New BGP Features

ISP/IXP Workshops

New Features

- Most features be in 12.2S and 12.3T/12.4T IOS branches
- Some features will also be in 12.0S and 12.4
- For details on the exact release that introduces feature X please contact your account team
  - Or look at the Cisco IOS Feature Navigator
  - (cco.cisco.com/go/fn)

Agenda

- Not so new features
  - Peer Templates
  - Update Groups
  - Scalability Improvements
  - Named Extended Community Lists
  - Sequenced Extended Community Lists
  - New AFI/SAFI support
- TCP Developments
- BGP Scanner
- OER
- Miscellaneous

Not so new features

- "New Features" from last few years
- Many of these were introduced in 12.0(24)S and 12.2(25)S
- A lot of people still don't know about these

BGP Peer Templates

- Used to group common configurations
  - Uses peer-group style of syntax
  - Much more flexible than peer-groups
- Hierarchical policy configuration mechanism
  - A peer-template may be used to provide policy configurations to an individual neighbor, a peer-group or another peer-template
  - The more specific user takes precedence if policy overlaps
    - individual neighbor → peer-group → peer-template

BGP Peer Templates

- First appeared in 12.0(24)S and 12.2(25)S
  - Integrated in 12.3T, now in 12.4
- Two types of templates
- Session Template
  - Can inherit from one session-template
  - Used to configure parameters which are independent of the AFI (address-family-identifier)
  - e.g. remote-as, ebgp-multihop, passwords, etc
- Peer/policy Template
  - Can inherit from multiple peer/policy templates
  - Used to configure AFI dependant parameters
  - Filters, next-hop-self, route-reflector-client, etc

Session Template

```
router bgp 100
 !
 template peer-session all-sessions
  version 4
  timers 10 30
 exit-peer-session
 !
 template peer-session iBGP-session
  remote-as 100
  password 7
    022F021B12091A61484B0A0B1C07064B180C233
    8642C26272B1D
  description iBGP peer
  update-source Loopback0
  inherit peer-session all-sessions
 exit-peer-session
 !
 template peer-session eBGP-session
  description eBGP peer
  ebgp-multihop 2
  inherit peer-session all-sessions
 exit-peer-session
 !
 !
 no synchronization
 bgp log-neighbor-changes
 neighbor 1.1.1.1 inherit peer-session iBGP-session
 neighbor 1.1.1.2 inherit peer-session iBGP-session
 neighbor 1.1.1.3 inherit peer-session iBGP-session
 neighbor 10.1.1.1 remote-as 1442
 neighbor 10.1.1.1 inherit peer-session eBGP-session
 neighbor 10.1.1.2 remote-as 6445
 neighbor 10.1.1.2 inherit peer-session eBGP-session
 no auto-summary
 !
```

- 1.1.1.1 → 1.1.1.3 are configured with commands from all-sessions and iBGP-session
- 10.1.1.1 → 10.1.1.2 are configured with commands from all-sessions and eBGP-session

Policy Template

```
router bgp 100
 template peer-policy all-peers
  prefix-list deny-martians in
  prefix-list deny-martians out
 exit-peer-policy
 !
 template peer-policy external-policy
  remove-private-as
  maximum-prefix 1000
  inherit peer-policy all-peers 10
 exit-peer-policy
 !
 template peer-policy full-routes-customer
  route-map full-routes out
  inherit peer-policy external-policy 10
 exit-peer-policy
 !
 !
 template peer-policy partial-routes-
   customer
  route-map partial-routes out
  inherit peer-policy external-policy 10
 exit-peer-policy
 !
 template peer-policy internal-policy
  send-community
  inherit peer-policy all-peers 10
 exit-peer-policy
 !
 template peer-policy RRC
  route-reflector-client
  inherit peer-policy internal-policy 10
 exit-peer-policy
```

```
neighbor 1.1.1.1 inherit peer-policy internal-policy
neighbor 1.1.1.2 inherit peer-policy RRC
neighbor 1.1.1.3 inherit peer-policy RRC
neighbor 10.1.1.1 inherit peer-policy full-routes-customer
neighbor 10.1.1.2 inherit peer-policy partial-routes-customer
```


Policy Template

```
!
template peer-policy foo
 filter-list 100 out
 prefix-list foo-filter out
 inherit peer-policy all-peers 10
exit-peer-policy
!
template peer-policy bar
 prefix-list bar-filter out
exit-peer-policy
!
template peer-policy seq_example
 inherit peer-policy bar 20
 inherit peer-policy foo 10
exit-peer-policy
!
neighbor 10.1.1.3 remote-as 200
neighbor 10.1.1.3 inherit peer-policy seq_example
```

```
Router#show ip bgp neighbors 10.1.1.3 policy
 Neighbor: 10.1.1.3, Address-Family: IPv4
   Unicast
 Inherited polices:
  prefix-list deny-martians in
  prefix-list bar-filter out
  filter-list 100 out
Router#
```

- A policy template can inherit from multiple templates
- Seq # determines priority if overlapping policies
  - Higher seq # has priority

BGP Update Groups

- First appeared in 12.0(24)S and 12.2(25)S
  - Integrated in 12.3T, now in 12.4
- The Problem: peer-groups help BGP scale but customers do not always use peer-groups, especially with eBGP peers
- The Solution: treat peers with a common outbound policy as if they are in a peer-group

BGP Update Groups

- Peers with a common outbound policy are placed into an update-group
- Reduce CPU cycles
  - BGP builds updates for one member of the update-group
  - Updates are then replicated to the other members of the update-group
- Same benefit of configuring peer-groups but without the configuration hassle
- Peer-groups may still be used
  - Reduces config size
  - No longer makes a difference in convergence/scalability

BGP Update Groups

- What "neighbor" commands determine a common outbound policy?
  - Outbound Filters (route-maps, as-path ACLs, etc)
  - Internal vs. External peer
  - min-advertisement-interval
  - ORF (Outbound Route Filtering)
  - route-reflector-client
  - next-hop-self
  - etc…
- "neighbor x.x.x.x default-originate" is an exception
  - We generate this default on a per-peer basis
  - Can therefore be ignored for update-group selection
- Inbound policy does not matter

BGP Update Groups

- Example

```
router bgp 100
 neighbor 10.1.1.1 remote 200
 neighbor 10.1.1.1 route-map full-routes out
 …
 neighbor 10.1.1.30 remote-as 3453
 neighbor 10.1.1.30 route-map full-routes out
 neighbor 10.2.1.1 remote-as 25332
 neighbor 10.2.1.1 route-map customer-routes out
 …
 neighbor 10.2.1.5 remote-as 6344
 neighbor 10.2.1.5 route-map customer-routes out
```


BGP Update Groups

- "full-routes" peers are in one update-group
- "customer-routes" peers are in another
- New command: `show ip bgp replication`
- Displays summary of each update-group
  - # of members
  - # of updates formatted (MsgFmt) and replicated (MsgRepl)

```
Router#show ip bgp replication
BGP Total Messages Formatted/Enqueued : 0/0

     Index     Type  Members          Leader   MsgFmt  MsgRepl  Csize  Qsize
         1 external       30      10.1.1.1        0        0      0      0
         2 external        5      10.2.1.1        0        0      0      0
```


BGP Update Groups

- `show ip bgp update-group`
- Peers with "`route-map customer-routes out`" are in update-group #2

```
Router#show ip bgp update-group 10.2.1.1
BGP version 4 update-group 2, external, Address Family: IPv4 Unicast
  BGP Update version : 0, messages 0/0
  Route map for outgoing advertisements is customer-routes
  Update messages formatted 0, replicated 0
  Number of NLRIs in the update sent: max 0, min 0
  Minimum time between advertisement runs is 30 seconds
  Has 5 members (* indicates the members currently being sent updates):
   10.2.1.1   10.2.1.2    10.2.1.3     10.2.1.4
   10.2.1.5
```


Scalability

- 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 large amount of data
- Multiple ways to improve convergence and scalability
- "`ip tcp path-mtu-discovery`"
  - Forces TCP to optimize its MSS (max segment size)
  - Reduces TCP overhead dramatically
  - Turn this on to improve 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

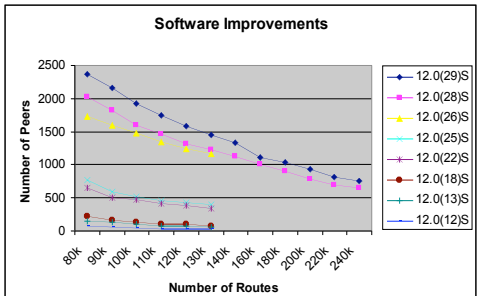
Scalability

- 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 → TCP interaction

Scalability

- "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



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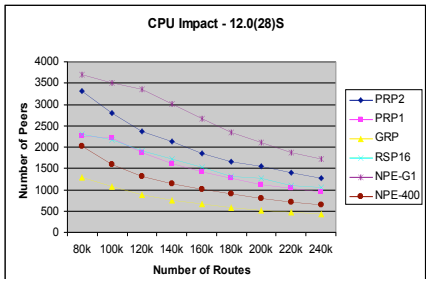


- CPU speed plays a big role

Named Extended Community Lists

- Named policies are easier to manage than numbered policies
- Support for named extended communities

```
ip extcommunity-list standard AS_100_list permit rt 100:100
ip extcommunity-list expanded AS_2XX_list permit _2[0-9][0-9]_
ip extcommunity-list expanded AS_2XX_list deny .*
```


Sequenced Extended Community Lists

- Named and numbered extcommunity-list entries can now have a sequence number
- Allows user to add a statement in a specific location or remove a specific statement
- Example:

```
R1(config)#ip extcommunity-list 44
R1(config-extcomm-list)#10 permit rt 3:3
R1(config-extcomm-list)#20 permit rt 3:10
R1(config-extcomm-list)#30 permit rt 4:4
```


Sequenced Extended Community Lists

- Displayed without sequence #s for backwards compatibility

```
R1#sh run | include list 44
ip extcommunity-list 44 permit rt 3:3
ip extcommunity-list 44 permit rt 3:10
ip extcommunity-list 44 permit rt 4:4
```

- The #s are still stored in memory

```
R1#sh ip extcommunity-list 44
Standard extended community-list 44
     10 permit RT:3:3
Standard extended community-list 44
     20 permit RT:3:10
Standard extended community-list 44
     30 permit RT:4:4
```


Additional AFI/SAFI Support

- IPv6 VPNs
- IPv6 Multicast
- Multicast VPNs
- For more details refer to the IPv6 and Multicast Cisco Networkers sessions and the Cisco website (cco.cisco.com)

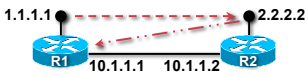
Agenda

- Not so new features
- TCP Developments
  - Source/Destination Address Matching
  - Active vs Passive Sessions
  - BTDH - BGP TTL Security Hack
  - TCP PMTU - TCP Path MTU Discovery
- BGP Scanner
- OER
- Miscellaneous

Source/Destination Address Matching

- Both peers must now agree on peering addresses
- IP Addresses
  - Destination IP is specified via "`neighbor x.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

Source/Destination Address Matching



- 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

Source/Destination Address Matching

- 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
  - `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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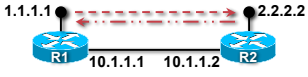

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- R2 to R1 connection
  - `neighbor 1.1.1.1 remote-as 100`
  - `neighbor 1.1.1.1 update-source loopback 0`
- Routers agree on source/destination address
  - BGP will accept this TCP session

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 on R2:

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

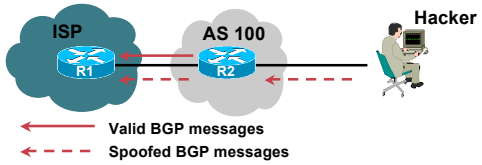
TCP – Active vs. Passive Session

- Use "`show ip bgp neighbor`" on R1 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

BTSH – BGP TTL Security Hack



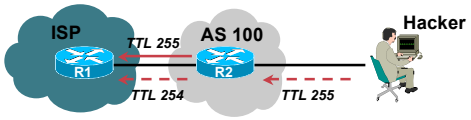
Problem:

- Hackers spoof BGP messages to R1 as if they are R2
- R1 must use MD5 to filter out the bogus messages
- MD5 validation must be done on the RP (Route Processor)

BTSH – BGP TTL Security Hack

- Available from 12.0(27)S, 12.2(25)S, 12.3(7)T and 12.4
- Provides a lightweight mechanism to defend against most BGP spoof attacks
  - Does NOT replace the need for MD5 authentication!
- Sender sets the TTL to 255
- Receiver checks for a TTL of 254 for directly connected neighbors
  - A lower acceptable TTL value must be configured for multihop neighbors

BTSH – BGP TTL Security Hack



- R1 and R2 both use BTSH
- Both sides must configure the feature
  - `neighbor x.x.x.x ttl-security 255`
  - May use BTSH instead of ebgp-multihop if you control both ends of the session
- Packets from R2 will have a TTL of 255
- Packets generated by Hackers will have a TTL that is less than 255
  - Easy to compare the TTL value vs. the 255 threshold and discard spoofed packets
  - Discards can be done at the linecard
  - TTL check is much cheaper than MD5

BTSH – BGP TTL Security Hack

- Attack scope is reduced to directly connected devices!
- MD5 should still be used to authenticate any message that makes it past BTSH
- BTSH is documented in the Experimental RFC 3682

TCP – Security Summary

- Minimal built in security
  - Random source port #s
  - Strict source/destination IP agreement
- TCP's MD5 authentication should be used
  - `neighbor x.x.x.x password FOO`
- MD5 + BTSH (BGP TTL Security Hack) provides protection with minimal CPU cost

TCP MSS – Max Segment Size

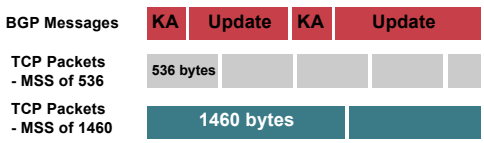
- MSS – Limit on the largest packet that can traverse a TCP session
  - Anything larger must be fragmented & re-assembled at the TCP layer
  - MSS is 536 bytes by default !!!
- 536 bytes is inefficient for Ethernet (MTU of 1500) or POS (MTU of 4470) networks
  - TCP is forced to break large packets into 536 byte chunks
  - Adds overheads
  - Slows BGP convergence and reduces scalability

TCP MSS – Max Segment Size

- "ip tcp path-mtu-discovery"
  - MSS = Lowest MTU between destinations
    - minus IP overhead (20 bytes)
    - minus TCP overhead (20 bytes)
  - 1460 bytes for Ethernet network
  - 4430 bytes for POS network
- Will be enabled by default for BGP sessions in the future
- New knob will allow you to enable/disable per peer

```
[no] neighbor x.x.x.x transport path-mtu-discovery
```


TCP MSS – Max Segment Size



- BGP KAs (Keepalives) are 19 bytes
- BGP Updates vary in size up to 4096 bytes
- The larger the TCP MSS the fewer TCP packets required
- Fewer packets means less overhead and faster convergence

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- Not so new features
- TCP Developments
- BGP Scanner
  - ATF – Address Tracking Feature
  - NHT – Next Hop Tracking
  - Event driven redistribution
- OER
- Miscellaneous

BGP Scanner – Overview

- BGP Scanner
- Import scanner runs once every 15 seconds
  - Imports VPNv4 routes into vrfs (2547)
  - `bgp scan-time import X`
- Full scanner run 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

BGP Scanner – Overview

- CPU spike is normal when scanner runs
  - Is a low priority process
  - Scanner spike shouldn't adversely effect other processes
- Scanning a full table of internet routes is a big job
- "debug ip bgp events" will show you when scanner ran for each address-family

```
BGP: Performing BGP general scanning
BGP(0): scanning IPv4 Unicast routing tables
BGP(IPv4 Unicast): Performing BGP Nexthop scanning for general scan
BGP(0): Future scanner version: 7, current scanner version: 6
BGP(1): scanning IPv6 Unicast routing tables
BGP(IPv6 Unicast): Performing BGP Nexthop scanning for general scan
BGP(1): Future scanner version: 13, current scanner version: 12
BGP(2): scanning VPNv4 Unicast routing tables
BGP(VPNv4 Unicast): Performing BGP Nexthop scanning for general scan
BGP(2): Future scanner version: 13, current scanner version: 12
BGP(4): scanning IPv4 Multicast routing tables
BGP(IPv4 Multicast): Performing BGP Nexthop scanning for general scan
BGP(4): Future scanner version: 13, current scanner version: 12
BGP(5): scanning IPv6 Multicast routing tables
BGP(IPv6 Multicast): Performing BGP Nexthop scanning for general scan
BGP(5): Future scanner version: 13, current scanner version: 12
```

ATF – Address Tracking Filter

- Available from 12.0(28)S
  - (CSCec17043, CSCee70421)
- ATF is a middle man between clients that use the RIB and the FIB
  - Clients could be BGP, OSPF, EIGRP, etc
- The client tells ATF what prefixes he is interested in
- ATF tells the client when one of these prefixes has a RIB change

BGP NHT – Next Hop Tracking

- Integrated in 12.0(28)S
  - (CSCec18878, CSCec55381)
  - Enabled by default
  - `[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
  - Only bestpath will be calculated
  - None of the other standard stuff that BGP does in scanner will happen

Next Hop Tracking

- BGP will scan the table and recalculate bestpaths
- No longer have to wait as long as 60 seconds for BGP to scan the table and recalculate bestpaths
- 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
- Allows BGP to react quickly to IGP changes
  - Tuning your IGP for fast convergence is highly recommended

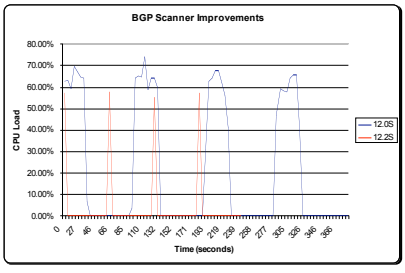
Next Hop Tracking

- Damping library is used to prevent triggered scans from happening too often
  - "`show ip bgp internal`" shows when the next scan can run
- 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
- Normal BGP scan still happens every 60 seconds
- Normal scanner does not evaluate best path at each net if NHT is enabled

Event Driven Route Origination

- Improvements have been made to reduce CPU impact
  - Route redistribution is now fully event driven
  - Network statements are now fully event driven
- Nexthop Tracking (NHT)
  - NHT detects that our route to one of our BGP nexthops has changed
  - NHT triggers a lightweight scanner run that only validates nexthop reachability and recalculates bestpaths
  - Nexthop and bestpath validation no longer happens in scanner every 60 seconds

BGP Scanner



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

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- Not so new features
- TCP Developments
- BGP Scanner
- OER
  - The Basics
  - BGP's role in OER
- Miscellaneous

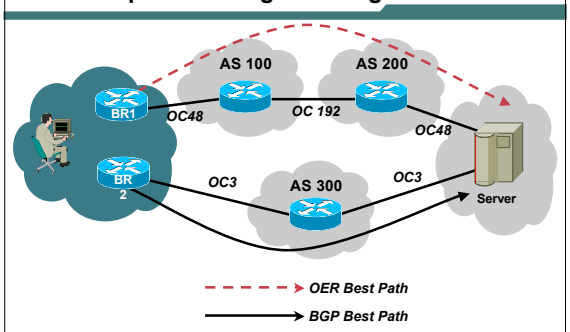
OER – Optimized Edge Routing

- BGP defines a best path based on a complicated 12 step program
- Shortest AS-PATH is normally the determining factor
- # of ASs in an AS-PATH is a very generic metric
  - Tells us nothing about the number of routers or types of links the traffic will traverse
  - A path with a longer AS-PATH could be faster than a path with a shorter AS-PATH
- AS-PATH prepending and other policies make this picture even more muddy

OER – Optimized Edge Routing

- OER allows traffic to use the optimal exit point out of a network as opposed to the BGP defined best path
- OER determines this optimal exit point based on information about the actual state of the network (by active and pasive network traffic probing)
- The optimal exit is the one giving the best overall performance when trying to communicate with a given prefix

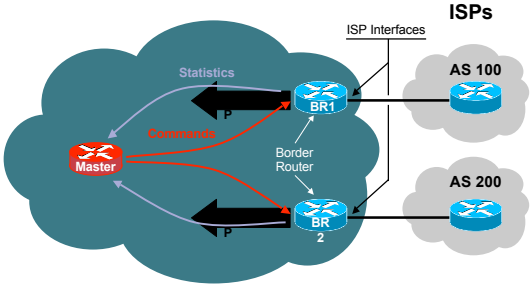
OER – Optimized Edge Routing



OER – How does it work?

- Netflow gathers information to determine delay over various paths
- Netflow data is delivered to a Master OER server
- Server applies user defined polices and rules to determine the optimal exit
- Server changes the BGP configuration of border routers to force traffic out via the optimal exit
  - route-maps and localpref

OER – How does it work?



OER – Server Settings

- The Master server determines the optimal path by using the Netflow data with user defined policy
  - Low delay
  - Low packet loss
  - Cost Minimization
  - History
  - etc.

OER – More Information?

- This was OER from 100,000 feet
- Cisco Networkers has an entire session dedicated to OER!
  - RST-4311

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  - FSD – Fast Session Deactivation
  - EIGRP PE/CE
  - Restart after max-prefix exceeded
  - Last AS prepend
  - eBGP disable-connected-check
  - RIB Modify

FSD

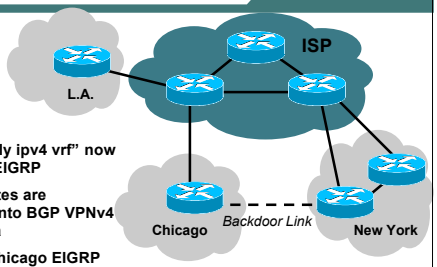
- FSD – Fast Session Deactivation
- Register peers' addresses with ATF
- ATF will let BGP know if there is a change to a peer's address
- If we loose our route to the peer from the RIB, tear down the session
  - No need to wait for the hold timer to expire!

FSD

- Ideal for IBGP peers and multihop eBGP peers
- Can tear down BGP sessions at IGP convergence speed
- Off by default

```
neighbor x.x.x.x fall-over
```


EIGRP PE/CE



- "address-family ipv4 vrf" now supported in EIGRP
- EIGRP vrf routes are redistributed into BGP VPNv4 and vice versa
- The LA, NY, Chicago EIGRP networks are connected via 2547 VPNs

EIGRP PE/CE

- EIGRP will prefer routes learned via the ISP over the backdoor routes (use of cost-communities)
- All EIGRP metrics are preserved across the ISP backbone!
  - If New York redistributes 10.0.0.0/8 from RIP to EIGRP then LA will see the EIGRP route as an external with the proper metric
  - Accomplished by using BGP extended communities to carry the EIGRP information through the backbone

Restart after Max Prefix exceeded

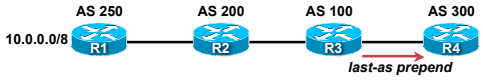
- `neighbor x.x.x.x maximum-prefix 100`
  - Session will be shutdown if peer exceeds limit (100 prefixes)
  - Manual intervention required to re-establish connection
- New "`restart`" keyword
  - Specify # of minutes to wait before automatically restarting the session
- Do not set the restart timer too low
  - Frequently flapping sessions could result in dampening
  - Give your neighboring operators time to correct the problem
- `neighbor x.x.x.x maximum-prefix 100 restart 30`
  - Session will automatically attempt to re-establish after 30 minutes

Last AS Prepend

- New knob for route-map as-path prepending
  - Only applicable on route-maps applied to neighbor statements
- `set as-path prepend last-as X`
  - Prepends the last-as (leftmost AS in the AS_PATH) X times
- BGP now sanity checks route-map match and set statements

```
R3(config-router)#redist static route-map foo
% "foo" used as redistribute static into bgp route-map,
set as-path prepend last-as not supported
```


Last AS Prepend



- R3 is configured to last-as prepend towards R4

```
router bgp 100
    neighbor R4 route-map foo out
route-map foo permit 10
    set as-path prepend last-as 2
```

- R4 sees the as-path as if R2 prepended

```
R4# show ip bgp 10.0.0.0/8
BGP routing table entry for 10.0.0.0/8, version 41
100 200 200 200 250
    20.255.255.2 from 20.255.255.1 (1.1.1.1)
      Origin incomplete, localpref 100, valid, external, best
```


eBGP disable-connected-check

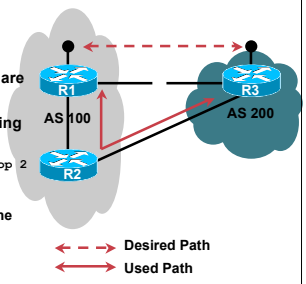
- eBGP peers must meet one of the following criteria
  - Are directly connected which is verified by comparing the eBGP peer's address with our connected subnets
  - Are configured for ebgp-multihop which disables the connected subnet check
- Single hop eBGP loopback peering does not fit either rule very well
  - Default TTL (Time To Live) is 1
  - ⇒ "`neighbor x.x.x.x ebgp-multihop 1`" is silently ignored by the parser
  - "`neighbor x.x.x.x ebgp-multihop 2`" must be used here

eBGP disable-connected-check

- R1 and R3 are eBGP peers that are loopback peering
- Older code must use the following in R1 and R3

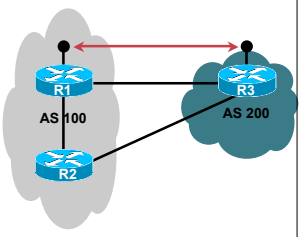
```
neighbor x.x.x.x ebgp-multihop 2
```

- Small security hole
  - If the R1 to R3 link goes down the session could establish via R2



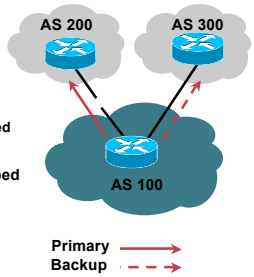
eBGP disable-connected-check

- New code does not need an ebgp-multihop statement
  - Instead use:
  - `neighbor x.x.x.x disable-connected-check`
- TTL is 1
- Session cannot establish via R2
- If R1 to R3 link is down so is the BGP session
- Closes security hole!



RIB Modify

- AS 100 is dual peering
  - AS 200 is primary
  - AS 300 is backup
- Upon AS 200 failure
  - All routes via AS 200 will be deleted
  - Routes via AS 300 will be added
- Brief period where traffic is dropped during transition



RIB Modify

- RIB Modify lets us modify the route in place
- No longer need to do a delete/add
- We modify the AS 200 route with the AS 300 route
- Zero traffic is dropped during the transition!

BGPv4 Soft-Notification

- A NOTIFICATION message resets the BGP session
- The error may apply to only a particular AFI/SAFI
- The #AFI/SAFIs has increased in the recent times
- Affects stability and robustness of BGP Networks

BGPv4 Soft-Notification

- Need a per AFI/SAFI NOTIFICATION that
  - Will not reset the BGP session
  - Will soft-reset the affected AFI/SAFI
  - Has a mechanism to soft-shut/soft-unshut an AFI/SAFI
  - Has a mechanism to synchronize AFI/SAFI states on sender and receiver
  - Would introduce a new Capability

BGPv4 Soft-Notification

- A New BGP Message Type
- No BGP session-reset
- Will soft-reset the affected AFI/SAFI
- Handshaking mechanism to synchronize the AFI/SAFI states between the BGP Speakers sending/receiving the Soft-Notification Message

BGPv4 Soft-Notification

- Updates, update errors and Cease Notifications are per AFI/SAFI
- 70% per AFI/SAFI errors are recoverable
- Remaining 30% could be solved through
  - BGP Update-v2
  - Changing implementation to encode MP_UNREACH/MP_REACH as the first attribute (Enke's suggestion)

Inform vs. Soft-Notification

- Inform
  - To signal events or innocuous errors
  - Action taken on receiving an Inform - Logging
- Soft-Notification
  - Specifically to signal Soft-Notifications for per-AFI/SAFI errors
  - Action taken on receiving Soft-Notification – AFI/SAFI reset, AFI/SAFI shut or AFI/SAFI unshut
  - Handshaking mechanism to synchronize peer states

BGPv4 Soft-Notification – Benefits

- Provides AFI/SAFI robustness and isolation
- New AFI/SAFI deployment leaves the existing AFI/SAFIs unaffected
- Better Network manageability and stability
- New non-routing/routing-related AFI/SAFIs will not affect core Internet routing

Agenda

- Not so new features
- TCP Developments
- BGP Scanner
- OER
- Miscellaneous

New BGP Features

ISP/IXP Workshops