# Multihoming: Inbound Traffic Engineering

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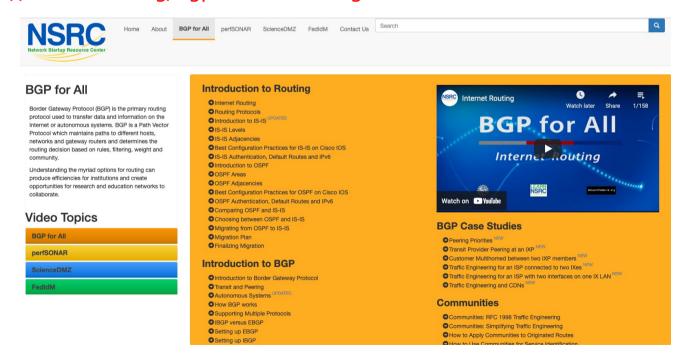
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- NSRC has made a video recording of this presentation, as part of a library of BGP videos for the whole community to use:
  - https://learn.nsrc.org/bgp#multi-homing



#### Basic Multihoming

- No frills multihoming
  - Only will look at inbound traffic engineering
    - (Traffic engineering of inbound traffic)
    - Of interest to most edge/access networks on the Internet
- Will look at two cases:
  - Multihoming with the same AS
  - Multihoming to different ASes
- Will keep the examples easy
  - Understanding easy concepts will make the more complex scenarios easier to comprehend
  - All assume that the site multihoming has a /19 address block

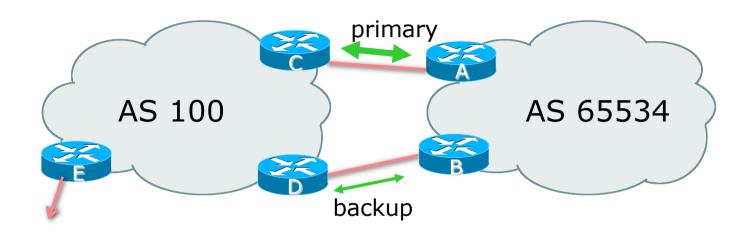
#### Multihoming: Inbound Traffic Engineering

- This type is most commonplace at the edge of the Internet
  - Networks here are usually concerned with inbound traffic flows
  - Outbound traffic flows being "nearest exit" is usually sufficient
- Can apply to the leaf Network Operator as well as Enterprise networks

#### Two links to the same AS

One link primary, the other link backup only

- Applies when end-site has bought a large primary WAN link to their upstream and a small secondary WAN link as the backup
  - For example, primary path might be 20Mbps, backup might be 5Mbps



■ AS100 removes private AS and any customer subprefixes from Internet announcement

- □ Announce /19 aggregate on each link
  - primary link:
    - Outbound announce /19 unaltered
    - Inbound receive default route
  - backup link:
    - Outbound announce /19 with increased metric
    - Inbound received default, and reduce local preference
- When one link fails, the announcement of the /19 aggregate via the other link ensures continued connectivity

#### Router A Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
address-family ipv4
network 100.64.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 100.66.10.2 remote-as 100
neighbor 100.66.10.2 description RouterC
neighbor 100.66.10.2 prefix-list AGGREGATE out
neighbor 100.66.10.2 prefix-list DEFAULT in
neighbor 100.66.10.2 activate
!
ip prefix-list AGGREGATE permit 100.64.0.0/19
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip route 100.64.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

Router B Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
address-family ipv4
network 100.64.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 100.66.10.6 remote-as 100
neighbor 100.66.10.6 description RouterD
neighbor 100.66.10.6 prefix-list AGGREGATE out
neighbor 100.66.10.6 route-map MED10-out out
neighbor 100.66.10.6 prefix-list DEFAULT in
neighbor 100.66.10.6 route-map LP-LOW-in in
neighbor 100.66.10.6 activate
!
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```

```
ip prefix-list AGGREGATE permit 100.64.0.0/19
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip route 100.64.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
!
route-map MED10-out permit 10
set metric 10
!
route-map LP-LOW-in permit 10
set local-preference 90
!
```

Router C Configuration (main link)

```
router bgp 100
address-family ipv4
neighbor 100.66.10.1 remote-as 65534
neighbor 100.66.10.1 default-originate
neighbor 100.66.10.1 prefix-list CUSTOMER in
neighbor 100.66.10.1 prefix-list DEFAULT out
neighbor 100.66.10.1 activate
!
ip prefix-list CUSTOMER permit 100.64.0.0/19
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

Router D Configuration (backup link)

```
router bgp 100
address-family ipv4
neighbor 100.66.10.5 remote-as 65534
neighbor 100.66.10.5 default-originate
neighbor 100.66.10.5 prefix-list CUSTOMER in
neighbor 100.66.10.5 prefix-list DEFAULT out
neighbor 100.66.10.5 activate
!
ip prefix-list CUSTOMER permit 100.64.0.0/19
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

Router E Configuration

```
router bgp 100
address-family ipv4
neighbor 100.66.10.17 remote-as 110
neighbor 100.66.10.17 remove-private-AS
neighbor 100.66.10.17 prefix-list CUSTOMER out
neighbor 100.66.10.17 activate
!
ip prefix-list CUSTOMER permit 100.64.0.0/19
```

- Router E removes the private AS and customer's subprefixes from external announcements
- □ Private AS still visible inside AS100

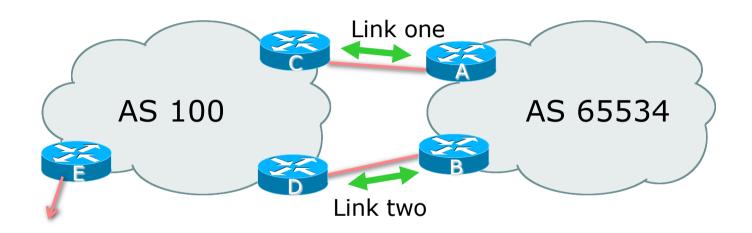
#### Two links to the same AS

With Loadsharing

#### Loadsharing to the same AS

- More common case
- End sites tend not to buy circuits and leave them idle, only used for backup as in previous example
- This example assumes equal capacity circuits
  - Unequal capacity circuits requires more refinement see later

#### Loadsharing to the same AS



■ Border router E in AS100 removes private AS and any customer subprefixes from Internet announcement

- □ Announce /19 aggregate on each link
- □ Split /19 and announce as two /20s, one on each link
  - Basic inbound loadsharing
  - Assumes equal circuit capacity and even spread of traffic across address block
- Vary the split until "perfect" loadsharing achieved
- Accept the default from upstream
  - Basic outbound loadsharing by nearest exit
  - Okay in first approximation as most Network Operator and end-site traffic is inbound

#### Router A Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
address-family ipv4
  network 100.64.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  network 100.64.0.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 100.66.10.2 remote-as 100
  neighbor 100.66.10.2 prefix-list AS100-LINK1 out neighbor 100.66.10.2 prefix-list DEFAULT in neighbor 100.66.10.2 activate
!
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list AS100-LINK1 permit 100.64.0.0/20
ip prefix-list AS100-LINK1 permit 100.64.0.0/19
!
ip route 100.64.0.0 255.255.240.0 null0
ip route 100.64.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

Router B Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
address-family ipv4
network 100.64.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
network 100.64.16.0 mask 255.255.240.0
neighbor 100.66.10.6 remote-as 100
neighbor 100.66.10.6 prefix-list AS100-LINK2 out neighbor 100.66.10.6 prefix-list DEFAULT in neighbor 100.66.10.6 activate
!
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list AS100-LINK2 permit 100.64.16.0/20
ip prefix-list AS100-LINK2 permit 100.64.0.0/19
!
ip route 100.64.16.0 255.255.240.0 null0
ip route 100.64.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

Router C Configuration

```
router bgp 100
address-family ipv4
neighbor 100.66.10.1 remote-as 65534
neighbor 100.66.10.1 default-originate
neighbor 100.66.10.1 prefix-list CUSTOMER in
neighbor 100.66.10.1 prefix-list DEFAULT out
neighbor 100.66.10.1 activate
!
ip prefix-list CUSTOMER permit 100.64.0.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

- Router C only allows in /19 and /20 prefixes from customer block
- Router D configuration is identical

Router E Configuration

```
router bgp 100
address-family ipv4
neighbor 100.66.10.17 remote-as 110
neighbor 100.66.10.17 remove-private-AS
neighbor 100.66.10.17 prefix-list CUSTOMER out
neighbor 100.66.10.17 activate
!
ip prefix-list CUSTOMER permit 100.64.0.0/19
```

□ Private AS still visible inside AS100

- Default route for outbound traffic?
  - Originate the default route in the IGP on the Border routers
    - Rely on IGP metrics for nearest exit
    - IGP originates default route as long as BGP puts default route in RIB
  - e.g. on router A using OSPF:

```
router ospf 65534 default-information originate
```

e.g. on router A using IS-IS:

```
router isis as65534 default-information originate route-map DEFAULT-ORIG
```

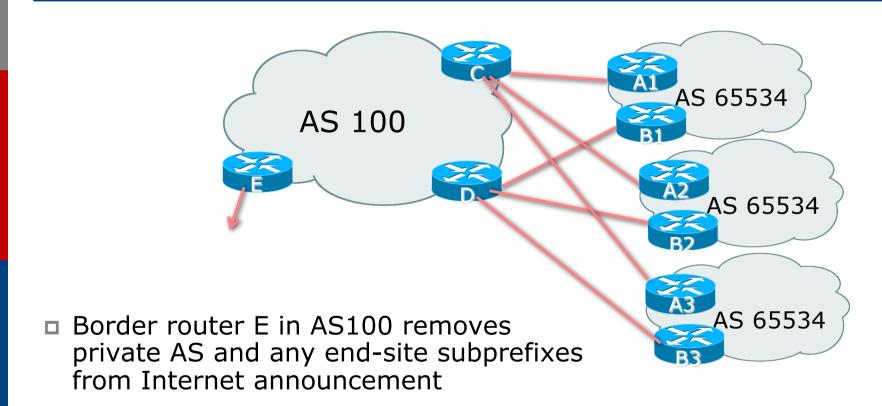
See the "BGP Case Studies" presentation for more details

- Loadsharing configuration is only on customer router
- Upstream provider has to
  - Remove customer subprefixes from external announcements
  - Remove private AS from external announcements
- Could also use BGP communities
  - See the "BGP Communities" presentation for an example

#### Two links to the same AS

Multiple Dualhomed End-sites (RFC2270)

- Unusual for any Network Operator just to have one dualhomed end-site
  - Valid/valuable service offering for an operator with multiple PoPs
  - Better for the operator than having end-site multihome with another provider!
- Look at scaling the configuration
  - ⇒ Simplifying the configuration
  - Using templates, peer-groups, etc
  - Every customer has the same configuration (basically)



- End-site announcements as per previous example
- Use the same private AS for each end-site
  - Documented in RFC2270
  - Address space is not overlapping
  - Each end-site hears default only
- Router An and Bn configuration same as Router A and B previously

#### Router A1 Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
address-family ipv4
network 100.64.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
network 100.64.0.0 mask 255.255.240.0
neighbor 100.66.10.2 remote-as 100
neighbor 100.66.10.2 prefix-list AS100-LINK1 out neighbor 100.66.10.2 prefix-list DEFAULT in neighbor 100.66.10.2 activate
!
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list AS100-LINK1 permit 100.64.0.0/20
ip prefix-list AS100-LINK1 permit 100.64.0.0/19
!
ip route 100.64.0.0 255.255.240.0 null0
ip route 100.64.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

Router B1 Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
address-family ipv4
network 100.64.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
network 100.64.16.0 mask 255.255.240.0
neighbor 100.66.10.6 remote-as 100
neighbor 100.66.10.6 prefix-list AS100-LINK2 out neighbor 100.66.10.6 prefix-list DEFAULT in neighbor 100.66.10.6 activate
!
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list AS100-LINK2 permit 100.64.16.0/20
ip prefix-list AS100-LINK2 permit 100.64.0.0/19
!
ip route 100.64.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
ip route 100.64.16.0 255.255.240.0 null0
```

#### Router C Configuration

```
router bgp 100
address-family ipv4
neighbor BGP-CUSTOMERS peer-group
neighbor BGP-CUSTOMERS remote-as 65534
neighbor BGP-CUSTOMERS default-originate
neighbor BGP-CUSTOMERS prefix-list DEFAULT out
neighbor 100.66.10.1 peer-group BGP-CUSTOMERS
neighbor 100.66.10.1 description Customer One
neighbor 100.66.10.1 prefix-list CUSTOMER1 in
neighbor 100.66.10.1 activate
neighbor 100.66.10.9 peer-group BGP-CUSTOMERS
neighbor 100.66.10.9 description Customer Two
neighbor 100.66.10.9 prefix-list CUSTOMER2 in
neighbor 100.66.10.9 activate
```

```
neighbor 100.66.10.17 peer-group BGP-CUSTOMERS
neighbor 100.66.10.17 description Customer Three
neighbor 100.66.10.17 prefix-list CUSTOMER3 in
neighbor 100.66.10.17 activate
!
ip prefix-list CUSTOMER1 permit 100.64.0.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list CUSTOMER2 permit 100.67.64.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list Customer3 permit 100.65.192.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

□ Router C only allows in /19 and /20 prefixes from end-site block

#### Router D Configuration

```
router bgp 100
address-family ipv4
neighbor BGP-CUSTOMERS peer-group
neighbor BGP-CUSTOMERS remote-as 65534
neighbor BGP-CUSTOMERS default-originate
neighbor BGP-CUSTOMERS prefix-list DEFAULT out
neighbor 100.66.10.5 peer-group BGP-CUSTOMERS
neighbor 100.66.10.5 description Customer One
neighbor 100.66.10.5 prefix-list CUSTOMER1 in
neighbor 100.66.10.13 peer-group BGP-CUSTOMERS
neighbor 100.66.10.13 description Customer Two
neighbor 100.66.10.13 prefix-list CUSTOMER2 in
neighbor 100.66.10.13 prefix-list CUSTOMER2 in
```

```
neighbor 100.66.10.21 peer-group BGP-CUSTOMERS
neighbor 100.66.10.21 description Customer Three
neighbor 100.66.10.21 prefix-list CUSTOMER3 in
neighbor 100.66.10.21 activate
!
ip prefix-list CUSTOMER1 permit 100.64.0.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list CUSTOMER2 permit 100.67.64.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list CUSTOMER3 permit 100.65.192.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

■ Router D only allows in /19 and /20 prefixes from end-site block

- Router E Configuration
  - Assumes end-site address space is not part of upstream's address block

```
router bgp 100
address-family ipv4
neighbor 100.66.10.17 remote-as 110
neighbor 100.66.10.17 remove-private-AS
neighbor 100.66.10.17 prefix-list CUSTOMERS out
neighbor 100.66.10.17 activate
!
ip prefix-list CUSTOMERS permit 100.64.0.0/19
ip prefix-list CUSTOMERS permit 100.67.64.0/19
ip prefix-list CUSTOMERS permit 100.65.192.0/19
```

Private AS still visible inside AS100

## Multiple Dualhomed End-Sites (RFC2270)

- □ If end-sites' prefixes come from Network Operator's address block
  - Do NOT announce them to the Internet
  - Announce Network Operator aggregate only
- Router E configuration:

```
router bgp 100
neighbor 100.66.10.17 remote-as 110
neighbor 100.66.10.17 prefix-list AGGREGATE out
!
ip prefix-list AGGREGATE permit 100.64.0.0/12
```

### Multihoming Summary

- Use private AS for multihoming to the same upstream
- Leak subprefixes to upstream only to aid loadsharing
- Upstream router E configuration is identical across all situations

### Basic Multihoming

Multihoming to Different ASes

#### Two links to different ASes

- Use a Public AS number
  - Or use private AS number if agreed with the other Network Operator
  - But some people don't like the "inconsistent-AS" which results from use of a private AS number
- Address space comes from
  - Both upstreams or
  - Regional Internet Registry
  - NB. Very hard to multihome with address space from both upstreams due to typical operational policy in force to day
- Configuration concepts very similar to those used for two links to the same AS

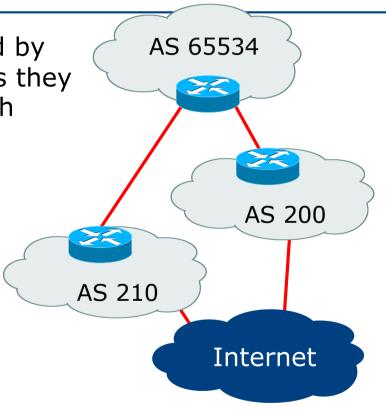
#### Inconsistent-AS?

■ Viewing the prefixes originated by AS65534 in the Internet shows they appear to be originated by both AS210 and AS200

- This is NOT bad
- Nor is it illegal

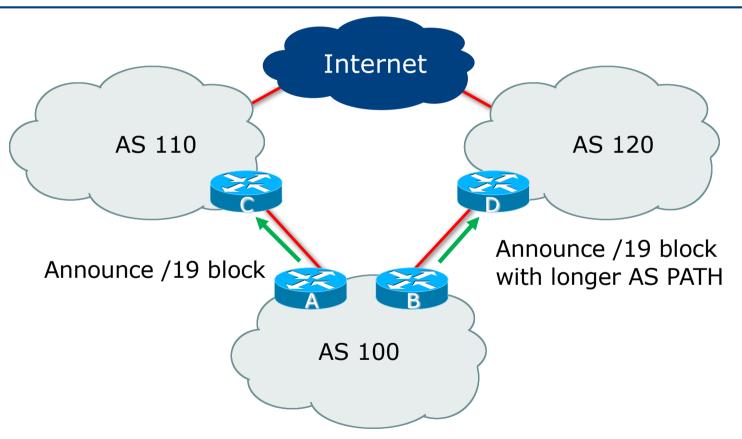
Cisco IOS command is

show ip bgp inconsistent-as



### Two links to different ASes

One link primary, the other link backup only



- □ Announce /19 aggregate on each link
  - Primary link makes standard announcement
  - Backup link lengthens the AS PATH by using AS PATH prepend
- When one link fails, the announcement of the /19 aggregate via the other link ensures continued connectivity

#### Router A Configuration

```
router bgp 100
address-family ipv4
network 100.64.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 100.66.10.1 remote-as 110
neighbor 100.66.10.1 prefix-list AGGREGATE out
neighbor 100.66.10.1 prefix-list DEFAULT in
neighbor 100.66.10.1 activate
!
ip prefix-list AGGREGATE permit 100.64.0.0/19
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip route 100.64.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

#### Router B Configuration

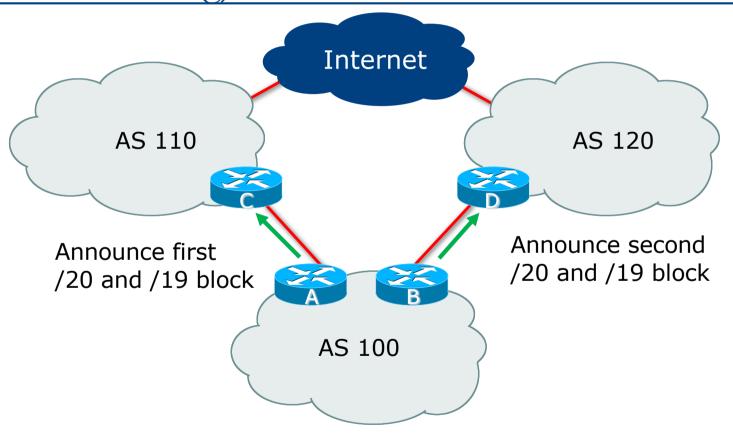
```
router bgp 100
address-family ipv4
network 100.64.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 100.67.5.1 remote-as 120
neighbor 100.67.5.1 prefix-list AGGREGATE out
neighbor 100.67.5.1 route-map AS120-PREPEND out
neighbor 100.67.5.1 prefix-list DEFAULT in
neighbor 100.67.5.1 route-map LP-LOW in
neighbor 100.67.5.1 activate
!
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```

```
ip route 100.64.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
!
ip prefix-list AGGREGATE permit 100.64.0.0/19
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
route-map AS120-PREPEND permit 10
  description Three prepends to AS120
  set as-path prepend 100 100 100
!
route-map LP-LOW permit 10
  description All routes local pref 80
  set local-preference 80
!
```

- Not a common situation as most sites tend to prefer using whatever capacity they have
  - (Useful when two competing ISPs agree to provide mutual backup to each other)
- But it shows the basic concepts of using local-prefs and AS-path prepends for engineering traffic in the chosen direction

### Two links to different ASes

With Loadsharing



- □ Announce /19 aggregate on each link
- □ Split /19 and announce as two /20s, one on each link
  - Basic inbound loadsharing
- When one link fails, the announcement of the /19 aggregate via the other ISP ensures continued connectivity

#### Router A Configuration

```
router bgp 100
address-family ipv4
network 100.64.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
network 100.64.0.0 mask 255.255.240.0
neighbor 100.66.10.1 remote-as 110
neighbor 100.66.10.1 prefix-list AS110-OUT out
neighbor 100.66.10.1 prefix-list DEFAULT in
neighbor 100.66.10.1 activate
!
ip route 100.64.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
ip route 100.64.0.0 255.255.240.0 null0
!
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list AS110-OUT permit 100.64.0.0/20
ip prefix-list AS110-OUT permit 100.64.0.0/19
```

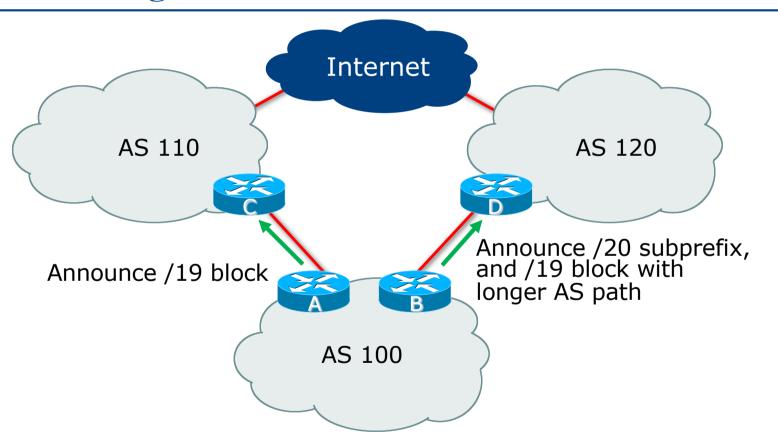
#### Router B Configuration

```
router bgp 100
address-family ipv4
network 100.64.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
network 100.64.16.0 mask 255.255.240.0
neighbor 100.67.5.1 remote-as 120
neighbor 100.67.5.1 prefix-list AS120-OUT out neighbor 100.67.5.1 prefix-list DEFAULT in neighbor 100.67.5.1 activate
!
ip route 100.64.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
ip route 100.64.16.0 255.255.240.0 null0
!
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list AS120-OUT permit 100.64.0.0/19
ip prefix-list AS120-OUT permit 100.64.16.0/20
```

- Loadsharing in this case is very basic
- But shows the first steps in designing a load sharing solution
  - Start with a simple concept
  - And build on it...!

### Two links to different ASes

More Controlled Loadsharing



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- Announce /19 aggregate on each link
  - On first link, announce /19 as normal
  - On second link, announce /19 with longer AS PATH, and announce one /20 subprefix
    - Controls loadsharing between upstreams and the Internet
- Vary the subprefix size and AS PATH length until "perfect" loadsharing achieved
- Still require redundancy!

#### Router A Configuration

```
router bgp 100
address-family ipv4
network 100.64.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 100.66.10.1 remote-as 110
neighbor 100.66.10.1 prefix-list DEFAULT in
neighbor 100.66.10.1 prefix-list AS110-OUT out
neighbor 100.66.10.1 activate
!
ip route 100.64.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
!
ip prefix-list AS110-OUT permit 100.64.0.0/19
!
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

#### Router B Configuration

```
router bgp 100
address-family ipv4
network 100.64.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
network 100.64.16.0 mask 255.255.240.0
neighbor 100.67.5.1 remote-as 120
neighbor 100.67.5.1 prefix-list DEFAULT in
neighbor 100.67.5.1 prefix-list AS120-OUT out
neighbor 100.67.5.1 route-map AGGREGATE-PREPEND out
neighbor 100.67.5.1 activate
!
ip route 100.64.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
ip route 100.64.16.0 255.255.240.0 null0
!
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```

```
route-map AGGREGATE-PREPEND permit 10
description Find aggregate and set three prepends
match ip address prefix-list AGGREGATE
set as-path prepend 100 100
!
route-map AGGREGATE-PREPEND permit 20
description All other routes are untouched
!
ip prefix-list DEFAULT permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip prefix-list AS120-OUT permit 100.64.0.0/19
ip prefix-list AS120-OUT permit 100.64.16.0/20
!
ip prefix-list AGGREGATE permit 100.64.0.0/19
!
```

- This example is more commonplace
- Shows how Network Operators and end-sites subdivide address space frugally, as well as use the AS-PATH prepend concept to optimise the load sharing between different ISPs
- Notice that the /19 aggregate block is ALWAYS announced

## Summary

### Summary

- Previous examples dealt with simple case
- Load balancing inbound traffic flow
  - Achieved by modifying outbound routing announcements
  - Aggregate is always announced
- We have not looked at outbound traffic flow
  - For now this is left as "nearest exit"

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