

Advances in BGP



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Session Overview

- New Developments
 - Features completed
 - Features in progress
 - Features on the roadmap
 - Features on the "whiteboard"
- IOS BGP will be the focus
- IOS-XR BGP basics will not be discussed, but are included for your reference in the handout (along with other additional information)
- Assumes you have a strong base knowledge of BGP
 - Attributes
 - Decision algorithm
 - 2547 VPNs
- Questions throughout the presentation are encouraged

Agenda

Faster Convergence

BGP Scanner NHT – Next Hop Tracking FSD - Fast Session Deactivation Event Driven Route Origination MRAI – Min Route Advertisement Interval TCP PMTU – Path MTU Discovery

Software Improvements

- BGP → TCP Enhancements
- 4-byte AS
- NSR Non Stop Routing
- OER Optimized Edge Routing
- Whiteboard Features

Faster Convergence

- Increased focus on faster BGP convergence
 - Critical for voice
 - VPN customers want IGP-like convergence
- Several factors influence BGP convergence
 - Detection of Change Propagation of Information Network Topology and Complexity Network Stability

Faster Convergence

- Typically two scenarios where we need faster convergence
- Single route convergence
 - A bestpath change occurs for one prefix How quickly can BGP propagate the change throughout the network? How quickly can the entire BGP network converge? Key for VPNs and voice networks
- Router startup or "clear ip bgp *" convergence Most stressful scenario for BGP
 - CPU may be busy for several minutes
 - Limiting factor in terms of scalability
 - Key for any router with a full Internet table and many peers

Convergence Basics – BGP Scanner

- BGP Scanner plays a key role in convergence
- Full BGP table scan happens every 60 seconds bgp scan-time X
 Lowering this value is not recommended
- Full scan performs multiple housekeeping tasks
 - Validate nexthop reachability
 - Validate bestpath selection
 - Route redistribution and network statements
 - Conditional advertisement
 - Route dampening
 - **BGP** Database cleanup
- Import scanner runs once every 15 seconds Imports VPNv4 routes into vrfs
 bgp scan-time import X

Convergence Basics – BGP Nexthops

- Every 60 seconds the BGP scanner recalculates bestpath for all prefixes
- Changes to the IGP cost of a BGP nexthop will go unnoticed until scanner's next run

IGP may converge in less than a second

BGP may not react for as long as 60 seconds ⊗

 Need to change from a polling model to an event driven model to improve convergence

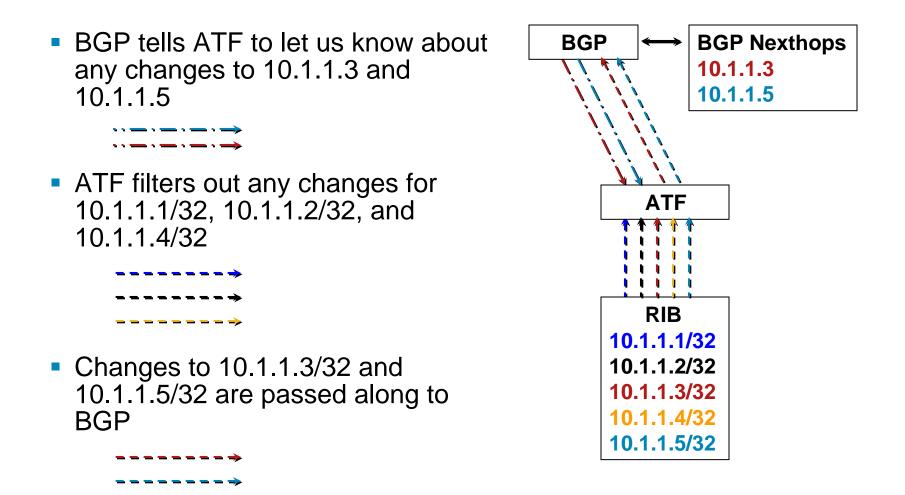
Polling model – Check each BGP nexthop's IGP cost every 60 seconds Event driven model – BGP is informed by a 3rd party when the IGP cost to a BGP nexthop changes

ATF – Address Tracking Filter

- ATF is a middle man between the RIB and RIB clients BGP, OSPF, EIGRP, etc are all clients of the RIB
- A client tells ATF what prefixes it is interested in
- ATF tracks each prefix

Notify the client when the route to a registered prefix changes Client is responsible for taking action based on ATF notification Provides a scalable event driven model for dealing with RIB changes

ATF – Address Tracking Filter



NHT – Next Hop Tracking

BGP Next Hop Tracking

Enabled by default

12.0(29)S, 12.3(14)T

[no] bgp nexthop trigger enable

 BGP registers all nexthops with ATF Hidden command will let you see a list of nexthops show ip bgp attr nexthop

• ATF will let BGP know when a route change occurs for a nexthop

 ATF notification will trigger a lightweight "BGP Scanner" run Bestpaths will be calculated None of the other "Full Scan" work will happen

NHT – Next Hop Tracking

- Once an ATF notification is received BGP waits 5 seconds before triggering NHT scan
 - bgp nexthop trigger delay <0-100>
 - May lower default value as we gain experience
- Event driven model allows BGP to react quickly to IGP changes
 - No longer need to wait as long as 60 seconds for BGP to scan the table and recalculate bestpaths
 - Tuning your IGP for fast convergence is recommended

NHT – Next Hop Tracking

- Dampening is used to reduce frequency of triggered scans
- show ip bgp internal

Displays data on when the last NHT scan occurred Time until the next NHT may occur (dampening information)

New commands

bgp nexthop trigger enable bgp nexthop trigger delay <0-100> show ip bgp attr next-hop ribfilter debug ip bgp events nexthop debug ip bgp rib-filter

Full BGP scan still happens every 60 seconds
 Full scanner will no longer recalculate bestpaths if NHT is enabled

FSD – Fast Session Deactivation

- Register a peer's addresses with ATF
- ATF will let BGP know if there is a change in the route to reach the peer
- If we lose our route to the peer, tear down the session No need to wait for the hold timer to expire!
- Ideal for multihop eBGP peers
- Very dangerous for iBGP peers
 - IGP may not have a route to a peer for a split second
 - FSD would tear down the BGP session
 - Imagine if you lose your IGP route to your RR (Route Reflector) for just 100ms ☺
- Off by default

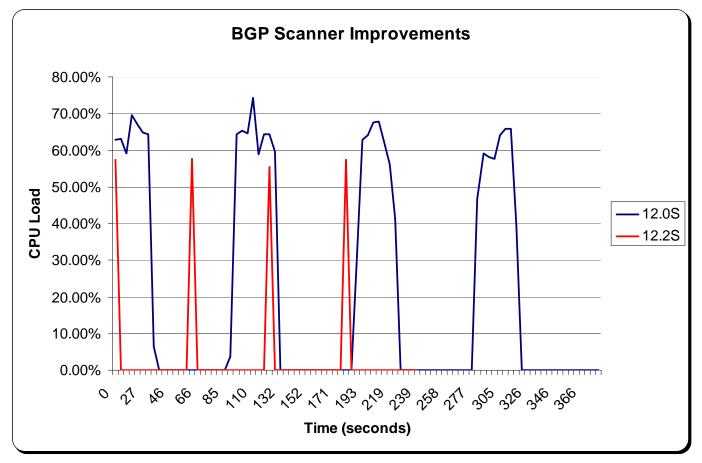
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neighbor x.x.x.x fall-over
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Introduced in 12.0(29)S, 12.3(14)T

Event Driven Route Origination

- Route Origination was also based on a scanner dependant polling model
- Scanner traversed the RIB looking for routes that should be originated
- Traversing the RIB consumes a lot of CPU
- Route origination is now event driven Scanner no longer checks the RIB for routes to redistribute Route redistribution is event driven Network statements are event driven CPU impact of scanner is greatly reduced
- On by default, cannot disable
- Introduced in 12.2(28)S, 12.3(13)T via CSCef51906

Event Driven Route Origination



- 7200 with NPE-G1
- 900k routes in the BGP table
- BGP Scanner in 12.2S uses much less CPU

MRAI – Min Route Advertisement Interval

"...determines the minimum amount of time that must elapse between an advertisement and/or withdrawal of routes to a particular destination by a BGP speaker to a peer. This rate limiting procedure applies on a per-destination basis, although the value of MinRouteAdvertisementIntervalTimer is set on a per BGP peer basis."

RFC 4271 Section 9.2.1.1

MRAI – Basics

 MRAI timers are maintained per peer iBGP – 5 seconds by default eBGP – 30 seconds by default neighbor x.x.x.x advertisement-interval <0-600>

Popular misconception that withdraws are not affected

Pros

Promotes stability by batching route changes Improves update packing in some situations

Cons

May drastically slow convergence

Current defaults are too conservative

One flapping prefix can slow convergence for other prefixes

MRAI – Implementation

How is the timer enforced for peer X?

Timer starts when all routes have been advertised to X

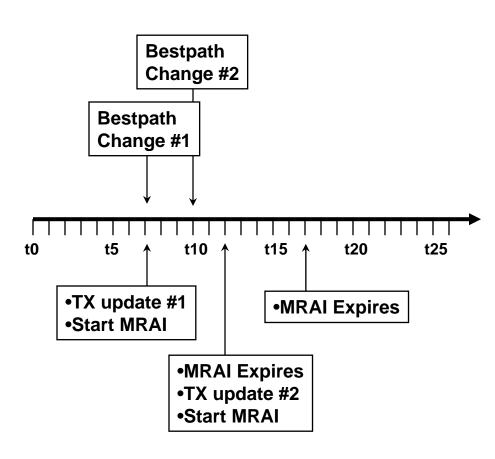
For the next MRAI (seconds) we will not propagate any bestpath changes to peer X

Once X's MRAI timer expires, send him updates and withdraws Restart the timer and the process repeats...

- User may see a wave of updates & withdraws to peer X every MRAI
- User will NOT see a delay of MRAI between each individual update and/or withdraw

BGP would probably never converge if this was the case

MRAI – Implementation



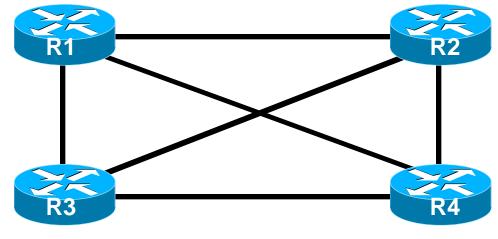
- MRAI timeline for iBGP peer
- Bestpath Change #1 at t7 is TXed immediately
- MRAI timer starts at t7, will expire at t12
- Bestpath Change #2 at t10 must wait until t12 for MRAI to expire
- Bestpath Change #2 is TXed at t12
- MRAI timer starts at t12, will expire at t17
- MRAI expires at t17...no updates are pending

MRAI – Slows Convergence

- BGP is not a link state protocol, but instead is path vector based
- May take several "rounds/cycles" of exchanging updates & withdraws for the network to converge
- MRAI must expire between each round!
- The more fully meshed the network and the more tiers of Autonomous Systems, the more rounds required for convergence
- Think about

The many tiers of Autonomous Systems that are in the Internet The degree to which peering can be fully meshed

10.0.0/8



- Full mesh is the worst case MRAI convergence scenario
- R1 will send a withdraw to all peers for 10.0.0/8
- Count the number of rounds of UPDATEs & withdraws until the network has converged
- Note how MRAI slows convergence
- Orange path is the bestpath

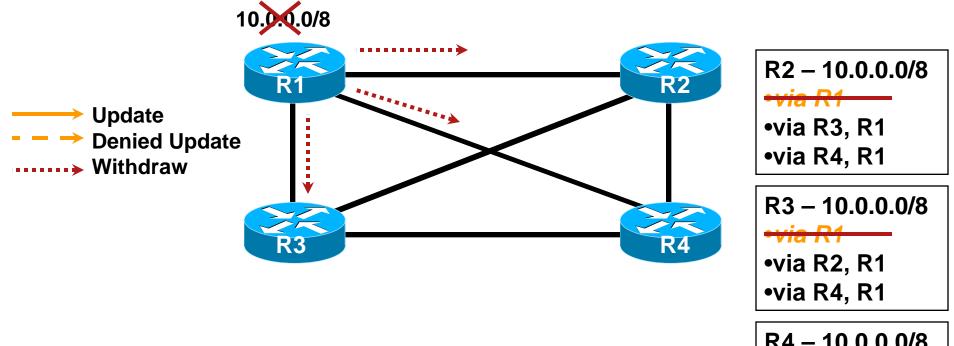
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R2 - 10.0.0/8

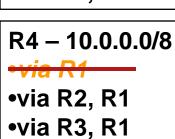
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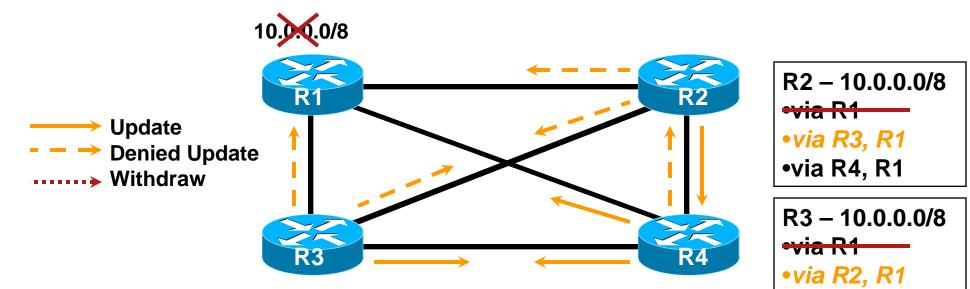
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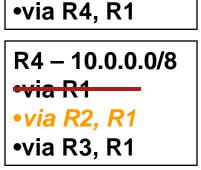


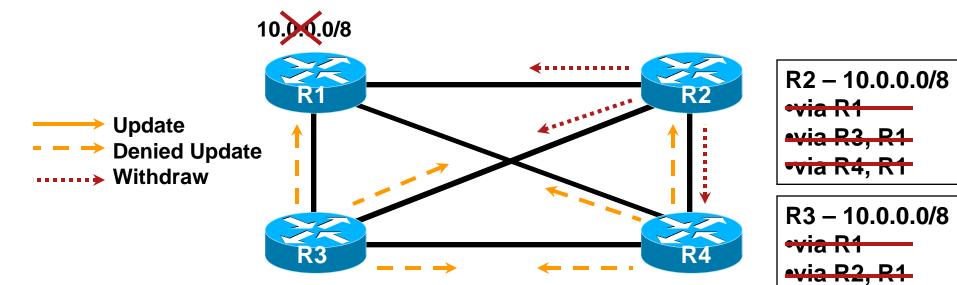
- R1 withdraws 10.0.0/8 to all peers
- R1 starts a MRAI timer for each peer



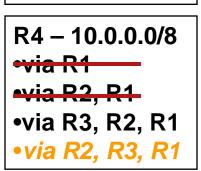


- R2, R3, & R4 recalculate their bestpaths
- R2, R3, & R4 send updates based on new bestpaths
- R2, R3, & R4 start a MRAI timer for each peer
- End of Round 1

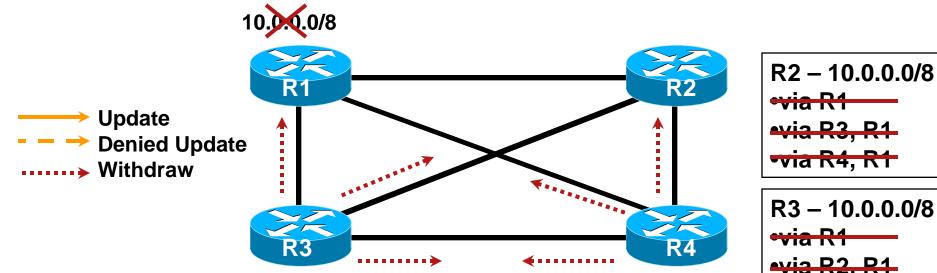




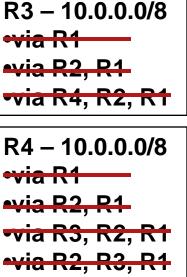
- R2, R3, & R4 recalculate their bestpaths
- R2, R3 & R4 must wait for their MRAI timers to expire!
- R2, R3, & R4 send updates and withdraws based on their new bestpaths
- R2, R3, & R4 restart the MRAI timer for each peer
- End of Round 2



via R4, R2, R1



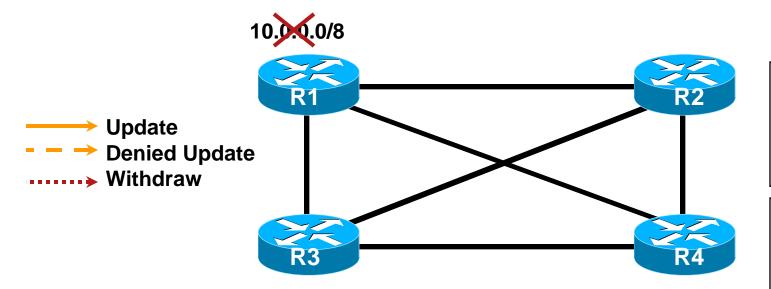
- R3 & R4 recalculate their bestpaths
- R3 & R4 must wait for their MRAI timers to expire!
- R3 & R4 send updates and withdraws based on their new bestpaths
- R3 & R4 restart the MRAI timer for each peer
- End of Round 3



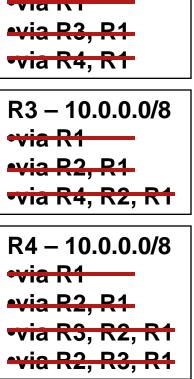
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via D2

VIA K4, KT



- R2, R3, & R4 took 3 rounds of messages to converge
- MRAI timers had to expire between 1st/2nd round and between 2nd/3rd round
- Total MRAI convergence delay for this example iBGP mesh – 10 seconds eBGP mesh – 60 seconds



R2 - 10.0.0/8

MRAI – Tuning

- Internet churn means we are constantly setting and waiting on MRAI timers
 - One flapping prefix slows convergence for all prefixes
 - Internet table sees roughly 1-2 bestpath changes per second
 - Based on Geoff Huston's research:
 - http://www.potaroo.net/presentations/2006-11-03-caida-wide.pdf

■ For iBGP and PE→CE eBGP peers

- neighbor x.x.x.x advertisement-interval 0
- Will be the default in 12.0(32)S
- For regular eBGP peers
 - Lowering to 0 may get you dampened
 - OK to lower for eBGP peers if they are not using dampening

MRAI – Tuning

• Will a MRAI of 0 eliminate batching?

Somewhat but not much happens anyway

- TCP, the operating system, and BGP code provide some batching
 - •Process all message from peer InQs
 - •Calculate bestpaths based on received messages
 - •Format UPDATEs to advertise new bestpaths
- What about CPU load from 0 second MRAI?

Internet table has ~1-2 bestpath changes per second

This number may differ for you, your mileage may vary.

Easy for a router under normal conditions to handle, 5 seconds of delay is not needed

Scalability Update – Overview

- Bootup convergence and "clear ip bgp *" are the biggest challenges Must converge all of our peers from scratch
 BGP has to build and transmit a ton of data
- Multiple ways to improve bootup convergence and scalability
- Interface input queue drops
 - TCP acks can arrive in waves
 - Dropping a TCP ack is costly
 - If you are getting these drops, increase the size of your interface input queues
- TCP path-mtu-discovery
- Upgrade ☺

TCP Path MTU Discovery

 MSS (Max Segment Size) – Limit on the largest segment that can traverse a TCP session

Anything larger must be fragmented & re-assembled at the TCP layer MSS is 536 bytes by default

536 bytes is inefficient for Ethernet (MTU of 1500) or POS (MTU of 4470) networks

TCP is forced to break large segments into 536 byte chunks

Adds overheads

Slows BGP convergence and reduces scalability

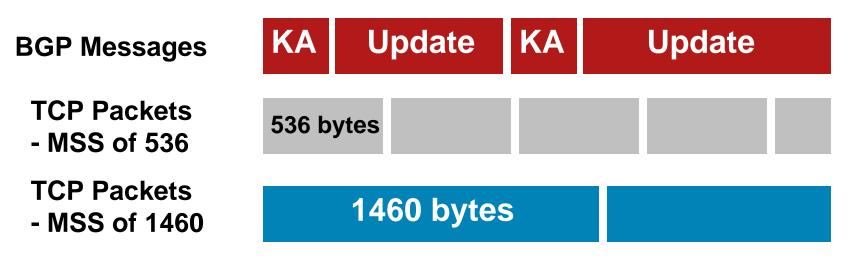
"ip tcp path-mtu-discovery"

MSS = Lowest MTU between destinations - IP overhead (20 bytes) – TCP overhead (20 bytes)

1460 bytes for Ethernet network

4430 bytes for POS network

TCP Path MTU Discovery



- BGP KAs (Keepalives) are 19 bytes
- BGP Updates vary in size up to 4096 bytes
- The larger the TCP MSS the fewer TCP segments required
- Fewer packets means less overhead and faster convergence
- New knob will allow you to enable/disable per peer [no] neighbor x.x.x.x transport path-mtu-discovery

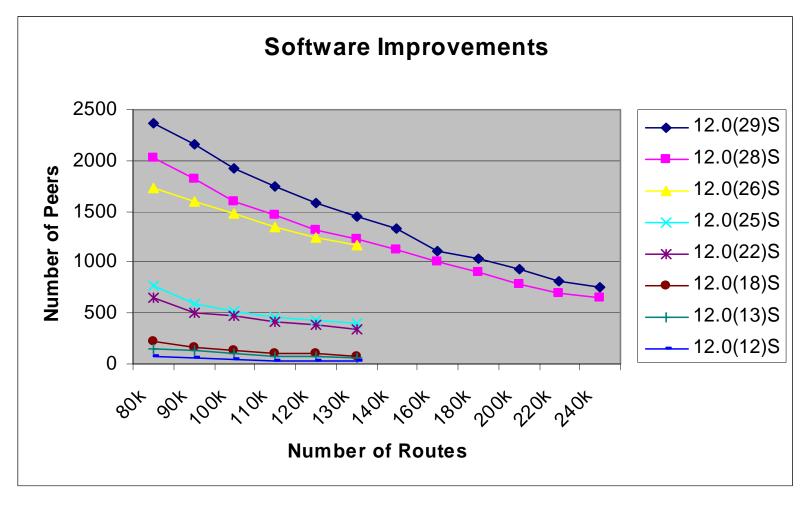
Scalability Update – Software

- Many incremental changes to BGP algorithms to improve convergence
- Most are related to building and replicating updates as efficiently as possible
- Some are related to reducing BGP transient memory usage
- Others involve improving BGP \rightarrow TCP interaction

Scalability Update – Testing

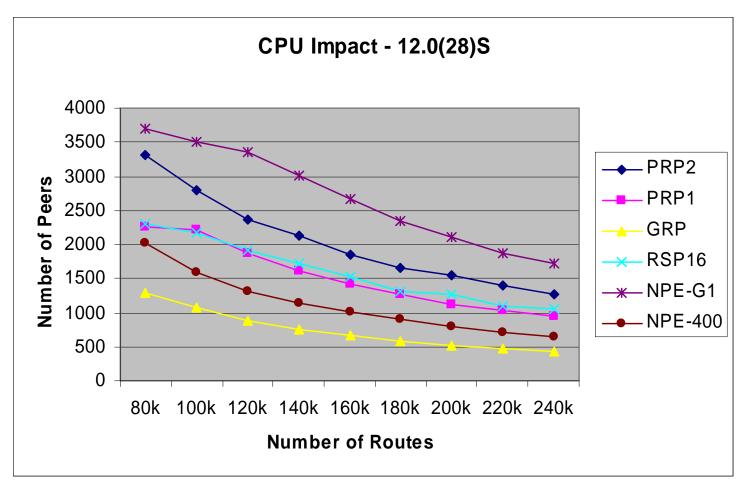
- "How Many Peers" test measures scalability and convergence
- X routes are accepted from one peer
- All routes are advertised to all peers
 Vanilla BGP configuration, no inbound or outbound policies
 All peers in one update-group
- If we can converge all peers within 10 minutes increase the number of peers and try again
 - Find the max number of peers for 80k routes, 90k routes, etc
 - Can compare scalability of one version of code vs. another
- "How many peers" graph
 - Displays the number of peers we can converge in 10 minutes (Y-axis) assuming we are advertising X-axis number of routes to each peer

Scalability Update – Software



7200 with NPE-400

Scalability Update - Hardware



CPU processing power plays a big role

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- Faster Convergence
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- Both peers must now agree on peering addresses
- Functionality introduced via CSCdp87864
- IP Addresses

Destination IP is specified via "neighbor x.x.x."

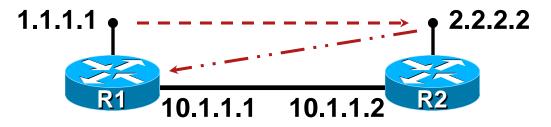
Source IP is outbound interface by default

Source IP may be specified via "neighbor x.x.x.x update-source interface"

TCP port numbers

Destination will be port 179

Source port is random for added security



- Both sides must agree on source/destination addresses
- R1 to R2 connection ---->
 neighbor 2.2.2.2 remote-as 100
 neighbor 2.2.2.2 update-source loopback 0
 R2 to R1 connection

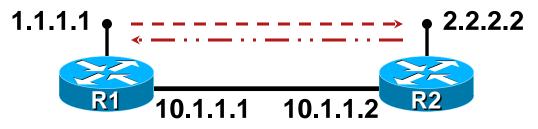
neighbor 10.1.1.1 remote-as 100 neighbor 10.1.1.1 update-source loopback 0

 R1 and R2 do not agree on what addresses to use BGP will tear down the TCP session due to the conflict Points out configuration problems and adds some security

- R2 attempts to open a session to R1
 - BGP: 10.1.1.1 open active, local address 2.2.2.2
- R1 denies the session because of the address mismatch

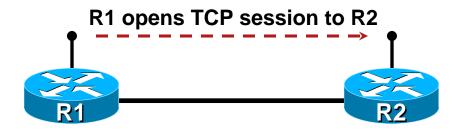
"debug ip bgp" on R1 shows

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BGP: 2.2.2.2 passive open to 10.1.1.1
BGP: 2.2.2.2 passive open failed - 10.1.1.1 is not
update-source Loopback0's address (1.1.1.1)
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 neighbor 1.1.1.1 remote-as 100
 neighbor 1.1.1.1 update-source loopback 0
- Routers agree on source/destination address
 BGP will accept this TCP session

TCP – Active vs. Passive Session



Active Session

If the TCP session initiated by R1 is the one used between R1 & R2 then R1 "actively" established the session.

Passive Session

For the same scenario R2 "passively" established the session.

- R1 Actively opened the session
- R2 Passively accepted the session
- Can be configured

neighbor x.x.x.x transport connection-mode [active passive]

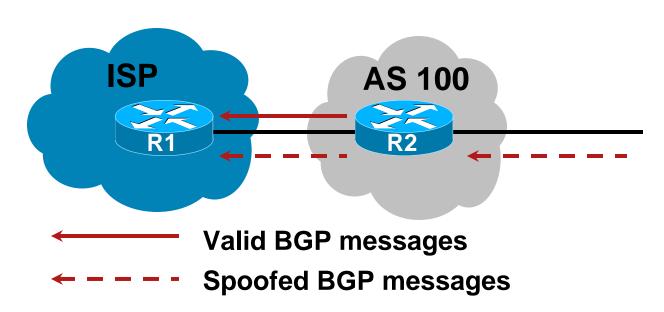
TCP – Active vs. Passive Session

 Use "show ip bgp neighbor" to determine if a router actively or passively established a session

R1#show ip bgp neighbors 2.2.2.2
BGP neighbor is 2.2.2.2, remote AS 200, external link
BGP version 4, remote router ID 2.2.2.2
[snip]
Local host: 1.1.1.1, Local port: 12343
Foreign host: 2.2.2.2, Foreign port: 179

- TCP open from R1 to R2's port 179 established the session
- Tells us that R1 actively established the session
 If the foreign port is 179 then this router actively opened the session
 If the local port is 179, then this router is the passive peer
- Explicitly Configuring BOTH ends of the session as Active or Passive will NOT work!

BTSH – BGP TTL Security Hack





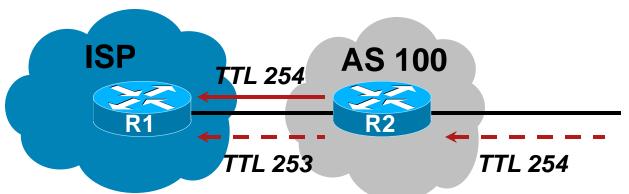
Hacker

- Hacker spoofs BGP messages to R1 as if he is R2
- R1 must use MD5 to filter out the bogus messages
- MD5 validation must be done on the RP (Route Processor)
- Now known as GTSM Generic TTL Security Mechanism

BTSH – BGP TTL Security Hack

- If AS 100 sets the TTL to 255 for all BGP messages
- ISP can check for a TTL of 254 for BGP messages from AS 100
- Provides a lightweight mechanism to defend against most BGP spoof attacks
- Does not not prevent attack from the same segment or distance as the configured peer (TTL would be the same)
- Does NOT replace the need for MD5 authentication!
- Introduced in 12.0(24)S

BTSH – BGP TTL Security Hack



- R1 and R2 both use BTSH
- Both sides must configure the feature neighbor x.x.x.x ttl-security hops 1 Valid TTL = 255 - # hops



Hacker

- Packets from R2 will have a TTL of 254
- Packets generated by the hacker will have a TTL less than 254 Easy to compare the TTL value vs. the 254 threshold and discard spoofed packets

Possible to discard packets at the linecard

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- RFC 4271 defines an AS number as 2-bytes
- Private AS Numbers = $64512 \rightarrow 65535$
- Public AS Numbers = 1 → 64511
 39000+ have already been allocated
 We will eventually run out of AS numbers
- Need to expand AS size from 2-bytes to 4-bytes 4,294,967,295 AS numbers
- Cannot have a "flag day" solution, for example:
 - On Jan 1, 2010 all BGP speakers must support feature X
- Solution must allow for a gradual deployment
- ARIN assigning 4-byte AS upon request after Jan 1, 2007

draft-ietf-idr-as4bytes-12.txt

"BGP Support for Four-octet AS Number Space"

Provides 4-byte AS support in an incremental and backward compatible manner

Autonomous System numbers will be assigned in X.Y syntax

X.Y notation

AS #65,536,005 is a mouthful Split the 4-byte value into two 2-byte values 000001111101000 | 000000000001010000001111101000 = 100000000000000101 = 51000.5 is easier to work with

- 4-byte AS support is advertised within BGP capability negotiation Speakers who support 4-byte AS are known as NEW speakers Those who do not are known as OLD speakers
- New Reserved AS#
 - AS_TRANS = AS #23456
 - 2-byte placeholder for a 4-byte AS number
 - Used for backward compatibility with OLD speakers
- Two new attributes, both are "optional transitive" NEW_AGGREGATOR NEW_ASPATH

From the perspective of a NEW speaker...

 When Formatting UPDATEs to another NEW speaker Encode each AS number in 4-bytes AS_PATH and AGGREGATOR are the relevant fields for BESTPATH We should not see NEW_ASPATH and NEW_AGGREGATOR
 When Formatting UPDATEs to an OLD speaker

If the AGGREGATOR/ASPATH does not contain a 4-byte AS we are fine If it does, substitute AS_TRANS (AS #23456) for each 4-byte AS NEW_AGGREGATOR or NEW_ASPATH will contain a 4-byte encoded copy of the attribute if needed

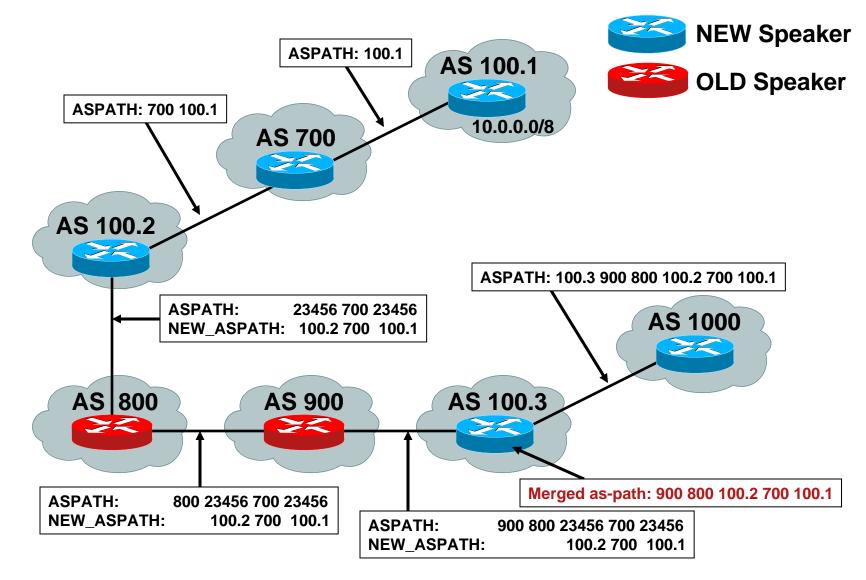
OLD speaker will blindly pass along NEW_AGGREGATOR and NEW_ASPATH attributes

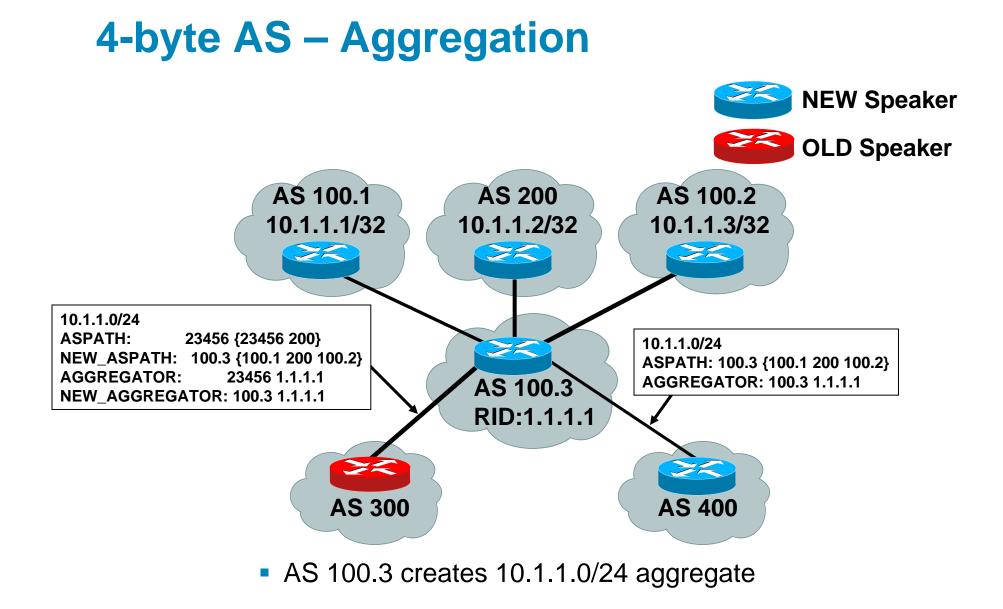
From the perspective of a NEW speaker...

- When Receiving UPDATEs from a NEW speaker
 Decode each AS number as 4-bytes
 AS_PATH and AGGREGATOR are encoded as 4-bytes ASN
- When Receiving UPDATEs from an OLD speaker NEW_AGGREGATOR will override AGGREGATOR NEW_ASPATH and ASPATH must be merged to form the correct as-path
- Merging NEW_ASPATH and ASPATH

ASPATH -275250225234562345620023456175NEW_ASPATH -100.1100.2200100.3175Merged as-path -275250225100.1100.2200100.3175

4-byte AS – ASPATH & NEW_ASPATH in a mixed environment





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NSR – Non Stop Routing

NSR and NSF (Non Stop Forwarding) are not the same

NSF in a nutshell

Provides forwarding during Active RP failover to Standby RP BGP protocol changes required to recover from failover Peers X & Y must be NSF aware for NSF to work Should not be a challenge within an AS PE \rightarrow CE is a problem

Upgrading CE's is a huge deployment challenge

NSR – Non Stop Routing

NSR in a nutshell

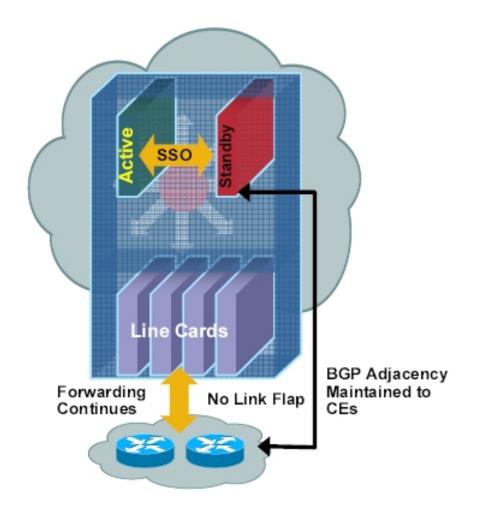
Provides forwarding and preserves routing during Active RP failover to Standby RP

BGP protocol changes *ARE NOT* required to recover from failover

BGP peers' TCP sessions are maintained

CE's do not need to be upgraded!

Introduced in 12.2(28)SB



NSR – Non Stop Routing

 Simplified deployment for service providers

> Only PEs need to be upgraded to support NSR (incremental deployment on per-peer basis)

CEs are not touched! (i.e., no software upgrade required)

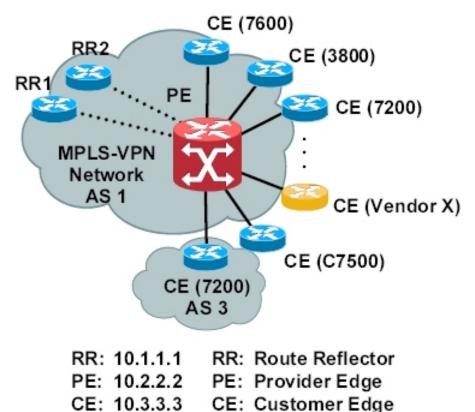
Scaling optimizations & recommendations

PE uses NSR with CEs that are not NSF-aware

PE uses NSF (Graceful Re-Start) with NSF-aware CEs

iBGP sessions to RRs use NSF (Graceful Re-Start)

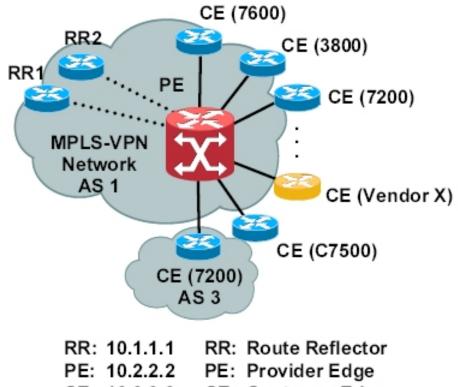
PE Focused Deployment Scenario



NSR – PE Configuration

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router bqp 1
bgp graceful-restart restart-time 120
bqp graceful-restart stalepath-time 360
bgp graceful-restart
neighbor 10.1.1.1 remote-as 1
L
address-family vpnv4
 neighbor 10.1.1.1 activate
 neighbor 10.1.1.1 send-community both
 exit-address-family
 L
 address-family ipv4 vrf Customer1
 neighbor 10.3.3.3 remote-as 3
 neighbor 10.3.3.3 ha-mode sso
 neighbor 10.3.3.3 activate
 neighbor 10.3.3.3 as-override
exit-address-family
```

BGP NSR with SSO Deployment Scenario



CE: 10.3.3.3 CE: Customer Edge

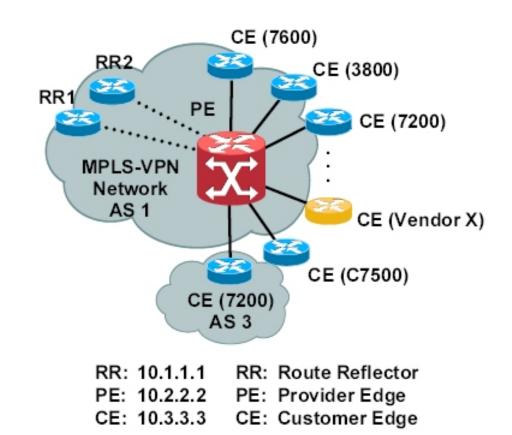
NSR – CE Configuration

router bgp 3

!

neighbor 10.2.2.2 remote-as 1

BGP NSR with SSO Deployment Scenario

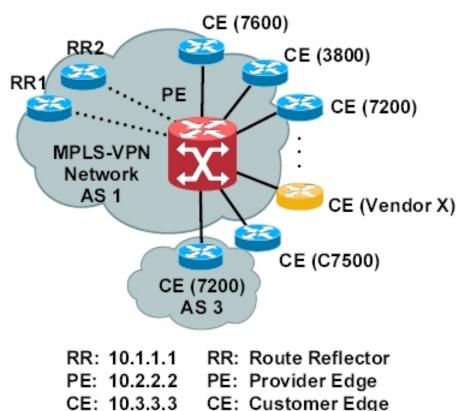


NOTE: No special BGP code or configuration (i.e., NSF-awareness) needed on the CE side to take advantage of the Non Stop Routing capabilities of the PE

NSR – RR Configuration with Graceful Restart

```
router bgp 1
bgp graceful-restart restart-time 120
bgp graceful-restart stalepath-time 360
bgp graceful-restart
neighbor 10.2.2.2 remote-as 1
!
address-family vpnv4
neighbor 10.2.2.2 activate
neighbor 10.2.2.2 route-reflector-clien
neighbor 10.2.2.2 send-community both
exit-address-family
!
```

BGP NSR with SSO Deployment Scenario



- neighbor x.x.x.x ha-mode sso
- This command is used to configure the router to support SSO towards this BGP neighbor
 - SSO is not enabled by default
 - Configurable via peer, peer-group, and session template

- debug ip bgp sso {events | transactions} [detail]
 Events: Display BGP SSO events
 - Transactions: Displays debugging information for BGP speaker interactions between the active RP and the standby RP

Detail: Displays detailed debugging information

debug ip tcp ha {events | transactions} [detail]

Events: Display TCP SSO events

Transactions: Displays debugging information for TCP stack interactions between the active RP and standby RP

Detail: Displays detailed debugging information

- show ip bgp vpnv4 all sso summary
- Used to display the number of BGP neighbors that are configured for Cisco BGP NSR

Router# show ip bgp vpnv4 all sso summary

Stateful switchover support enabled for 40 neighbors

- show tcp ha connections
- Displays connection ID to TCP mapping data
 Router# show tcp ha connections
 SSO enabled for 40 connections
 TCP Local Address Foreign Address (state) Conn Id
 71EACE60 2.0.56.1.179 2.0.56.3.58671 ESTAB 37
 71EA9320 2.0.53.1.179 2.0.53.3.58659 ESTAB 34
 71EA35F8 2.0.41.1.179 2.0.41.3.58650 ESTAB 22
 [snip]
- Used for Debugging and Troubleshooting the stateful TCP sessions

Agenda

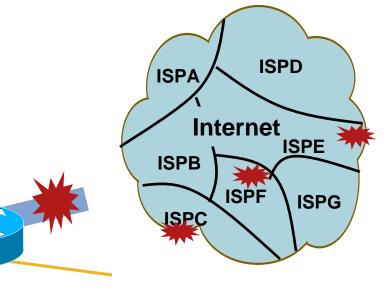
- Faster Convergence
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- OER Optimized Edge Routing
 - Overview
 - CLI
 - Debug/Show commands
- Whiteboard Features

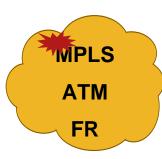
OER - Overview of Problem Set

"The network is up but are applications working?"

- WAN availability
 - Routing indicates reachability, but:
 - Blackouts
 - Brownouts
 - Congestion
- WAN performance Bestpath not performance based
- Load distribution
 Over/under utilized links
- Cost management
 - Need to control/limit transport cost

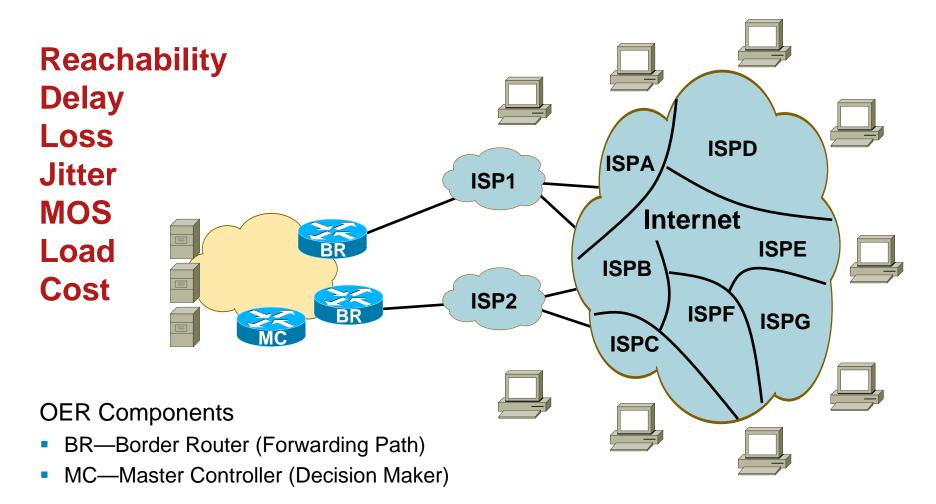






Optimized Edge Routing (OER) Performance Based Routing for Internet Edge

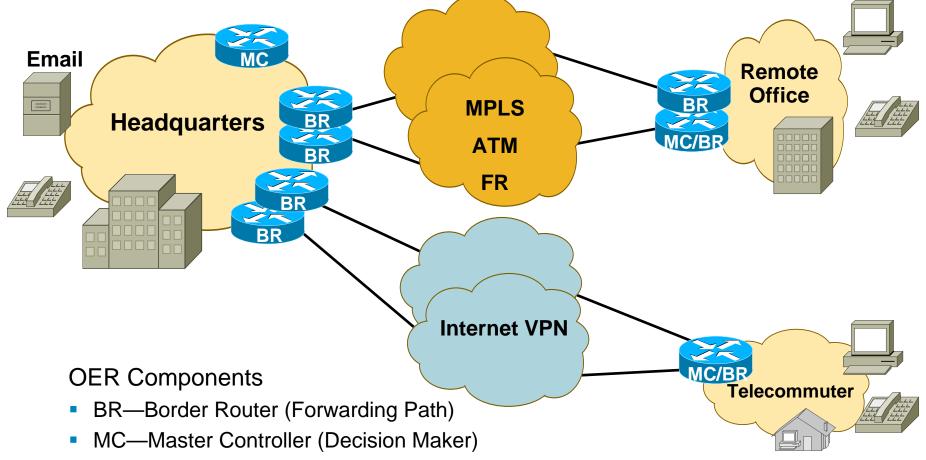
Exit and/or Entrance Selection Criteria



Optimized Edge Routing (OER) Performance Based Routing for Enterprise WAN Edge

Exit Selection Criteria

Reachability, Delay, Loss, Jitter, MOS, Load, Cost



Component Description

Master Controller (MC)

Cisco IOS[®] software feature

Apply Policy, Verification, Reporting

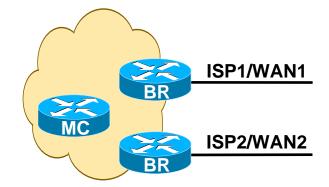
Standalone or collocated with BR

No routing protocol required

No packet forwarding/inspection required

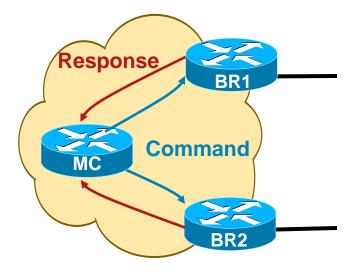
Border Router (BR)

Cisco IOS software feature in forwarding router Learn, Measure, Enforcement Netflow Collector Probe Source (IP SLA Client)



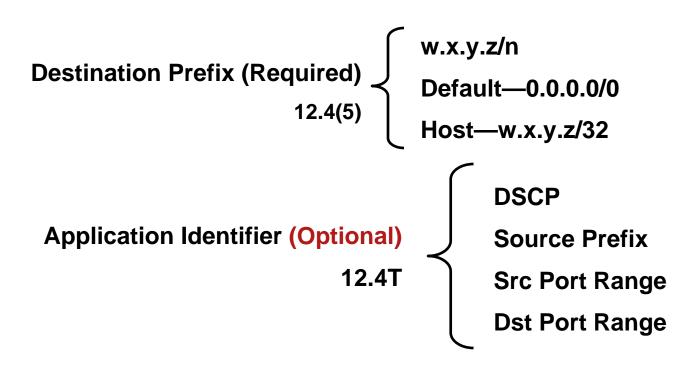
Information Flow

- MC controls all operation
 Issues commands to BRs
 Contains traffic class/link data
 Reports events
 Reports measurements
 Makes Policy decisions
- BR responds to MC commands Sends responses to MC Uses Netflow, IP SLA, BGP, static, RIB, ... Measures traffic class performance Measures link performance Enforces performance based routing



Which Applications to Manage?

- OER manages traffic classes
- Applications are translated to traffic classes
- Traffic class contains two objects



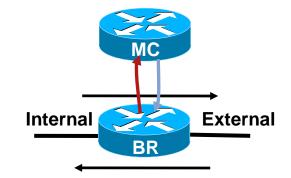
Entering Traffic Classes in the MC Traffic Class Learning

- MC commands BRs to learn traffic classes
- BRs inspect all flows
- BRs ignore non-interesting flows
- BRs aggregate flows to prefix boundaries

BRs Know Traffic Classes

- BRs measure traffic class performance
- BRs sort traffic classes
- BRs send sorted traffic class lists to MC BRs send host addresses used for probe targets
- MC combines and sorts to a single traffic class list
- MC enters top throughput and top delay into database

MC Knows Traffic Classes



Entering Traffic Classes in the MC Traffic Class Learning

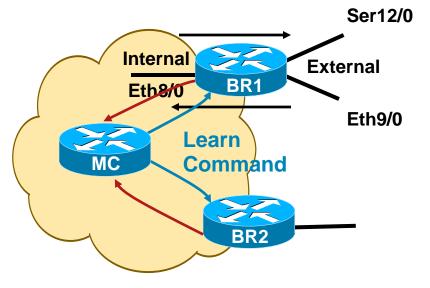
Prefix Learning—12.4(5)

MC Configuration

key chain key1
key 1
key 1
key-string oer
oer master
learn
throughput
monitor 1
periodic 0
border 10.10.10.1 key-chain key1
interface Ethernet8/0 internal
interface Serial12/0 external

BR Configuration

```
key chain key1
key 1
key-string oer
oer border
local ethernet 8/0
master 10.10.10.2 key-chain key1
```



Entering Traffic Classes in the MC Traffic Class Learning

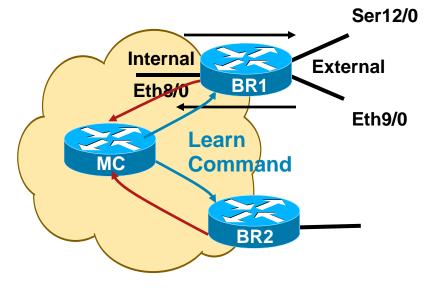
Application Learning—12.4T

MC Configuration

oer master learn throughput monitor 1 periodic 0 traffic-class keys dscp border 10.10.10.1 key-chain key1 interface Ethernet8/0 internal interface Ethernet9/0 external interface Serial12/0 external

BR Configuration

oer border local ethernet 8/0 master 10.10.10.2 key-chain key1



Entering Traffic Classes in the MC Traffic Class Configuration

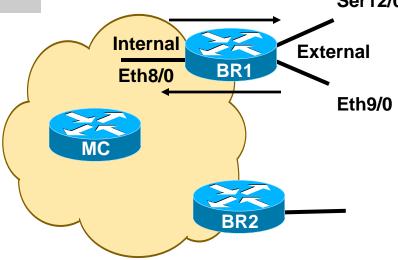
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MC Configuration



BR Configuration

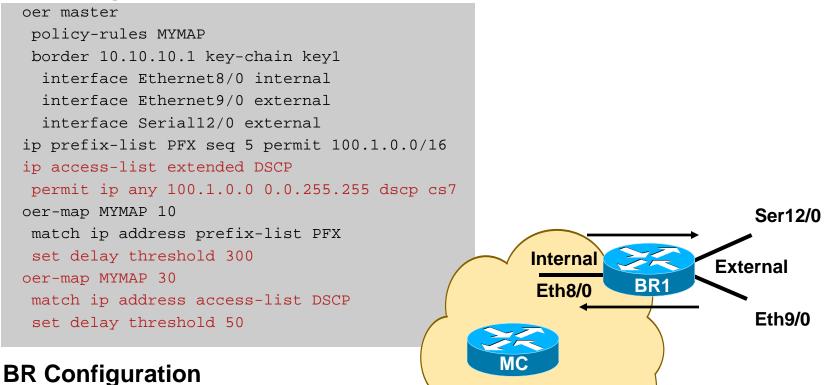
oer border local ethernet 8/0 master 10.10.10.2 key-chain keyl



Entering Traffic Classes in the MC Traffic Class Configuration

Application Configuration—12.4(6)T

MC Configuration



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BR₂

Measuring Traffic Class Performance

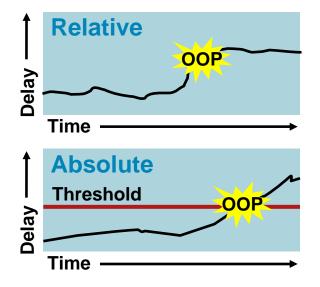
 Active OER enables IP SLA feature Probes sourced from BRs icmp probes learned or configured tcp, udp, jitter need ip slaresponder 	Delay Reachability Jitter 12.4(6)T MOS 12.4(6)T
oer master active-probe echo 70.1.1.1	
oer-map MYMAP 30 set active-probe jitter 30.1.1.1 target-port 1 codec g729a set probe frequency 4	Delay
 Passive OER Netflow monitoring of traffic classes 	Loss Reachability Egress BW
• Monitor modes oer master mode monitor { both active passive}	Ingress BW MC
 set probe frequency 4 Passive OER Netflow monitoring of traffic classes Monitor modes 	Loss Reachability Egress BW

Applying Policy Traffic Classes and Link

- Unreachable always applied
- Default policy



- Traffic class relative delay
 - If delay increases, re-route traffic class
- External link utilization
 - If utilization >75%, re-route traffic classes
- Policy type
 - Relative (default)
 - If metric rises sharply, then OOP
 - Absolute
 - If metric exceeds threshold, then OOP



Applying Policy Traffic Classes and Link

- show oer master
- Per traffic class

Global

show oer master border detail

show oer master prefix 100.1.0.0/16 policy

External link

oer master delay relative 20 loss threshold 10000 max-range-utilization percent 30

oer-map MYMAP 10 set delay relative 20 set loss threshold 10000

oer master border 10.10.10.1 interface Serial12/0 external max-xmit-utilization percentage 80 maximum utilization receive percentage 80





Selecting "Best" Traffic Class Exit

OER selects a policy conforming exit

- 1. Gather traffic class measurements for all exits
- 2. Gather link utilization for all external interfaces
- 3. Exits with no measurements ignored
- 4. Measurements applied using priority with variance
- 5. Exits within variance are candidates

After All Priorities Examined:

- 1. If a single candidate Use single candidate
- 2. If multiple candidates includes current exit Choose current exit
- 3. Else, randomly choose a candidate

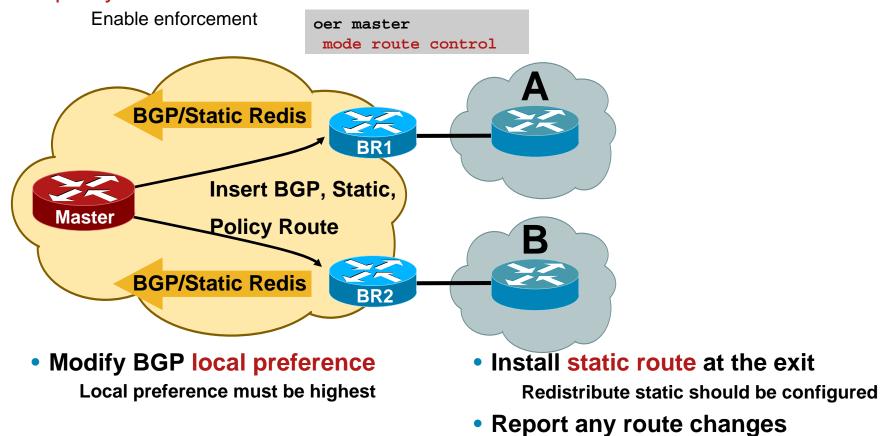
oer master

resolve delay priority 4 variance 20 resolve loss priority 6 variance 20 resolve util priority 8 variance 20



Enforcing Traffic Class Exit

- MC tells BR to insert prefix in BGP or static table
- MC tells BR to insert Traffic Class in policy route



Influencing Prefix Entrance

- Passive measurements gathered for all entrances
- Measurements applied in priority order Priority with variance applied
- Identify entrances to downgrade
- Downgrade entrance using BGP advertisement
 - AS path prepend
 - Append downgrade BGP community aa:nn
 - ISP specific community
 - ISP AS prepend community
 - ISP local prefix community

oer master

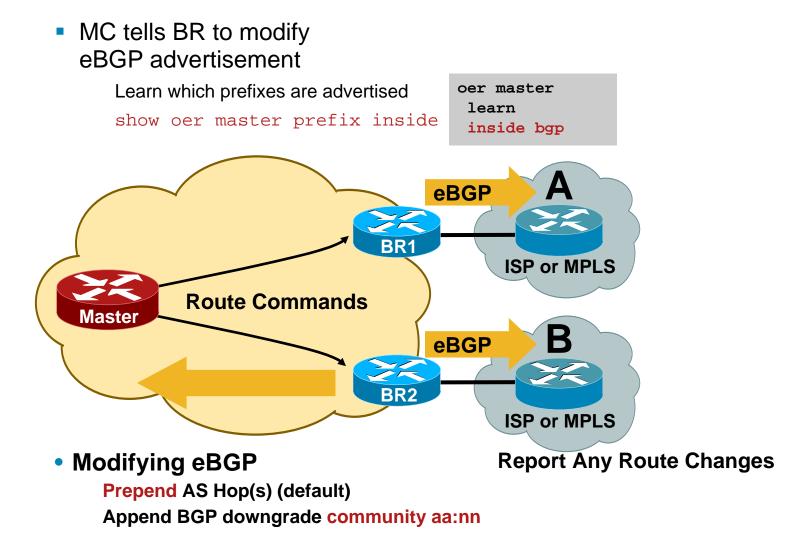
border 10.10.10.1

interface Serial12/0 external

downgrade bgp community aa:nn (Optional)



Influencing Prefix Entrance



Reporting Results

Syslog

sh log | i 100.1.1.0

- *Apr 26 22:58:20.919: %OER_MC-5-NOTICE: Discovered Exit for prefix 100.1.1.0/24, BR 10.10.10.1, i/f Et9/0
- *Apr 26 23:03:14.987: %OER_MC-5-NOTICE: Route changed 100.1.1.0/24, BR 10.10.10.1, i/f Se12/0, Reason Delay, OOP Reason Timer Expired
- *Apr 26 23:09:18.911: %OER_MC-5-NOTICE: Passive REL Loss OOP 100.1.1.0/24, loss 133, BR 10.10.10.1, i/f Se12/0, relative loss 23, prev BR Unknown i/f Unknown
- *Apr 26 23:10:51.123: %OER_MC-5-NOTICE: Route changed 100.1.1.0/24, BR 10.10.10.1, i/f Et9/0, Reason Delay, OOP Reason Loss

Show commands

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100.1.1.0/24	HOLDDOWN 16 U	16 U	10.10.10. 0 0	1 Et9/0 0 0	0 55	STATIC 0 2	

OER CISCO IOS Support

- Released in 12.3(8)T (May 17, 2004)
- **12.4**

Prefix optimization

12.4T

Traffic class optimization

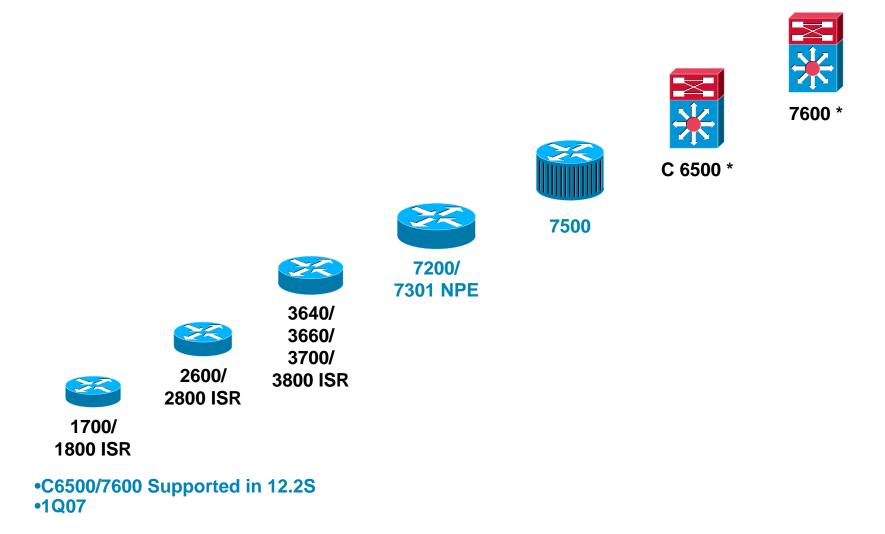
Voice optimization

 12.2S on the C6500 and 7600 platforms Prefix and traffic class management 1Q07





OER Platform Support



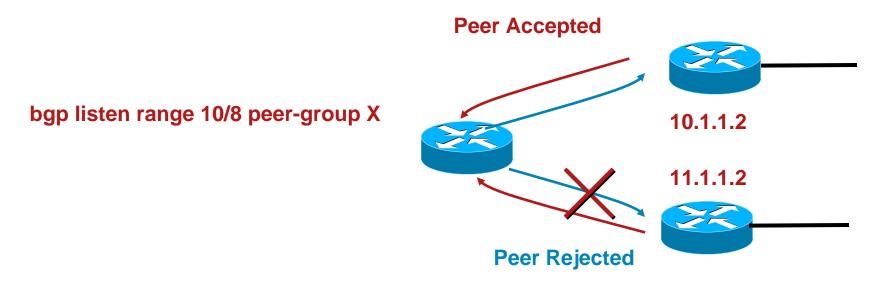
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- Faster Convergence
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Whiteboard Features - Caveat

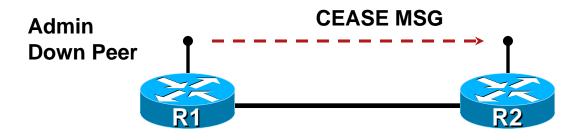
Caveat: These features are being considered for IOS. However, this list changes based on customer and business needs. Therefore, these features may change in priority, schedule, and even implementation details. If the business needs change, features may be added or removed from this list.

Whiteboard Features - Dynamic Peering



- Allows significant reduction in configuration overhead
- Permits peers to be formed when sourced from specified prefix range
- Potential security issues be forewarned about deployment scenarios
- There will be initial scope limitations for scaling reasons

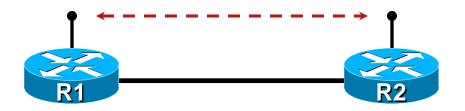
Whiteboard Features - CEASE



- Graceful Shutdown Mechanism
- Faster convergence, allowing R2 to run BESTPATH without having to wait for the session to timeout.
- When peer is administratively shutdown, CEASE Notification message will be sent.

Whiteboard Features - MD5 Static Key Rollover

R1 changes MD5 Key with R2 on established session



- R1 and R2 Peer using MD5 static Key
- In the past, an update of the key would cause the session to transition
- This feature allows a dead interval period where the MD5 keys do NOT match and the session will not reset.
- Allows both sides to be updated within a close proximity of time, while the session is maintained thus greatly reducing churn and unnecessary re-convergence.
- Basically, Keychain functionality

Whiteboard Features - Others

BGP Event Log

Track BGP issues and history with event-log reporting.

Session/Neighbor Dampening

Utilizing Dampening Logic on Sessions/Neighbors rather than prefixes

Enforce First AS per Neighbor

Making the Enforce First AS a per peer knob rather than global

Be aware of security issues here for spoofing!

IOS-XR BGP Design Goals

Scalability

Thousands of peers

Millions of prefixes & paths

Reliability

NSF, Graceful Restart, Process restart capabilities

Performance

Faster convergence with large number of peers/prefixes

CLI Partitioning

- No address-family enabled by default
- Explicitly enable address-family support
- Neighbor based config
- Global AF-Independent configuration
- Global AF-Dependent configuration
- Neighbor AF-Independent configuration
- Neighbor AF-Dependent configuration

Configuration and Update Grouping

- Configuration grouping Support hierarchical configuration Clearer semantics for inheritance Supports three types of groups session-group af-group neighbor-group
- Update grouping
 - Dynamically group peers whose updates can be replicated
 - Peer to update-group assignment is based on configuration of outbound policies

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	neighbor groups					
be		neighbor 1.1.	.1.1			

Example Configuration

```
router bgp 1
   router-id 10.0.0.1
    address-family ipv4 unicast
        scan-time 20
        network 10.1.0.0 mask 255.255.0.0
        redistribute static
    address-family ipv4 multicast
        redistribute isis 1
        network 224.1.0.0 mask 255.255.0.0
   neighbor 1.1.1.1
        remote-as 1
        timers 10 30
        address-family ipv4 unicast
            next-hop-self
            route-policy pass-all in
            route-policy pass-all out
        address-family ipv4 multicast
            next-hop-self
            route-policy pass-all in
            route-policy pass-all out
   neighbor 2.1.1.1
        remote-as 2
        ebgp-multihop 4
        address-family ipv4 unicast
            max-prefix 1000
        address-family ipv4 multicast
            route-policy pass-all in
            route-policy pass-all out
            route-reflector-client
```

Session Group

- Contains only address family independent config
- Can inherit from another session-group

```
router bgp 100
session-group sg-generic
password encrypted xyz
version 4
!
session-group sg-internal
remote-as 222
update-source Loopback0
use session-group sg-generic
!
neighbor 1.1.1.1
use session-group sg-internal
```

AF Group

- Contains only AF specific configuration for a single AF
- Can inherit from another af-group

```
router bgp 100
af-group af-pol address-family ipv4 unicast
route-policy pass-all in
!
af-group af-nei address-family ipv4 unicast
use af-group af-pol
weight 600
!
neighbor 1.1.1.1
remote-as 222
address-family ipv4 unicast
use af-group af-nei
!
!
```

Neighbor Group

- Can contain address-family as well as session specific configurations
- Can inherit from session-group, af-group or another neighborgroup

```
router bgp 100
!
neighbor-group ng-internal
  use session-group sg-internal
  address-family ipv4 unicast
    use af-group af-nei
  !
  !
  neighbor 1.1.1.1
    use neighbor-group ng-internal
  !
```

Inheritance Rules

- Simple order of precedence for config
 - If item is configured specifically for a peer, use the peer's specific configuration
 - If peer belongs to a neighbor-group, session-group, or af-group, use configuration from defined group
 - Otherwise use default value
- Session-group and af-group have higher precedence over neighbor-group

Config Grouping Show Commands

- Combining session groups, af groups, and neighbor groups may result in a complex configuration
- New show command provides configuration which is actually being used by a peer

show bgp neighbor <addr> configuration

- New show commands for various group types show bgp session-group <name> show bgp af-group <name>
 - show bgp neighbor-group <name>

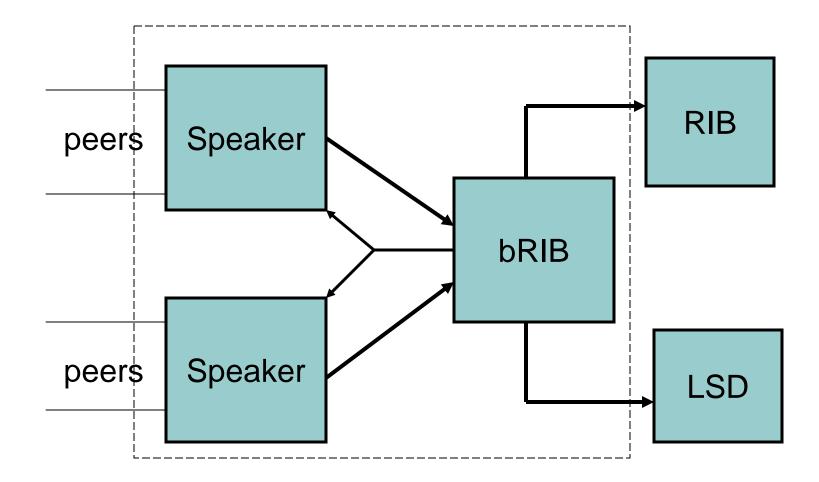
Stand-alone and Distribute modes

- IOS-XR BGP runs in one of two modes (configurable) Stand-alone mode
 Distributed mode
- Stand-alone is typical usage single RP system
- Stand-alone spawns two processes BGP Process Manager (BPM) BGP Speaker
- Distributed mode
 - Distribute peers among multiple RPs
 - Distribute address-families among multiple RPs
- Three process are spawned BGP Process Manager (BPM) BGP RIB (bRIB) BGP Speaker

BGP Process Manager (BPM)

- Configuration verification, Basic sanity checking
- Starts speaker and bRIB processes
- Mode transition (standalone $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ distributed)
- Performs neighbor allocation to speakers
- Publishes AS/router-id etc. information
- Processes BGP config templates
- Publishes neighbor config to speakers

Distributed BGP



BGP Speaker

- Multiple BGP speaker processes (max 15)
- Receive updates from peers [1]
- Calculate partial bestpaths [2]

Only paths received from local neighbors considered Speakers don't have access to entire BGP-RIB All steps up to MED comparison

Send partial bestpaths to bRIB [3]

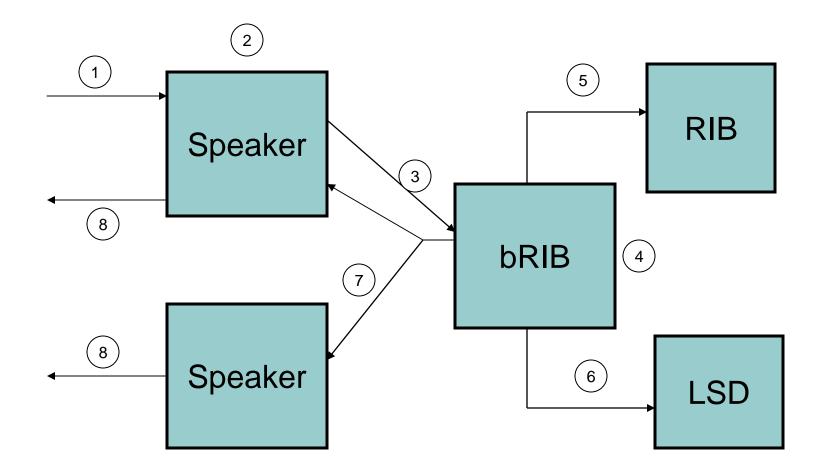
BGP Speaker

- Receive final bestpaths from bRIB [7]
- Send updates to neighbors [8]
- Speakers support all AFIs
- Can operate in standalone mode.
 Full bestpath calculation
 Directly updates global RIB and LSD.

BGP RIB (bRIB)

- IPv4, IPv6, VPNv4 bRIBs
- Receives partial bestpaths from speakers [3]
- Computes final bestpaths [4]
- Performs Import processing
- Installs bestpaths into RIB/allocate labels from LSD. [5/6]
- Generates aggregates and locally sourced networks
- Sends bestpaths to speakers [7]

Distributed BGP Flow



• Useful show commands

show bgp <afi> <safi> process detail
show bgp process performance-statistics detail
show bgp <afi> <safi> summary
show bgp <afi> <safi>
show bgp update-group
show bgp neighbors
show bgp neighbor performance-statistics
show process bgp

show bgp process

BGP is operating in DISTRIBUTED mode Autonomous System: 1 Router ID: 10.0.0.1 Cluster ID: 10.0.0.1 Fast external fallover enabled Neighbor logging is enabled Enforce first AS enabled Default local preference: 100 Default keepalive: 60 Update delay: 120

Address family: IPv4 Unicast Dampening is not enabled Client reflection is enabled IGP synchronization not enabled Auto-summary is not enabled Main Table Version: 32218

Node	Process		Nbrs	Estab	Rst	Upd-Rcvd	Upd-Sent	Nfn-Rcvd	Nfn-Sent
node2	bRIB	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
node3	bRIB	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
node2	Speaker	1	2	2	1	230347	9	0	0
node3	Speaker	2	2	2	1	159520	10	0	0

show bgp ipv4 unicast summary

BGP router identifier 30.30.30.1, local AS number 1 BGP generic scan interval 60 secs BGP table state: Active BGP main routing table version 101068 BGP scan interval 60 secs BGP is operating in DISTRIBUTED mode.

Process	Id	RecvT	blVe	r bRII	B/RIB	LabelVer	Import	tVer	SendTblV	er
Speaker	1		34	4	34	0		0		34
Speaker	2		-	1	1	0		0		0
bRIB	1		61	1	61	0		0		61
Neighbor		Spk	AS	MsgRcvd	MsgSen	t TblVe	r InQ	OutQ	Up/Down	St/PfxRcd
11.0.1.2		1	2	999	99	6 3	1 0	0	01:09:04	5
11.0.2.2		1	1	999	99	6 3	1 0	0	01:09:04	5

show bgp vpnv4 unicast summary

DRP/0/2/CPU1:rgr2-q1#show bgp vpnv4 u sum BGP router identifier 10.0.0.1, local AS number 1 BGP generic scan interval 60 secs BGP table state: Active BGP main routing table version 68541 BGP scan interval 60 secs BGP is operating in DISTRIBUTED mode.

Process	Id	RecvT	blVer'	bRI	B/RIB	LabelVer	Import	ZVer	SendTblVe	er
Speaker	1		1		1	0		0		0
Speaker	2		2115		2115	0		0	159	95
bRIB	3		68541	. (68541	68541	68	3541	6854	41
Neighbor		Spk	AS	MsgRcvd	MsgSer	nt TblVe	r InQ	OutQ	Up/Down	St/PfxRcd
11.0.4.2		2	1	1019	118	30 159	50	0	01:09:10	5

show bgp vrf <name> summary

DRP/0/2/CPU1:rgr2-q1#show bgp vrf t1 sum BGP VRF t1, state: Active BGP Route Distinguisher: 10.0.0.1:0 BGP router identifier 10.1.0.1, local AS number 1 BGP generic scan interval 60 secs BGP table state: Active BGP main routing table version 68541 BGP scan interval 60 secs BGP is operating in DISTRIBUTED mode.

Process	Id	Recv	TblVer	bRIB/I	RIB La	belVer	ImportV	er Se	endTblVer	
Speaker	1		1		1	0		0	0	
Speaker	2		2115	23	115	0		0	1595	
Neighbor		Spk	AS	MsgRcvd	MsgSen	t Tbl	.Ver InQ	OutQ	Up/Down	St/PfxRcd
11.0.3.2		2	1001	1025	102	3 1	.595 0	0	01:10:48	5

Debug commands

- Debugs may be enabled concurrently for the same neighbor with and without a filter, or with multiple filters
 debug bgp update 10.0.101.1 in
 debug bgp update 10.0.101.1 in <route-policy>
- You can enable debugs for multiple neighbors at the same time

BGP – show/debug

Received updates from peers

show bgp neighbor z.z.z.z routes

debug bgp update z.z.z.z in <rpl>

Calculate Partial best-paths in speaker

show bgp x.x.x.x/y speaker <speaker-id>
debug bgp update z.z.z in <rpl>

Speaker sent partial bestpath to bRIB

show bgp x.x.x.x/y speaker a
show bgp x.x.x.x/y brib
debug bgp brib-update <rpl> in speaker a
debug bgp brib-update <rpl> in brib 1

BGP – show/debug

Computes final bestpaths

show bgp x.x.x.x/y [brib <id> | speaker <id>]

show bgp x.x.x.x/y

show bgp x.x.x.x/y bestpath-compare

Installs bestpaths into RIB

show bgp x.x.x.x/y
show route x.x.x.x/y
debug bgp rib <rpl>
debug routing ipv4 <acl>

Allocate label from LSD – need to load mpls pie

show bgp vrf <vrf_name> x.x.x.x/y
show bgp vrf <vrf_name> labels
show mpls lsd forwarding label <label>

BGP – show/debug

Sends bestpaths to speakers

show bgp x.x.x.x/y brib
show bgp x.x.x.x/y speaker <spkr-id>
debug bgp brib-update <rpl> out speaker <spkr-id>
debug bgp brib-update <rpl> out brib <brib-id>

Send updates to neighbors

show bgp neighbor w.w.w.w advertise
debug bgp update w.w.w.w out <rpl>

Session bring up

show bgp neighbor x.x.x.x debug bgp io

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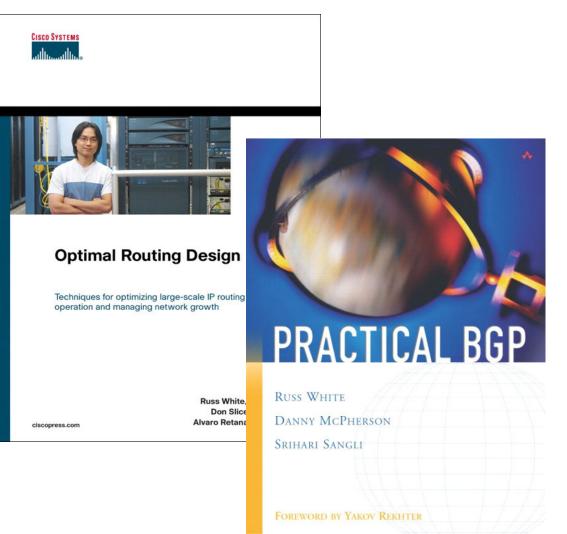




Recommended Reading

BRKIPM -3005

- Practical BGP
- Optimal Routing Design



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BGP Sessions

- BGP plays a role in OER:
- IPM-2015 Deploying Optimized Edge Routing Friday at 8:30
- IPM-3004 IGP, BGP, and PIM Fast Convergence Wednesday at 15:30
- Various IP& MPLS Sessions

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