

Enhanced Interior Gateway
Routing Protocol
(EIGRP)

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### What is EIGRP?

- Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol
  - Successor to Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (IGRP)
- Cisco proprietary "hybrid" protocol
  - Both Distance Vector and Link State Behavior
  - Really "Advanced Distance Vector"
- "Classless" protocol
  - Supports VLSM and summarization



### Why Use EIGRP?

- Guarantees loop-free topology
  - Diffusing Update Algorithm (DUAL)
- Fast convergence
  - Fastest of all IGP in certain designs
- Reliable & Efficient Updating
  - Forms active neighbor adjacencies
  - Guarantees packet delivery with Reliable Transport Protocol (RTP)
  - Supports partial updates
    - · Not all neighbors need all routes

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### Why Use EIGRP? (cont.)

- Multiple routed protocol support
  - IPv4, IPX, & Appletalk
  - Legacy now, but originally important in nonconverged networks
- Granular Metric
  - Hybrid metric derived from multiple factors
- Unequal Cost Load Balancing
  - Only IGP that supports true load distribution
- Control Plane Security
  - Supports MD5 based authentication



#### How EIGRP Works

- Step 1 Discover EIGRP Neighbors
- Step 2 Exchange Topology Information
- Step 3 Choose Best Path via DUAL
- Step 4 Neighbor and Topology Table Maintenance

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# Step 1 - Discovering EIGRP Neighbors

- EIGRP uses multicast "HELLO" packets to discover neighbors on EIGRP enabled attached links
  - Transport via IP protocol 88 (EIGRP)
  - Destination address 224.0.0.10
- Hello packets contain...
  - Autonomous System Number
  - Hold Time
  - Authentication
  - Metric Weightings (K values)
- Neighbors found are inserted into EIGRP "neighbor table"
  - show ip eigrp neighbors
- Neighbors that agree on attributes and exchange updates form active "adjacency"



### Step 2 - Exchanging Topology Information

- Once neighbors are found, EIGRP "UPDATE" messages used to exchange routes
  - Sent as multicast to 224.0.0.10 or as unicast
- RTP uses sequence numbers and acknowledgements (ACKs) to ensure delivery
- · Update messages describe attributes of a route
  - Prefix + Length
  - Next-Hop
  - Bandwidth
  - Delay
  - Load
  - Reliability
  - MTU
  - Hop Count
  - External Attributes
- All routes learned from all neighbors make up the EIGRP "topology table"
  - show ip eigrp topology

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# Step 3 - Choosing The Best Path

- Once topology is learned, DUAL runs to choose loop-free best path to each destination
- Unlike other protocols, EIGRP uses complex "composite" metric to choose best path
- Composite metric calculated from...
  - Administrative Weighting
  - Bandwidth
  - Delay
  - Load
  - Reliability
- Path with lowest composite metric is considered best and installed in IP routing table
- One or more backup routes can also be pre-calculated per destination
- Only best route is advertised to other EIGRP neighbors



### Step 4 - Neighbor and Topology Table Maintenance

- Unlike RIP or IGRP, active EIGRP neighbor adjacency reduces convergence time in event of network failure
- Adjacent neighbors' hello packets contain "hold time"
  - If no hello is received within hold time, neighbor declared unreachable
- When neighbor is lost...
  - Paths via that neighbor are removed from topology and routing table
  - If backup routes exist, they become new best paths and are inserted in routing table
    - In this case EIGRP can have sub-second convergence
  - If no backup routes exist, DUAL must run again

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### **DUAL** Reconvergence

- When best path is lost and no backup routes exist, route goes into "active" state and "active timer" starts
  - Stable routes not in active state are considered "passive"
- EIGRP "QUERY" message is reliably sent to remaining neighbors asking if there is an alternate route
- QUERY is propagated to all neighbors within EIGRP "query domain" or "flooding domain"
  - More on this later...
- Neighbors respond with EIGRP "REPLY" packet indicating if alternate route is available
  - If alternate route exists, DUAL recalculates new best path
  - If no alternate route, prefix removed from topology table
  - If active timer expires and no REPLY received, route is declared "Stuck-In-Active" (SIA) and removed from topology table



# **EIGRP Loop Prevention**

- EIGRP guarantees loop-free topology through usage of...
  - Split Horizon
    - Don't advertise routes out the link they came in on
  - DUAL Feasibility Condition
    - If your metric is lower than mine, you are loop-free

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### **DUAL Terms in Detail**

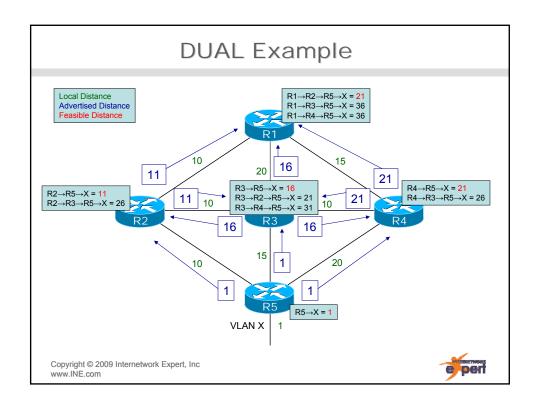
- Successor Best path to a destination
- Feasible Distance (FD) Composite metric of best path
- Feasible Successor (FS) Backup path to a destination
- Advertised Distance (AD) Composite metric learned from neighbor
- Local Distance (LD) Composite metric to reach local neighbor
- Feasibility Condition (FC) Criteria for valid backup paths



### **DUAL Path Selection in Detail**

- Once adjacency occurs and update messages are exchanged, path selection begins
- Each update includes the metric the upstream router uses to reach destination (AD)
- Local router knows the metric to reach each upstream router (LD)
- Best path (successor) is chosen based on lowest AD + LD

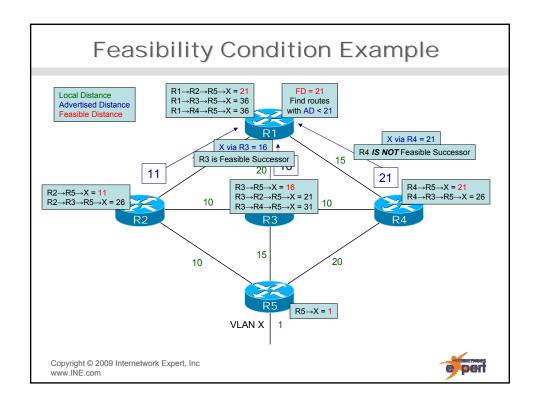




# Feasibility Condition in Detail

- Once best path is chosen, additional paths are examined for backup routes
- Feasibility Condition (FC) finds loop-free backup routes via logic...
  - If AD < FD, path is loop-free and viable backup</li>
  - e.g. if your metric is lower than mine, you are closer to the destination and loop-free
- Paths that meet the FC are Feasible Successors (FS)
- Only Feasible Successors can be used for unequal cost load balancing

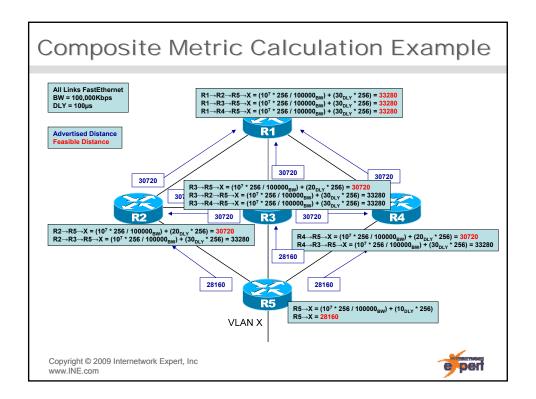




# Composite Metric Calculation in Detail

- Unlike other IGPs' hop count or BW-based cost, EIGRP metric is a hybrid value comprised of...
  - Inverse lowest bandwidth along path in Kbps scaled by 10<sup>7</sup> \* 256
  - Cumulative delay along path in tens of microseconds (µs) scaled by 256
  - Worst load along path
  - Worst reliability along path
- · Composite metric is computed as...
  - metric = [k1 \* bandwidth + (k2 \* bandwidth)/(256 load) + k3 \* delay]
  - If k5 != 0, metric = metric \* [k5/(reliability + k4)]
- · "K" values allow for manual administrative weighting
  - Must match for adjacency to occur
- Default K values are K1 = 1, K2 = 0, K3 = 1, K4 = 0, K5 = 0
  - Implies default composite is bandwidth + delay
  - Reliability and load typically not used since they are constantly changing





# Implementing Basic EIGRP

- Initialize EIGRP process
  - router eigrp [asn]
- Enable EIGRP on links
  - network [address] [wildcard]
- Network statement does not control what is advertised, controls what interfaces run the protocol

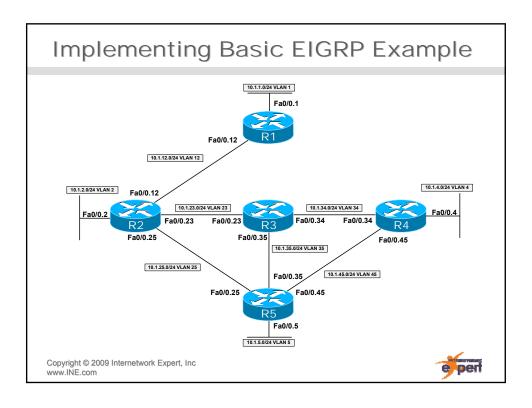
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## Verifying Basic EIGRP

- Verify EIGRP interfaces
  - show ip eigrp interfaces
- · Verify EIGRP neighbors
  - show ip eigrp neighbors
- Verify EIGRP topology
  - show ip eigrp topology
- Verify EIGRP routes in routing table
  - show ip route [eigrp]





#### Basic EIGRP Configuration R1#show run | section router eigrp 1 router eigrp 1 network 10.0.0.0 no auto-summary R2#show run | section router eigrp 1 router eigrp 1 network 10.1.0.0 0.0.255.255 no auto-summary R3#show run | section router eigrp 1 router eigrp 1 network 10.1.23.0 0.0.0.255 network 10.1.34.0 0.0.0.255 network 10.1.35.0 0.0.0.255 no auto-summary R4#show run | section router eigrp 1 router eigrp 1 network 10.1.4.4 0.0.0.0 network 10.1.34.4 0.0.0.0 network 10.1.45.4 0.0.0.0 no auto-summary R5#show run | section router eigrp 1 router eigrp 1 network 0.0.0.0 no auto-summary Copyright © 2009 Internetwork Expert, Inc www.INE.com

### **EIGRP Interface Verification**

Rl#show ip ei						
IP-EIGRP inte	rfaces for					
		Xmit Queue	Mean	Pacing Time	Multicast	Pending
Interface	Peers	Un/Reliable		Un/Reliable	Flow Timer	Routes
Fa0/0.1	0	0/0	0	0/1	0	0
Fa0/0.12	1	0/0	8	0/1	50	0
Fa0/0.13	0	0/0	0	0/1	0	0
Fa0/0.14	0	0/0	0	0/1	0	0
R2#show ip ei	grp interf	aces				
IP-EIGRP inte	rfaces for	process 1				
		Xmit Queue	Mean	Pacing Time	Multicast	Pending
Interface	Peers	Un/Reliable	SRTT	Un/Reliable	Flow Timer	Routes
Fa0/0.2	0	0/0	0	0/1	0	0
Fa0/0.12	1	0/0	4	0/1	50	0
Fa0/0.23	1	0/0	6	0/1	50	0
Fa0/0.25	1	0/0	9	0/1	50	0
R3#show ip ei	grp interf	aces				
IP-EIGRP inte	rfaces for	process 1				
		Xmit Oueue	Mean	Pacing Time	Multicast	Pending
Interface	Peers	Un/Reliable	SRTT	Un/Reliable	Flow Timer	Routes
Fa0/0.23	1	0/0	6	0/1	50	0
Fa0/0.34	1	0/0	1	0/1	50	0
Fa0/0.35	1	0/0	8	0/1	50	0
R4#show ip ei	grp interf	aces				
IP-EIGRP inte	rfaces for	process 1				
		Xmit Queue	Mean	Pacing Time	Multicast	Pending
Interface	Peers	Un/Reliable	SRTT	Un/Reliable	Flow Timer	Routes
Fa0/0.34	1	0/0	1	0/1	50	0
Fa0/0.4	0	0/0	0	0/1	0	0
Fa0/0.45	1	0/0	4	0/1	50	0
R5#show ip ei	grp interf	aces				
IP-EIGRP inte	rfaces for	process 1				
		Xmit Queue	Mean	Pacing Time	Multicast	Pending
Interface	Peers	Un/Reliable	SRTT	Un/Reliable	Flow Timer	Routes
Fa0/0.5	0	0/0	0	0/1	0	0
Fa0/0.25	1	0/0	13	0/1	80	0
Fa0/0.35	1	0/0	15	0/1	80	0
Fa0/0.45	1	0/0	7	0/1	50	0

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## **EIGRP Packet Level Debug**

```
Rl#debug ip packet detail
IP packet debugding is on (detailed)
Rl#config t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Rl(config)#router eigrp 1
Rl(config-router)#no auto-summary
Rl(config-router)#network 10.0.0.0
Rl#
IP: s=10.1.12.1 (local), d=224.0.0.10 (FastEthernet0/0.12), len 60, sending broad/multicast, proto=88
IP: s=10.1.12.2 (FastEthernet0/0.12), d=224.0.0.10, len 60, rovd 2, proto=88
IP: s=10.1.12.2 (FastEthernet0/0.12), d=10.1.12.1 (FastEthernet0/0.12) is up: new adjacency
IP: tableid=0, s=10.1.12.2 (FastEthernet0/0.12), d=10.1.12.1 (FastEthernet0/0.12), routed via RIB
IP: s=10.1.12.1 (local), d=224.0.10 (FastEthernet0/0.12), len 40, rovd 3, proto=88
IP: s=10.1.12.1 (local), d=224.0.0.10 (FastEthernet0/0.12), len 40, sending, proto=88
IP: s=10.1.12.2 (FastEthernet0/0.12), d=224.0.0.10, len 77, rovd 2, proto=88
IP: s=10.1.12.2 (FastEthernet0/0.12), d=224.0.0.10, len 320, rovd 2, proto=88
IP: s=10.1.12.1 (local), d=224.0.0.10 (FastEthernet0/0.12), len 70, rovd 2, proto=88
IP: s=10.1.12.1 (local), d=224.0.0.10 (FastEthernet0/0.12), len 71, rovd 2, proto=88
IP: s=10.1.12.1 (local), d=224.0.0.10 (FastEthernet0/0.12), len 71, rovd 2, proto=88
IP: s=10.1.12.1 (local), d=224.0.0.10 (FastEthernet0/0.12), len 71, rovd 2, proto=88
IP: s=10.1.12.1 (local), d=224.0.0.10 (FastEthernet0/0.12), len 68, sending broad/multicast, proto=88
IP: tableid=0, s=10.1.12.2 (FastEthernet0/0.12), d=10.1.12.1 (FastEthernet0/0.12), len 320, rovd 3, proto=88
IP: tableid=0, s=10.1.12.2 (FastEthernet0/0.12), d=10.1.12.1 (FastEthernet0/0.12), len 320, rovd 3, proto=88
IP: tableid=0, s=10.1.12.2 (FastEthernet0/0.12), d=10.1.12.1 (FastEthernet0/0.12), len 320, rovd 3, proto=88
IP: tableid=0, s=10.1.12.2 (FastEthernet0/0.12), d=10.1.12.1 (FastEth
```



# **EIGRP Neighbor Adjacency Verification**

```
Rl#show ip eigrp neighbors
IP-EIGRP neighbors for process 1
H Address Inter
                                                          Interface
                                                                                            Hold Uptime SRTT RTO Q Seq
                                                                                          (sec) (ms) Cnt Num
11 00:03:10 17 200 0 57
0 10.1.12.2
                                                          Fa0/0.12
R2#show ip eigrp neighbors
IP-EIGRP neighbors for process 1
H Address Inter
                                                                                    Hold Uptime SRTT RTO Q Seq
(sec) (ms) Cnt Num
11 00:03:18 10 200 0 4
10 01:27:25 1 200 0 54
11 01:27:38 1 200 0 85
                                                           Interface
                                                          Fa0/0.12
Fa0/0.25
Fa0/0.23
    10.1.25.5
R3#show ip eigrp neighbors
IP-EIGRP neighbors for process 1
                                                                                  Hold Uptime SRTT RTO Q Seq
(sec) (ms) Cnt Num
11 01:27:28 42 252 0 56
11 01:27:41 18 200 0 59
10 01:27:41 69 414 0 47
                                                          Interface
H Address
                                                          Fa0/0.35
1 10.1.23.2
0 10.1.34.4
                                                          Fa0/0.23
Fa0/0.34
R4#show ip eigrp neighbors
IP-EIGRP neighbors for process 1
                                                                                   Hold Uptime SRTT RTO Q Seq (sec) (ms) Cnt Num
14 01:27:30 122 732 0 55
13 01:27:44 35 210 0 86
H Address
                                                          Interface
                                                          Fa0/0.45
R5#show ip eigrp neighbors
IP-BIGRP neighbors for process 1
H Address Inter

        ress I
        Hold Uptime
        SRTT
        RTO
        Q
        Seq

        fa0/0.45
        11 01:27:33
        12 200
        0 45
        18

        Fa0/0.25
        13 01:27:33
        1 200
        0 58

        Fa0/0.35
        13 01:27:33
        5 200
        0 87

2 10 1 45 4
```

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# **EIGRP Topology Verification**



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# **EIGRP Topology Verification Detail**

```
R2#show ip eigrp topology 10.1.5.0 255.255.255.0
IP-EIGRP (AS 1): Topology entry for 10.1.5.0/24
  State is Passive, Query origin flag is 1, 1 Successor(s), FD is 30720
  Routing Descriptor Blocks:
  10.1.25.5 (FastEthernet0/0.25), from 10.1.25.5, Send flag is 0x0
      Composite metric is (30720/28160), Route is Internal
      Vector metric:
        Minimum bandwidth is 100000 Kbit
        Total delay is 200 microseconds
        Reliability is 255/255
        Load is 1/255
        Minimum MTU is 1500
        Hop count is 1
 10.1.23.3 (FastEthernet0/0.23), from 10.1.23.3, Send flag is 0x0
      Composite metric is (33280/30720), Route is Internal
      Vector metric:
        Minimum bandwidth is 100000 Kbit
        Total delay is 300 microseconds
        Reliability is 255/255
       Load is 1/255
       Minimum MTU is 1500
        Hop count is 2
```

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### **EIGRP Routing Table Verification**

```
R2#show ip route
Codes: C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
        i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
        ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
        o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route
Gateway of last resort is not set
     10.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 12 subnets
         10.1.14.0 [90/33280] via 10.1.25.5, 00:19:40, FastEthernet0/0.25
                     [90/33280] via 10.1.23.3, 00:19:40, FastEthernet0/0.23
         10.1.13.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.23.3, 00:19:42, FastEthernet0/0.23
         10.1.12.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.12
         10.1.2.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.2
         10.1.1.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.12.1, 00:07:41, FastEthernet0/0.12 10.1.5.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.25.5, 01:30:23, FastEthernet0/0.25
         10.1.4.0 [90/33280] via 10.1.25.5, 00:19:41, FastEthernet0/0.25
                    [90/33280] via 10.1.23.3, 00:19:41, FastEthernet0/0.23
         10.1.25.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.25
         10.1.23.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.23
10.1.45.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.25.5, 01:31:20, FastEthernet0/0.25
D
         10.1.35.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.25.5, 01:31:20, FastEthernet0/0.25
                     [90/30720] via 10.1.23.3, 01:31:20, FastEthernet0/0.23
         10.1.34.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.23.3, 01:31:20, FastEthernet0/0.23
```



### **EIGRP Routing Table Verification Detail**

R2#show ip route 10.1.5.0 255.255.255.0

Routing entry for 10.1.5.0/24

Known via "eigrp 1", distance 90, metric 30720, type internal
Redistributing via eigrp 1

Last update from 10.1.25.5 on FastEthernet0/0.25, 01:30:53 ago
Routing Descriptor Blocks:

\* 10.1.25.5, from 10.1.25.5, 01:30:53 ago, via FastEthernet0/0.25

Route metric is 30720, traffic share count is 1

Total delay is 200 microseconds, minimum bandwidth is 100000 Kbit
Reliability 255/255, minimum MTU 1500 bytes

Loading 1/255, Hops 1

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# **EIGRP Default Routing**

- EIGRP supports default routing two ways
  - Candidate default network
    - ip default-network [network]
  - Native advertisement of 0.0.0.0/0 prefix
- default-information command in EIGRP does not behave the same as other protocols



#### IP Default-Network

- Candidate default network is backwards compatible with IGRP
  - IGRP didn't support native 0.0.0.0/0 advertisement
- Default network must be...
  - Dynamically learned through EIGRP
  - Not directly connected
  - Classful network
- Limited application due to these restrictions

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## IP Default-Network Example

#### Native Default Advertisement

- Native 0.0.0.0/0 network can be advertised via...
  - Static default route to an interface + network0.0.0.0 under EIGRP process
  - Redistribution from static or another protocol
  - Summarization

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### 0.0.0.0/0 Advertisement Examples

```
RI#
router eigrp 1
network 0.0.0.0

| ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0.0 Null0

RZ#show ip route
Codes: C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, TA - OSPF inter area
N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, R2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
EI - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
O - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route

Gateway of last resort is 10.1.12.1 to network 0.0.0.0

10.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 10 subnets
C 10.1.12.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.12
C 10.1.2.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.2
D 10.1.5.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.12.1, 00:23:33, FastEthernet0/0.25
D 10.1.5.0 io 3/33280] via 10.1.25.5, 00:34:50, FastEthernet0/0.25
C 10.1.23.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.25
C 10.1.25.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.25
C 10.1.25.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.25
D 10.1.45.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.25.5, 00:34:51, FastEthernet0/0.25
D 10.1.35.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.25.5, 00:34:51, FastEthernet0/0.25
D 10.1.35.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.25.5, 00:34:51, FastEthernet0/0.25
D 10.1.35.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.25.5, 00:34:51, FastEthernet0/0.25
D 10.1.34.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.25.5, 00:34:51, FastEthernet0/0.23
D 10.1.34.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.23.3, 00:34:51, FastEthernet0/0.23
D* 0.0.0.0/0 [90/28160] via 10.1.12.1, 00:01:05, FastEthernet0/0.12
```

### 0.0.0.0/0 Advertisement Examples (cont.)

```
redistribute static metric 100000 100 255 1 1500
   ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 Null0
 R2#show ip route
  RZ#SHOW 1P route

Codes: C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP

D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area

N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2

E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2

i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2

ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
                             o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route
10.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 10 subnets

10.1.12.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.12

10.1.2.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.2

10.1.1.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.12.1, 00:24:53, FastEthernet0/0.12

10.1.5.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.25.5, 00:36:10, FastEthernet0/0.25

10.1.4.0 [90/33280] via 10.1.25.5, 00:36:10, FastEthernet0/0.25

[90/33280] via 10.1.23.3, 00:36:10, FastEthernet0/0.23

10.1.25.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.25

10.1.23.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.23

10.1.45.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.25.5, 00:36:11, FastEthernet0/0.25

10.1.35.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.25.5, 00:36:11, FastEthernet0/0.25

10.1.34.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.23.3, 00:36:11, FastEthernet0/0.25

10.1.34.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.23.3, 00:36:11, FastEthernet0/0.23

10.1.34.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.23.3, 00:36:11, FastEthernet0/0.23
                      10.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 10 subnets
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### 0.0.0.0/0 Advertisement Examples (cont.)

```
interface FastEthernet0/0.12
 ip summary-address eigrp 1 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 5
R2#show ip route
Codes: C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
        E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
         i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
         ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
         o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route
Gateway of last resort is 10.1.12.1 to network 0.0.0.0
      10.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 9 subnets
          10.1.12.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.12
          10.1.2.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.2
         10.1.5.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.25.5, 00:38:16, FastEthernet0/0.25 10.1.4.0 [90/33280] via 10.1.25.5, 00:38:16, FastEthernet0/0.25
D
                     [90/33280] via 10.1.23.3, 00:38:16, FastEthernet0/0.23
          10.1.25.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.25
          10.1.23.0 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0.23
10.1.45.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.25.5, 00:38:17, FastEthernet0/0.25
          10.1.35.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.25.5, 00:38:17, FastEthernet0/0.25
          [90/30720] via 10.1.23.3, 00:38:17, FastEthernet0/0.23
10.1.34.0 [90/30720] via 10.1.23.3, 00:38:17, FastEthernet0/0.23
      0.0.0.0/0 [90/30720] via 10.1.12.1, 00:00:26, FastEthernet0/0.12
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```

#### **EIGRP Summarization**

- EIGRP summarization (aggregation) serves two purposes
  - Minimize routing information needed in topology
  - Limit EIGRP query domain
    - · More on this later
- Process level auto-summary automatically summarizes to classful boundary when passing major network boundaries
  - On by default
- Interface level ip summary-address eigrp [network] [mask] [AD] supports any bit boundary
  - Automatically suppresses subnet advertisements
  - Administrative Distance defaults to 5 to allow for floating summaries

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## **EIGRP Auto-Summary Example**

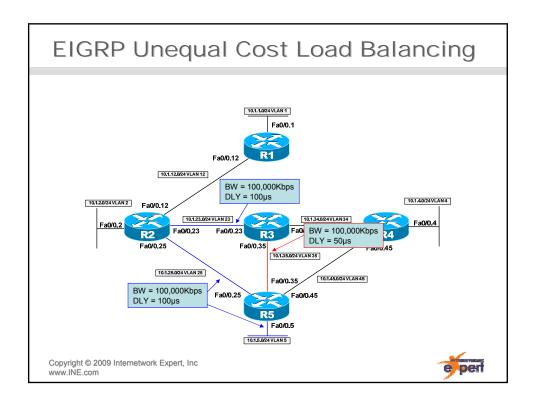


# **EIGRP Manual Summarization Example**

# **EIGRP Load Balancing**

- EIGRP allows load distribution among unequal paths
  - Not the same as other IGPs load balancing among equal cost paths
- Controlled by variance command
  - If feasible distance \* variance > feasible successor, load balancing occurs
- Only feasible successors are candidate for load balancing
- Automatically calculated traffic share count causes links to be used in ratio proportional to their composite metrics





```
EIGRP Unequal Cost Load Balancing

R2#
router eigrp 1
variance 2
R3#
interface FastEthernet0/0.35
delay 5
R2#8show ip eigrp topology 10.1.5.0 255.255.255.0
IP-BIGRP (AS 1): Topology entry for 10.1.5.0/24
State is Passive, Query origin flag is 1, 1 Successor(s), FD is 30720
Routing Descriptor Blocks:
10.1.25.5 (FastEthernet00.25), from 10.1.25.5, Send flag is 0x0
Composite metric is (30720/28160), Route is Internal
Vector metric:
Minimum bandwidth is 100000 Kbit
Total delay is 200 microseconds
Reliability is 255/255
Load is 1/255
Minimum MTU is 1500
R0p count is 1
10.1.23.3 (FastEthernet0/0.23), from 10.1.23.3, Send flag is 0x0
Composite metric is (32000/29440), Route is Internal
Vector metric:
Minimum bandwidth is 100000 Kbit
Total delay is 250 microseconds
Reliability is 255/255
Load is 1/255
Minimum MTU is 1500
R0p count is 2

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```

### EIGRP Unequal Cost Load Balancing (cont.)

```
R2#show ip route 10.1.5.0 255.255.255.0
Routing entry for 10.1.5.0/24
 Known via "eigrp 1", distance 90, metric 30720, type internal
 Redistributing via eigrp 1
 Last update from 10.1.23.3 on FastEthernet0/0.23, 00:03:39 ago
  Routing Descriptor Blocks:
  * 10.1.25.5, from 10.1.25.5, 00:03:39 ago, via FastEthernet0/0.25
      Route metric is 30720, traffic share count is 24
     Total delay is 200 microseconds, minimum bandwidth is 100000 Kbit
     Reliability 255/255, minimum MTU 1500 bytes
      Loading 1/255, Hops 1
    10.1.23.3, from 10.1.23.3, 00:03:39 ago, via FastEthernet0/0.23
      Route metric is 32000, traffic share count is 23
      Total delay is 250 microseconds, minimum bandwidth is 100000 Kbit
     Reliability 255/255, minimum MTU 1500 bytes
     Loading 1/255, Hops 2
```

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#### **EIGRP Link Utilization**

- EIGRP control plane traffic is allowed to use up to 50% of each interface's configured bandwidth value
- Can be adjusted with interface level ip bandwidth-percent eigrp [asn] [percent]
- Can be an important design consideration when bandwidth is modified for routing policy, QoS, or where WAN link circuit speeds don't match underlying interface speeds (e.g. fractional T1)



#### **EIGRP Authentication**

- Routing control plane security is a must in today's networks to prevent DoS and other attacks
  - EIGRP neighbor authentication prevents against malicious route injection attacks or errors in configuration
- Configured Key ID and password are combined to generate MD5 hash
  - If MD5 hash does not match in Hello packets, adjacency cannot occur
- Multiple keys can be configured for manual or automated key rotation
  - key-chain accept & send lifetime

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## **EIGRP Authentication Example**

```
RI#
key chain EIGRP-KEY-CHAIN
key 1
key-string CISCO

interface FastEthernet0/0.12
ip authentication mode eigrp 1 md5
ip authentication key-chain eigrp 1 EIGRP-KEY-CHAIN

R2#
key chain EIGRP-KEY-CHAIN
key 1
key-string CISCO

interface FastEthernet0/0.12
ip authentication mode eigrp 1 md5
ip authentication mode eigrp 1 md5
ip authentication mode eigrp 1 md5
ip authentication key-chain eigrp 1 EIGRP-KEY-CHAIN

R1#show key chain
Key-chain EIGRP-KEY-CHAIN:
key 1 -- text "CISCO"
accept lifetime (always valid) - (always valid) [valid now]
send lifetime (always valid) - (always valid) [valid now]

R1#debug eigrp packet hello

EIGRP: Sending HELLO on FastEthernet0/0.12
AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 0/0 idbQ 0/0 iidbQ un/rely 0/0
EIGRP: received packet with MD5 authentication, key id = 1
EIGRP: Received HELLO on FastEthernet0/0.12 nbr 10.1.12.2
AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 0/0 idbQ 0/0 iidbQ un/rely 0/0 peerQ un/rely 0/0

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```

# **EIGRP Authentication Troubleshooting**

```
R1#config t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
R1(config)#key chain EIGRP-KEY-CHAIN
R1(config-keychain)#key 1
R1(config-keychain-key)#key-string WRONG_PASSWORD
***DUAL-5-NBRCHANGE: IP=EIGRP(0) 1: Neighbor 10.1.12.2 (FastEthernet0/0.12) is down: Auth failure
R1(config-keychain-key)#do debug eigrp packet hello
EIGRP Packets debugging is on
(HELLO)
R1(config-keychain-key)#
EIGRP: pkt key id = 1, authentication mismatch
coutput omitted>
R1(config-keychain-key)#do undebug all
All possible debugging has been turned off
R1(config-keychain-key)#ho key 1
R1(config-keychain-key)#ho key 1
R1(config-keychain)#key 2
R1(config-keychain-key)#key-string WRONG_KEY_NUMBER
R1(config-keychain-key)#key-string WRONG_KEY_NUMBER
R1(config-keychain-key)#key-string WRONG_KEY_NUMBER
R1(config-keychain-key)#do bebug eigrp packet hello
EIGRP Packets debugging is on
(HELLO)
R1(config-keychain-key)#
EIGRP: Sending HELLO on FastEthernet0/0.12
AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 0/0 idbQ 0/0 iddbQ un/rely 0/0
EIGRP: pkt authentication key id = 1, key not defined or not live
```

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## **EIGRP Scalability**

- EIGRP Scalability is a combined function of...
  - Device CPU & memory
  - Protocol timers
  - Number of prefixes in topology
  - Size of query domain
- Physical resources are fixed, but software optimization can reduce convergence time and increase availability through
  - Modifying hello/hold timers
  - Ensuring Feasible Successors are available
  - Topology reduction through summarization
  - Query domain reduction through summarization & stub routing



### **EIGRP Query Domain and SIA**

- When an EIGRP route is lost and there are no Feasible Successors, the route goes into "active" state and a QUERY message is sent to all neighbors
- EIGRP state machine must wait for REPLY messages from all neighbors indicating either a new route or no route for the active prefix
- If REPLY is not received before "active timer" expires, prefix is declared "Stuck-in-Active" (SIA), and EIGRP neighbors are reset and must be re-established
- The larger or more overloaded the network is, the more likely SIA events are to occur and to cause network downtime
- Occurrence of SIA events can be reduced by shrinking where QUERY message must be sent (i.e. "query domain") through
  - EIGRP Summarization
  - EIGRP Stub

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### **EIGRP Summarization and Query Reduction**

- When a QUERY message is received from an EIGRP neighbor, a topology lookup occurs for an exact match of the prefix
  - I.e. if QUERY is received for 1.2.3.0/24, topology is checked for 1.2.3.0/24 exactly
- If exact match is found but no Feasible Successors exist, local device re-generates QUERY to all other neighbors
  - Process continues until REPLY is sent or SIA occurs
- If exact match is not found, REPLY is sent immediately and new QUERY is not generated
- Based on this logic, summarization terminates query domain for subnets of the summary
  - I.e. if QUERY is received for 1.2.3.0/24, but I have only 1.2.0.0/16, send REPLY and do not generate QUERY



e perl

# **EIGRP Query/Reply Verification**

```
Rl#debug eigrp packet query reply
EIGRP Packets debugging is on
(QUERY, REPLY)
    R2#debug eigrp packet query reply
EIGRP Packets debugging is on
(QUERY, REPLY)
  RI(config-if)#shutdown
EIGRP: Enqueueing QUERY on FastEthernet0/0.12 iidbQ un/rely 0/1 serno 77-77
EIGRP: Enqueueing QUERY on FastEthernet0/0.12 nbr 10.1.12.2 iidbQ un/rely 0/0 peerQ un/rely 0/0 serno 77-77
EIGRP: Ending QUERY on FastEthernet0/0.12
AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 58/0 idbQ 0/0 iidbQ un/rely 0/0 serno 77-77
EIGRP: Received REPIX on FastEthernet0/0.12 nbr 10.1.12.2
AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 231/58 idbQ o/0 iidbQ un/rely 0/0 peerQ un/rely 0/0
EIGR: Received QUERY on FastEthernet0/0.12 nbr 10.1.12.1

AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 58/0 idbq 0/0 iidbq um/rely 0/0 peerQ um/rely 0/0

EIGRF: Enqueweing QUERY on FastEthernet0/0.23 iidbq um/rely 0/1 serno 135-135

EIGRF: Enqueweing QUERY on FastEthernet0/0.23 idbq um/rely 0/1 serno 135-135

EIGRF: Enqueweing QUERY on FastEthernet0/0.23 idbq um/rely 0/1 serno 135-135

EIGRF: Enqueweing QUERY on FastEthernet0/0.25 hol.1.25.5 idbq um/rely 0/0 peerQ um/rely 0/0 serno 135-135

EIGRF: Sending QUERY on FastEthernet0/0.25

AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 228/0 idbq 0/0 idbq um/rely 0/0 serno 135-135

EIGRF: Enqueweing QUERY on FastEthernet0/0.23

AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 228/0 idbq 0/0 idbq um/rely 0/0 serno 135-135

EIGRF: Sending QUERY on FastEthernet0/0.23

AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 229/0 idbq 0/0 idbq um/rely 0/0 serno 135-135

EIGRF: Enqueweing QUERY on FastEthernet0/0.23 nbr 10.1.25.5

AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 229/0 idbq 0/0 idbq um/rely 0/0 serno 135-135

EIGRF: Received EREPIY on FastEthernet0/0.25 nbr 10.1.25.5

AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 201/28 idbq 0/0 idbq um/rely 0/0 peerQ um/rely 0/0 serno 135-135

EIGRF: Received EREPIY on FastEthernet0/0.23 nbr 10.1.25.5

AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 28/223 idbq 0/0 idbq um/rely 0/0 peerQ um/rely 0/0

EIGRF: Received REPIY on FastEthernet0/0.23 nbr 10.1.25.1

AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 28/223 idbq 0/0 idbq um/rely 0/0 peerQ um/rely 0/0

EIGRF: Enqueweing UREPY on FastEthernet0/0.23 nbr 10.1.21.1 idbq um/rely 0/0

EIGRF: Enqueweing UREPY on FastEthernet0/0.23 nbr 10.1.21.1 idbq um/rely 0/1 peerQ um/rely 0/0 serno 136-136

EIGRF: Enqueweing UREPY on FastEthernet0/0.21 nbr 10.1.12.1 idbq um/rely 0/1 peerQ um/rely 0/0 serno 136-136

EIGRF: Enqueweing UREPY on FastEthernet0/0.21 nbr 10.1.12.1 idbq um/rely 0/1 serno 136-136
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```

### **EIGRP Query Reduction and Summarization**

```
interface FastEthernet0/0.12
 ip summary-address eigrp 1 1.0.0.0 255.252.0.0 5
R1#debug eigrp packet query reply
EIGRP Packets debugging is on
(QUERY, REPLY)
R2#debug eigrp packet query reply
EIGRP Packets debugging is on
(QUERY, REPLY)
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z. R1(config)#interface loopback0
R1(config-if)#shutdown
Ri(config-if)#
EIGRP: Enqueueing QUERY on FastEthernet0/0.12 iidbQ un/rely 0/1 serno 73-73
EIGRP: Enqueueing QUERY on FastEthernet0/0.12 nbr 10.1.12.2 iidbQ un/rely 0/0 peerQ un/rely 0/0 serno 73-73
EIGRP: Sending QUERY on FastEthernet0/0.12
AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 53/0 idbg 0/0 iidbg un/rely 0/0 serno 73-73
EIGRP: Received REPLY on FastEthernet0/0.12 nbr 10.1.12.2
AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 216/53 idbQ 0/0 idbQ un/rely 0/0 peerQ un/rely 0/0 %LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface LoopbackO, changed state to administratively down %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface LoopbackO, changed state to down
EIGRP: Received QUERY on FastEthernet0/0.12 nbr 10.1.12.1
AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 53/0 idbQ 0/0 iidbQ un/rely 0/0 peerQ un/rely 0/0
EIGRP: Enqueueing REPLY on FastEthernet0/0.12 nbr 10.1.12.1 iidbQ un/rely 0/1 peerQ un/rely 0/0 serno 128-128
EIGRP: Sending REPLY on FastEthernet0/0.12 nbr 10.1.12.1
   AS 1, Flags 0x0, Seq 216/53 idbQ 0/0 iidbQ un/rely 0/0 peerQ un/rely 0/1 serno 128-128
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```

### **EIGRP Stub and Query Reduction**

- In certain physical topologies, the query domain extends to portions of the network that can never be used as alternate paths
  - QUERY/REPLY messages sent into these portions waste network resources and increase convergence time
- Hub-and-Spoke Example:



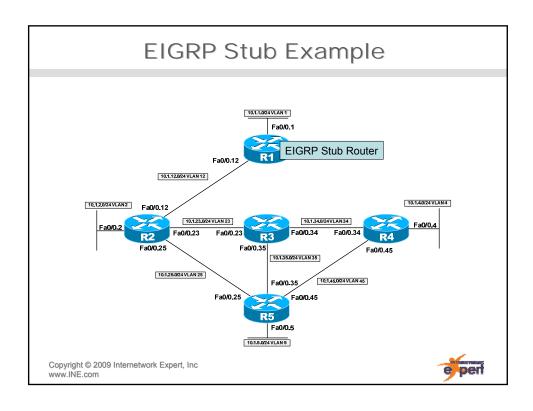
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### EIGRP Stub and Query Reduction (cont.)

- EIGRP Stub is used to inform adjacent neighbors that QUERY messages should not be sent to them
- Useful whenever an EIGRP router is not used for transit for the rest of the network
  - Routes received by a stub router are not advertised to other adjacent neighbors
- Process level eigrp stub [connected]
   [leak-map] [receive-only]
   [redistributed] [static] [summary]
  - Arguments control what prefixes can be advertised outbound





```
EIGRP Stub Verification

El8
router eigrp 1
eigrp stub connected summary
eigrp stub connected summary
E28thow ip eigrp neighbors detail Pa00.12
TP-EIRR neighbors for process 1
H Address Interface Hold Uptime SRT RTO 0 Seq
1 Do. 10.1.12.1
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