



# BGP Best Current Practices

ISP/IXP Workshops



# Configuring BGP

Where do we start?

# IOS Good Practices

- ISPs should start off with the following BGP commands as a basic template:

```
router bgp 64511
```

← Replace with public ASN

```
bgp deterministic-med
```

```
distance bgp 200 200 200
```

← Make ebgp and ibgp distance the same

```
no synchronization
```

```
no auto-summary
```

- If supporting more than just IPv4 unicast neighbours

```
no bgp default ipv4 unicast
```

is also very important and required

# IOS Good Practices

- BGP in Cisco IOS is **permissive** by default
- Configuring BGP peering without using filters means:
  - All best paths on the local router are passed to the neighbour
  - All routes announced by the neighbour are received by the local router
  - Can have disastrous consequences
- **Good practice is to ensure that each eBGP neighbour has inbound and outbound filter applied:**

```
router bgp 64511
  neighbour 1.2.3.4 remote-as 64510
  neighbour 1.2.3.4 prefix-list as64510-in in
  neighbour 1.2.3.4 prefix-list as64510-out out
```



What is BGP for??

What is an IGP not for?

# 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 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**



# Aggregation

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- 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

# Configuring Aggregation – Cisco IOS

- ISP has 101.10.0.0/19 address block
- To put into BGP as an aggregate:

```
router bgp 64511
  network 101.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  ip route 101.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

- The static route is a “pull up” route  
more specific prefixes within this address block ensure connectivity to ISP’s customers  
“longest match lookup

# 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 Aggregate – Cisco IOS

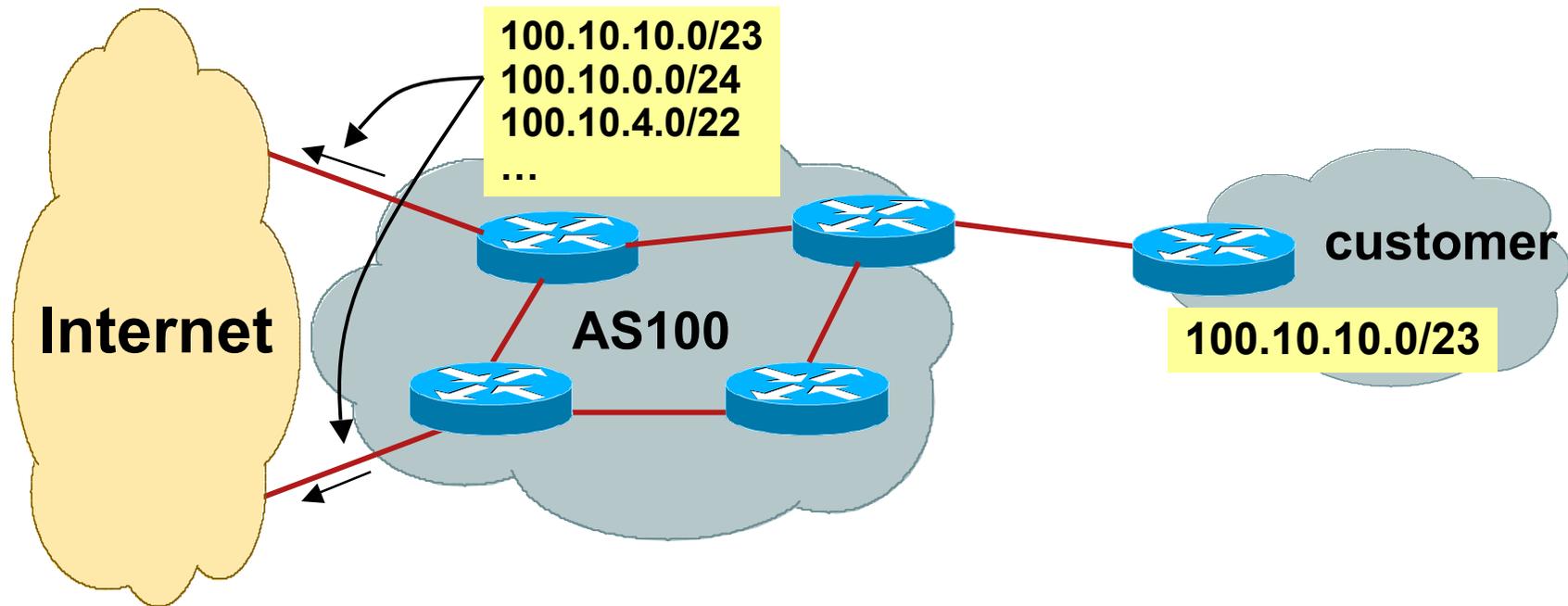
- Configuration Example

```
router bgp 64511
  network 101.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 102.102.10.1 remote-as 101
  neighbor 102.102.10.1 prefix-list out-filter out
!
ip route 101.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
!
ip prefix-list out-filter permit 101.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list out-filter deny 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
```

# 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
  - Different sizes for different address blocks
- No real reason to see anything longer than a /22 prefix in the Internet
  - BUT there are currently >174000 /24s!
- But: APNIC changed (Oct 2010) its minimum allocation size on all blocks to /24
  - IPv4 run-out is starting to have an impact

# Aggregation – Example



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

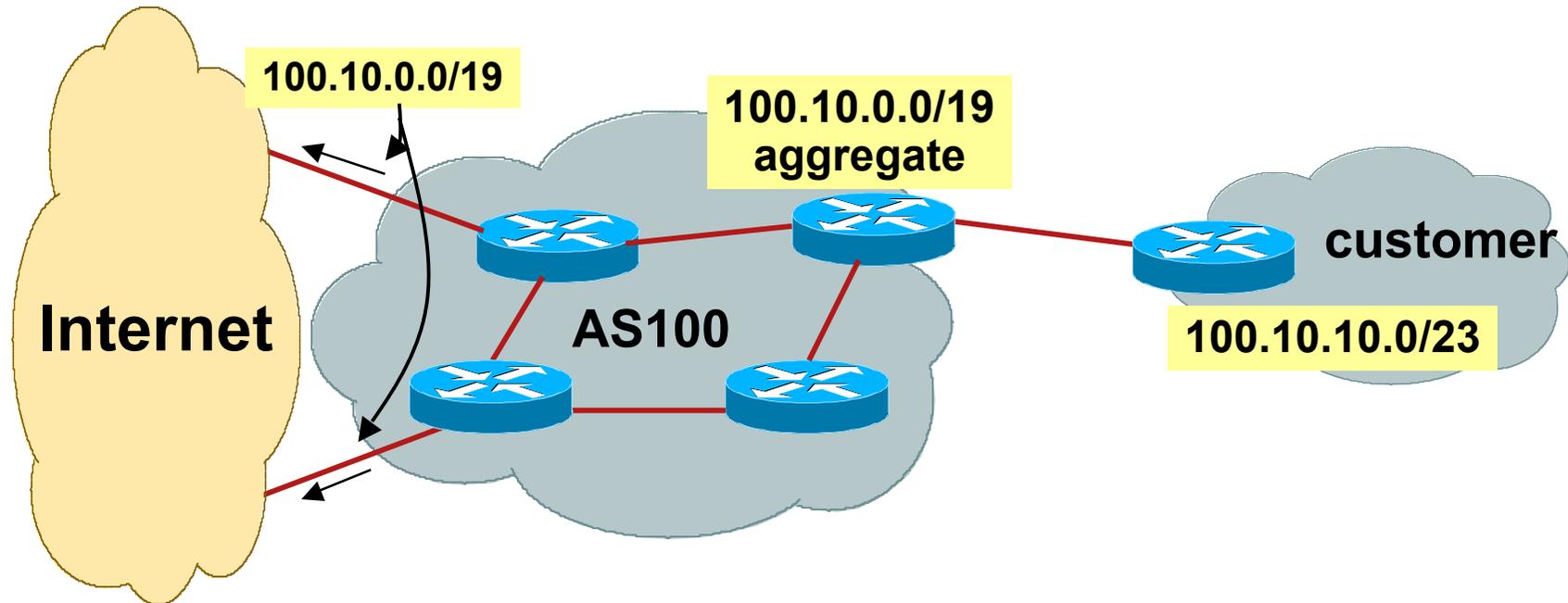
# Aggregation – Bad Example

- 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

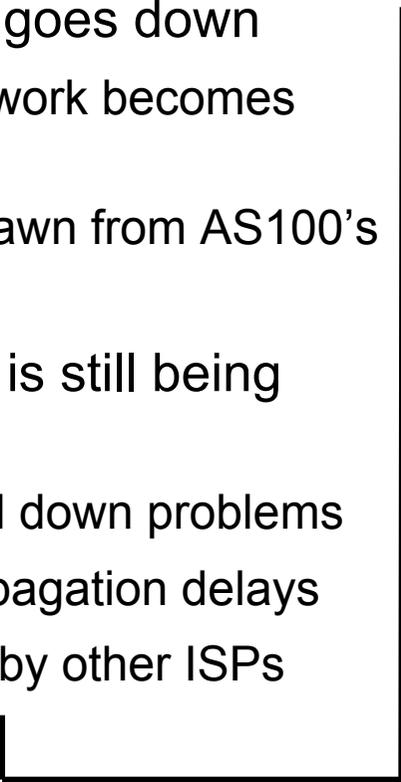
- Their /23 network is now visible to their ISP
- Their /23 network is re-advertised to peers
- Starts rippling through Internet
- Load on Internet backbone routers as network is reinserted into routing table
- Some ISP's suppress the flaps
- Internet may take 10-20 min or longer to be visible
- Where 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?

# Separation of iBGP and eBGP

- Many ISPs do not understand the importance of separating iBGP and eBGP

iBGP is where all customer prefixes are carried

eBGP is used for announcing aggregate to Internet and for Traffic Engineering

- Do **NOT** do traffic engineering with customer originated iBGP prefixes

Leads to instability similar to that mentioned in the earlier bad example

Even though aggregate is announced, a flapping subprefix will lead to instability for the customer concerned

- **Generate traffic engineering prefixes on the Border Router**

# The Internet Today (October 2010)

- Current Internet Routing Table Statistics

BGP Routing Table Entries	333886
Prefixes after maximum aggregation	153111
Unique prefixes in Internet	163895
Prefixes smaller than registry alloc	137164
/24s announced	173994
ASes in use	34981

# 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](http://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

- RIPE Routing WG aggregation recommendation

**RIPE-399 — <http://www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/ripe-399.html>**

# 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

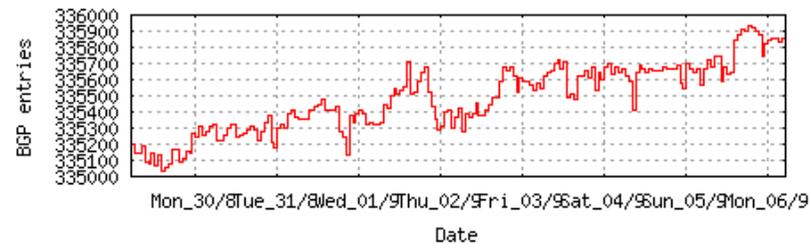
Very effectively challenges the traffic engineering excuse

## Status Summary

### Table History

Date	Prefixes	CIDR Aggregated
30-08-10	335262	204429
31-08-10	335183	207029
01-09-10	335387	206535
02-09-10	335293	206645
03-09-10	335608	206419
04-09-10	335605	206566
05-09-10	335543	206762
06-09-10	335821	206848

Plot: [BGP Table Size](#)



### AS Summary

35310	Number of ASes in routing system
15036	Number of ASes announcing only one prefix
4450	Largest number of prefixes announced by an AS
	<a href="#">AS4323</a> : TWTC - tw telecom holdings, inc.
97246976	Largest address span announced by an AS (/32s)
	<a href="#">AS4134</a> : CHINANET-BACKBONE No.31,Jin-rong Street

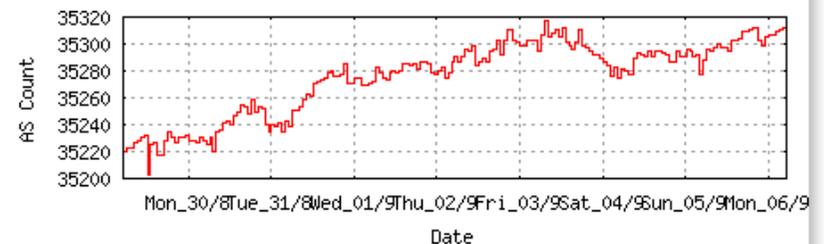
Plot: [AS count](#)

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 \(from Registry WHOIS data\)](#)



## Announced Prefixes

Rank	AS	Type	Originate	Addr Space (pfx)	Transit	Addr space (pfx)	Description
181	AS4755	ORG+TRN	Originate:	2158592 /10.96	Transit:	9236256 /8.86	TATACOMM-AS TATA Communications formerly

## 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	%
8	<a href="#">AS4755</a>	TATACOMM-AS TATA Communications formerly VSNL	1483	1103	49	429	1054	71.07%

Prefix	AS Path	Aggregation Suggestion
59.151.144.0/22	4777 2497 6453 4755	
59.160.0.0/16	4777 2497 6453 4755	
59.160.0.0/22	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.4.0/22	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.5.0/24	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.8.0/22	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.11.0/24	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.12.0/22	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.15.0/24	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.16.0/21	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.24.0/21	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.24.0/24	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.28.0/24	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.32.0/21	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.34.0/24	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.38.0/24	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
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59.160.58.192/27	4777 2516 6453 4755	
59.160.64.0/21	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.71.0/24	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.72.0/21	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.73.0/24	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.81.0/24	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.83.0/24	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755
59.160.88.0/22	4777 2497 6453 4755	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 59.160.0.0/16 4777 2497 6453 4755

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Rank	AS	Type	Originate	Addr Space (pfx)	Transit	Addr space (pfx)	Description
163	AS18566	ORIGIN	Originate:	2350976 /10.84	Transit:	0 /0.00	COVAD - Covad Communications Co.

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Rank	AS	AS Name	Current	Withdw	Aggte	Annce	Redctn	%
11	<a href="#">AS18566</a>	COVAD - Covad Communications Co.	1087	1029	5	63	1024	94.20%

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64.105.0.0/16	4777 2516 3356 18566	
64.105.0.0/23	4777 2516 3356 18566	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 64.105.0.0/16 4777 2516 3356 18566
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64.105.20.0/23	4777 2516 3356 18566	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 64.105.0.0/16 4777 2516 3356 18566
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64.105.66.0/23	4777 2516 3356 18566	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 64.105.0.0/16 4777 2516 3356 18566
64.105.68.0/23	4777 2516 3356 18566	- Withdrawn - matching aggregate 64.105.0.0/16 4777 2516 3356 18566

# Importance of Aggregation

- Size of routing table

Router Memory is not so much of a problem as it was in the 1990s

Routers can be specified to carry 1 million+ prefixes

- Convergence of the Routing System

This is a problem

Bigger table takes longer for CPU to process

BGP updates take longer to deal with

BGP Instability Report tracks routing system update activity

<http://bgpupdates.potaroo.net/instability/bgpupd.html>

# The BGP Instability Report

The BGP Instability Report is updated daily. This report was generated on 05 September 2010 06:19 (UTC+1000)

## 50 Most active ASes for the past 7 days

RANK	ASN	UPDs	%	Prefixes	UPDs/Prefix	AS NAME
1	35567	71660	2.28%	102	702.55	DASTO-BOSNIA-AS DASTO semtel d.o.o.
2	5416	51723	1.65%	138	374.80	BATELCO-BH
3	4323	29669	0.94%	4484	6.62	TWTC - tw telecom holdings, inc.
4	6389	25786	0.82%	3851	6.70	BELLSOUTH-NET-BLK - BellSouth.net Inc.
5	8151	23140	0.74%	1582	14.63	Uninet S.A. de C.V.
6	3464	20998	0.67%	44	477.23	ASC-NET - Alabama Supercomputer Network
7	13880	20246	0.64%	17	1190.94	ACI-AS - american century investments
8	11492	19867	0.63%	1257	15.81	CABLEONE - CABLE ONE, INC.
9	32528	17245	0.55%	8	2155.62	ABBOTT Abbot Labs
10	6478	16600	0.53%	1337	12.42	ATT-INTERNET3 - AT&T WorldNet Services
11	9829	14965	0.48%	819	18.27	BSNL-NIB National Internet Backbone
12	14522	14895	0.47%	372	40.04	Satnet
13	28573	14652	0.47%	1150	12.74	NET Servicos de Comunicacao S.A.
14	8452	14304	0.46%	1164	12.29	TEDATA TEDATA
15	5536	14298	0.46%	115	124.33	Internet-Egypt
16	19262	14263	0.45%	1815	7.86	VZGNI-TRANSIT - Verizon Online LLC
17	20115	14111	0.45%	1494	9.45	CHARTER-NET-HKY-NC - Charter Communications
18	17974	13929	0.44%	1232	11.31	TELKOMNET-AS2-AP PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia
19	35931	13645	0.43%	6	2274.17	ARCHIPELAGO - ARCHIPELAGO HOLDINGS INC
20	10620	13464	0.43%	1529	8.81	Telmex Colombia S.A.
21	1785	13198	0.42%	1795	7.35	AS-PAETEC-NET - PaeTec Communications, Inc.
22	3816	11157	0.36%	481	23.20	COLOMBIA TELECOMUNICACIONES S.A. ESP

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1	129.66.128.0/17	10272	0.28%	3464 -- ASC-NET - Alabama Supercomputer Network
2	129.66.0.0/17	10270	0.28%	3464 -- ASC-NET - Alabama Supercomputer Network
3	130.36.35.0/24	8588	0.23%	32528 -- ABBOTT Abbot Labs
4	130.36.34.0/24	8586	0.23%	32528 -- ABBOTT Abbot Labs
5	213.196.79.0/24	8500	0.23%	35567 -- DASTO-BOSNIA-AS DASTO semtel d.o.o.
6	213.196.72.0/24	8498	0.23%	35567 -- DASTO-BOSNIA-AS DASTO semtel d.o.o.
7	213.196.77.0/24	8498	0.23%	35567 -- DASTO-BOSNIA-AS DASTO semtel d.o.o.
8	213.196.75.0/24	8498	0.23%	35567 -- DASTO-BOSNIA-AS DASTO semtel d.o.o.
9	213.196.74.0/24	8498	0.23%	35567 -- DASTO-BOSNIA-AS DASTO semtel d.o.o.
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11	213.196.78.0/24	8498	0.23%	35567 -- DASTO-BOSNIA-AS DASTO semtel d.o.o.
12	213.196.73.0/24	8498	0.23%	35567 -- DASTO-BOSNIA-AS DASTO semtel d.o.o.
13	63.211.68.0/22	7983	0.22%	35931 -- ARCHIPELAGO - ARCHIPELAGO HOLDINGS INC
14	148.204.141.0/24	5720	0.15%	8151 -- Uninet S.A. de C.V.
15	198.140.43.0/24	5632	0.15%	35931 -- ARCHIPELAGO - ARCHIPELAGO HOLDINGS INC
16	190.65.228.0/22	5355	0.14%	3816 -- COLOMBIA TELECOMUNICACIONES S.A. ESP
17	216.126.136.0/22	3955	0.11%	6316 -- AS-PAETEC-NET - PaeTec Communications, Inc.
18	95.32.128.0/18	3700	0.10%	21017 -- VSI-AS VSI AS
19	216.118.245.0/24	3472	0.09%	22150 -- CARRIERHOUSE - Carrierhouse Corp. 25747 -- VSC-SATELLITE-CO - VSC Satellite Co.
20	95.32.192.0/18	3420	0.09%	21017 -- VSI-AS VSI AS
21	206.184.16.0/24	3032	0.08%	174 -- COGENT Cogent/PSI
22	216.230.61.0/24	2885	0.08%	13880 -- ACI-AS - american century investments
23	216.230.51.0/24	2885	0.08%	13880 -- ACI-AS - american century investments
24	216.230.63.0/24	2885	0.08%	13880 -- ACI-AS - american century investments
25	216.230.49.0/24	2885	0.08%	13880 -- ACI-AS - american century investments
26	216.230.50.0/24	2885	0.08%	13880 -- ACI-AS - american century investments



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- 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 in the five RIR databases to see if this address space really has been assigned to the customer

The tool: **whois -h whois.apnic.net x.x.x.0/24**

# Receiving Prefixes: From Customers

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

```
$ 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 customer: Cisco IOS

- For Example:

  - downstream has 100.50.0.0/20 block

  - should only announce this to upstreams

  - upstreams should only accept this from them

- Configuration on upstream

```
router bgp 100
```

```
neighbor 102.102.10.1 remote-as 101
```

```
neighbor 102.102.10.1 prefix-list customer in
```

```
!
```

```
ip prefix-list customer permit 100.50.0.0/20
```

# 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/](http://www.isc.org/sw/IRRToolSet/)

# Receiving Prefixes from peer: Cisco IOS

- For Example:

Peer has 220.50.0.0/16, 61.237.64.0/18 and 81.250.128.0/17 address blocks

- Configuration on local router

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 102.102.10.1 remote-as 101
  neighbor 102.102.10.1 prefix-list my-peer in
!
ip prefix-list my-peer permit 220.50.0.0/16
ip prefix-list my-peer permit 61.237.64.0/18
ip prefix-list my-peer permit 81.250.128.0/17
ip prefix-list my-peer deny 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
```

# 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

- Downstream Router Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  network 101.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 101.5.7.1 remote-as 101
  neighbor 101.5.7.1 prefix-list infilter in
  neighbor 101.5.7.1 prefix-list outfilter out
!
ip prefix-list infilter permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip prefix-list outfilter permit 101.10.0.0/19
```

# Receiving Prefixes: From Upstream/Transit Provider

- Upstream Router Configuration

```
router bgp 101
  neighbor 101.5.7.2 remote-as 100
  neighbor 101.5.7.2 default-originate
  neighbor 101.5.7.2 prefix-list cust-in in
  neighbor 101.5.7.2 prefix-list cust-out out
!
ip prefix-list cust-in permit 101.10.0.0/19
!
ip prefix-list cust-out permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

# Receiving Prefixes: From Upstream/Transit Provider

- If necessary to receive prefixes from any provider, care is required

don't accept private (RFC1918) and certain special use prefixes:

<http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5735.txt>

don't accept your own prefixes

don't accept default (unless you need it)

don't accept prefixes longer than /24

- Check Team Cymru's list of "bogons"

[www.cymru.com/Documents/bogon-list.html](http://www.cymru.com/Documents/bogon-list.html)

[www.team-cymru.org/Services/Bogons/routeserver.html](http://www.team-cymru.org/Services/Bogons/routeserver.html)

# Receiving Prefixes

```
router bgp 100
 network 101.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
 neighbor 101.5.7.1 remote-as 101
 neighbor 101.5.7.1 prefix-list in-filter in
!
ip prefix-list in-filter deny 0.0.0.0/0 ! Block default
ip prefix-list in-filter deny 0.0.0.0/8 le 32
ip prefix-list in-filter deny 10.0.0.0/8 le 32
ip prefix-list in-filter deny 101.10.0.0/19 le 32 ! Block local prefix
ip prefix-list in-filter deny 127.0.0.0/8 le 32
ip prefix-list in-filter deny 169.254.0.0/16 le 32
ip prefix-list in-filter deny 172.16.0.0/12 le 32
ip prefix-list in-filter deny 192.0.2.0/24 le 32
ip prefix-list in-filter deny 192.168.0.0/16 le 32
ip prefix-list in-filter deny 224.0.0.0/3 le 32 ! Block multicast
ip prefix-list in-filter deny 0.0.0.0/0 ge 25 ! Block prefixes >/24
ip prefix-list in-filter permit 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
```

# 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



# Prefixes into iBGP

# Injecting prefixes into iBGP

- Use iBGP to carry customer prefixes  
    don't use IGP
- Point static route to customer interface
- Use BGP network statement
- As long as static route exists (interface active), prefix will be in BGP

# Router Configuration: network statement

- Example:

```
interface loopback 0
  ip address 215.17.3.1 255.255.255.255
!
interface Serial 5/0
  ip unnumbered loopback 0
  ip verify unicast reverse-path
!
ip route 215.34.10.0 255.255.252.0 Serial 5/0
!
router bgp 100
  network 215.34.10.0 mask 255.255.252.0
```

# Injecting prefixes into iBGP

- Interface flap will result in prefix withdraw and reannounce
  - use `ip route...permanent`
- Many ISPs redistribute static routes into BGP rather than using the network statement
  - Only do this if you understand why

# Router Configuration: redistribute static

- Example:

```
ip route 215.34.10.0 255.255.252.0 Serial 5/0
!
router bgp 100
  redistribute static route-map static-to-bgp
<snip>
!
route-map static-to-bgp permit 10
  match ip address prefix-list ISP-block
  set origin igp
<snip>
!
ip prefix-list ISP-block permit 215.34.10.0/22 le 30
```

# Injecting prefixes into iBGP

- Route-map ISP-block can be used for many things:
  - setting communities and other attributes
  - setting origin code to IGP, etc
- Be careful with prefix-lists and route-maps
  - absence of either/both means all statically routed prefixes go into iBGP



# Scaling the network

How to get out of carrying all prefixes in IGP

# Why use BGP rather than IGP?

- IGP has Limitations:

- The more routing information in the network

- Periodic updates/flooding “overload”

- Long convergence times

- Affects the core first

- Policy definition

- Not easy to do

# Preparing the Network

- We want to deploy BGP now...
- BGP will be used therefore an ASN is required
- If multihoming to different ISPs is intended in the near future, a public ASN should be obtained:

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 110; 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

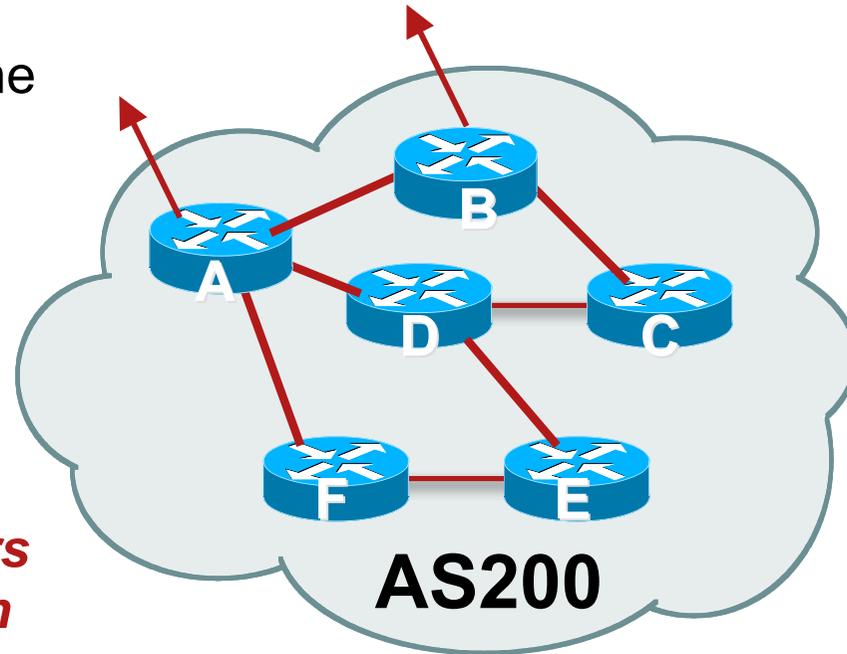
## IGP (cont)

- 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

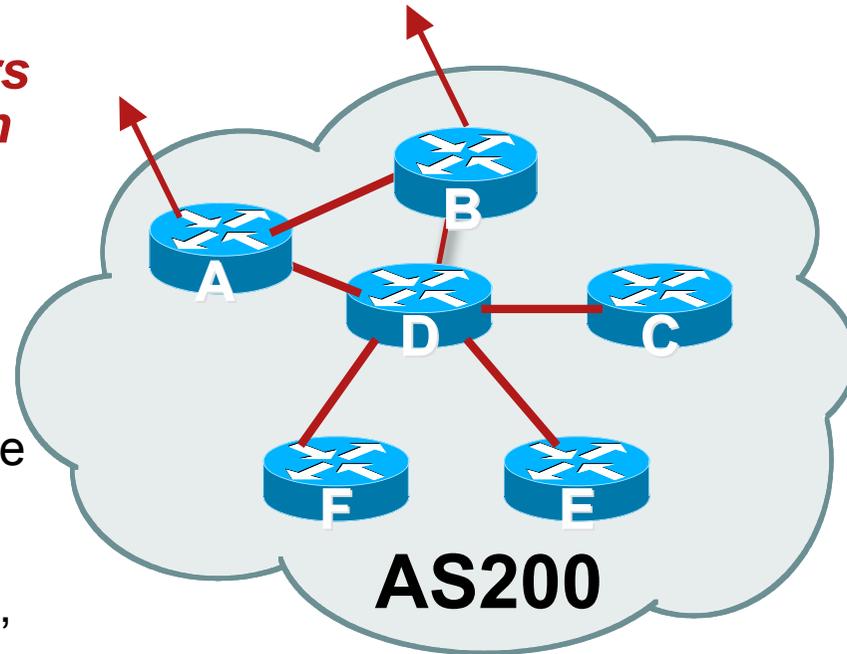
- Second step is to configure the local network to use iBGP
- iBGP can run on
  - all routers, or
  - a subset of routers, or
  - just on the upstream edge
- ***iBGP must run on all routers which are in the transit path between external connections***



# 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



# BGP Best Current Practices

ISP/IXP Workshops