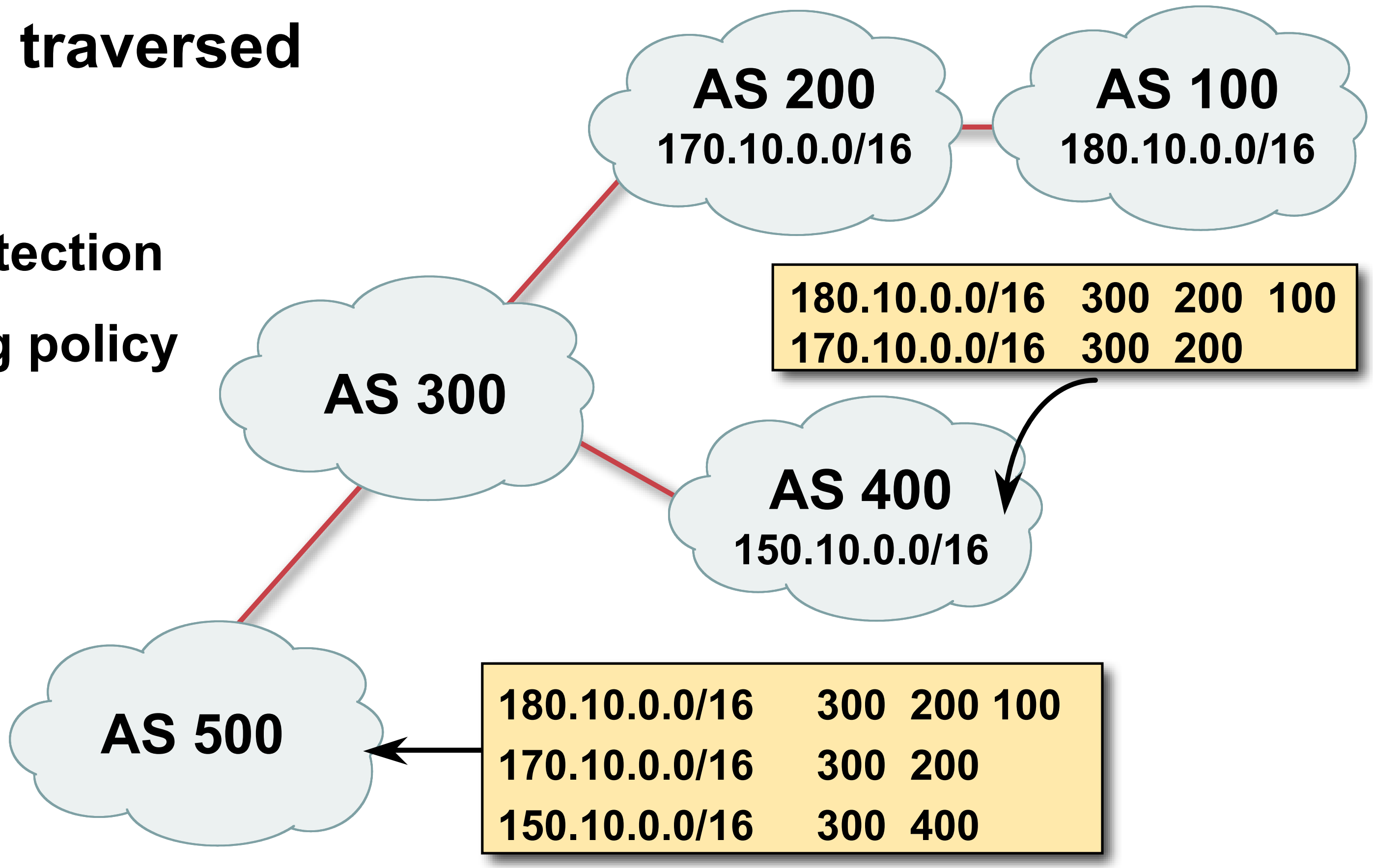
Information about BGP

AS-Path

- **Sequence of ASes a route has traversed**
- **Used for:**

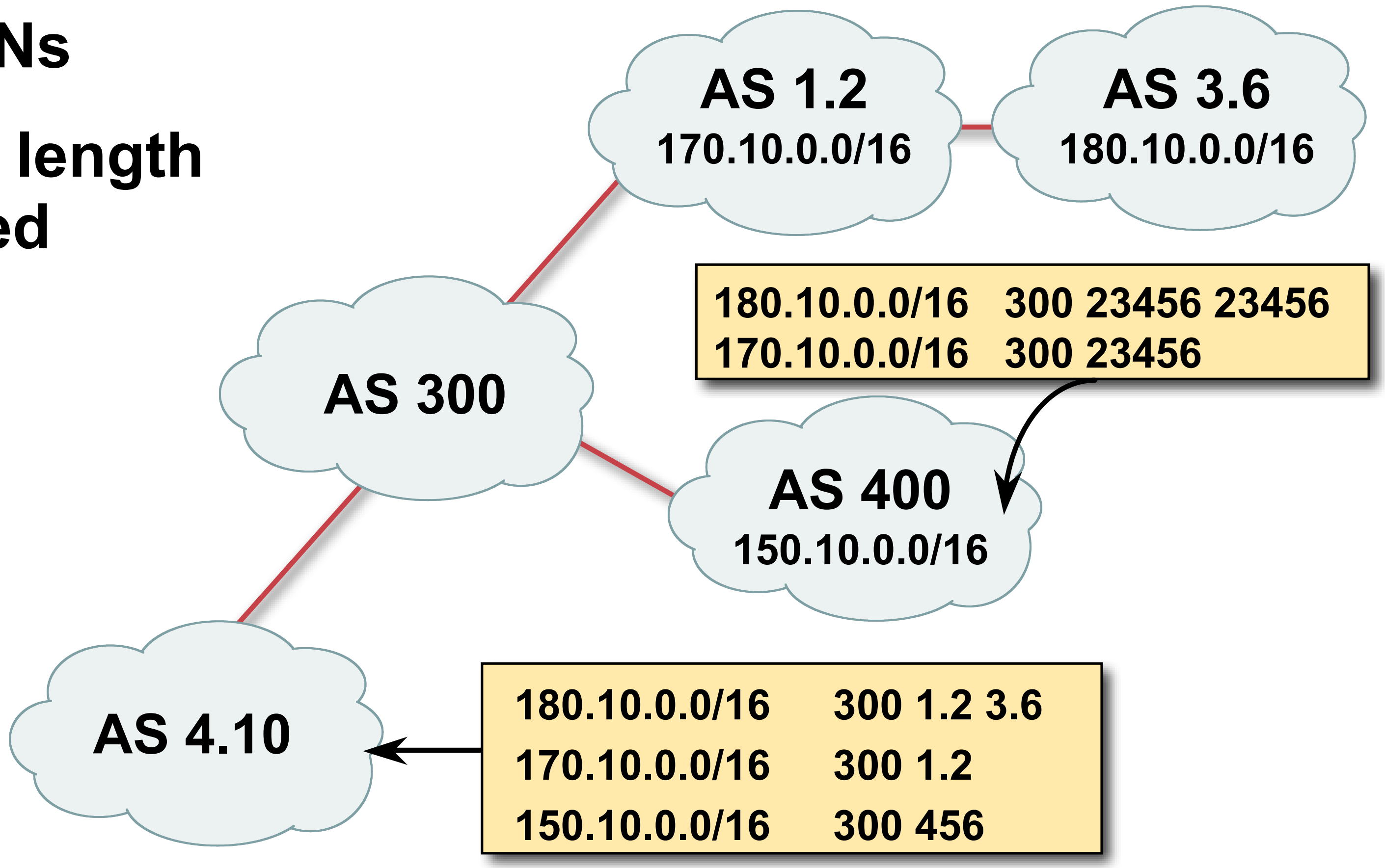
  Loop detection

  Applying policy

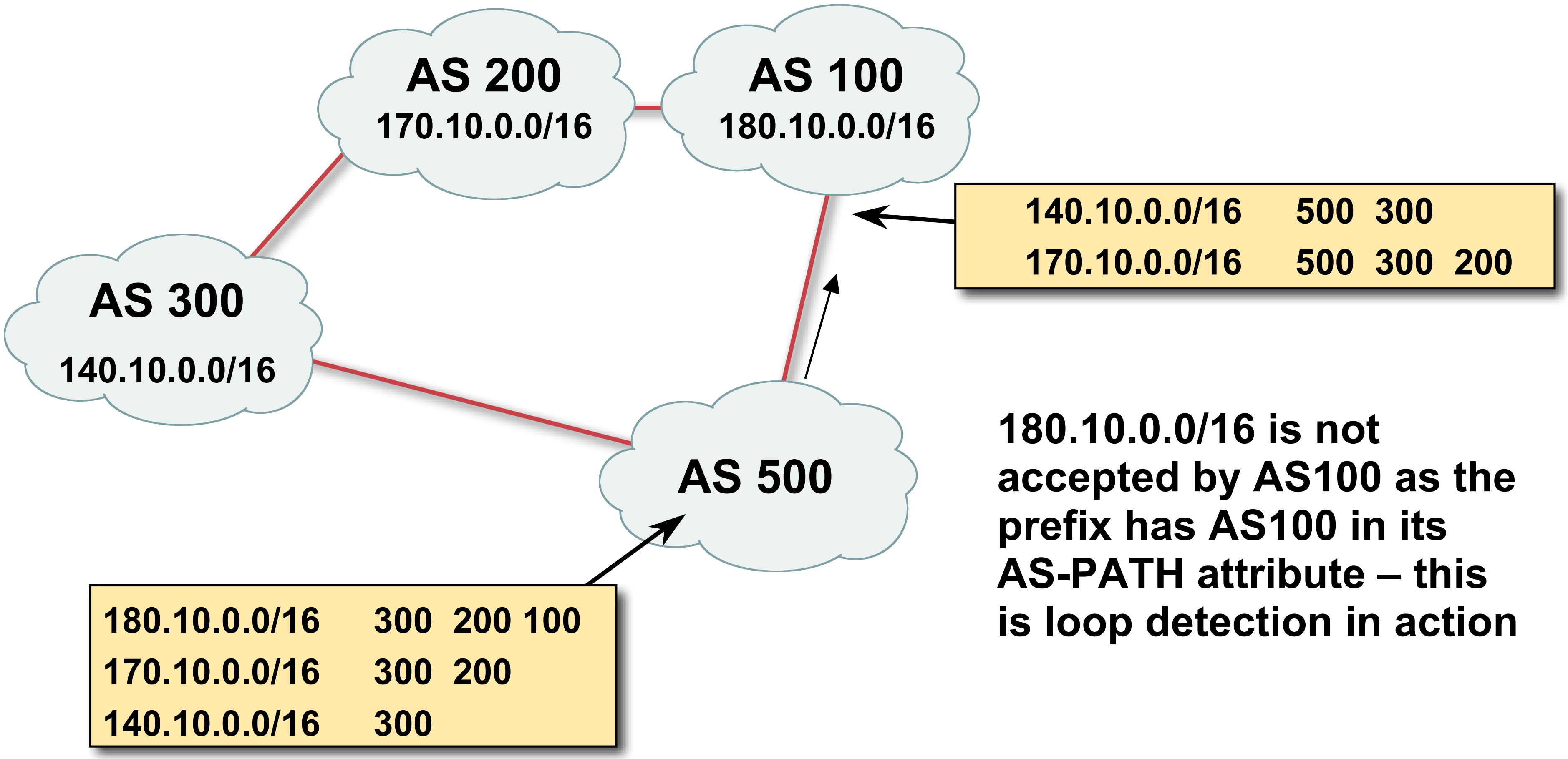


AS-Path (with 16 and 32-bit ASNs)

- Internet with 16-bit and 32-bit ASNs
- AS-PATH length maintained

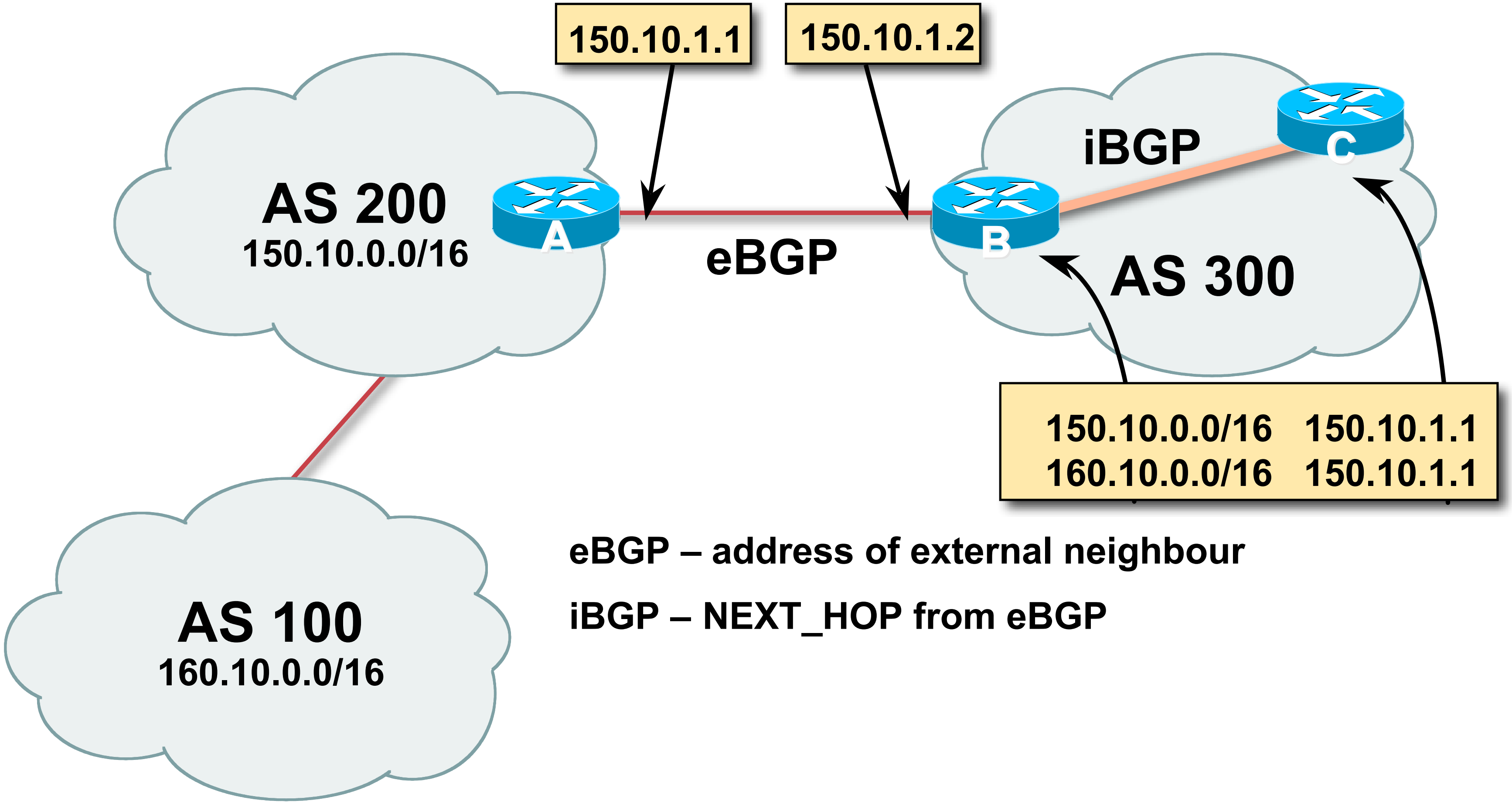


AS-Path loop detection



180.10.0.0/16 is not accepted by AS100 as the prefix has AS100 in its AS-PATH attribute – this is loop detection in action

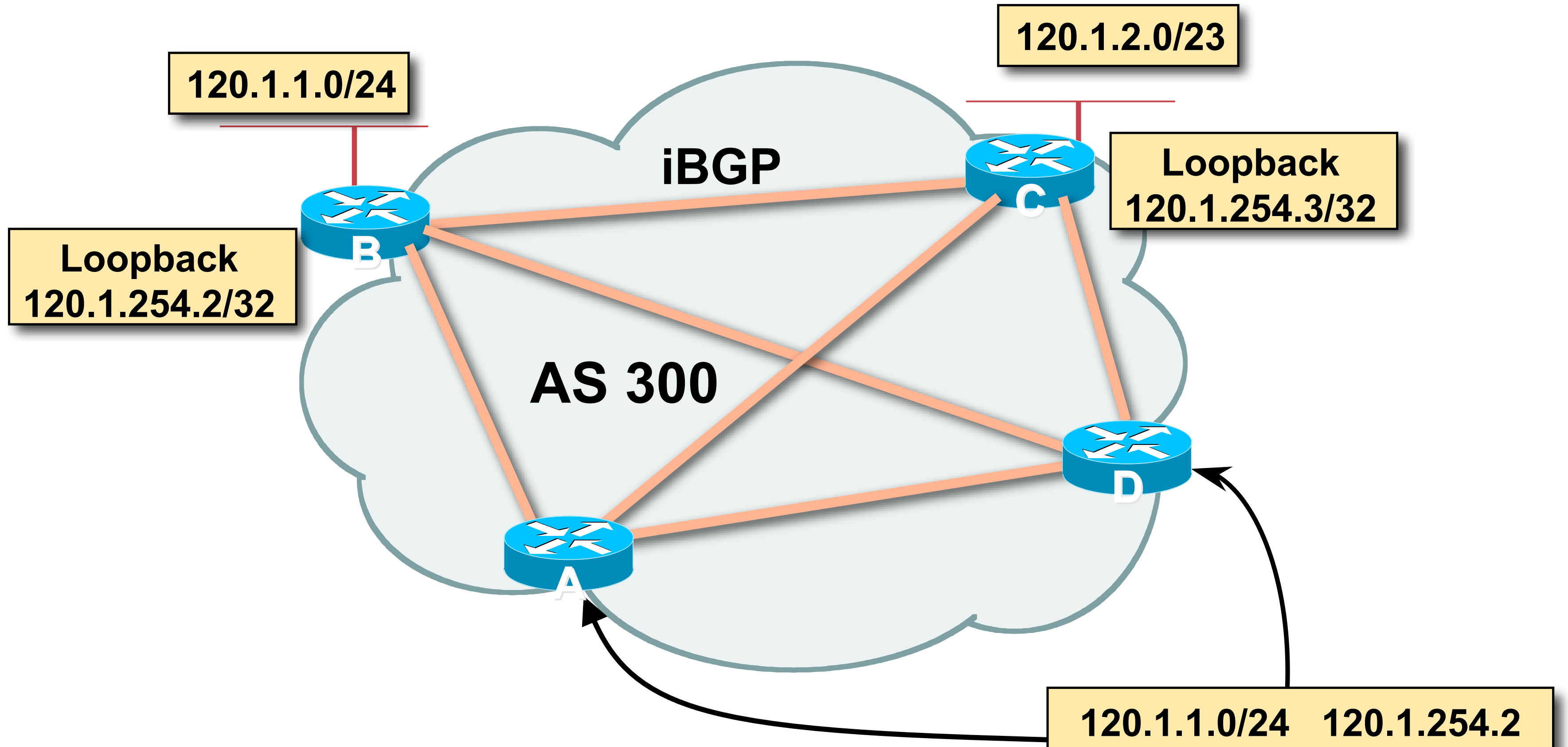
Next Hop



eBGP – address of external neighbour

iBGP – NEXT_HOP from eBGP

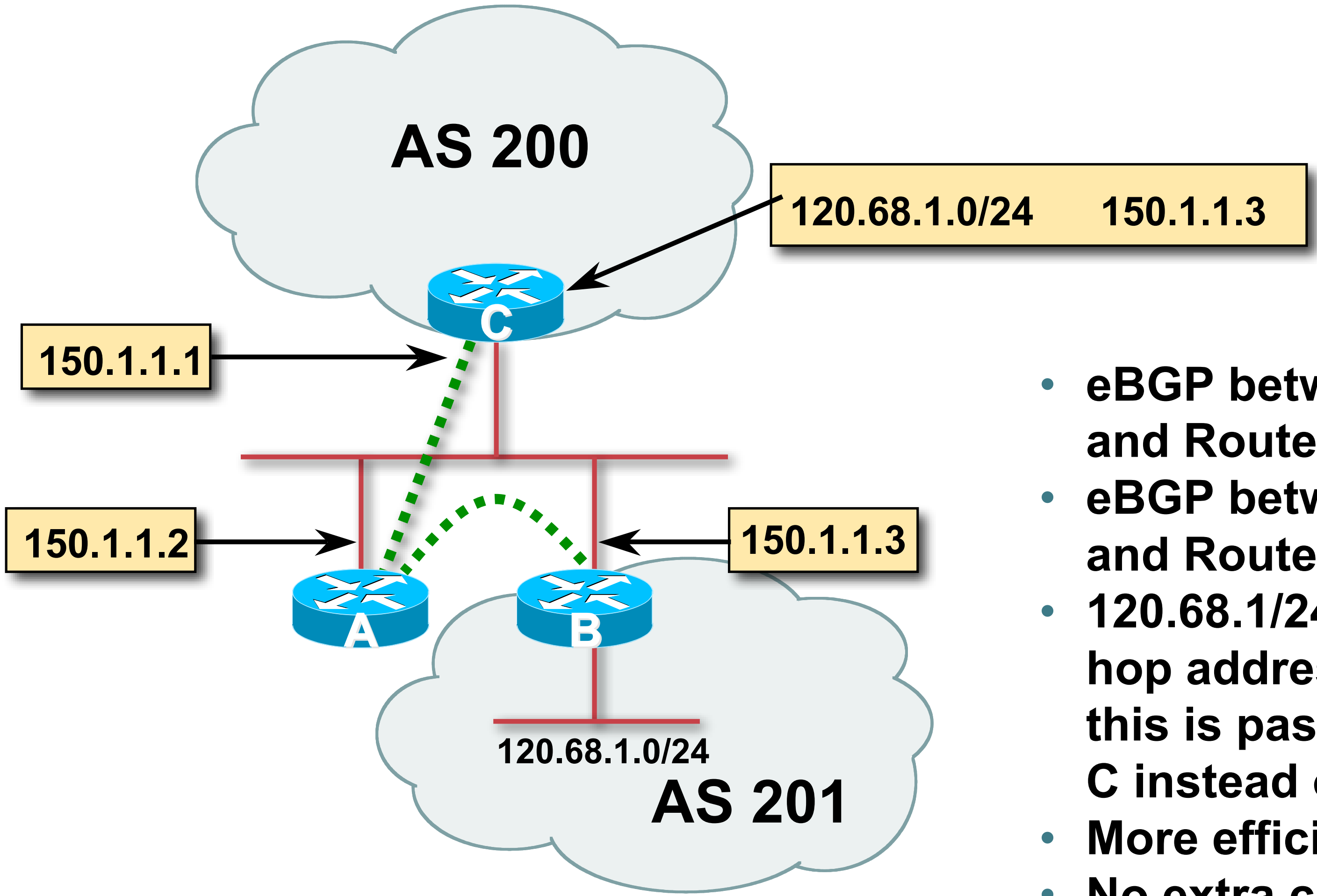
iBGP Next Hop



Next hop is ibgp router loopback address

Recursive route look-up

Third Party Next Hop



- eBGP between Router A and Router C
- eBGP between Router A and Router B
- 120.68.1/24 prefix has next hop address of 150.1.1.3 – this is passed on to Router C instead of 150.1.1.2
- More efficient
- No extra config needed

Next Hop (Summary)

- IGP should carry route to next hops
- Recursive route look-up
- Unlinks BGP from actual physical topology
- Allows IGP to make intelligent forwarding decision

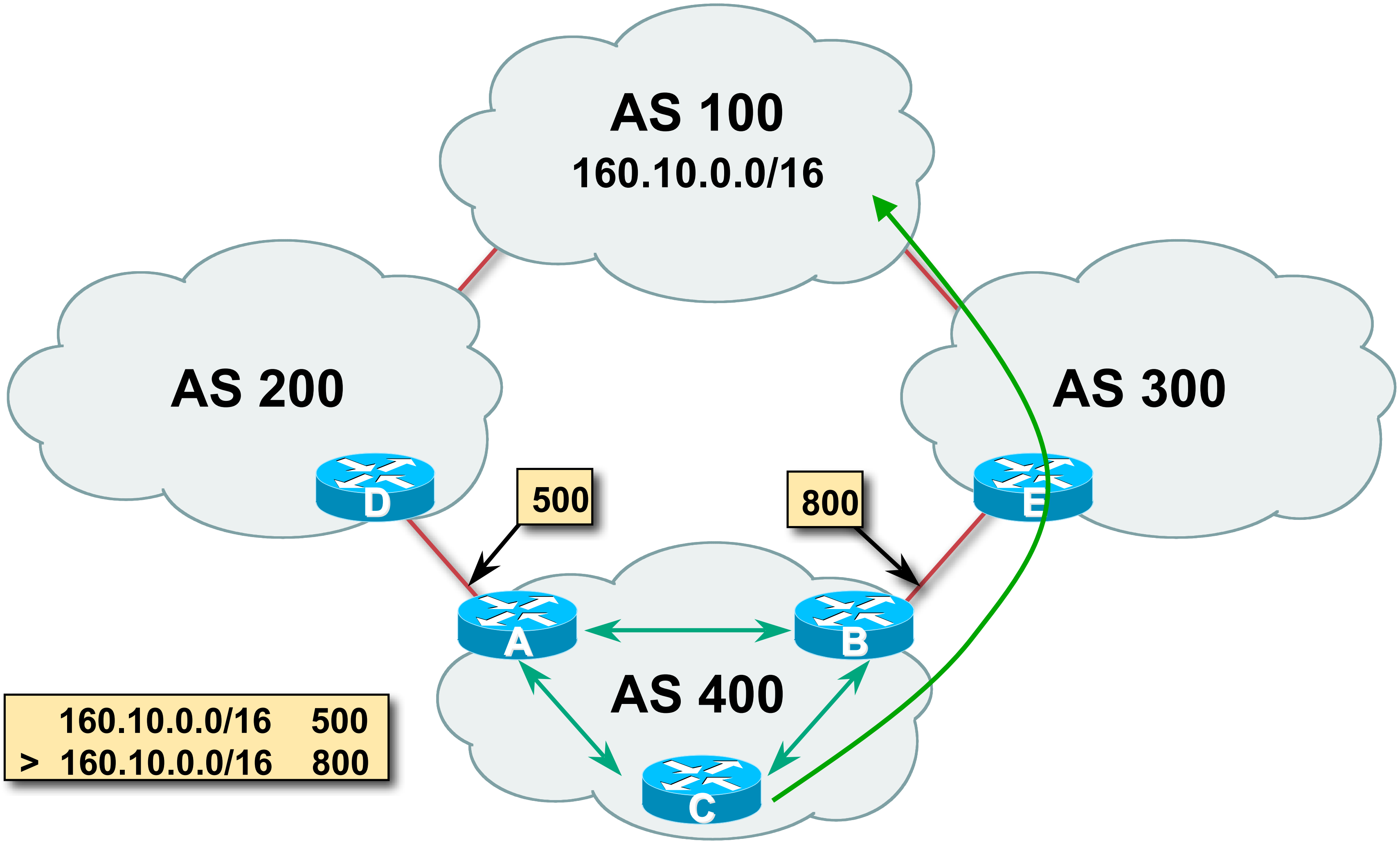
Origin

- Conveys the origin of the prefix
- Historical attribute
  - Used in transition from EGP to BGP
- Influences best path selection
- Three values: IGP, EGP, incomplete
  - IGP – generated by BGP network statement
  - EGP – generated by EGP
  - incomplete – redistributed from another routing protocol

Aggregator

- Conveys the IP address of the router or BGP speaker generating the aggregate route
- Useful for debugging purposes
- Does not influence best path selection

Local Preference

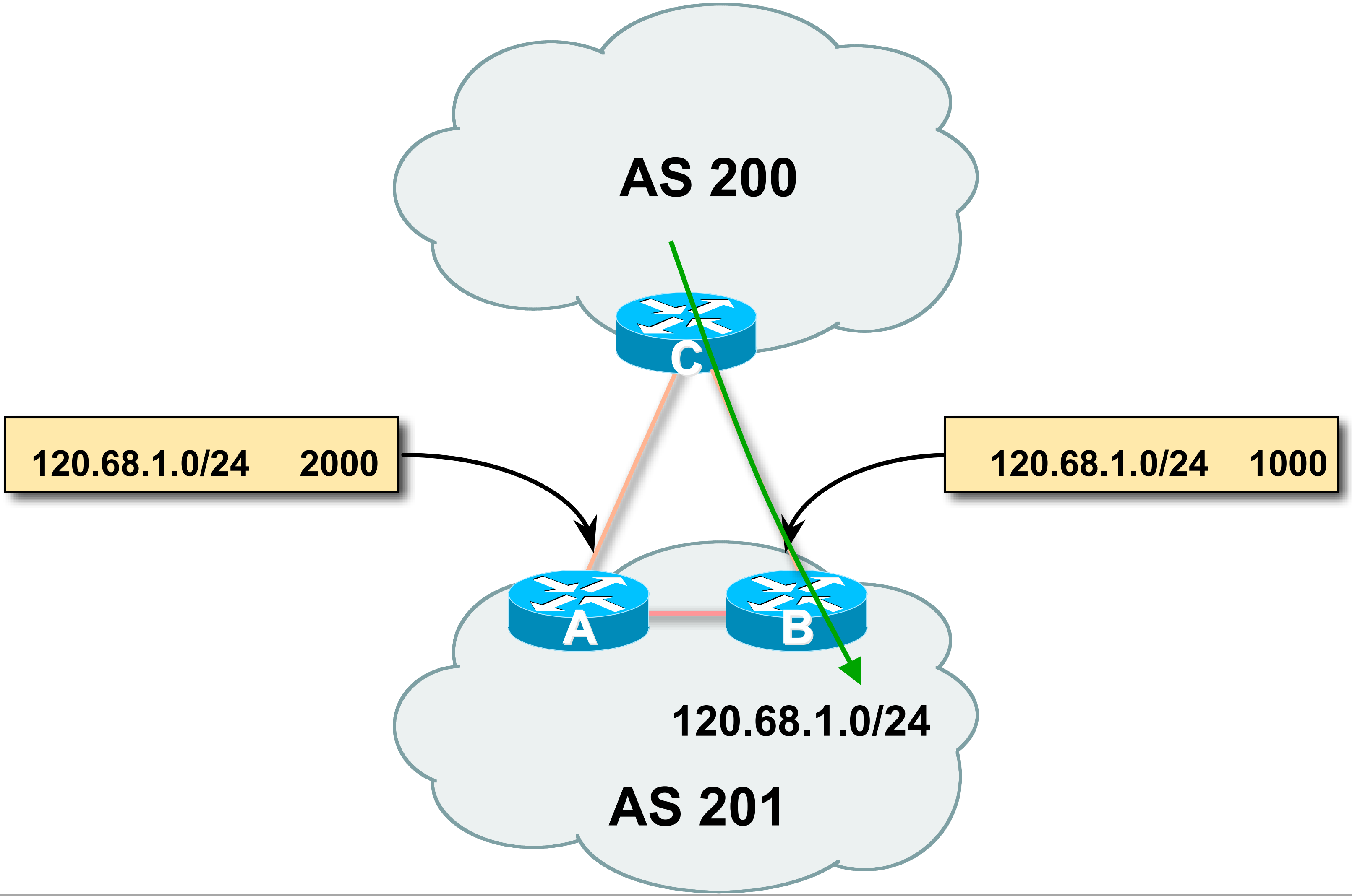


	160.10.0.0/16	500
>	160.10.0.0/16	800

Local Preference

- **Local to an AS – non-transitive**
  - **Default local preference is 100 (IOS)**
- **Used to influence BGP path selection**
  - **determines best path for *outbound* traffic**
- **Path with highest local preference wins**

Multi-Exit Discriminator (MED)



Multi-Exit Discriminator

- **Inter-AS – non-transitive & optional attribute**
- **Used to convey the relative preference of entry points**

  determines best path for *inbound* traffic

- **Comparable if paths are from same AS**

  bgp always-compare-med allows comparisons of MEDs from different ASes

- **Path with lowest MED wins**
- **Absence of MED attribute implies MED value of zero (RFC4271)**

Multi-Exit Discriminator "metric confusion"

- **MED is non-transitive and optional attribute**

  Some implementations send learned MEDs to iBGP peers by default, others do not

  Some implementations send MEDs to eBGP peers by default, others do not

- **Default metric varies according to vendor implementation**

  Original BGP spec (RFC1771) made no recommendation

  Some implementations said that absence of metric was equivalent to 0

  Other implementations said that absence of metric was equivalent to 2^{32}-1 (highest possible) or 2^{32}-2

  Potential for "metric confusion"

Community

- **Communities are described in RFC1997**

  Transitive and Optional Attribute

- **32 bit integer**

  Represented as two 16 bit integers (RFC1998)

  Common format is *<local-ASN>:xx*

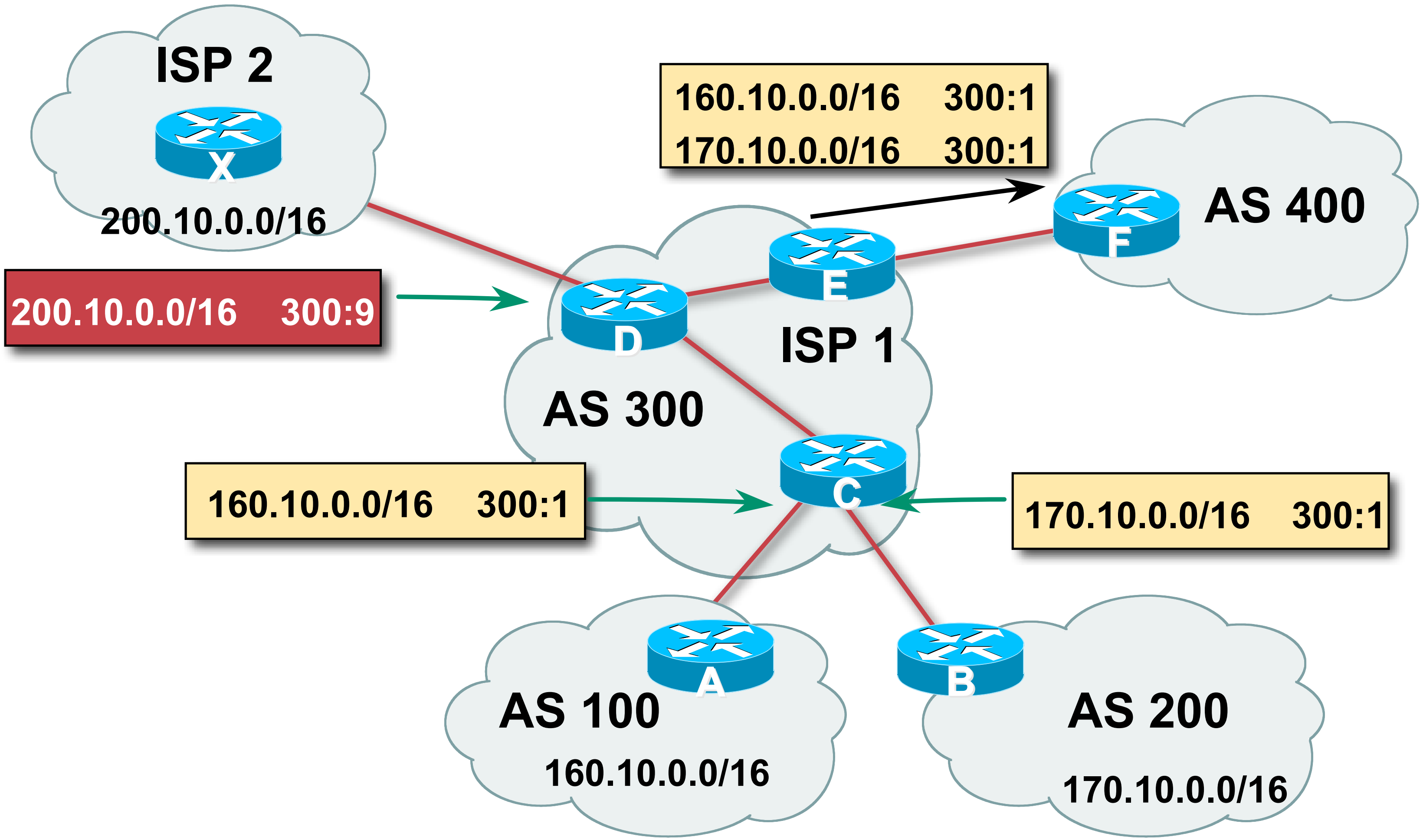
  0:0 to 0:65535 and 65535:0 to 65535:65535 are reserved

- **Used to group destinations**

  Each destination could be member of multiple communities

- **Very useful in applying policies within and between ASes**

Community



ISP 2
X
200.10.0.0/16
200.10.0.0/16 300:9
160.10.0.0/16 300:1
170.10.0.0/16 300:1
AS 400
F
E
D
ISP 1
AS 300
C
160.10.0.0/16 300:1
170.10.0.0/16 300:1
A
B
AS 100
AS 200
160.10.0.0/16
170.10.0.0/16

Well-Known Communities

- **Several well known communities**

  www.iana.org/assignments/bgp-well-known-communities

- **no-export** **65535:65281**

  do not advertise to any eBGP peers

- **no-advertise** **65535:65282**

  do not advertise to any BGP peer

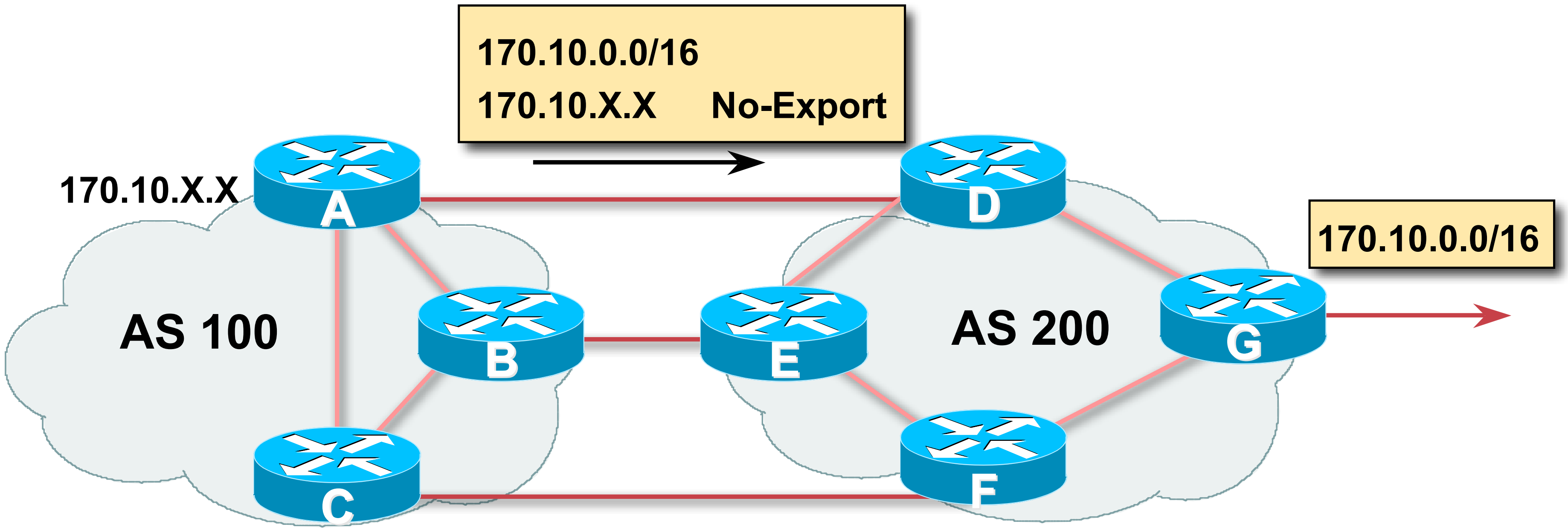
- **no-export-subconfed** **65535:65283**

  do not advertise outside local AS (only used with confederations)

- **no-peer** **65535:65284**

  do not advertise to bi-lateral peers (RFC3765)

No-Export Community

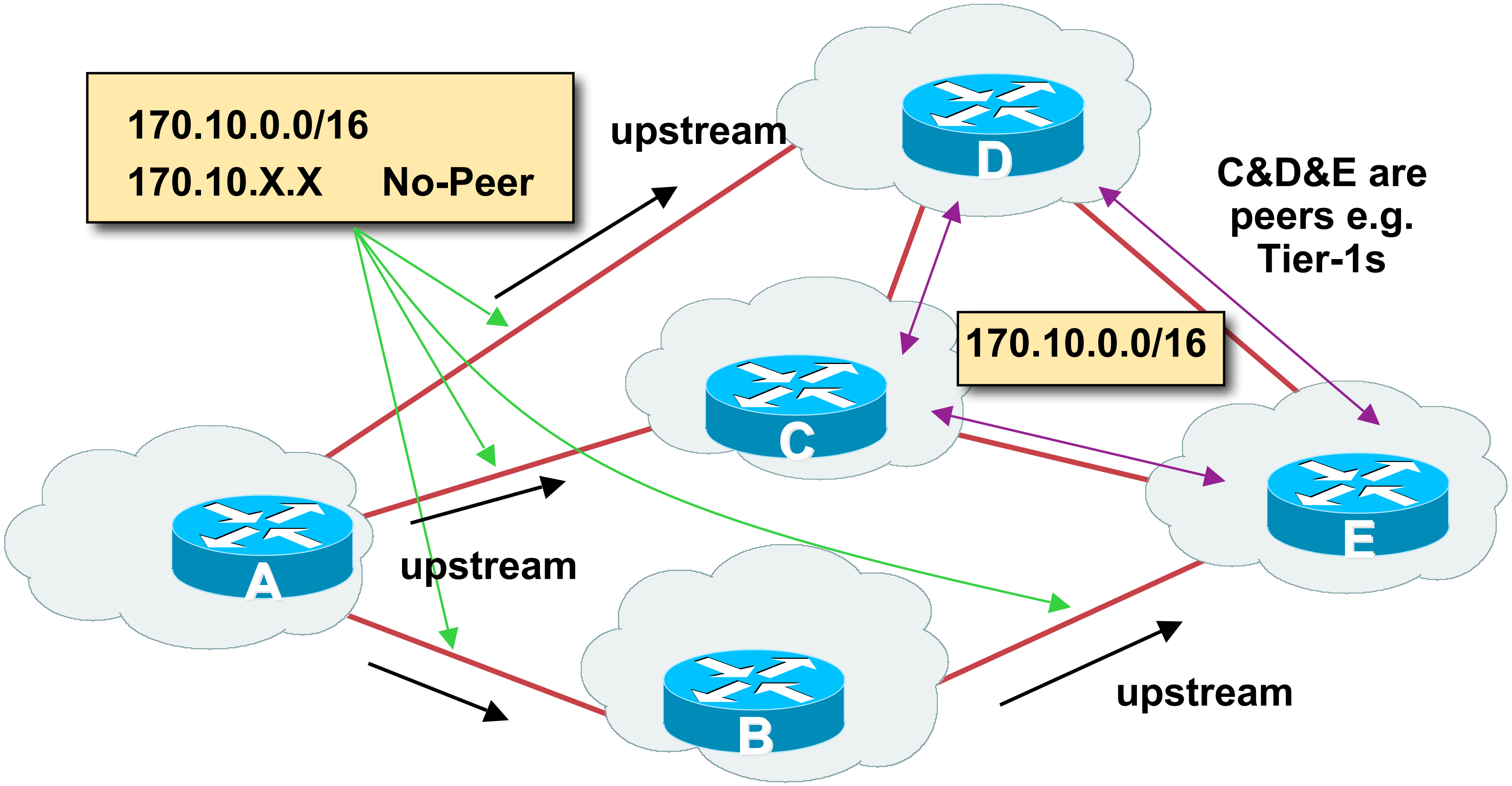


- **AS100 announces aggregate and subprefixes**

  aim is to improve loadsharing by leaking subprefixes

- **Subprefixes marked with no-export community**
- **Router G in AS200 does not announce prefixes with no-export community set**

No-Peer Community



- **Sub-prefixes marked with no-peer community are not sent to bi-lateral peers**

    They are only sent to upstream providers

Community
Implementation details

- **Community is an optional attribute**

  Some implementations send communities to iBGP peers by default, some do not

  Some implementations send communities to eBGP peers by default, some do not

- **Being careless can lead to community “confusion”**

  ISPs need consistent community policy within their own networks

  And they need to inform peers, upstreams and customers about their community expectations

BGP Path Selection Algorithm

Why Is This the Best Path?

BGP Path Selection Algorithm for IOS Part One

- Do not consider path if no route to next hop
- Do not consider iBGP path if not synchronised (Cisco IOS only)
- Highest weight (local to router)
- Highest local preference (global within AS)
- Prefer locally originated route
- Shortest AS path

BGP Path Selection Algorithm for IOS Part Two

- Lowest origin code

  IGP < EGP < incomplete

- Lowest Multi-Exit Discriminator (MED)

  If bgp deterministic-med, order the paths before comparing

  (BGP spec does not specify in which order the paths should be compared. This means best path depends on order in which the paths are compared.)

  If bgp always-compare-med, then compare for all paths

  otherwise MED only considered if paths are from the same AS (default)

BGP Path Selection Algorithm for IOS
Part Three

- Prefer eBGP path over iBGP path
- Path with lowest IGP metric to next-hop
- Lowest router-id (originator-id for reflected routes)
- Shortest Cluster-List

  Client must be aware of Route Reflector attributes!
- Lowest neighbour IP address

BGP Path Selection Algorithm

- **In multi-vendor environments:**
  - Make sure the path selection processes are understood for each brand of equipment
  - Each vendor has slightly different implementations, extra steps, extra features, etc
  - Watch out for possible MED confusion

Applying Policy with BGP

Controlling Traffic Flow & Traffic Engineering

Applying Policy in BGP: Why?

- **Network operators rarely "plug in routers and go"**
- **External relationships:**
  - **Control who they peer with**
  - **Control who they give transit to**
  - **Control who they get transit from**
- **Traffic flow control:**
  - **Efficiently use the scarce infrastructure resources (external link load balancing)**
  - **Congestion avoidance**
  - **Terminology: Traffic Engineering**

Applying Policy in BGP: How?

- **Policies are applied by:**
  - **Setting BGP attributes (local-pref, MED, AS-PATH, community), thereby influencing the path selection process**
  - **Advertising or Filtering prefixes**
  - **Advertising or Filtering prefixes according to ASN and AS-PATHs**
  - **Advertising or Filtering prefixes according to Community membership**

Applying Policy with BGP: Tools

- **Most implementations have tools to apply policies to BGP:**
  - **Prefix manipulation/filtering**
  - **AS-PATH manipulation/filtering**
  - **Community Attribute setting and matching**
- **Implementations also have policy language which can do various match/set constructs on the attributes of chosen BGP routes**

BGP Capabilities

Extending BGP

BGP Capabilities

- Documented in RFC2842
- Capabilities parameters passed in BGP open message
- Unknown or unsupported capabilities will result in NOTIFICATION message
- Codes:

    0 to 63 are assigned by IANA by IETF consensus

    64 to 127 are assigned by IANA “first come first served”

    128 to 255 are vendor specific

BGP Capabilities

Current capabilities are:

0	Reserved	[RFC3392]
1	Multiprotocol Extensions for BGP-4	[RFC4760]
2	Route Refresh Capability for BGP-4	[RFC2918]
3	Cooperative Route Filtering Capability	[ID]
4	Multiple routes to a destination capability	[RFC3107]
64	Graceful Restart Capability	[RFC4724]
65	Support for 4 octet ASNs	[RFC4893]
66	Deprecated 2003-03-06	
67	Support for Dynamic Capability	[ID]
68	Multisession BGP	[ID]

See www.iana.org/assignments/capability-codes

BGP Capabilities

- **Multiprotocol extensions**
  - This is a whole different world, allowing BGP to support more than IPv4 unicast routes
  - Examples include: v4 multicast, IPv6, v6 multicast, VPNs
  - Another tutorial (or many!)
- **Route refresh is a well known scaling technique – covered shortly**
- **32-bit ASNs have recently arrived**
- **The other capabilities are still in development or not widely implemented or deployed yet**

BGP for Internet Service Providers

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BGP Scaling Techniques

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- **How does a service provider:**
  - **Scale the iBGP mesh beyond a few peers?**
  - **Implement new policy without causing flaps and route churning?**
  - **Keep the network stable, scalable, as well as simple?**

BGP Scaling Techniques

- **Route Refresh**
- **Route Reflectors**
- **(Confederations)**
- **Why Route Flap Damping is considered harmful**

Dynamic Reconfiguration

Route Refresh

Route Refresh

- **BGP peer reset required after every policy change**

  Because the router does not store prefixes which are rejected by policy

- **Hard BGP peer reset:**

  Terminates BGP peering & Consumes CPU

  Severely disrupts connectivity for all networks

- **Soft BGP peer reset (or Route Refresh):**

  BGP peering remains active

  Impacts only those prefixes affected by policy change

Route Refresh Capability

- Facilitates non-disruptive policy changes
- For most implementations, no configuration is needed
  - Automatically negotiated at peer establishment
- No additional memory is used
- Requires peering routers to support “route refresh capability” – RFC2918

Dynamic Reconfiguration

- Use Route Refresh capability if supported

  find out from the BGP neighbour status display

  Non-disruptive, “Good For the Internet”

- If not supported, see if implementation has a workaround
- Only hard-reset a BGP peering as a last resort

Consider the impact to be equivalent to a router reboot

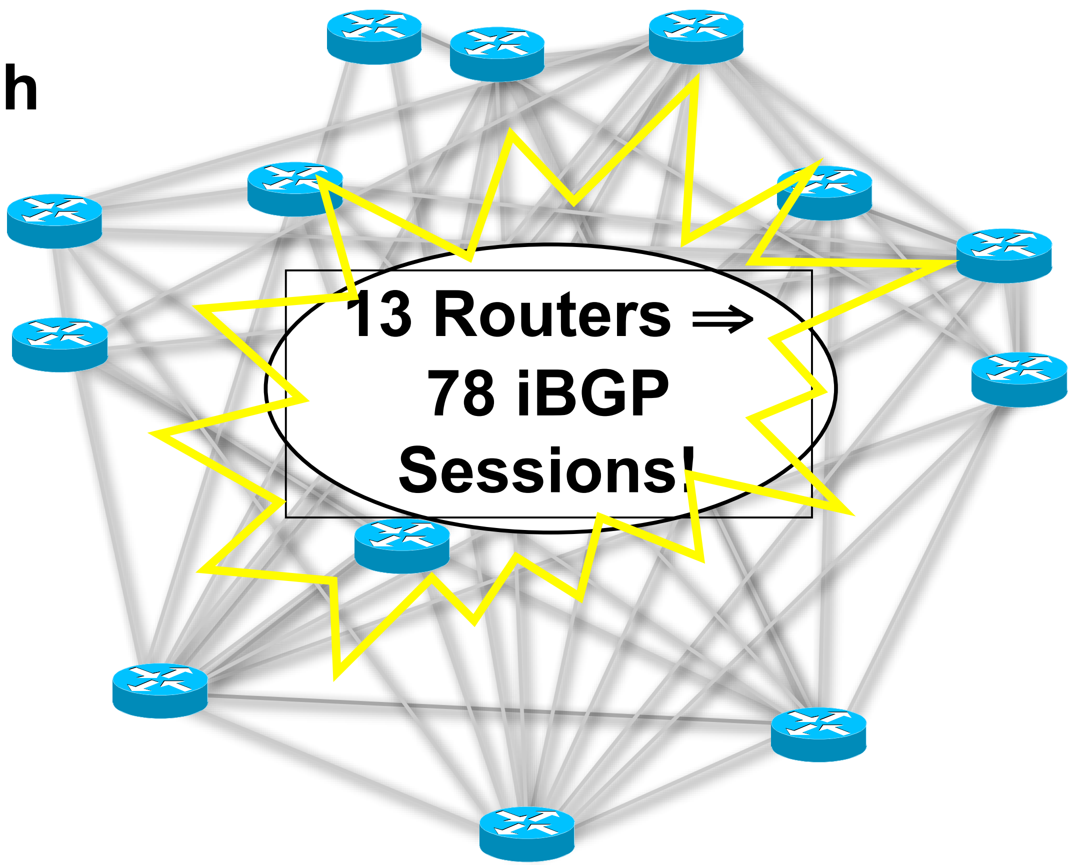
Route Reflectors

Scaling the iBGP mesh

Scaling iBGP mesh

Avoid ½n(n-1) iBGP mesh

n=1000 ⇒ nearly half a million iBGP sessions!

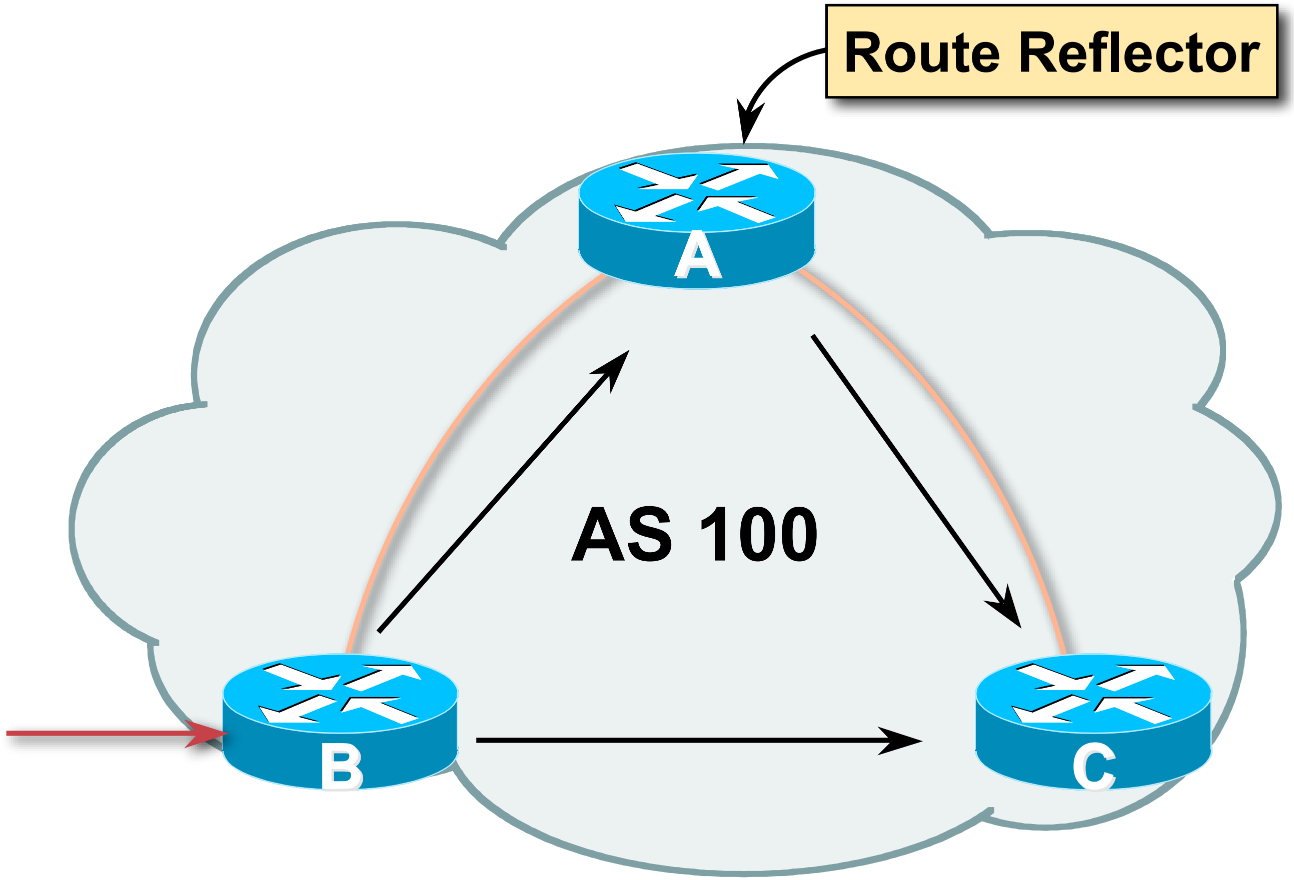


Two solutions

Route reflector – simpler to deploy and run

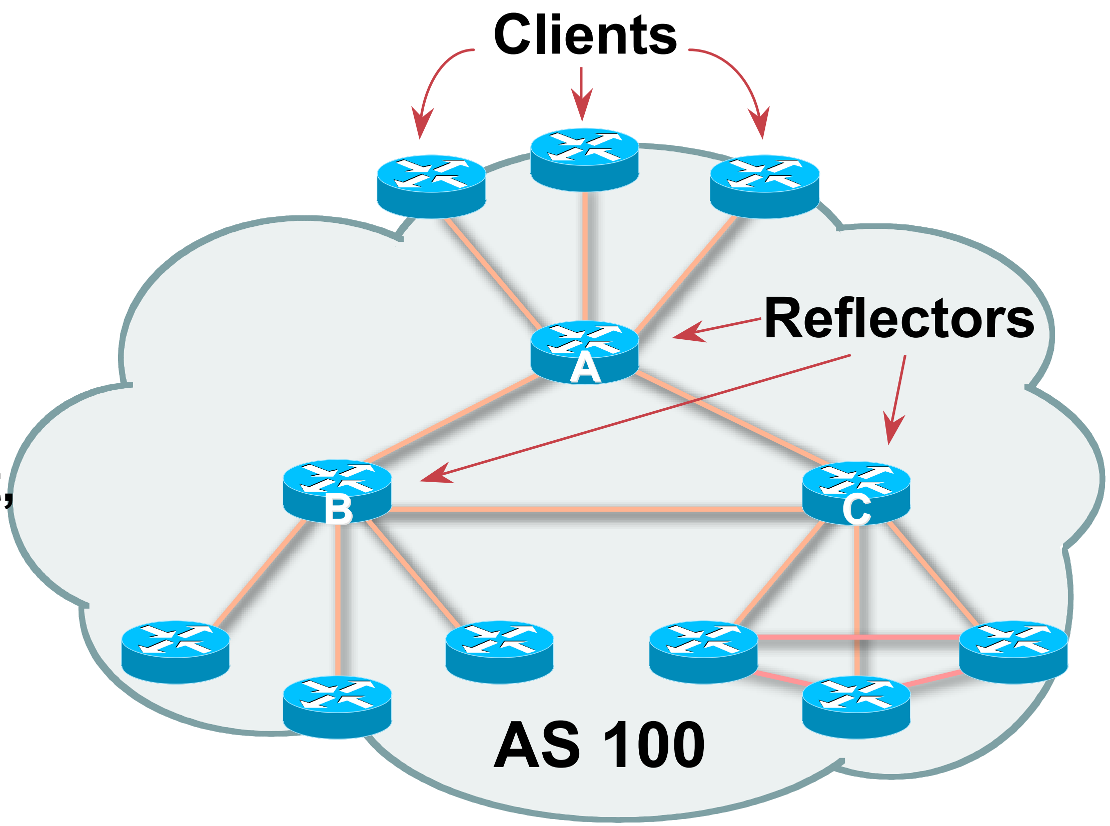
Confederation – more complex, has corner case advantages

Route Reflector: Principle



Route Reflector

- Reflector receives path from clients and non-clients
- Selects best path
- If best path is from client, reflect to other clients and non-clients
- If best path is from non-client, reflect to clients only
- Non-meshed clients
- Described in RFC4456



Route Reflector: Topology

- Divide the backbone into multiple clusters
- At least one route reflector and few clients per cluster
- Route reflectors are fully meshed
- Clients in a cluster could be fully meshed
- Single IGP to carry next hop and local routes

Route Reflector: Loop Avoidance

- **Originator_ID attribute**

  Carries the RID of the originator of the route in the local AS (created by the RR)

- **Cluster_list attribute**

  The local cluster-id is added when the update is sent by the RR

  Best to set cluster-id is from router-id (address of loopback)

  (Some ISPs use their own cluster-id assignment strategy – but needs to be well documented!)

Route Reflector: Redundancy

- **Multiple RRs can be configured in the same cluster – not advised!**

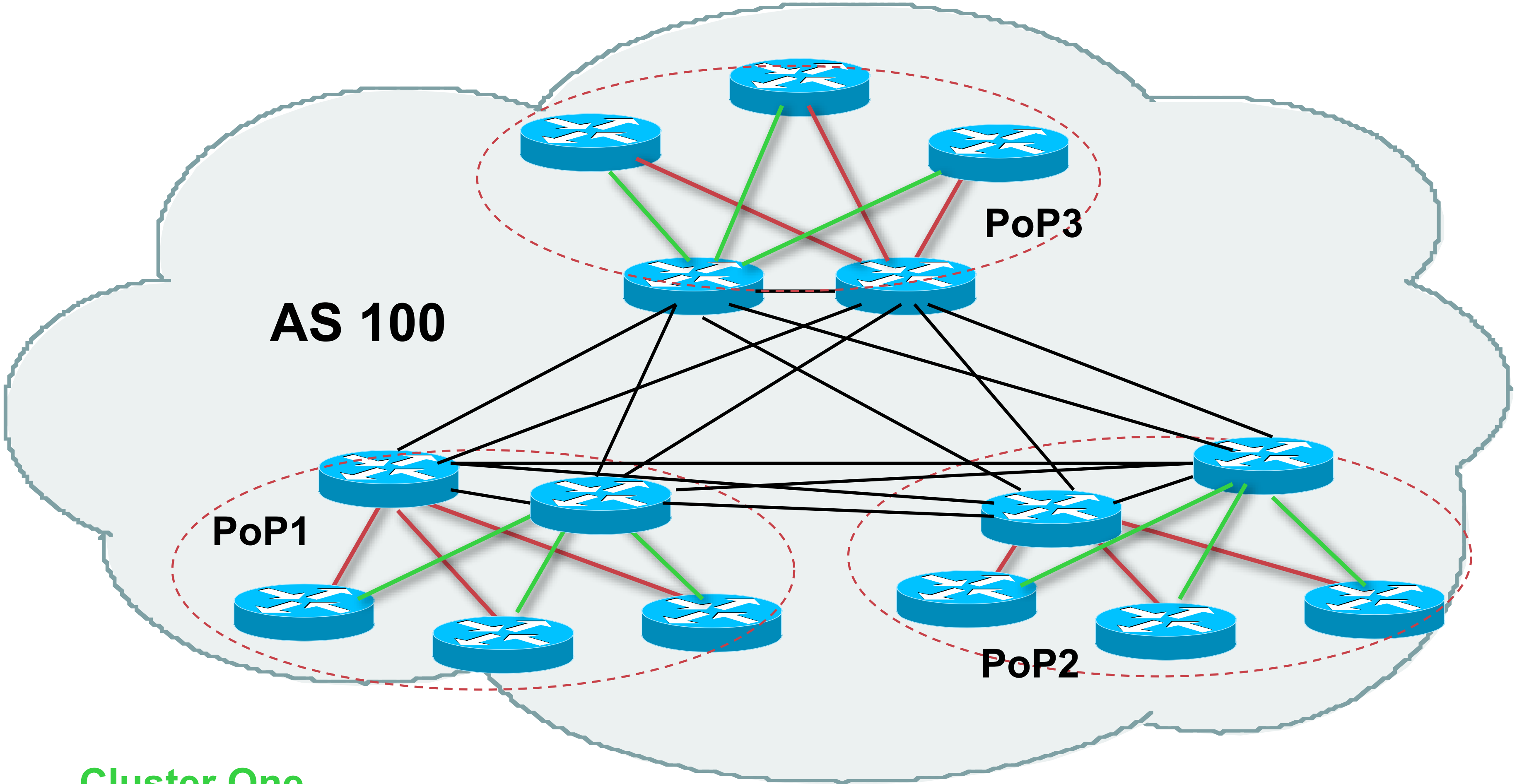
  All RRs in the cluster must have the same cluster-id (otherwise it is a different cluster)

- **A router may be a client of RRs in different clusters**

  Common today in ISP networks to overlay two clusters – redundancy achieved that way

  → Each client has two RRs = redundancy

Route Reflector: Redundancy



Cluster One

Cluster Two

Route Reflector: Benefits

- Solves iBGP mesh problem
- Packet forwarding is not affected
- Normal BGP speakers co-exist
- Multiple reflectors for redundancy
- Easy migration
- Multiple levels of route reflectors

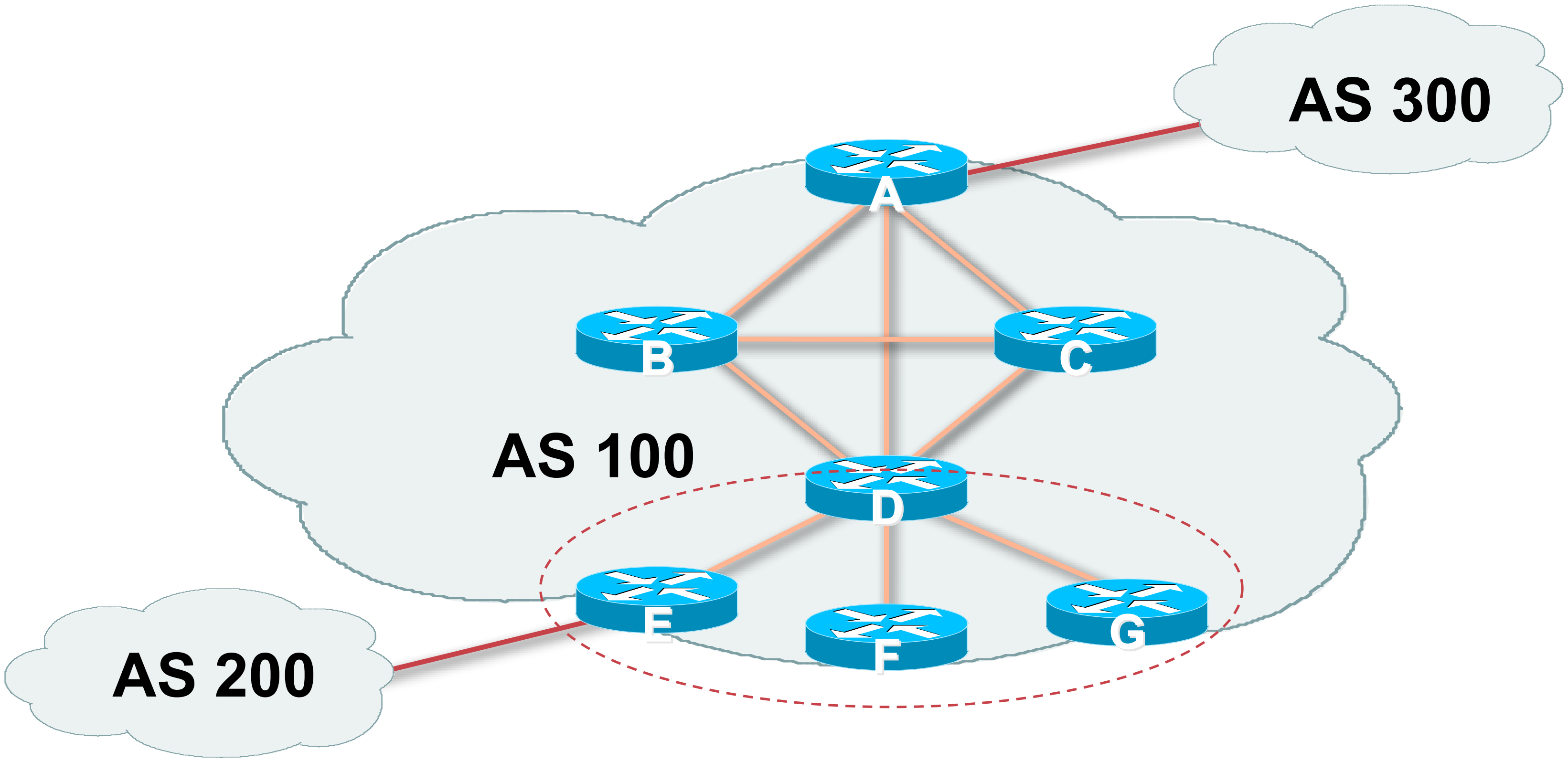
Route Reflector: Deployment

- **Where to place the route reflectors?**
  - **Always follow the physical topology!**
  - **This will guarantee that the packet forwarding won't be affected**
- **Typical ISP network:**
  - **PoP has two core routers**
  - **Core routers are RR for the PoP**
  - **Two overlaid clusters**

Route Reflector: Migration

- Typical ISP network:
  - Core routers have fully meshed iBGP
  - Create further hierarchy if core mesh too big
    - Split backbone into regions
- Configure one cluster pair at a time
  - Eliminate redundant iBGP sessions
  - Place maximum one RR per cluster
  - Easy migration, multiple levels

Route Reflector: Migration



- **Migrate small parts of the network, one part at a time**

BGP Confederations

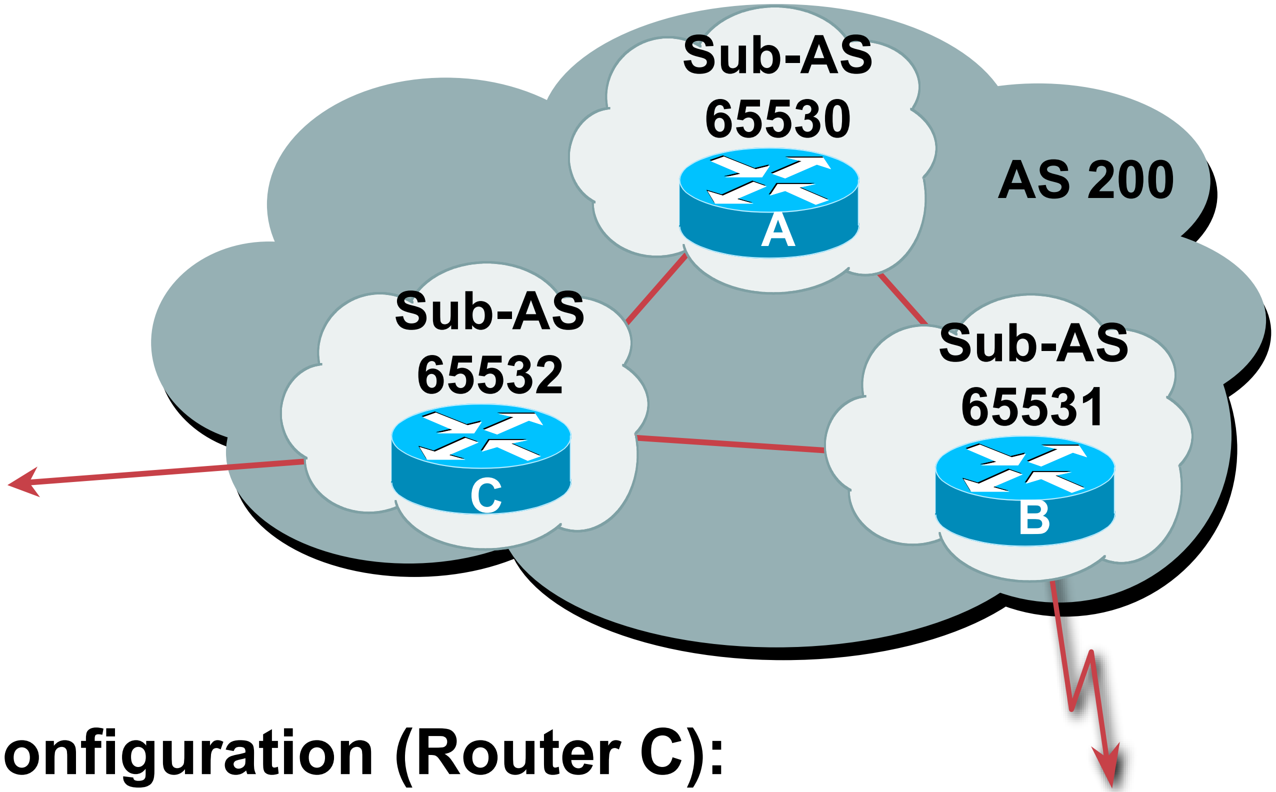
Confederations

- Divide the AS into sub-AS
  - eBGP between sub-AS, but some iBGP information is kept
    - Preserve NEXT_HOP across the sub-AS (IGP carries this information)
    - Preserve LOCAL_PREF and MED
- Usually a single IGP
- Described in RFC3065

Confederations (Cont.)

- **Visible to outside world as single AS – "Confederation Identifier"**
  - **Each sub-AS uses a number from the private AS range (64512-65534)**
- **iBGP speakers in each sub-AS are fully meshed**
  - **The total number of neighbours is reduced by limiting the full mesh requirement to only the peers in the sub-AS**
  - **Can also use Route-Reflector within sub-AS**

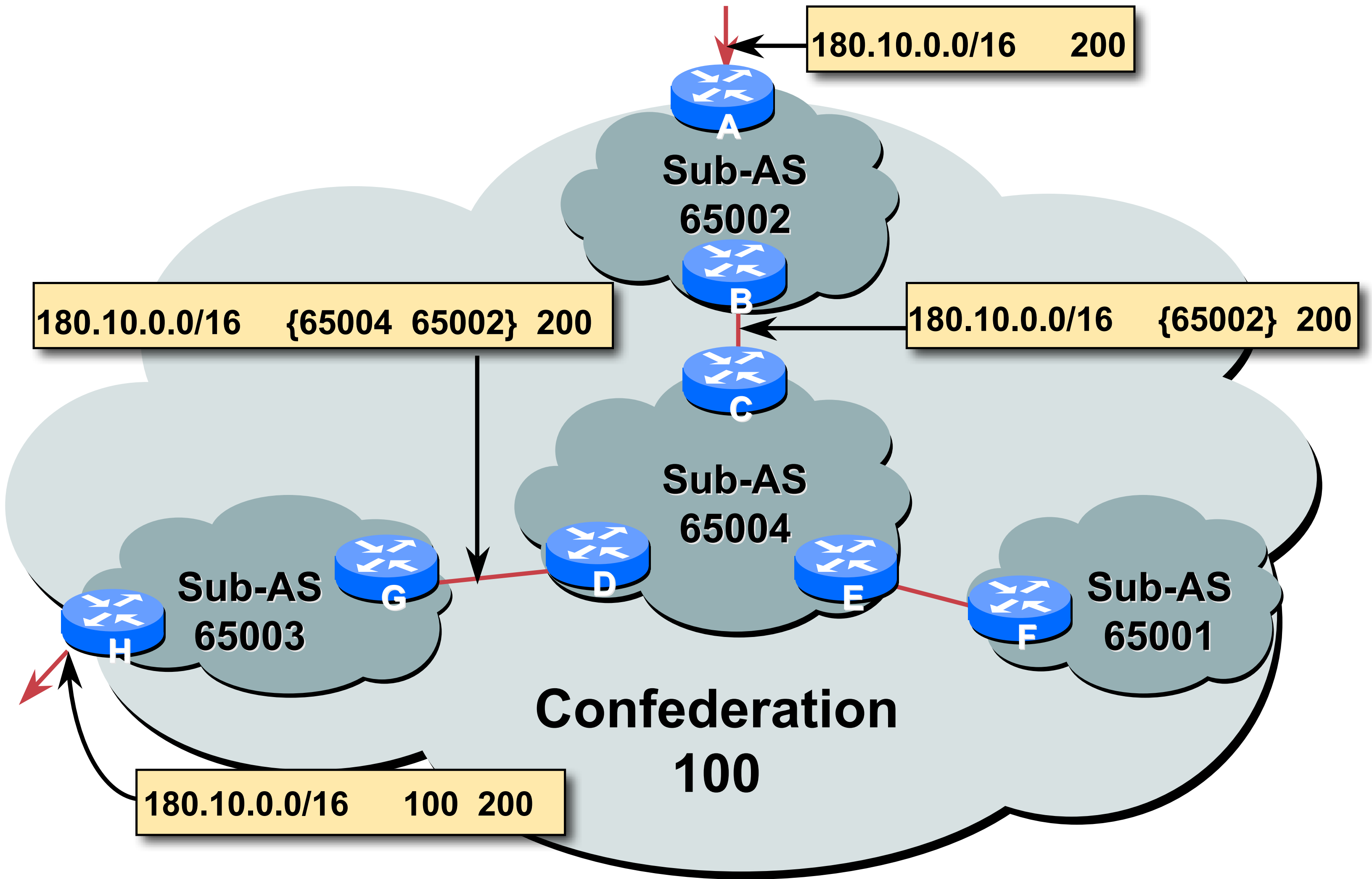
Confederations



- **Configuration (Router C):**

```
router bgp 65532
 bgp confederation identifier 200
 bgp confederation peers 65530 65531
 neighbor 141.153.12.1 remote-as 65530
 neighbor 141.153.17.2 remote-as 65531
```

Confederations: AS-Sequence



Route Propagation Decisions

- **Same as with “normal” BGP:**
  - From peer in same sub-AS → only to external peers
  - From external peers → to all neighbors
- **“External peers” refers to**
  - Peers outside the confederation
  - Peers in a different sub-AS
    - Preserve LOCAL_PREF, MED and NEXT_HOP

RRs or Confederations

	Internet Connectivity	Multi-Level Hierarchy	Policy Control	Scalability	Migration Complexity
Confederations	Anywhere in the Network	Yes	Yes	Medium	Medium to High
Route Reflectors	Anywhere in the Network	Yes	Yes	Very High	Very Low

Most new service provider networks now deploy Route Reflectors from Day One

More points about Confederations

- **Can ease "absorbing" other ISPs into you ISP – e.g., if one ISP buys another**
  - **Or can use AS masquerading feature available in some implementations to do a similar thing**
- **Can use route-reflectors with confederation sub-AS to reduce the sub-AS iBGP mesh**

Route Flap Damping

Network Stability for the 1990s

Network Instability for the 21st Century!

Route Flap Damping

- For many years, Route Flap Damping was a strongly recommended practice
- Now it is strongly discouraged as it appears to cause far greater network instability than it cures
- But first, the theory…

Route Flap Damping

- **Route flap**
  - Going up and down of path or change in attribute
    - BGP WITHDRAW followed by UPDATE = 1 flap
    - eBGP neighbour going down/up is NOT a flap
  - Ripples through the entire Internet
  - Wastes CPU
- **Damping aims to reduce scope of route flap propagation**

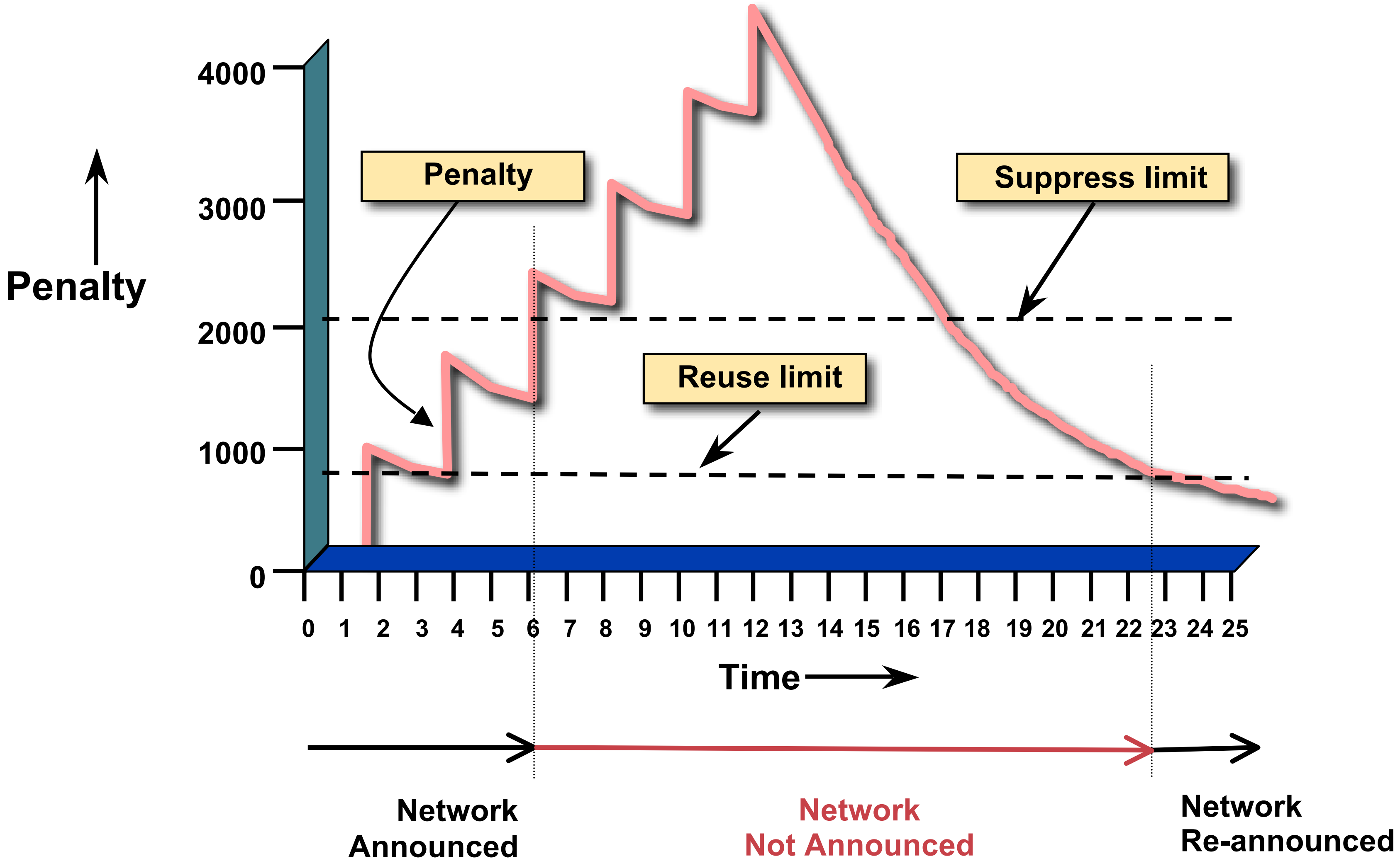
Route Flap Damping (continued)

- **Requirements**
  - Fast convergence for normal route changes
  - History predicts future behaviour
  - Suppress oscillating routes
  - Advertise stable routes
- **Implementation described in RFC 2439**

Operation

- Add penalty (1000) for each flap
  - Change in attribute gets penalty of 500
- Exponentially decay penalty
  - half life determines decay rate
- Penalty above suppress-limit
  - do not advertise route to BGP peers
- Penalty decayed below reuse-limit
  - re-advertise route to BGP peers
  - penalty reset to zero when it is half of reuse-limit

Operation



Penalty
4000
3000
2000
1000
0
Penalty
Suppress limit
Reuse limit
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
Time
Network Announced
Network Not Announced
Network Re-announced

Operation

- Only applied to inbound announcements from eBGP peers
- Alternate paths still usable
- Controllable by at least:

  Half-life

  reuse-limit

  suppress-limit

  maximum suppress time

Configuration

- **Implementations allow various policy control with flap damping**
  - **Fixed damping, same rate applied to all prefixes**
  - **Variable damping, different rates applied to different ranges of prefixes and prefix lengths**

Route Flap Damping History

- **First implementations on the Internet by 1995**
- **Vendor defaults too severe**

  RIPE Routing Working Group recommendations in ripe-178, ripe-210, and ripe-229

  http://www.ripe.net/ripe/docs

  But many ISPs simply switched on the vendors' default values without thinking

Serious Problems:

- "Route Flap Damping Exacerbates Internet Routing Convergence“

  Zhuoqing Morley Mao, Ramesh Govindan, George Varghese & Randy H. Katz, August 2002

- “What is the sound of one route flapping?”

  Tim Griffin, June 2002

- Various work on routing convergence by Craig Labovitz and Abha Ahuja a few years ago

- “Happy Packets”

  Closely related work by Randy Bush *et al*

Problem 1:

- **One path flaps:**

  BGP speakers pick next best path, announce to all peers, flap counter incremented

  Those peers see change in best path, flap counter incremented

  After a few hops, peers see multiple changes simply caused by a single flap → prefix is suppressed

Problem 2:

- **Different BGP implementations have different transit time for prefixes**
  - Some hold onto prefix for some time before advertising
  - Others advertise immediately
- **Race to the finish line causes appearance of flapping, caused by a simple announcement or path change → prefix is suppressed**

Solution:

- Do NOT use Route Flap Damping whatever you do!
- RFD will unnecessarily impair access

  to your network and

  to the Internet
- More information contained in RIPE Routing Working Group recommendations:

  www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/ripe-378.[pdf,html,txt]

BGP for Internet Service Providers

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- Scaling BGP
- Using Communities
- Deploying BGP in an ISP network

Service Provider use of Communities

Some examples of how ISPs make life easier for themselves

BGP Communities

- **Another ISP "scaling technique"**
- **Prefixes are grouped into different "classes" or communities within the ISP network**
- **Each community means a different thing, has a different result in the ISP network**

BGP Communities

- **Communities are generally set at the edge of the ISP network**
  - **Customer edge: customer prefixes belong to different communities depending on the services they have purchased**
  - **Internet edge: transit provider prefixes belong to difference communities, depending on the loadsharing or traffic engineering requirements of the local ISP, or what the demands from its BGP customers might be**
- **Two simple examples follow to explain the concept**

Community Example: Customer Edge

- This demonstrates how communities might be used at the customer edge of an ISP network
- ISP has three connections to the Internet:

    IXP connection, for local peers

    Private peering with a competing ISP in the region

    Transit provider, who provides visibility to the entire Internet

- Customers have the option of purchasing combinations of the above connections

Community Example: Customer Edge

- **Community assignments:**

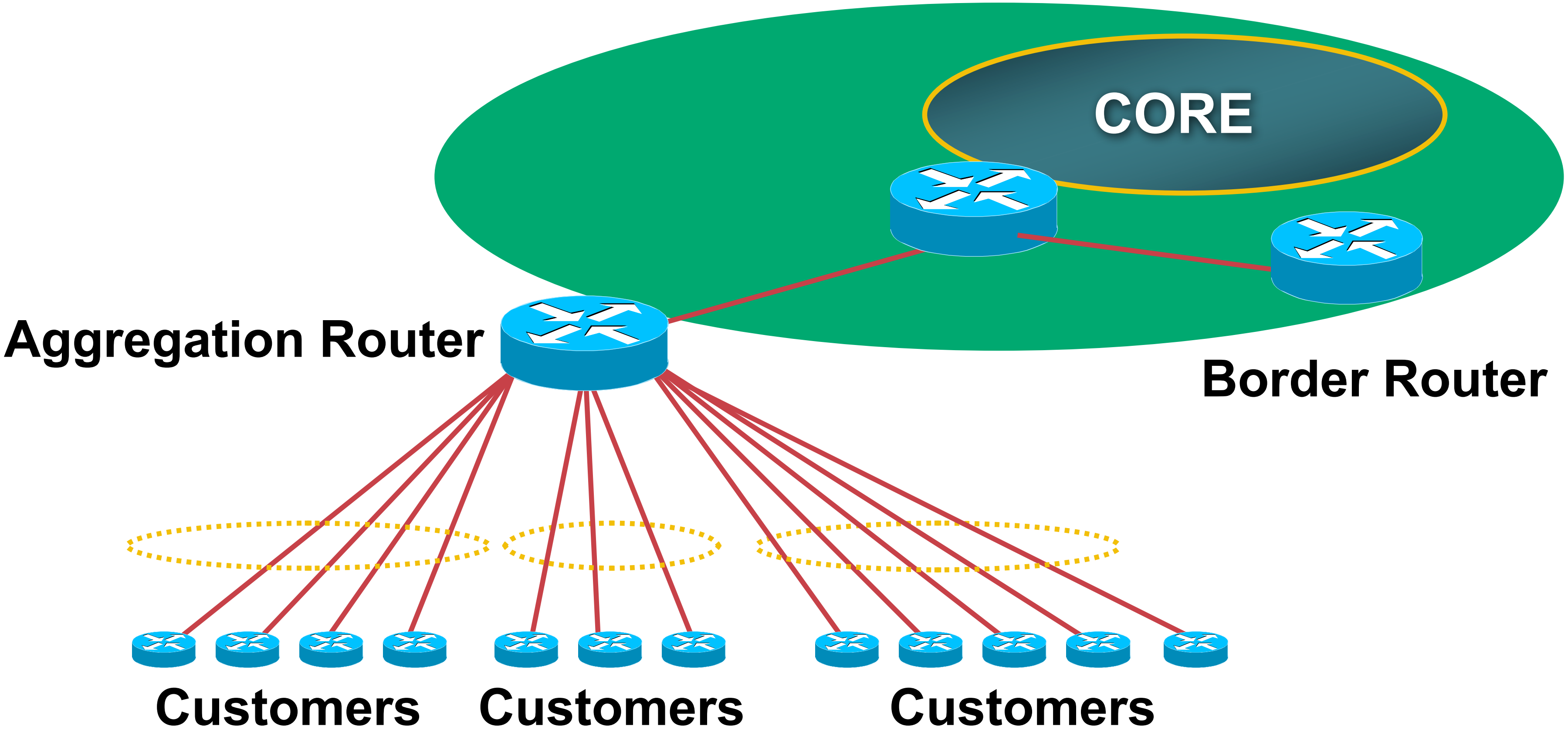
  IXP connection: **community 100:2100**

  Private peer: **community 100:2200**

- **Customer who buys local connectivity (via IXP) is put in community 100:2100**
- **Customer who buys peer connectivity is put in community 100:2200**
- **Customer who wants both IXP and peer connectivity is put in 100:2100 and 100:2200**
- **Customer who wants “the Internet” has no community set**

  We are going to announce his prefix everywhere

Community Example: Customer Edge



Communities set at the aggregation router where the prefix is injected into the ISP's iBGP

Community Example: Customer Edge

- **No need to alter filters at the network border when adding a new customer**
- **New customer simply is added to the appropriate community**

    Border filters already in place take care of announcements

    ⇒ Ease of operation!

Community Example: Internet Edge

- This demonstrates how communities might be used at the peering edge of an ISP network
- ISP has four types of BGP peers:
  - Customer
  - IXP peer
  - Private peer
  - Transit provider
- The prefixes received from each can be classified using communities
- Customers can opt to receive any or all of the above

Community Example: Internet Edge

- **Community assignments:**

Customer prefix:	community 100:3000
IXP prefix:	community 100:3100
Private peer prefix:	community 100:3200

- **BGP customer who buys local connectivity gets 100:3000**
- **BGP customer who buys local and IXP connectivity receives community 100:3000 and 100:3100**
- **BGP customer who buys full peer connectivity receives community 100:3000, 100:3100, and 100:3200**
- **Customer who wants "the Internet" gets everything**

  Gets default route originated by aggregation router

  Or pays money to get all 220k prefixes

Community Example: Internet Edge

- **No need to create customised filters when adding customers**

  Border router already sets communities

  Installation engineers pick the appropriate community set when establishing the customer BGP session

  ⇒ Ease of operation!

Community Example – Summary

- **Two examples of customer edge and internet edge can be combined to form a simple community solution for ISP prefix policy control**
- **More experienced operators tend to have more sophisticated options available**

    Advice is to start with the easy examples given, and then proceed onwards as experience is gained

Some ISP Examples

- **ISPs also create communities to give customers bigger routing policy control**
- **Public policy is usually listed in the IRR**
  - **Following examples are all in the IRR**
  - **Examples build on the configuration concepts from the introductory example**
- **Consider creating communities to give policy control to customers**
  - **Reduces technical support burden**
  - **Reduces the amount of router reconfiguration, and the chance of mistakes**

Some ISP Examples: Sprintlink

Welcome to Sprint.net

http://www.sprint.net/index.php?module=policies/bgp_policy

WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL

AS-PATH PREPENDS

Sprint allows customers to use AS-path prepending to adjust route preference on the network. Such prepending will be received and passed on properly without notifiying Sprint of your change in announcments.

Additionally, Sprint will prepend AS1239 to eBGP sessions with certain autonomous systems depending on a received community. Currently, the following ASes are supported: 1668, 209, 2914, 3300, 3356, 3549, 3561, 4635, 701, 7018, 702 and 8220.

String	Resulting AS Path to ASXXX
65000:XXX	Do not advertise to ASXXX
65001:XXX	1239 (default) ...
65002:XXX	1239 1239 ...
65003:XXX	1239 1239 1239 ...
65004:XXX	1239 1239 1239 1239 ...

String	Resulting AS Path to ASXXX in Asia
65070:XXX	Do not advertise to ASXXX
65071:XXX	1239 (default) ...
65072:XXX	1239 1239 ...
65073:XXX	1239 1239 1239 ...
65074:XXX	1239 1239 1239 1239 ...

String	Resulting AS Path to ASXXX in Europe
65050:XXX	Do not advertise to ASXXX
65051:XXX	1239 (default) ...
65052:XXX	1239 1239 ...
65053:XXX	1239 1239 1239 ...

More info at
www.sprintlink.net/policy/bgp.html

Some ISP Examples
AAPT

- Australian ISP
- Run their own Routing Registry

  Whois.connect.com.au

- Offer 6 different communities to customers to aid with their traffic engineering

Some ISP Examples
AAPT

```
aut-num:        AS2764
as-name:        ASN-CONNECT-NET
descr:          AAPT Limited
admin-c:        CNO2-AP
tech-c:         CNO2-AP
remarks:        Community support definitions
remarks:
remarks:        Community  Definition
remarks:        ------------------------------------------------
remarks:        2764:2 Don't announce outside local POP
remarks:        2764:4 Lower local preference by 15
remarks:        2764:5 Lower local preference by 5
remarks:        2764:6 Announce to customers and all peers
                             (incl int'l peers), but not transit
remarks:        2764:7 Announce to customers only
remarks:        2764:14 Announce to AANX
notify:         routing@connect.com.au
mnt-by:         CONNECT-AU
changed:        nobody@connect.com.au 20050225
source:         CCAIR
```

More at http://info.connect.com.au/docs/routing/general/multi-faq.shtml#q13

Some ISP Examples
Verizon Business EMEA

- **Verizon Business' European operation**
- **Permits customers to send communities which determine**
  - **local preferences within Verizon Business' network**
  - **Reachability of the prefix**
  - **How the prefix is announced outside of Verizon Business' network**

Some ISP Examples
Verizon Business Europe

```
aut-num: AS702
descr:   Verizon Business EMEA - Commercial IP service provider in Eur
remarks: VzBi uses the following communities with its customers:
         702:80    Set Local Pref 80 within AS702
         702:120   Set Local Pref 120 within AS702
         702:20    Announce only to VzBi AS'es and VzBi customers
         702:30    Keep within Europe, don't announce to other VzBi AS
         702:1     Prepend AS702 once at edges of VzBi to Peers
         702:2     Prepend AS702 twice at edges of VzBi to Peers
         702:3     Prepend AS702 thrice at edges of VzBi to Peers
         Advanced communities for customers
         702:7020  Do not announce to AS702 peers with a scope of
                   National but advertise to Global Peers, European
                   Peers and VzBi customers.
         702:7001  Prepend AS702 once at edges of VzBi to AS702
                   peers with a scope of National.
         702:7002  Prepend AS702 twice at edges of VzBi to AS702
                   peers with a scope of  National.
(more)
```

Some ISP Examples
VzBi Europe

```
(more)
          702:7003 Prepend AS702 thrice at edges of VzBi to AS702
                   peers with a scope  of National.
          702:8020 Do not announce to AS702 peers with a scope of
                   European but advertise to Global Peers, National
                   Peers and VzBi  customers.
          702:8001 Prepend AS702 once at edges of VzBi to AS702
                   peers with a scope of European.
          702:8002 Prepend AS702 twice at edges of VzBi to AS702
                   peers with a scope of  European.
          702:8003 Prepend AS702 thrice at edges of VzBi to AS702
                   peers with a scope  of European.
          -------------------------------------------------------------
          Additional details of the VzBi communities are located at:
          http://www.verizonbusiness.com/uk/customer/bgp/
          -------------------------------------------------------------
mnt-by:   WCOM-EMEA-RICE-MNT
source:   RIPE
```

Some ISP Examples
BT Ignite

- **One of the most comprehensive community lists around**

  Seems to be based on definitions originally used in Tiscali’s network

  whois –h whois.ripe.net AS5400 reveals all

- **Extensive community definitions allow sophisticated traffic engineering by customers**

Some ISP Examples
BT Ignite

```
aut-num:      AS5400
descr:        BT Ignite European Backbone
remarks:
remarks:      Community to                        Community to
remarks:      Not announce      To peer:          AS prepend 5400
remarks:
remarks:      5400:1000 All peers & Transits      5400:2000
remarks:
remarks:      5400:1500 All Transits              5400:2500
remarks:      5400:1501 Sprint Transit (AS1239)   5400:2501
remarks:      5400:1502 SAVVIS Transit (AS3561)   5400:2502
remarks:      5400:1503 Level 3 Transit (AS3356)  5400:2503
remarks:      5400:1504 AT&T Transit (AS7018)     5400:2504
remarks:      5400:1506 GlobalCrossing Trans(AS3549) 5400:2506
remarks:
remarks:      5400:1001 Nexica (AS24592)          5400:2001
remarks:      5400:1002 Fujitsu (AS3324)          5400:2002
remarks:      5400:1004 C&W EU (1273)             5400:2004
<snip>
notify:       notify@eu.bt.net
mnt-by:       CIP-MNT
source:       RIPE
```

And many many more!

Some ISP Examples
Carrier1

- **European ISP**
- **Another very comprehensive list of community definitions**

  whois –h whois.ripe.net AS8918 reveals all

Some ISP Examples
Carrier1

```
aut-num:    AS8918
descr:      Carrier1 Autonomous System
<snip>
remarks:    Community  Definition
remarks:    *
remarks:    8918:2000  Do not announce to C1 customers
remarks:    8918:2010  Do not announce to C1 peers, peers+ and transit
remarks:    8918:2015  Do not announce to C1 transit providers
remarks:    *
remarks:    8918:2020  Do not announce to Teleglobe (AS 6453)
remarks:    8918:2035  Do not announce to UUNet     (AS 702)
remarks:    8918:2050  Do not announce to T-Systems (AS 3320)
remarks:    8918:2060  Do not announce to JointTransit (AS 24785/20562)
remarks:    *
remarks:    8918:2070  Do not announce to AMS-IX peers
remarks:    8918:2080  Do not announce to NL-IX peers
<snip>
notify:     inoc@carrier1.net
mnt-by:     CARRIER1-MNT
source:     RIPE
```

And many many more!

Some ISP Examples
Level 3

- **Highly detailed AS object held on the RIPE Routing Registry**
- **Also a very comprehensive list of community definitions**

  whois –h whois.ripe.net AS3356 reveals all

Some ISP Examples
Level 3

```
aut-num:        AS3356
descr:          Level 3 Communications
<snip>
remarks:        --------------------------------------------------------
remarks:        customer traffic engineering communities - Suppression
remarks:        --------------------------------------------------------
remarks:        64960:XXX - announce to AS XXX if 65000:0
remarks:        65000:0   - announce to customers but not to peers
remarks:        65000:XXX - do not announce at peerings to AS XXX
remarks:        --------------------------------------------------------
remarks:        customer traffic engineering communities - Prepending
remarks:        --------------------------------------------------------
remarks:        65001:0   - prepend once  to all peers
remarks:        65001:XXX - prepend once  at peerings to AS XXX
<snip>
remarks:        3356:70   - set local preference to 70
remarks:        3356:80   - set local preference to 80
remarks:        3356:90   - set local preference to 90
remarks:        3356:9999 - blackhole (discard) traffic
<snip>
mnt-by:         LEVEL3-MNT
source:         RIPE
```

And many many more!

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Deploying BGP in an ISP Network

Okay, so we've learned all about BGP now; how do we use it on our network??

Deploying BGP

- The role of IGPs and iBGP
- Aggregation
- Receiving Prefixes
- Configuration Tips

The role of IGP and iBGP

Ships in the night?

Or

Good foundations?

BGP versus OSPF/ISIS

- Internal Routing Protocols (IGPs)

  examples are ISIS and OSPF

  used for carrying infrastructure addresses

  NOT used for carrying Internet prefixes or customer prefixes

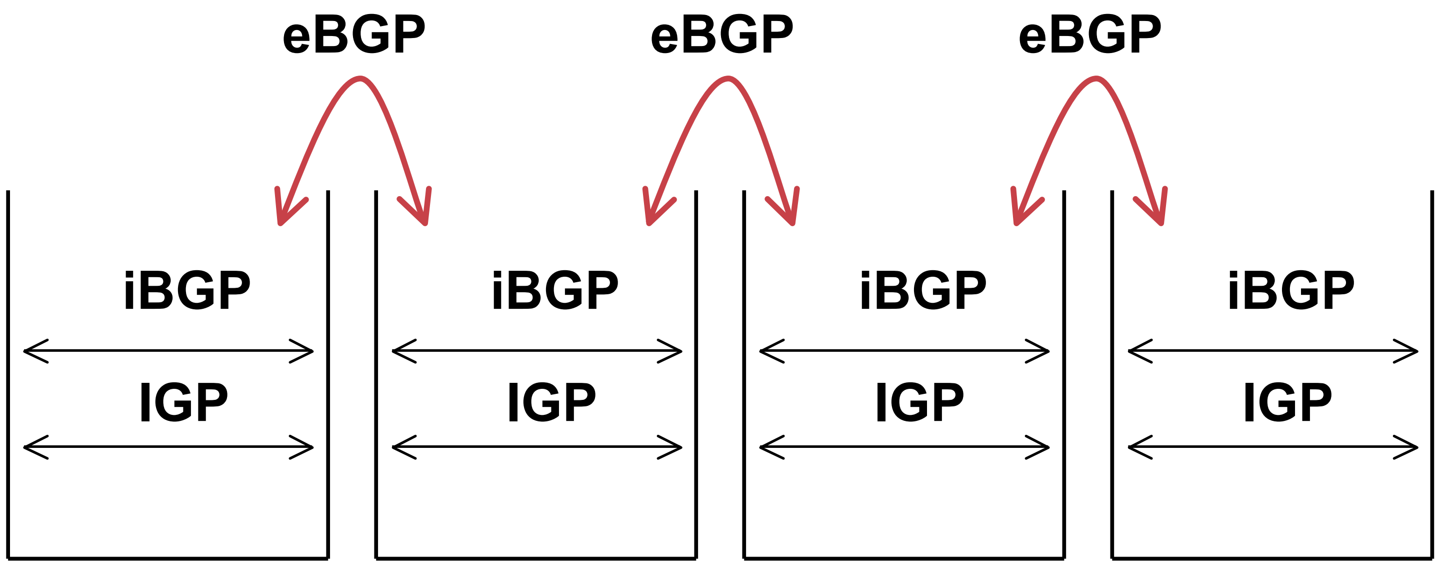
  design goal is to minimise number of prefixes in IGP to aid scalability and rapid convergence

BGP versus OSPF/ISIS

- **BGP used internally (iBGP) and externally (eBGP)**
- **iBGP used to carry**
  - **some/all Internet prefixes across backbone**
  - **customer prefixes**
- **eBGP used to**
  - **exchange prefixes with other ASes**
  - **implement routing policy**

BGP/IGP model used in ISP networks

- **Model representation**



BGP versus OSPF/ISIS

- **DO NOT:**
  - **distribute BGP prefixes into an IGP**
  - **distribute IGP routes into BGP**
  - **use an IGP to carry customer prefixes**
- **YOUR NETWORK WILL NOT SCALE**

Injecting prefixes into iBGP

- **Use iBGP to carry customer prefixes**

  Don't ever use IGP

- **Point static route to customer interface**
- **Enter network into BGP process**

  Ensure that implementation options are used so that the prefix always remains in iBGP, regardless of state of interface

  i.e. avoid iBGP flaps caused by interface flaps

Aggregation

Quality or Quantity?

Aggregation

- **Aggregation means announcing the address block received from the RIR to the other ASes connected to your network**
- **Subprefixes of this aggregate *may* be:**
  - **Used internally in the ISP network**
  - **Announced to other ASes to aid with multihoming**
- **Unfortunately too many people are still thinking about class Cs, resulting in a proliferation of /24s in the Internet routing table**

Aggregation

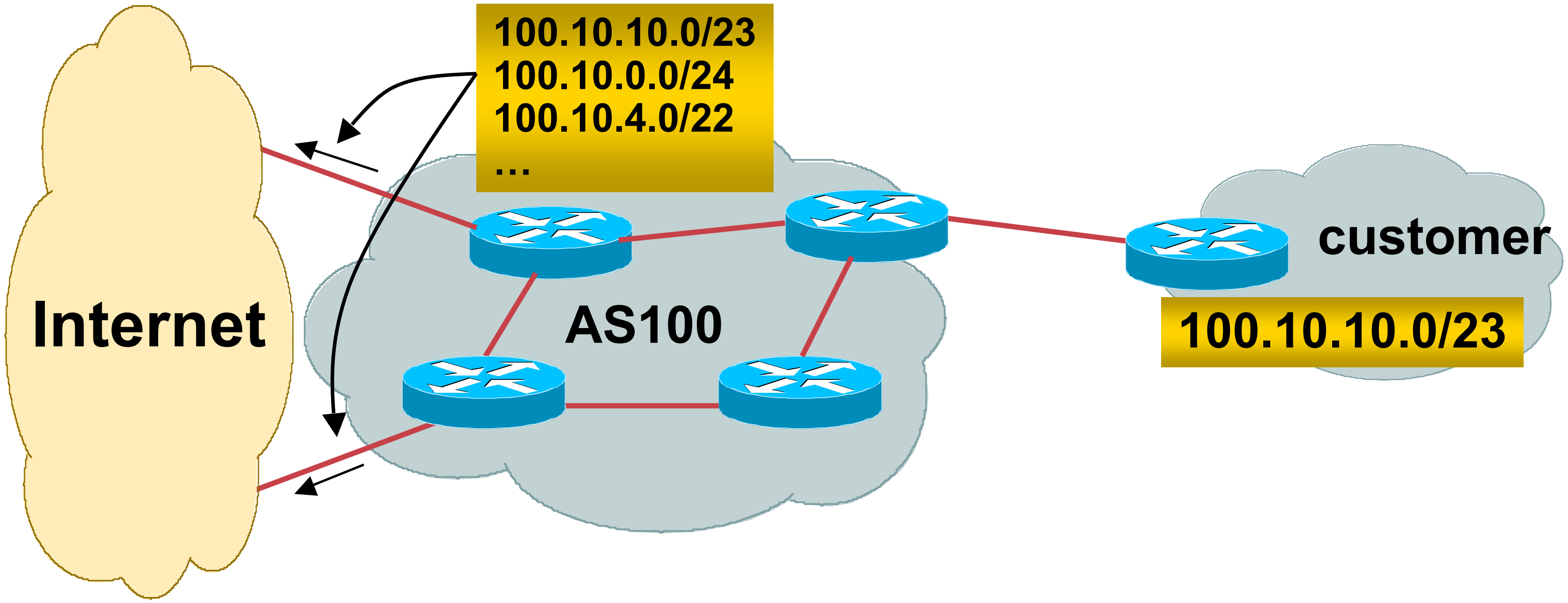
- **Address block should be announced to the Internet as an aggregate**
- **Subprefixes of address block should NOT be announced to Internet unless special circumstances (more later)**
- **Aggregate should be generated internally**

  Not on the network borders!

Announcing an Aggregate

- ISPs who don’t and won’t aggregate are held in poor regard by community
- Registries publish their minimum allocation size
  - Anything from a /20 to a /22 depending on RIR
- No real reason to see anything longer than a /22 prefix in the Internet
  - BUT there are currently >117000 /24s!

Aggregation – Example

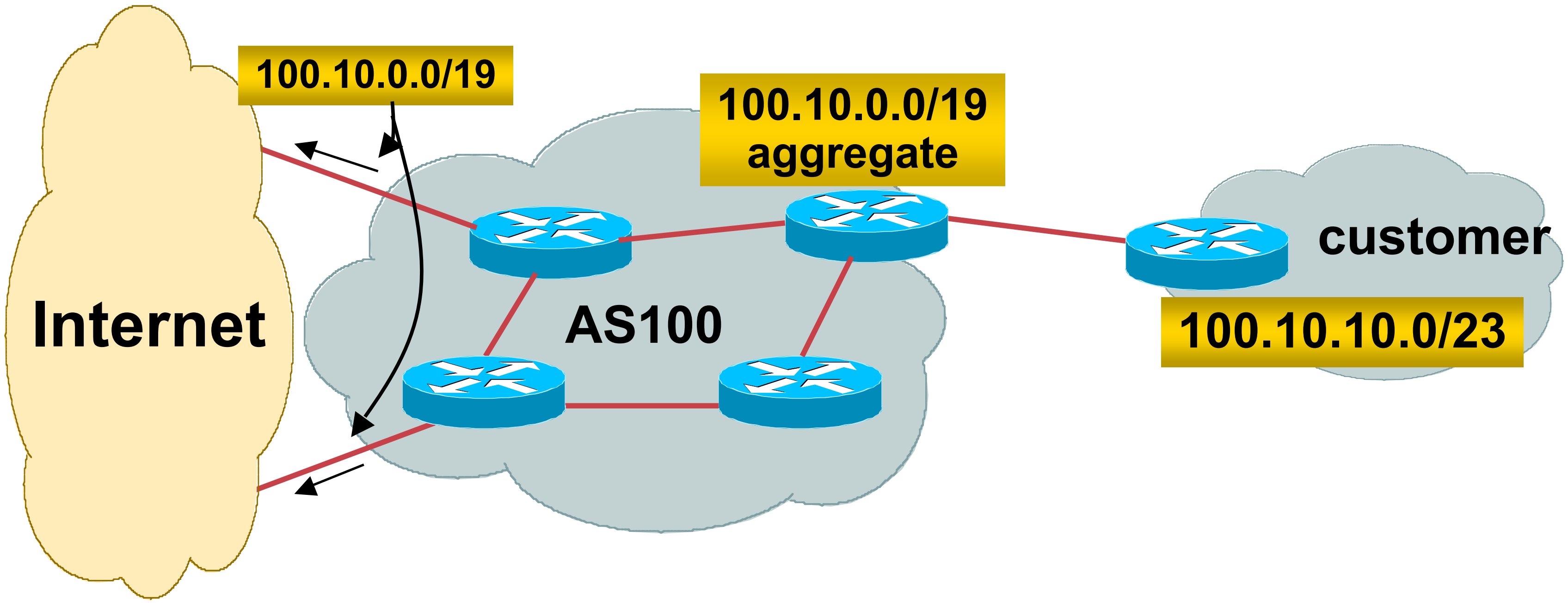


- Customer has /23 network assigned from AS100's /19 address block
- AS100 announces customers' individual networks to the Internet

Aggregation – Bad Example

- **Customer link goes down**
  - Their /23 network becomes unreachable
  - /23 is withdrawn from AS100's iBGP
- **Their ISP doesn't aggregate its /19 network block**
  - /23 network withdrawal announced to peers
  - starts rippling through the Internet
  - added load on all Internet backbone routers as network is removed from routing table
- **Customer link returns**
  - Their /23 network is now visible to their ISP
  - Their /23 network is re-advertised to peers
  - Starts rippling through Internet
  - Load on Internet backbone routers as network is reinserted into routing table
  - Some ISP's suppress the flaps
  - Internet may take 10-20 min or longer to be visible
  - Where is the Quality of Service???

Aggregation – Example



- Customer has /23 network assigned from AS100's /19 address block
- AS100 announced /19 aggregate to the Internet

Aggregation – Good Example

- Customer link goes down
  - their /23 network becomes unreachable
  - /23 is withdrawn from AS100’s iBGP
- /19 aggregate is still being announced
  - no BGP hold down problems
  - no BGP propagation delays
  - no damping by other ISPs

- Customer link returns
- Their /23 network is visible again
  - The /23 is re-injected into AS100’s iBGP
- The whole Internet becomes visible immediately
- Customer has Quality of Service perception

Aggregation – Summary

- **Good example is what everyone should do!**
  - Adds to Internet stability
  - Reduces size of routing table
  - Reduces routing churn
  - Improves Internet QoS for everyone
- **Bad example is what too many still do!**
  - Why? Lack of knowledge?
  - Laziness?

The Internet Today (May 2007)

- **Current Internet Routing Table Statistics**

BGP Routing Table Entries	220947
Prefixes after maximum aggregation	117493
Unique prefixes in Internet	107152
Prefixes smaller than registry alloc	115865
/24s announced	117175
only 5762 /24s are from 192.0.0.0/8	
ASes in use	25241

"The New Swamp"

- **Swamp space is name used for areas of poor aggregation**
  - **The original swamp was 192.0.0.0/8 from the former class C block**
    - **Name given just after the deployment of CIDR**
  - **The new swamp is creeping across all parts of the Internet**
    - **Not just RIR space, but "legacy" space too**

"The New Swamp"
RIR Space – February 1999

RIR blocks contribute 49393 prefixes or 88% of the Internet Routing Table

Block	Networks	Block	Networks	Block	Networks	Block	Networks
24/8	**165**	*77/8*	*0*	*118/8*	*0*	**203/8**	**3622**
41/8	*0*	*78/8*	*0*	*119/8*	*0*	**204/8**	**3792**
58/8	*0*	*79/8*	*0*	*120/8*	*0*	**205/8**	**2584**
59/8	*0*	*80/8*	*0*	*121/8*	*0*	**206/8**	**3127**
60/8	*0*	*81/8*	*0*	*122/8*	*0*	**207/8**	**2723**
61/8	**3**	*82/8*	*0*	*123/8*	*0*	**208/8**	**2817**
62/8	**87**	*83/8*	*0*	*124/8*	*0*	**209/8**	**2574**
63/8	**20**	*84/8*	*0*	*125/8*	*0*	**210/8**	**617**
64/8	*0*	*85/8*	*0*	*126/8*	*0*	*211/8*	*0*
65/8	*0*	*86/8*	*0*	*189/8*	*0*	**212/8**	**717**
66/8	*0*	*87/8*	*0*	*190/8*	*0*	**213/8**	**1**
67/8	*0*	*88/8*	*0*	**192/8**	**6275**	**216/8**	**943**
68/8	*0*	*89/8*	*0*	**193/8**	**2390**	*217/8*	*0*
69/8	*0*	*90/8*	*0*	**194/8**	**2932**	*218/8*	*0*
70/8	*0*	*91/8*	*0*	**195/8**	**1338**	*219/8*	*0*
71/8	*0*	*96/8*	*0*	**196/8**	**513**	*220/8*	*0*
72/8	*0*	*97/8*	*0*	**198/8**	**4034**	*221/8*	*0*
73/8	*0*	*98/8*	*0*	**199/8**	**3495**	*222/8*	*0*
74/8	*0*	*99/8*	*0*	**200/8**	**1348**		
75/8	*0*	*116/8*	*0*	*201/8*	*0*		
76/8	*0*	*117/8*	*0*	**202/8**	**2276**		

"The New Swamp"
RIR Space – February 2007

RIR blocks contribute 192490 prefixes or 90% of the Internet Routing Table

Block	Networks	Block	Networks	Block	Networks	Block	Networks
24/8	2930	77/8	1214	118/8	3	203/8	10459
41/8	288	78/8	8	119/8	3	204/8	5569
58/8	1097	79/8	2	120/8	3	205/8	2892
59/8	1152	80/8	2053	121/8	426	206/8	3857
60/8	604	81/8	1695	122/8	698	207/8	4331
61/8	2589	82/8	1564	123/8	534	208/8	4258
62/8	2193	83/8	1172	124/8	1340	209/8	5540
63/8	2967	84/8	1269	125/8	1554	210/8	4759
64/8	5501	85/8	1891	126/8	41	211/8	2733
65/8	3917	86/8	800	189/8	169	212/8	2900
66/8	6575	87/8	1157	190/8	1077	213/8	3052
67/8	2015	88/8	847	192/8	6927	216/8	6930
68/8	2770	89/8	1970	193/8	5704	217/8	2615
69/8	3702	90/8	105	194/8	4652	218/8	1561
70/8	1693	91/8	577	195/8	4279	219/8	1197
71/8	1188	96/8	8	196/8	1600	220/8	1988
72/8	2878	97/8	1	198/8	4748	221/8	894
73/8	273	98/8	3	199/8	4184	222/8	1241
74/8	1483	99/8	0	200/8	7482		
75/8	483	116/8	3	201/8	2927		
76/8	194	117/8	3	202/8	10529		

"The New Swamp" Summary

- **RIR space shows creeping deaggregation**
  - It seems that an RIR /8 block averages around 5000 prefixes once fully allocated
  - So their existing 81 /8s will eventually cause 405000 prefix announcements
- **Food for thought:**
  - Remaining 48 unallocated /8s and the 81 RIR /8s combined will cause:
  - 645000 prefixes with 5000 prefixes per /8 density
  - 774000 prefixes with 6000 prefixes per /8 density
  - Plus 12% due to "non RIR space deaggregation"
  - → Routing Table size of 866880 prefixes

"The New Swamp" Summary

- **Rest of address space is showing similar deaggregation too ☹**
- **What are the reasons?**
  - **Main justification is traffic engineering**
- **Real reasons are:**
  - **Lack of knowledge**
  - **Laziness**
  - **Deliberate & knowing actions**

BGP Report (bgp.potaroo.net)

- **199336 total announcements in October 2006**
- **129795 prefixes**
  - **After aggregating including full AS PATH info**
    - **i.e. including each ASN's traffic engineering**
  - **35% saving possible**
- **109034 prefixes**
  - **After aggregating by Origin AS**
    - **i.e. ignoring each ASN's traffic engineering**
  - **10% saving possible**

Deaggregation: The Excuses

- **Traffic engineering causes 10% of the Internet Routing table**
- **Deliberate deaggregation causes 35% of the Internet Routing table**

Efforts to Improve Aggregation

- **The CIDR Report**
  - **Initiated and operated for many years by Tony Bates**
  - **Now combined with Geoff Huston's routing analysis**
    - **www.cidr-report.org**
  - **Results e-mailed on a weekly basis to most operations lists around the world**
  - **Lists the top 30 service providers who could do better at aggregating**

Efforts to Improve Aggregation
The CIDR Report

- **Also computes the size of the routing table assuming ISPs performed optimal aggregation**
- **Website allows searches and computations of aggregation to be made on a per AS basis**

  Flexible and powerful tool to aid ISPs

  Intended to show how greater efficiency in terms of BGP table size can be obtained without loss of routing and policy information

  Shows what forms of origin AS aggregation could be performed and the potential benefit of such actions to the total table size

  Very effectively challenges the traffic engineering excuse

CIDR Report

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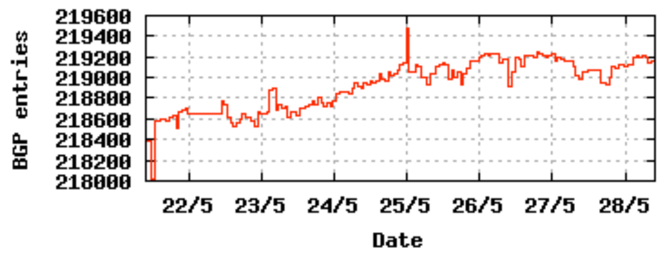
Status Summary

Table History

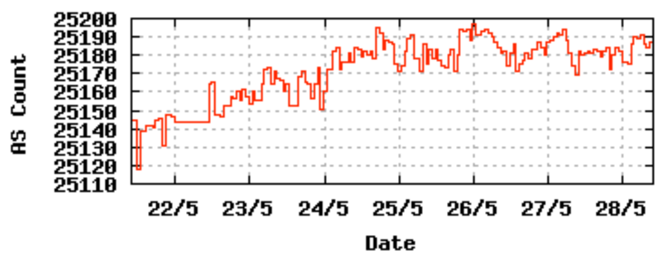
Date	Prefixes	CIDR Aggregated
21-05-07	218385	140025
22-05-07	218650	139831
23-05-07	218653	139850
24-05-07	218776	139698
25-05-07	219469	139898
26-05-07	219203	139943
27-05-07	219232	139870
28-05-07	219115	140020



Plot: BGP Table Size

AS Summary

25190	Number of ASes in routing system
10666	Number of ASes announcing only one prefix
1483	Largest number of prefixes announced by an AS AS7018: ATT-INTERNET4 - AT&T WorldNet Services
89890048	Largest address span announced by an AS (/32s) AS721: DISA-ASNBLK - DoD Network Information Center



Plot: AS count
Plot: Average announcements per origin AS
Report: ASes ordered by originating address span
Report: ASes ordered by transit address span
Report: Autonomous System number-to-name mapping (from Registry WHOIS data)

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Aggregation Summary

The algorithm used in this report proposes aggregation only when there is a precise match using AS path so as to preserve traffic transit policies. Aggregation is also proposed across non-advertised address space ('holes').

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ASnum	NetsNow	NetsAggr	NetGain	% Gain	Description
Table	219180	140003	79177	36.1%	All ASes
AS18566	1010	31	979	96.9%	COVAD - Covad Communications Co.
AS4755	1221	271	950	77.8%	VSNL-AS Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Autonomous System
AS4134	1257	316	941	74.9%	CHINANET-BACKBONE No.31,Jin-rong Street
AS4323	1266	369	897	70.9%	TWTC - Time Warner Telecom, Inc.
AS9498	982	98	884	90.0%	BBIL-AP BHARTI BT INTERNET LTD.
AS8151	1306	442	864	66.2%	Uninet S.A. de C.V.
AS6478	1100	237	863	78.5%	ATT-INTERNET3 - AT&T WorldNet Services
AS11492	1074	365	709	66.0%	CABLEONE - CABLE ONE
AS22773	720	56	664	92.2%	CCINET-2 - Cox Communications Inc.
AS19262	777	210	567	73.0%	VZGNI-TRANSIT - Verizon Internet Services Inc.
AS6197	1040	516	524	50.4%	BATI-ATL - BellSouth Network Solutions, Inc
AS17488	694	182	512	73.8%	HATHWAY-NET-AP Hathway IP Over Cable Internet
AS18101	546	36	510	93.4%	RIL-IDC Reliance Infocom Ltd Internet Data Centre,
AS7018	1483	980	503	33.9%	ATT-INTERNET4 - AT&T WorldNet Services
AS19916	568	75	493	86.8%	ASTRUM-0001 - OLM LLC
AS7545	629	164	465	73.9%	TPG-INTERNET-AP TPG Internet Pty Ltd
AS15270	535	83	452	84.5%	AS-PAETEC-NET - PaeTec.net -a division of PaeTecCommunications, Inc.
AS17676	504	65	439	87.1%	JPNIC-JP-ASN-BLOCK Japan Network Information Center
AS4766	740	317	423	57.2%	KIXS-AS-KR Korea Telecom
AS2386	1151	759	392	34.1%	INS-AS - AT&T Data Communications Services
AS9443	464	79	385	83.0%	INTERNETPRIMUS-AS-AP Primus Telecommunications
AS4812	455	76	379	83.3%	CHINANET-SH-AP China Telecom (Group)
AS7029	587	239	348	59.3%	WINDSTREAM - Windstream Communications Inc

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Top 20 Added Routes this week per Originating AS

Prefixes	ASnum	AS Description
65	AS8151	Uninet S.A. de C.V.
62	AS577	BACOM - Bell Canada
45	AS5089	NTL NTL Group Limited
33	AS11290	RAPIDUS - COGECO Cable Canada Inc.
31	AS9340	INDONET-AS-AP INDO Internet, PT
29	AS17897	CHINATELECOM-HLJ-AS-AP asn for Heilongjiang Provincial Net of CT
28	AS3303	SWISSCOM Swisscom Solutions Ltd
27	AS7725	CCH-AS7 - Comcast Cable Communications Holdings, Inc
24	AS7545	TPG-INTERNET-AP TPG Internet Pty Ltd
23	AS27064	DDN-ASNBLK1 - DoD Network Information Center
20	AS25543	FasoNet-AS
19	AS17488	HATHWAY-NET-AP Hathway IP Over Cable Internet
19	AS209	ASN-QWEST - Qwest
18	AS11492	CABLEONE - CABLE ONE
18	AS28573	NET Servicos de Comunicao S.A.
18	AS32592	HUNT-BROTHERS-OF-LOUISIANA-LLC - Hunt Brothers
17	AS14758	CAJUNNET-ASN - CAJUNNET LLC
16	AS28656	Suporte Tecnologia e Instalações Ltda.
14	AS9686	SKKUNET-AS SungKyunKwan University (SKKU)
14	AS38548	INFRATEL-AS-ID-AP PT. Info Sarana Telekomunikasi

Top 20 Withdrawn Routes this week per Originating AS

Prefixes	ASnum	AS Description
-143	AS20858	EGYNET-AS
-39	AS3602	AS3602-RTI - Rogers Telecom Inc.
-28	AS33490	DNEO-OSP5 - Comcast Cable Communications, Inc.
-24	AS721	DISA-ASNBLK - DoD Network Information Center
-24	AS22909	DNEO-OSP1 - Comcast Cable Communications, Inc.
-23	AS21455	PLANETSKY Planetsky Ltd. AS object
-23	AS23966	DANCOM-AS-AP Dancom Online Services
-21	AS9121	TTNET TTnet Autonomous System
-20	AS2706	HKSUPER-HK-AP Pacific Internet (Hong Kong) Limited
-19	AS9584	GENESIS-AP Diyixian.com Limited

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More Specifics

A list of route advertisements that appear to be more specfic than the original Class-based prefix mask, or more specific than the registry allocation size.

Top 20 ASes advertising more specific prefixes

More Specifics	Total Prefixes	ASnum	AS Description
1299	1306	AS8151	Uninet S.A. de C.V.
1218	1483	AS7018	ATT-INTERNET4 - AT&T WorldNet Services
1205	1221	AS4755	VSNL-AS Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Autonomous System
1110	1110	AS9583	SIFY-AS-IN Sify Limited
1100	1100	AS6478	ATT-INTERNET3 - AT&T WorldNet Services
1074	1266	AS4323	TWTC - Time Warner Telecom, Inc.
1069	1074	AS11492	CABLEONE - CABLE ONE
1058	1151	AS2386	INS-AS - AT&T Data Communications Services
1019	1040	AS6197	BATI-ATL - BellSouth Network Solutions, Inc
1001	1010	AS18566	COVAD - Covad Communications Co.
983	1257	AS4134	CHINANET-BACKBONE No.31,Jin-rong Street
963	982	AS9498	BBIL-AP BHARTI BT INTERNET LTD.
791	807	AS20115	CHARTER-NET-HKY-NC - Charter Communications
790	799	AS7011	FRONTIER-AND-CITIZENS - Frontier Communications of America, Inc.
738	777	AS19262	VZGNI-TRANSIT - Verizon Internet Services Inc.
729	946	AS174	COGENT Cogent/PSI
702	740	AS4766	KIXS-AS-KR Korea Telecom
694	694	AS17488	HATHWAY-NET-AP Hathway IP Over Cable Internet
692	720	AS22773	CCINET-2 - Cox Communications Inc.
635	954	AS701	UUNET - MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business

Report: ASes ordered by number of more specific prefixes
Report: More Specific prefix list (by AS)
Report: More Specific prefix list (ordered by prefix)

AS Report

http://www.cidr-report.org/cgi-bin/as-report?as=AS4134&view=4637

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AS Report

Announced Prefixes

```
Rank  AS      Type     Originate Addr Space  (pfx)   Transit Addr space  (pfx)  Description
4     AS4134  ORG+TRN  Originate:   56476672 /6.25   Transit:   30243328 /7.15  CHINANET-BACKBONE No.31,Jin-rong Street
```

Aggregation Suggestions

This report does not take into account conditions local to each origin AS in terms of policy or traffic engineering requirements, so this is an approximate guideline as to aggregation possibilities.

```
 Rank AS      AS Name                                   Current  Wthdw  Aggte  Annce Redctn      %
    4 AS4134  CHINANET-BACKBONE No.31,Jin-rong Street     1257   1005     64    316    941  74.86%


AS 4134: CHINANET-BACKBONE No.31,Jin-rong Street
  Prefix  (AS Path)                Aggregation Action
58.30.0.0/15         4608 1221 4637 4134
58.32.0.0/13         4608 1221 4637 4134
58.40.0.0/15         4608 1221 4637 4134
58.42.0.0/15         4608 1221 4637 4134  + Announce - aggregate of 58.42.0.0/16 (4608 1221 4637 4134) and 58.43.0.0/16 (4608
58.42.0.0/17         4608 1221 4637 4134  - Withdrawn - aggregated with 58.42.128.0/17 (4608 1221 4637 4134)
58.42.128.0/17       4608 1221 4637 4134  - Withdrawn - aggregated with 58.42.0.0/17 (4608 1221 4637 4134)
58.43.0.0/16         4608 1221 4637 4134  - Withdrawn - aggregated with 58.42.0.0/16 (4608 1221 4637 4134)
58.44.0.0/14         4608 1221 4637 4134
58.48.0.0/13         4608 1221 4637 4134
58.48.0.0/14         4608 1221 4637 4134  - Withdrawn - matching aggregate 58.48.0.0/13 4608 1221 4637 4134
58.52.0.0/14         4608 1221 4637 4134  - Withdrawn - matching aggregate 58.48.0.0/13 4608 1221 4637 4134
58.56.0.0/15         4608 1221 4637 4134
58.58.0.0/15         4608 1221 4637 4134  + Announce - aggregate of 58.58.0.0/16 (4608 1221 4637 4134) and 58.59.0.0/16 (4608
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58.59.160.0/19       4608 1221 4637 4134  - Withdrawn - matching aggregate 58.59.128.0/17 4608 1221 4637 4134
58.59.192.0/19       4608 1221 4637 4134  - Withdrawn - matching aggregate 58.59.128.0/17 4608 1221 4637 4134
58.59.224.0/19       4608 1221 4637 4134  - Withdrawn - matching aggregate 58.59.128.0/17 4608 1221 4637 4134
58.60.0.0/14         4608 1221 4637 4134
58.60.0.0/15         4608 1221 4637 4134  - Withdrawn - matching aggregate 58.60.0.0/14 4608 1221 4637 4134
58.62.0.0/15         4608 1221 4637 4134  - Withdrawn - matching aggregate 58.60.0.0/14 4608 1221 4637 4134
58.66.0.0/17         4608 1221 4637 4134
58.66.128.0/18       4608 1221 4637 4134
58.67.0.0/17         4608 1221 4637 4134
58.82.0.0/17         4608 1221 4637 4134
58.82.192.0/19       4608 1221 4637 4134
```

AS Report

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AS Report

Announced Prefixes

```
Rank  AS       Type    Originate Addr Space  (pfx)   Transit Addr space  (pfx)  Description
144   AS18566  ORIGIN  Originate:    2268160 /10.89  Transit:           0 /0.00  COVAD - Covad Communications Co.
```

Aggregation Suggestions

This report does not take into account conditions local to each origin AS in terms of policy or traffic engineering requirements, so this is an approximate guideline as to aggregation possibilities.

```
 Rank AS      AS Name                                Current  Wthdw  Aggte  Annce Redctn      %
    2 AS18566 COVAD - Covad Communications Co.          1010    979      0     31    979  96.93%
```

```
AS18566: COVAD - Covad Communications Co.
  Prefix  (AS Path)                     Aggregation Action
64.105.0.0/16       4608 1221 4637 3356 18566
64.105.0.0/23       4608 1221 4637 3356 18566 - Withdrawn - matching aggregate 64.105.0.0/16 4608 1221 4637 3356 18566
64.105.4.0/23       4608 1221 4637 3356 18566 - Withdrawn - matching aggregate 64.105.0.0/16 4608 1221 4637 3356 18566
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64.105.68.0/23      4608 1221 4637 3356 18566 - Withdrawn - matching aggregate 64.105.0.0/16 4608 1221 4637 3356 18566
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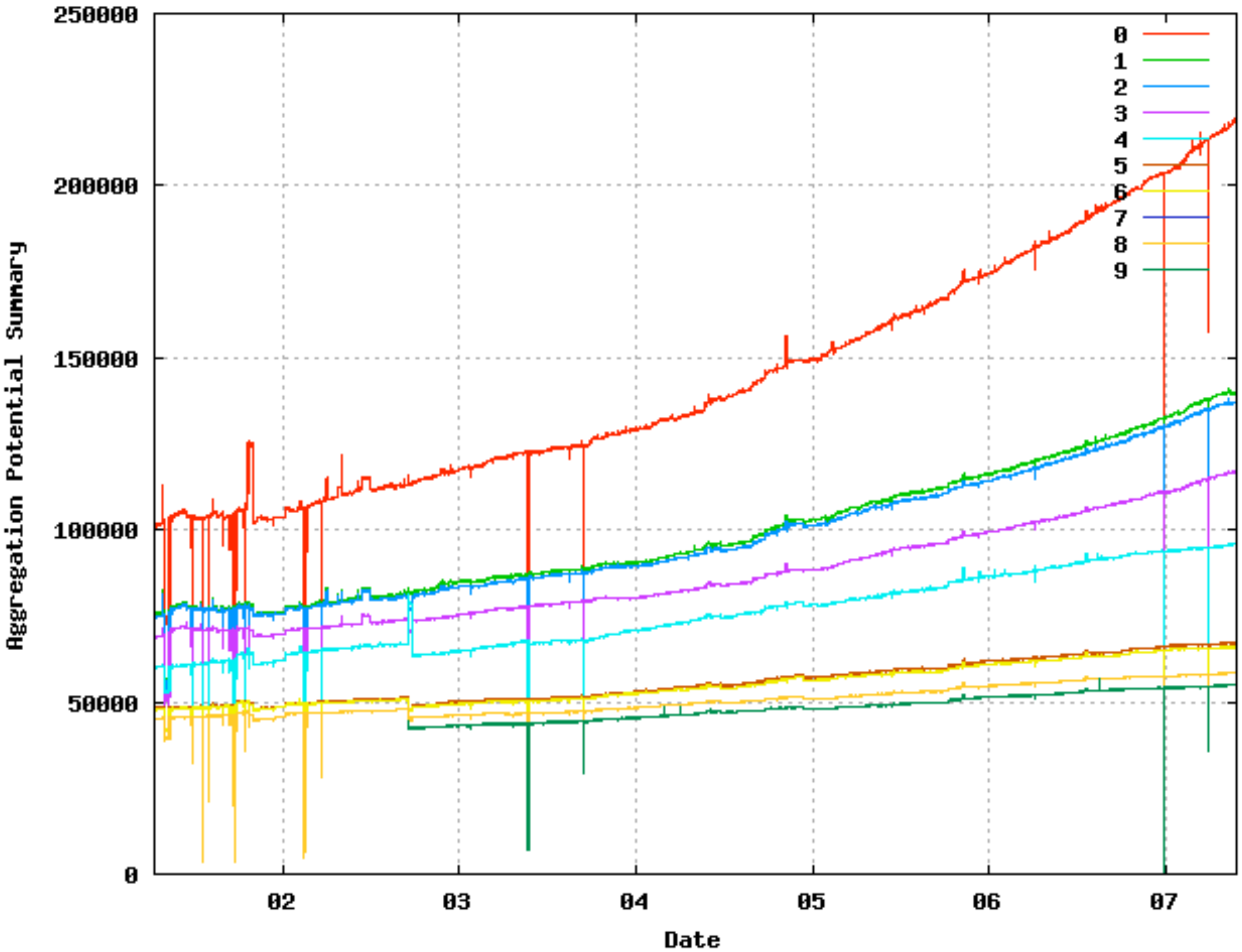
Aggregation Potential
(source: bgp.potaroo.net/as4637/)



AS Path

AS Origin

Aggregation Summary

- **Aggregation on the Internet could be MUCH better**
  - 35% saving on Internet routing table size is quite feasible
  - Tools are available
    - Commands on the routers are not hard
    - CIDR-Report webpage
- **RIPE Routing WG aggregation recommendation**
  - RIPE-399 — http://www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/ripe-399.html

Receiving Prefixes

Receiving Prefixes

- **There are three scenarios for receiving prefixes from other ASNs**
  - **Customer talking BGP**
  - **Peer talking BGP**
  - **Upstream/Transit talking BGP**
- **Each has different filtering requirements and need to be considered separately**

Receiving Prefixes: From Customers

- **ISPs should only accept prefixes which have been assigned or allocated to their downstream customer**
- **If ISP has assigned address space to its customer, then the customer IS entitled to announce it back to his ISP**
- **If the ISP has NOT assigned address space to its customer, then:**
  - **Check the five RIR databases to see if this address space really has been assigned to the customer**
  - **The tool: whois**

Receiving Prefixes: From Customers

- **Example use of whois to check if customer is entitled to announce address space:**

```
pfs-pc$ whois -h whois.apnic.net 202.12.29.0
inetnum:       202.12.29.0 - 202.12.29.255
netname:       APNIC-AP-AU-BNE
descr:         APNIC Pty Ltd - Brisbane Offices + Servers
descr:         Level 1, 33 Park Rd
descr:         PO Box 2131, Milton
descr:         Brisbane, QLD.
country:       AU
admin-c:       HM20-AP
tech-c:        NO4-AP
mnt-by:        APNIC-HM
changed:       hm-changed@apnic.net 20030108
status:        ASSIGNED PORTABLE
source:        APNIC
```

Portable – means its an assignment to the customer, the customer can announce it to you

Receiving Prefixes: From Customers

- **Example use of whois to check if customer is entitled to announce address space:**

```
$ whois -h whois.ripe.net 193.128.2.0
inetnum:      193.128.2.0 - 193.128.2.15
descr:        Wood Mackenzie
country:      GB
admin-c:      DB635-RIPE
tech-c:       DB635-RIPE
status:       ASSIGNED PA
mnt-by:       AS1849-MNT
changed:      davids@uk.uu.net 20020211
source:       RIPE

route:        193.128.0.0/14
descr:        PIPEX-BLOCK1
origin:       AS1849
notify:       routing@uk.uu.net
mnt-by:       AS1849-MNT
changed:      beny@uk.uu.net 20020321
source:       RIPE
```

ASSIGNED PA – means that it is Provider Aggregatable address space and can only be used for connecting to the ISP who assigned it

Receiving Prefixes: From Peers

- **A peer is an ISP with whom you agree to exchange prefixes you originate into the Internet routing table**

  Prefixes you accept from a peer are only those they have indicated they will announce

  Prefixes you announce to your peer are only those you have indicated you will announce

Receiving Prefixes: From Peers

- **Agreeing what each will announce to the other:**

  Exchange of e-mail documentation as part of the peering agreement, and then ongoing updates

  OR

  Use of the Internet Routing Registry and configuration tools such as the IRRToolSet

  www.isc.org/sw/IRRToolSet/

Receiving Prefixes: From Upstream/Transit Provider

- Upstream/Transit Provider is an ISP who you pay to give you transit to the WHOLE Internet
- Receiving prefixes from them is not desirable unless really necessary
  - special circumstances – see later
- Ask upstream/transit provider to either:
  - originate a default-route
    - *OR*
  - announce one prefix you can use as default

Receiving Prefixes: From Upstream/Transit Provider

- **If necessary to receive prefixes from any provider, care is required**
  - **don't accept RFC1918 *etc* prefixes**
    - **ftp://ftp.rfc-editor.org/in-notes/rfc3330.txt**
  - **don't accept your own prefixes**
  - **don't accept default (unless you need it)**
  - **don't accept prefixes longer than /24**
- **Check Rob Thomas' list of "bogons"**
  - **http://www.cymru.com/Documents/bogon-list.html**

Receiving Prefixes

- **Paying attention to prefixes received from customers, peers and transit providers assists with:**
  - **The integrity of the local network**
  - **The integrity of the Internet**
- **Responsibility of all ISPs to be good Internet citizens**

Preparing the network

Before we begin…

Preparing the Network

- We will deploy BGP across the network before we try and multihome
- BGP will be used therefore an ASN is required
- If multihoming to different ISPs, public ASN needed:

  Either go to upstream ISP who is a registry member, or

  Apply to the RIR yourself for a one off assignment, or

  Ask an ISP who is a registry member, or

  Join the RIR and get your own IP address allocation too

  (this option strongly recommended)!

Preparing the Network
Initial Assumptions

- **The network is not running any BGP at the moment**

  single statically routed connection to upstream ISP

- **The network is not running any IGP at all**

  Static default and routes through the network to do "routing"

Preparing the Network
First Step: IGP

- **Decide on an IGP: OSPF or ISIS ☺**
- **Assign loopback interfaces and /32 address to each router which will run the IGP**
  - **Loopback is used for OSPF and BGP router id anchor**
  - **Used for iBGP and route origination**
- **Deploy IGP (e.g. OSPF)**
  - **IGP can be deployed with NO IMPACT on the existing static routing**
  - **e.g. OSPF distance might be 110m static distance is 1**
  - **Smallest distance wins**

Preparing the Network
IGP (cont)

- **Be prudent deploying IGP – keep the Link State Database Lean!**

  Router loopbacks go in IGP

  WAN point to point links go in IGP

  (In fact, any link where IGP dynamic routing will be run should go into IGP)

  Summarise on area/level boundaries (if possible) – i.e. think about your IGP address plan

Preparing the Network
IGP (cont)

- **Routes which don't go into the IGP include:**
  - **Dynamic assignment pools (DSL/Cable/Dial)**
  - **Customer point to point link addressing**
    - **(using next-hop-self in iBGP ensures that these do NOT need to be in IGP)**
  - **Static/Hosting LANs**
  - **Customer assigned address space**
  - **Anything else not listed in the previous slide**

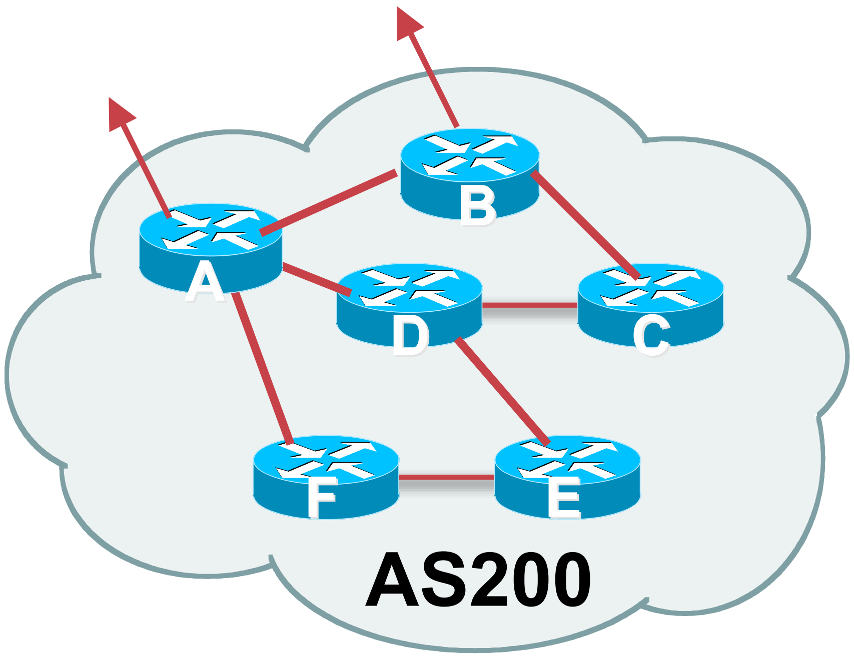
Preparing the Network
Second Step: iBGP

- **Second step is to configure the local network to use iBGP**
- **iBGP can run on**

  all routers, or

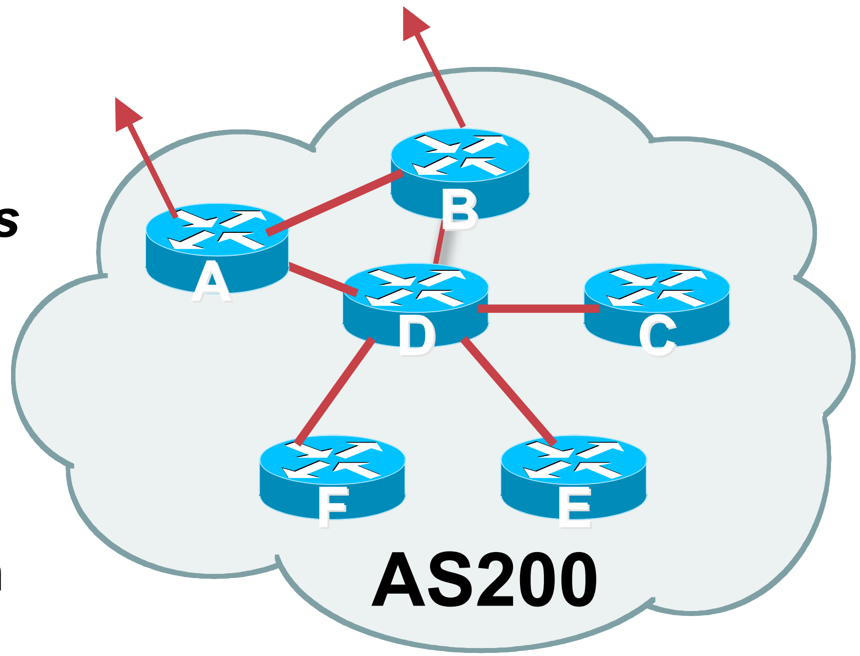
  a subset of routers, or

  just on the upstream edge
- ***iBGP must run on all routers which are in the transit path between external connections***



Preparing the Network
Second Step: iBGP (Transit Path)

- ***iBGP must run on all routers which are in the transit path between external connections***
- **Routers C, E and F are not in the transit path**
  - **Static routes or IGP will suffice**
- **Router D is in the transit path**
  - **Will need to be in iBGP mesh, otherwise routing loops will result**



Preparing the Network
Layers

- **Typical SP networks have three layers:**

  Core – the backbone, usually the transit path

  Distribution – the middle, PoP aggregation layer

  Aggregation – the edge, the devices connecting customers

Preparing the Network Aggregation Layer

- iBGP is optional
  - Many ISPs run iBGP here, either partial routing (more common) or full routing (less common)
  - Full routing is not needed unless customers want full table
  - Partial routing is cheaper/easier, might usually consist of internal prefixes and, optionally, external prefixes to aid external load balancing
    - Communities and peer-groups make this administratively easy
- Many aggregation devices can't run iBGP
  - Static routes from distribution devices for address pools
  - IGP for best exit

Preparing the Network Distribution Layer

- **Usually runs iBGP**
  - Partial or full routing (as with aggregation layer)
- **But does not have to run iBGP**
  - IGP is then used to carry customer prefixes (does not scale)
  - IGP is used to determine nearest exit
- **Networks which plan to grow large should deploy iBGP from day one**
  - Migration at a later date is extra work
  - No extra overhead in deploying iBGP, indeed IGP benefits

Preparing the Network
Core Layer

- Core of network is usually the transit path
- iBGP necessary between core devices
    - Full routes or partial routes:
        - Transit ISPs carry full routes in core
        - Edge ISPs carry partial routes only
- Core layer includes AS border routers

Preparing the Network
iBGP Implementation

Decide on:

- **Best iBGP policy**

    Will it be full routes everywhere, or partial, or some mix?

- **iBGP scaling technique**

    Community policy?

    Route-reflectors?

    Techniques such as peer groups and peer templates?

Preparing the Network
iBGP Implementation

- **Then deploy iBGP:**

  Step 1: Introduce iBGP mesh on chosen routers

  make sure that iBGP distance is greater than IGP distance (it usually is)

  Step 2: Install "customer" prefixes into iBGP

  Check! Does the network still work?

  Step 3: Carefully remove the static routing for the prefixes now in IGP and iBGP

  Check! Does the network still work?

  Step 4: Deployment of eBGP follows

Preparing the Network
iBGP Implementation

Install "customer" prefixes into iBGP?

- **Customer assigned address space**
  - **Network statement/static route combination**
  - **Use unique community to identify customer assignments**
- **Customer facing point-to-point links**
  - **Redistribute connected through filters which only permit point-to-point link addresses to enter iBGP**
  - **Use a unique community to identify point-to-point link addresses (these are only required for your monitoring system)**
- **Dynamic assignment pools & local LANs**
  - **Simple network statement will do this**
  - **Use unique community to identify these networks**

Preparing the Network
iBGP Implementation

Carefully remove static routes?

- **Work on one router at a time:**
    - Check that static route for a particular destination is also learned by the iBGP
    - If so, remove it
    - If not, establish why and fix the problem
    - (Remember to look in the RIB, not the FIB!)
- **Then the next router, until the whole PoP is done**
- **Then the next PoP, and so on until the network is now dependent on the IGP and iBGP you have deployed**

Preparing the Network Completion

- **Previous steps are NOT flag day steps**

  Each can be carried out during different maintenance periods, for example:

  Step One on Week One

  Step Two on Week Two

  Step Three on Week Three

  And so on

  And with proper planning will have NO customer visible impact at all

Preparing the Network
Configuration Summary

- IGP essential networks are in IGP
- Customer networks are now in iBGP
  - iBGP deployed over the backbone
  - Full or Partial or Upstream Edge only
- BGP distance is greater than any IGP
- Now ready to deploy eBGP

Configuration Tips

Of passwords, tricks and templates

iBGP and IGPs
Reminder!

- **Make sure loopback is configured on router**
  - **iBGP between loopbacks, NOT real interfaces**
- **Make sure IGP carries loopback /32 address**
- **Consider the DMZ nets:**
  - **Use unnumbered interfaces?**
  - **Use next-hop-self on iBGP neighbours**
  - **Or carry the DMZ /30s in the iBGP**
  - **Basically keep the DMZ nets out of the IGP!**

iBGP: Next-hop-self

- BGP speaker announces external network to iBGP peers using router’s local address (loopback) as next-hop
- Used by many ISPs on edge routers
  - Preferable to carrying DMZ /30 addresses in the IGP
  - Reduces size of IGP to just core infrastructure
  - Alternative to using unnumbered interfaces
  - Helps scale network
  - Many ISPs consider this “best practice”

Limiting AS Path Length

- **Some BGP implementations have problems with long AS_PATHS**
  - Memory corruption
  - Memory fragmentation
- **Even using AS_PATH prepends, it is not normal to see more than 20 ASes in a typical AS_PATH in the Internet today**
  - The Internet is around 5 ASes deep on average
  - Largest AS_PATH is usually 16-20 ASNs

Limiting AS Path Length

- **Some announcements have ridiculous lengths of AS-paths:**

```
*> 3FFE:1600::/24          22 11537 145 12199 10318 10566
13193 1930 2200 3425 293 5609 5430 13285 6939 14277 1849 33
15589 25336 6830 8002 2042 7610 i
```

  This example is an error in one IPv6 implementation

```
*> 194.146.180.0/22        2497 3257 29686 16327 16327
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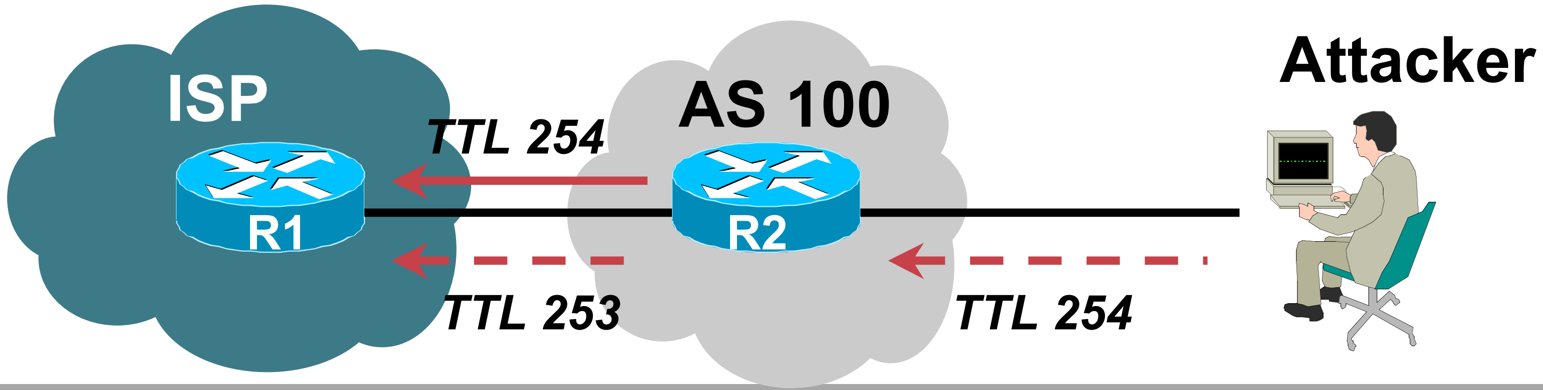
```

  This example shows 20 prepends (for no obvious reason)

- **If your implementation supports it, consider limiting the maximum AS-path length you will accept**

BGP TTL "hack"

- **Implement RFC3682 on BGP peerings**
  - Neighbour sets TTL to 255
  - Local router expects TTL of incoming BGP packets to be 254
  - No one apart from directly attached devices can send BGP packets which arrive with TTL of 254, so any possible attack by a remote miscreant is dropped due to TTL mismatch



BGP TTL “hack”

- **TTL Hack:**
  - Both neighbours must agree to use the feature
  - TTL check is much easier to perform than MD5
  - (Called BTSH – BGP TTL Security Hack)
- **Provides “security” for BGP sessions**
  - In addition to packet filters of course
  - MD5 should still be used for messages which slip through the TTL hack
  - See www.nanog.org/mtg-0302/hack.html for more details

Templates

- **Good practice to configure templates for everything**

  Vendor defaults tend not to be optimal or even very useful for ISPs

  ISPs create their own defaults by using configuration templates

- **eBGP and iBGP examples follow**

  Also see Project Cymru’s BGP templates

  www.cymru.com/Documents

iBGP Template
Example

- **iBGP between loopbacks!**
- **Next-hop-self**
  - Keep DMZ and external point-to-point out of IGP
- **Always send communities in iBGP**
  - Otherwise accidents will happen
- **Hardwire BGP to version 4**
  - Yes, this is being paranoid!

iBGP Template
Example continued

- **Use passwords on iBGP session**
  - Not being paranoid, VERY necessary
  - It's a secret shared between you and your peer
  - If arriving packets don't have the correct MD5 hash, they are ignored
  - Helps defeat miscreants who wish to attack BGP sessions
- **Powerful preventative tool, especially when combined with filters and the TTL "hack"**

eBGP Template
Example

- BGP damping
  - Do NOT use it unless you understand the impact
  - Do NOT use the vendor defaults without thinking
- Remove private ASes from announcements
  - Common omission today
- Use extensive filters, with “backup”
  - Use as-path filters to backup prefix filters
  - Keep policy language for implementing policy, rather than basic filtering
- Use password agreed between you and peer on eBGP session

eBGP Template
Example continued

- Use maximum-prefix tracking

  Router will warn you if there are sudden increases in BGP table size, bringing down eBGP if desired

- Limit maximum as-path length inbound
- Log changes of neighbour state

  …and monitor those logs!

- Make BGP admin distance higher than that of any IGP

  Otherwise prefixes heard from outside your network could override your IGP!!

Summary

- Use configuration templates
- Standardise the configuration
- Be aware of standard "tricks" to avoid compromise of the BGP session
- Anything to make your life easier, network less prone to errors, network more likely to scale
- It's alll about scaling - if your network won't scale, then it won't be successful

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