

BGP Multihoming Techniques

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Preliminaries

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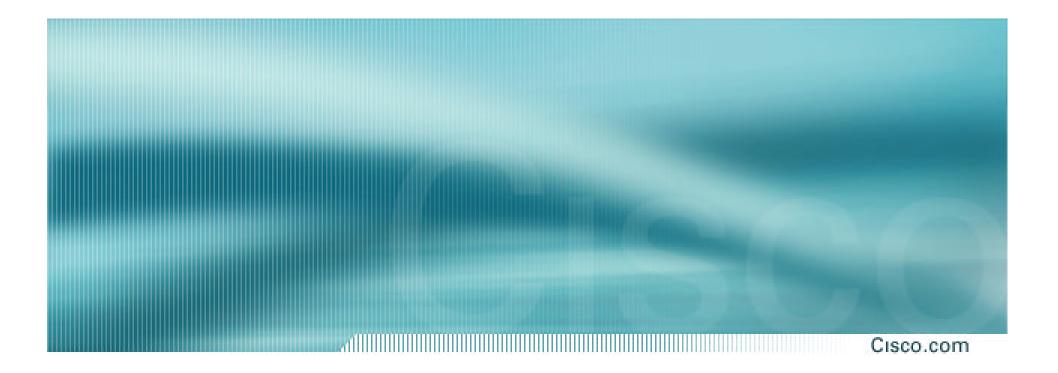
- Presentation has many configuration examples
- Uses Cisco IOS CLI
- Aimed at Service Providers

Techniques can be used by many enterprises too

Feel free to ask questions

BGP Multihoming Techniques

- Why Multihome?
- Definition & Options
- Preparing the Network
- Connecting to the same ISP
- Connecting to different ISPs
- Service Provider Multihoming
- Using Communities
- Case Study



It's all about redundancy, diversity and reliability

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Redundancy

One connection to internet means the network is dependent on:

Local router (configuration, software, hardware)

WAN media (physical failure, carrier failure)

Upstream Service Provider (configuration, software, hardware)

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Reliability

Business critical applications demand continuous availability

Lack of redundancy implies lack of reliability implies loss of revenue

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• Supplier Diversity

- Many businesses demand supplier diversity as a matter of course
- Internet connection from two or more suppliers
 - With two or more diverse WAN paths
 - With two or more exit points
 - With two or more international connections
 - Two of everything



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- Not really a reason, but oft quoted...
- Leverage:

Playing one ISP off against the other for:

Service Quality

Service Offerings

Availability

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• Summary:

Multihoming is easy to demand as requirement of any operation

But what does it really mean:

In real life?

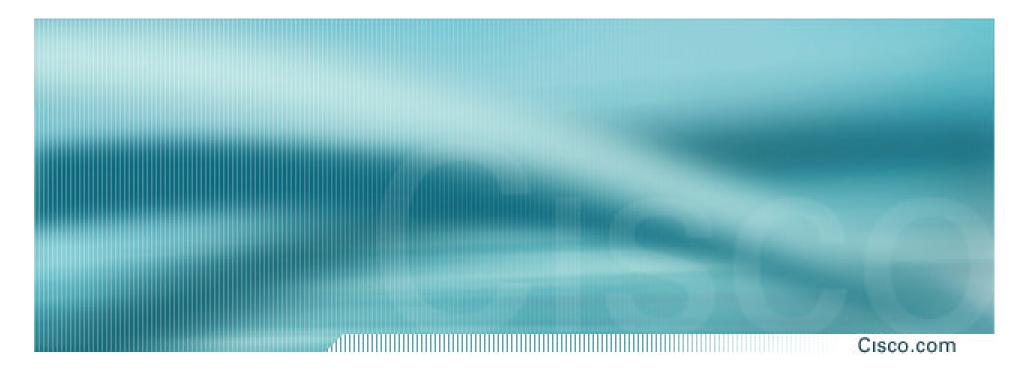
For the network?

For the Internet?

And how do we do it?

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Multihoming Definition & Options

What does it mean and how do we do it?

Multihoming Definition

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 More than one link external to the local network

two or more links to the same ISP

two or more links to different ISPs

 Usually two external facing routers one router gives link and provider redundancy only

AS Numbers

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- An Autonomous System Number is required by BGP
- Obtained from upstream ISP or Regional Registry (RIR)
 APNIC, ARIN, LACNIC, RIPE NCC
- Necessary when you have links to more than one ISP or an exchange point
- 16 bit integer, ranging from 1 to 65534

Zero and 65535 are reserved

64512 through 65534 are called Private ASNs

Private-AS – Application

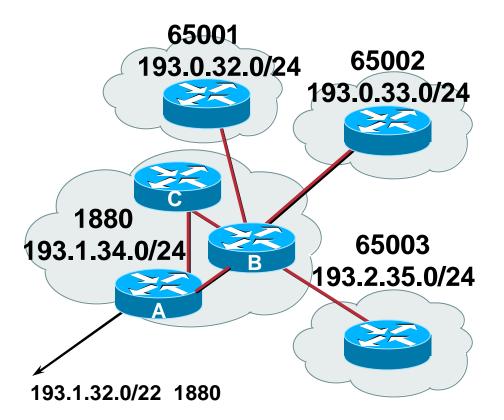
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Applications

An ISP with customers multihomed on their backbone (RFC2270)

-or-

A corporate network with several regions but connections to the Internet only in the core



-or-

Within a BGP Confederation

Private-AS – removal

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 Private ASNs MUST be removed from all prefixes announced to the public Internet

Include configuration to remove private ASNs in the eBGP template

As with RFC1918 address space, private ASNs are intended for internal use

They should not be leaked to the public Internet

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neighbor x.x.x.x remove-private-AS

Configuring Policy

- Three BASIC Principles for IOS configuration examples throughout presentation:
 - prefix-lists to filter prefixes
 - filter-lists to filter ASNs
 - route-maps to apply policy
- Route-maps can be used for filtering, but this is more "advanced" configuration

Policy Tools

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• Local preference

outbound traffic flows

• Metric (MED)

inbound traffic flows (local scope)

AS-PATH prepend

inbound traffic flows (Internet scope)

Communities

specific inter-provider peering

Originating Prefixes: Assumptions

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- MUST announce assigned address block to Internet
- MAY also announce subprefixes reachability is not guaranteed
- Current RIR minimum allocation is /20

Several ISPs filter RIR blocks on this boundary

Several ISPs filter the rest of address space according to the IANA assignments

This activity is called "Net Police" by some

Originating Prefixes

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- RIRs publish their minimum allocation sizes:
 - APNIC: www.apnic.net/db/min-alloc.html
 - ARIN: ww1.arin.net/statistics/index.html#cidr
 - LACNIC: unknown
 - **RIPE NCC:** www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/smallest-alloc-sizes.html
- IANA publishes the address space it has assigned to end-sites and allocated to the RIRs:

www.iana.org/assignments/ipv4-address-space

 Several ISPs use this published information to filter prefixes on:

What should be routed (from IANA)

The minimum allocation size from the RIRs

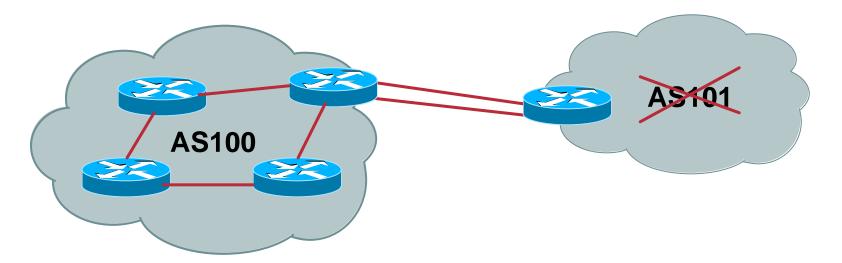
"Net Police" prefix list issues

- meant to "punish" ISPs who pollute the routing table with specifics rather than announcing aggregates
- impacts legitimate multihoming especially at the Internet's edge
- impacts regions where domestic backbone is unavailable or costs \$\$\$ compared with international bandwidth
- hard to maintain requires updating when RIRs start allocating from new address blocks
- don't do it unless consequences understood and you are prepared to keep the list current

Multihoming Scenarios

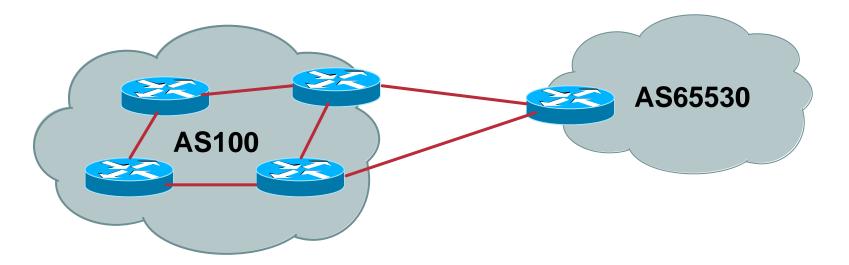
- Stub network
- Multi-homed stub network
- Multi-homed network
- Load-balancing

Stub Network



- No need for BGP
- Point static default to upstream ISP
- Router will load share on the two parallel circuits
- Upstream ISP advertises stub network
- Policy confined within upstream ISP's policy

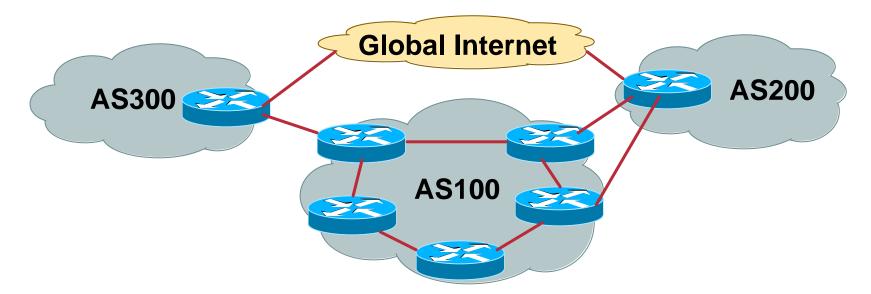
Multi-homed Stub Network



- Use BGP (not IGP or static) to loadshare
- Use private AS (ASN > 64511)
- Upstream ISP advertises stub network
- Policy confined within upstream ISP's policy

Multi-Homed Network

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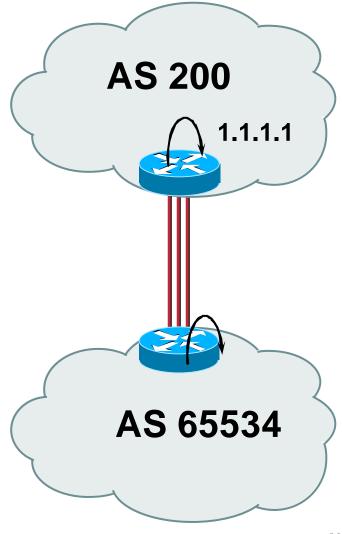
Many situations possible

multiple sessions to same ISP secondary for backup only load-share between primary and secondary selectively use different ISPs

Multiple Sessions to an ISP – Example One

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Use eBGP multihop eBGP to loopback addresses **eBGP** prefixes learned with loopback address as next hop Cisco IOS router bgp 65534 neighbor 1.1.1.1 remote-as 200 neighbor 1.1.1.1 ebgp-multihop 2 L ip route 1.1.1.1 255.255.255.255 serial 1/0 ip route 1.1.1.1 255.255.255.255 serial 1/1 ip route 1.1.1.1 255.255.255.255 serial 1/2



Multiple Sessions to an ISP – Example One

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 Try and avoid use of ebgp-multihop unless: It's absolutely necessary –or– Loadsharing across multiple links

• Many ISPs discourage its use, for example:

We will run eBGP multihop, but do not support it as a standard offering because customers generally have a hard time managing it due to:

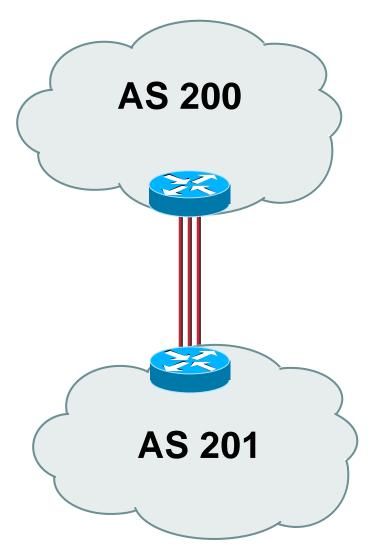
- routing loops
- failure to realise that BGP session stability problems are usually due connectivity problems between their CPE and their BGP speaker

Multiple Sessions to an ISP – Example Two

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- BGP multi-path
- Three BGP sessions required
- limit of 6 parallel paths in Cisco IOS
- Cisco IOS Configuration

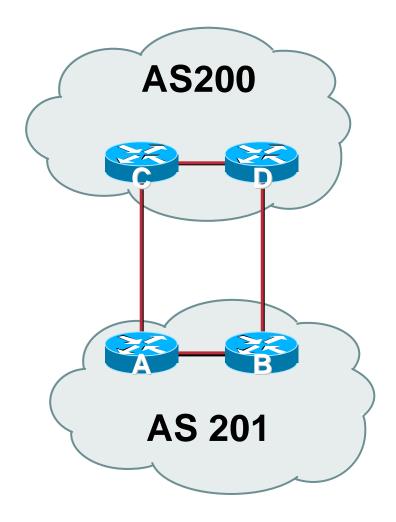
router bgp 201
neighbor 1.1.2.1 remote-as 200
neighbor 1.1.2.5 remote-as 200
neighbor 1.1.2.9 remote-as 200
maximum-paths 3



Multiple Sessions to an ISP

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- Simplest scheme is to use defaults
- Learn/advertise prefixes for better control
- Planning and some work required to achieve loadsharing
- No magic solution



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Preparing the Network

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Assume that:

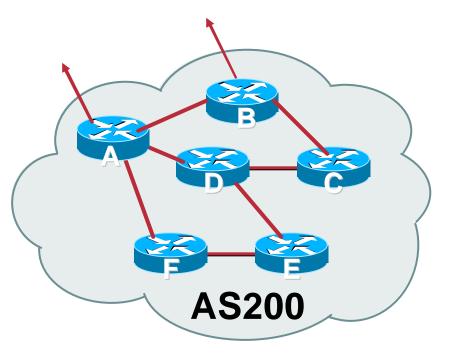
The network is not running any BGP at the moment (single statically routed connection to upstream ISP)

The network is running an IGP (OSPF or ISIS)

If multihoming to two different ISPs, AS number has been applied for and received

Preparing the Network iBGP

- First 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



Preparing the Network Layers

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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

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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

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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

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- 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 Implementation

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• Decide on:

Best iBGP policy (full vs partial route mix)

iBGP scaling technique (communities, route-reflectors, peer-groups)

Then deploy iBGP:

Step 1: Introduce iBGP (making sure that iBGP distance is greater than IGP distance)

Step 2: Install customer prefixes into iBGP

Step 3: Make iBGP distance less than IGP

Check! Does the network still work?

Step 4: Withdraw customer prefixes from the IGP

Step 5: Deployment of eBGP follows

Preparing the Network Configuration – Before BGP

```
interface serial 0/0
 ip address 221.10.0.1 255.255.255.252
I
interface serial 0/1
 ip address 221.10.0.5 255.255.255.252
ļ
router ospf 100
 redistribute connected subnets
                                      ! Point-to-point link
 redistribute static subnets
                                     ! Customer networks
I
ip route 221.10.24.0 255.255.252.0 serial 0/0
ip route 221.10.28.0 255.255.254.0 serial 0/1
```

Preparing the Network Configuration – Steps 1 & 2

```
interface serial 0/0
 ip address 221.10.0.1 255.255.255.252
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interface serial 0/1
 ip address 221.10.0.5 255.255.255.252
I
router ospf 100
redistribute connected subnets
                                          ! point-to-point links
 redistribute static subnets
                                           ! customer nets into OSPF
I
router bgp 100
neighbor 221.10.1.2 remote-as 100
 neighbor 221.10.1.2 description iBGP with Router2
 . . .
 network 221.10.24.0 mask 255.255.252.0
 network 221.10.28.0 mask 255.255.254.0
 distance bgp 200 200 200
!
ip route 221.10.24.0 255.255.252.0 serial 0/0
ip route 221.10.28.0 255.255.254.0 serial 0/1
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Preparing the Network Configuration – Steps 3 & 4

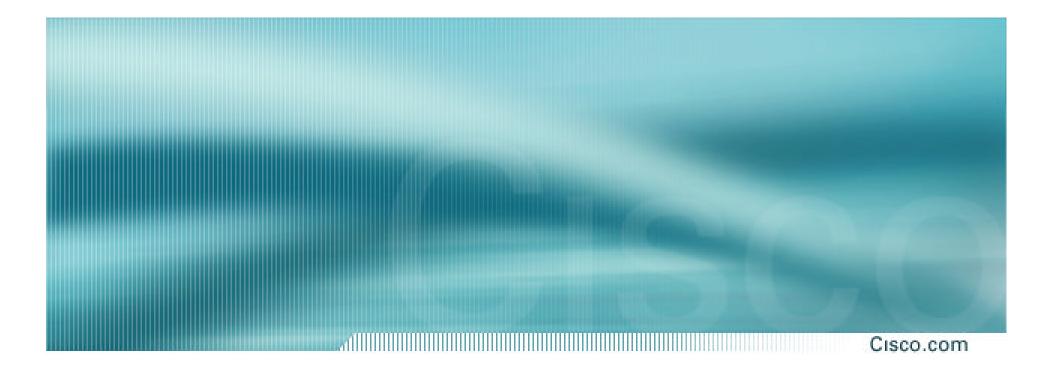
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 ip address 221.10.0.5 255.255.255.252
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 network 221.10.28.0 mask 255.255.254.0
 distance bgp 200 200 200
I
ip route 221.10.24.0 255.255.252.0 serial 0/0
ip route 221.10.28.0 255.255.254.0 serial 0/1
```

Preparing the Network Configuration Summary

- 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

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Use BGP for this type of multihoming

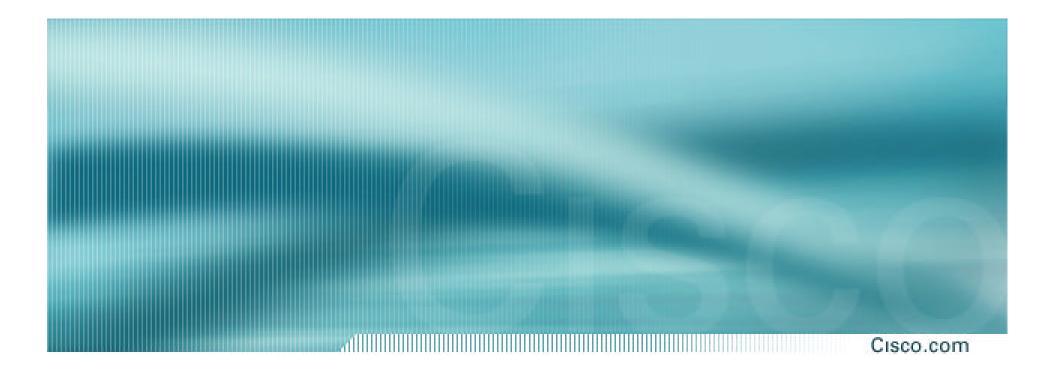
use a private AS (ASN > 64511)

There is no need or justification for a public ASN

Making the nets of the end-site visible gives no useful information to the Internet

upstream ISP proxy aggregates

in other words, announces only your address block to the Internet from their AS (as would be done if you had one statically routed connection)



Two links to the same ISP

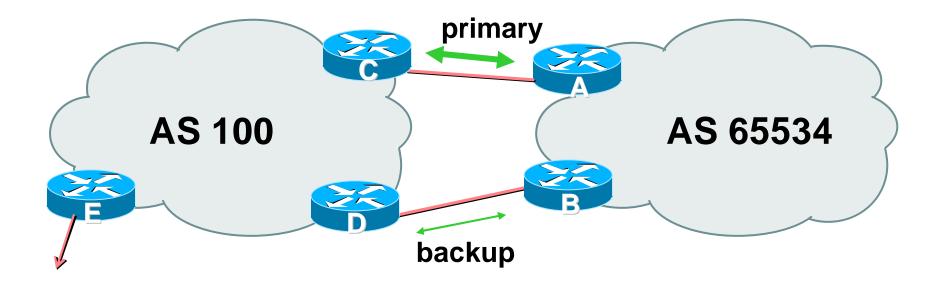
One link primary, the other link backup only

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 Applies when end-site has bought a large primary WAN link to their upstream a small secondary WAN link as the backup

For example, primary path might be a T1, backup might be 56kbps

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

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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

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Router A Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 222.222.10.2 remote-as 100
neighbor 222.222.10.2 description RouterC
neighbor 222.222.10.2 prefix-list aggregate out
neighbor 222.222.10.2 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 221.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
```

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Router B Configuration

router bgp 65534 network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0 neighbor 222.222.10.6 remote-as 100 neighbor 222.222.10.6 description RouterD neighbor 222.222.10.6 prefix-list aggregate out neighbor 222.222.10.6 route-map routerD-out out neighbor 222.222.10.6 prefix-list default in neighbor 222.222.10.6 route-map routerD-in in

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```
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 221.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
I
route-map routerD-out permit 10
match ip address prefix-list aggregate
 set metric 10
route-map routerD-out permit 20
I
route-map routerD-in permit 10
 set local-preference 90
```

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Router C Configuration (main link)

router bgp 100 neighbor 222.222.10.1 remote-as 65534 neighbor 222.222.10.1 default-originate neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list Customer in neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list default out ! ip prefix-list Customer permit 221.10.0.0/19

ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0

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Router D Configuration (backup link)

router bgp 100 neighbor 222.222.10.5 remote-as 65534 neighbor 222.222.10.5 default-originate neighbor 222.222.10.5 prefix-list Customer in neighbor 222.222.10.5 prefix-list default out ! ip prefix-list Customer permit 221.10.0.0/19

ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0

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Router E Configuration

```
router bgp 100
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neighbor 222.222.10.17 remote-as 110

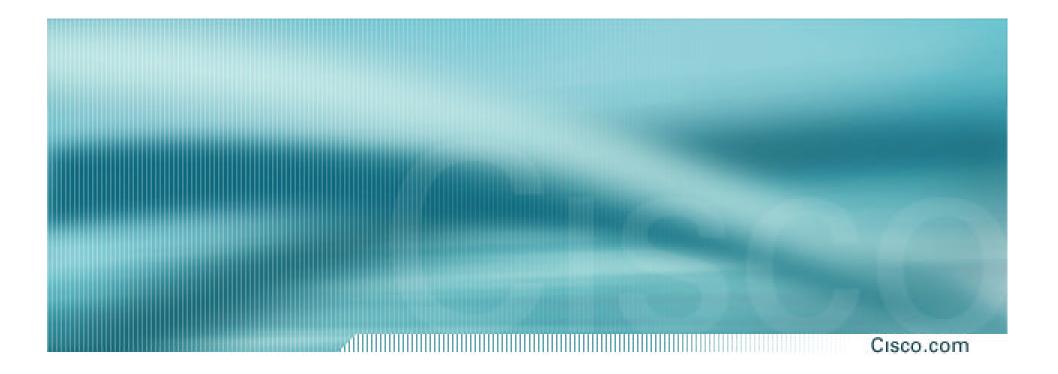
neighbor 222.222.10.17 remove-private-AS

neighbor 222.222.10.17 prefix-list Customer out

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ip prefix-list Customer permit 221.10.0.0/19

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



Two links to the same ISP

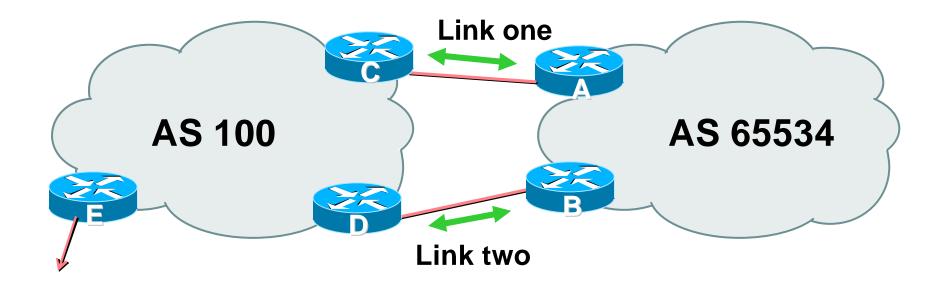
With Loadsharing

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- 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 –

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

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- 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 approx as most ISP and end-site traffic is inbound

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Router A Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.240.0
neighbor 222.222.10.2 remote-as 100
neighbor 222.222.10.2 prefix-list routerC out
neighbor 222.222.10.2 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list routerC permit 221.10.0.0/20
ip prefix-list routerC permit 221.10.0.0/19
!
ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.240.0 null0
ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.240.0 null0
```

Router B configuration is similar but with the other /20

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Router C Configuration

```
router bgp 100
```

neighbor 222.222.10.1 remote-as 65534

neighbor 222.222.10.1 default-originate

neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list Customer in

neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list default out

```
!
```

ip prefix-list Customer permit 221.10.0.0/19 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

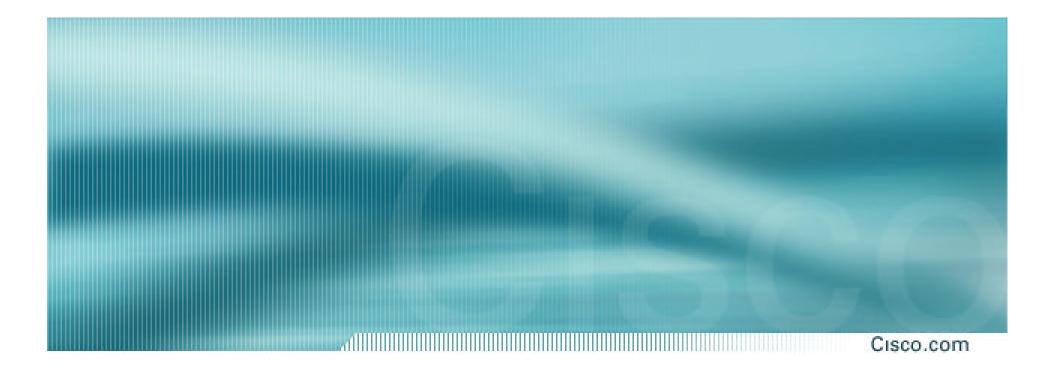
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- Loadsharing configuration is only on customer router
- Upstream ISP has to

remove customer subprefixes from external announcements

remove private AS from external announcements

Could also use BGP communities



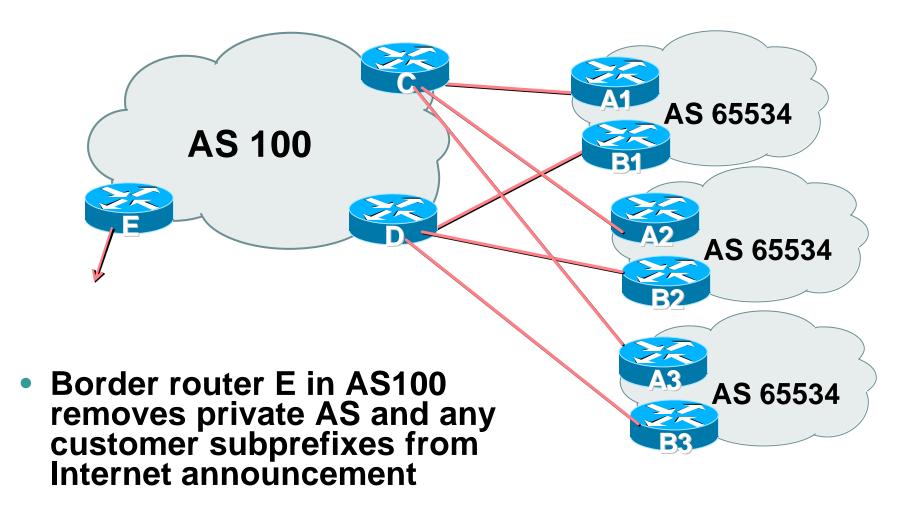
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Multiple Dualhomed Customers (RFC2270)

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

Multiple Dualhomed Customers (RFC2270)



- Customer announcements as per previous example
- Use the same private AS for each customer documented in RFC2270 address space is not overlapping each customer hears default only
- Router An and Bn configuration same as Router A and B previously

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Router A1 Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.240.0
neighbor 222.222.10.2 remote-as 100
neighbor 222.222.10.2 prefix-list routerC out
neighbor 222.222.10.2 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list routerC permit 221.10.0.0/20
ip prefix-list routerC permit 221.10.0.0/19
!
ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.240.0 null0
ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.240.0 null0
```

Router B1 configuration is similar but for the other /20

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Router C Configuration

router bgp 100

neighbor bgp-customers peer-group

neighbor bgp-customers remote-as 65534

neighbor bgp-customers default-originate

neighbor bgp-customers prefix-list default out

neighbor 222.222.10.1 peer-group bgp-customers

neighbor 222.222.10.1 description Customer One

neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list Customer1 in

neighbor 222.222.10.9 peer-group bgp-customers

neighbor 222.222.10.9 description Customer Two

neighbor 222.222.10.9 prefix-list Customer2 in

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neighbor 222.222.10.17 peer-group bgp-customers neighbor 222.222.10.17 description Customer Three neighbor 222.222.10.17 prefix-list Customer3 in ! ip prefix-list Customer1 permit 221.10.0.0/19 le 20 ip prefix-list Customer2 permit 221.16.64.0/19 le 20 ip prefix-list Customer3 permit 221.14.192.0/19 le 20 ip prefix-list Customer3 permit 221.14.192.0/19 le 20

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

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Router E Configuration

assumes customer address space is not part of upstream's address block

```
router bgp 100
neighbor 222.222.10.17 remote-as 110
neighbor 222.222.10.17 remove-private-AS
neighbor 222.222.10.17 prefix-list Customers out
!
ip prefix-list Customers permit 221.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list Customers permit 221.16.64.0/19
ip prefix-list Customers permit 221.14.192.0/19
```

Private AS still visible inside AS100

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If customers' prefixes come from ISP's address block

do NOT announce them to the Internet announce ISP aggregate only

Router E configuration:

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neighbor 222.222.10.17 remote-as 110

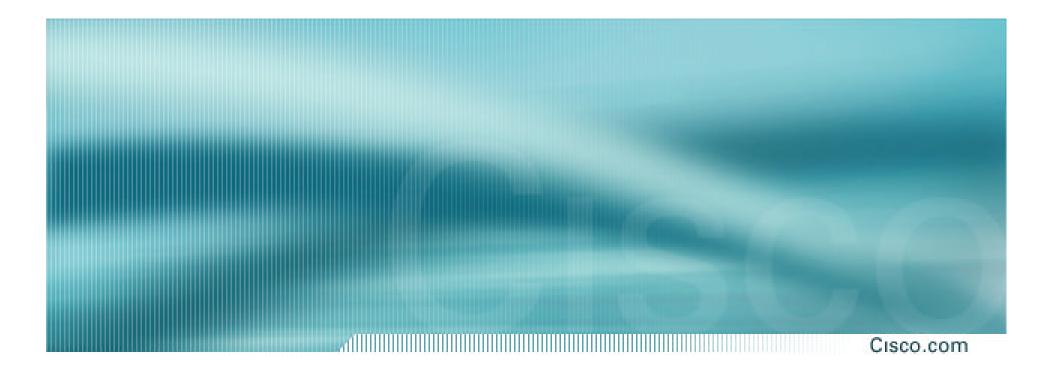
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neighbor 222.222.10.17 prefix-list my-aggregate out
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!

```
ip prefix-list my-aggregate permit 221.8.0.0/13
```

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Multihoming to different ISPs

Two links to different ISPs

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• Use a Public AS

Or use private AS if agreed with the other ISP

But some people don't like the "inconsistent-AS" which results from use of a private-AS

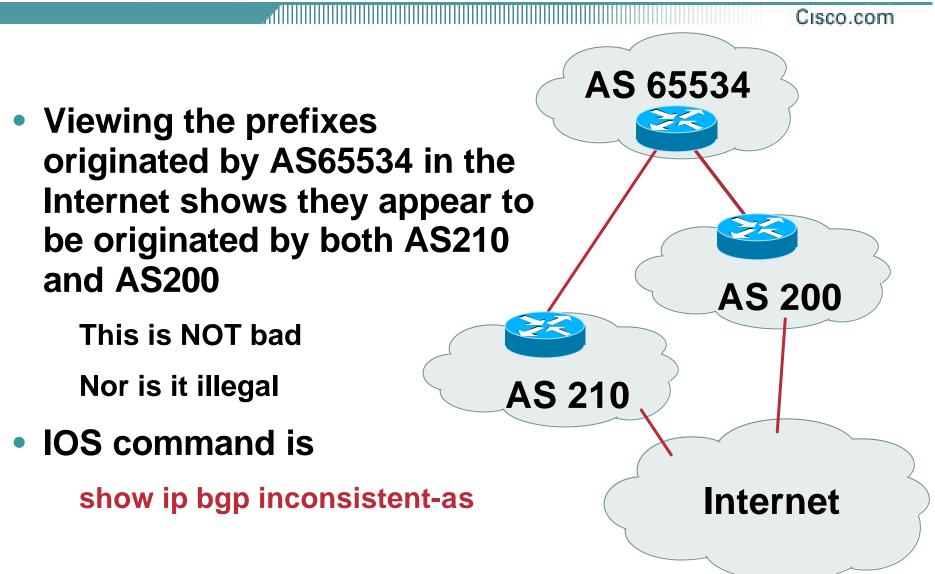
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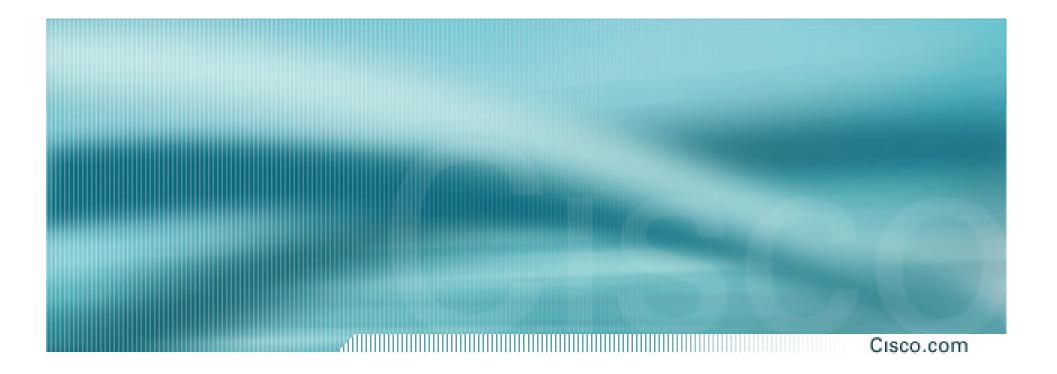
both upstreams or

Regional Internet Registry

Configuration concepts very similar

Inconsistent-AS?





Two links to different ISPs

One link primary, the other link backup only

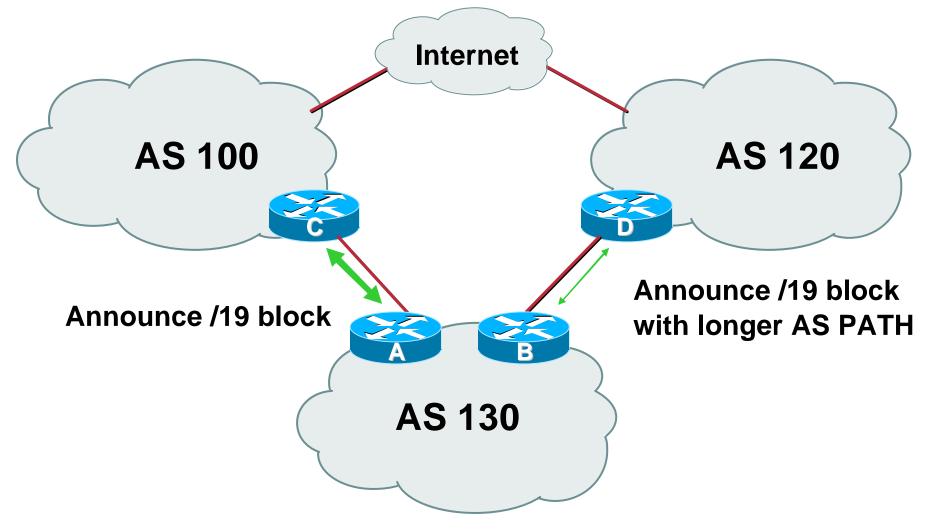
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primary link makes standard announcement

backup link lengthens the AS PATH by using AS PATH prepend

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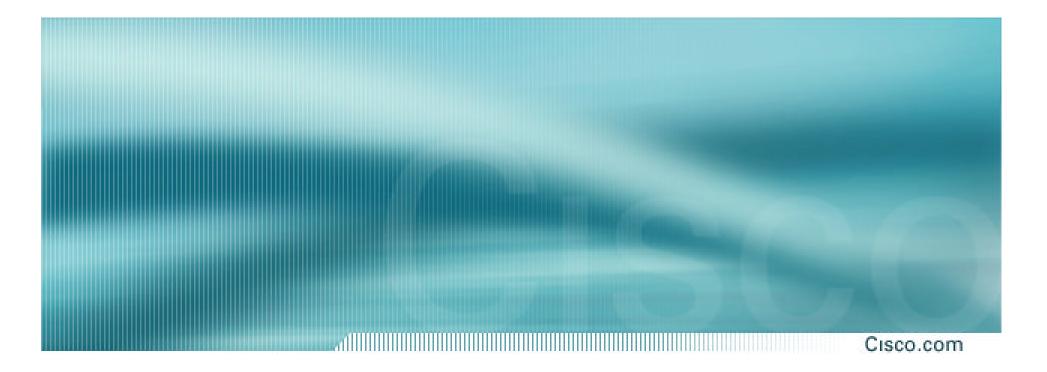
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network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 222.222.10.1 remote-as 100
neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list aggregate out
neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 221.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0

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Router B Configuration

```
router bgp 130
network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 220.1.5.1 remote-as 120
neighbor 220.1.5.1 prefix-list aggregate out
neighbor 220.1.5.1 route-map routerD-out out
neighbor 220.1.5.1 prefix-list default in
neighbor 220.1.5.1 route-map routerD-in in
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 221.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0/0
I
route-map routerD-out permit 10
set as-path prepend 130 130 130
I
route-map routerD-in permit 10
 set local-preference 80
```

- Not a common situation as most sites tend to prefer using whatever capacity they have
- 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 ISPs

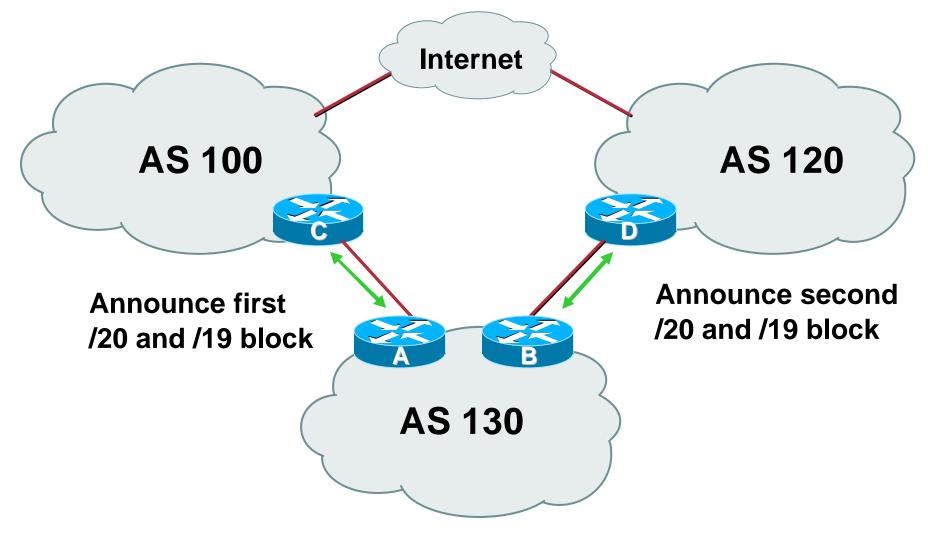
With Loadsharing

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- 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



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Router A Configuration

```
router bgp 130
```

network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0

network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.240.0

neighbor 222.222.10.1 remote-as 100

```
neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list firstblock out
```

neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list default in

```
!
```

```
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip prefix-list firstblock permit 221.10.0.0/20
ip prefix-list firstblock permit 221.10.0.0/19
```

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Router B Configuration

```
router bgp 130
```

network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0

network 221.10.16.0 mask 255.255.240.0

neighbor 220.1.5.1 remote-as 120

neighbor 220.1.5.1 prefix-list secondblock out

neighbor 220.1.5.1 prefix-list default in

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ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
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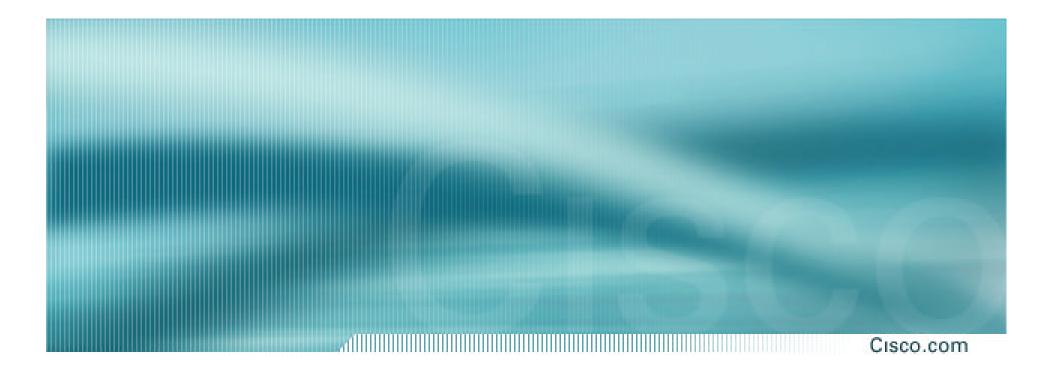
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ip prefix-list secondblock permit 221.10.16.0/20
ip prefix-list secondblock permit 221.10.0.0/19
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- Loadsharing in this case is very basic
- But shows the first steps in designing a load sharing solution

Start with a simple concept

And build on it...!



Two links to different ISPs

More Controlled Loadsharing

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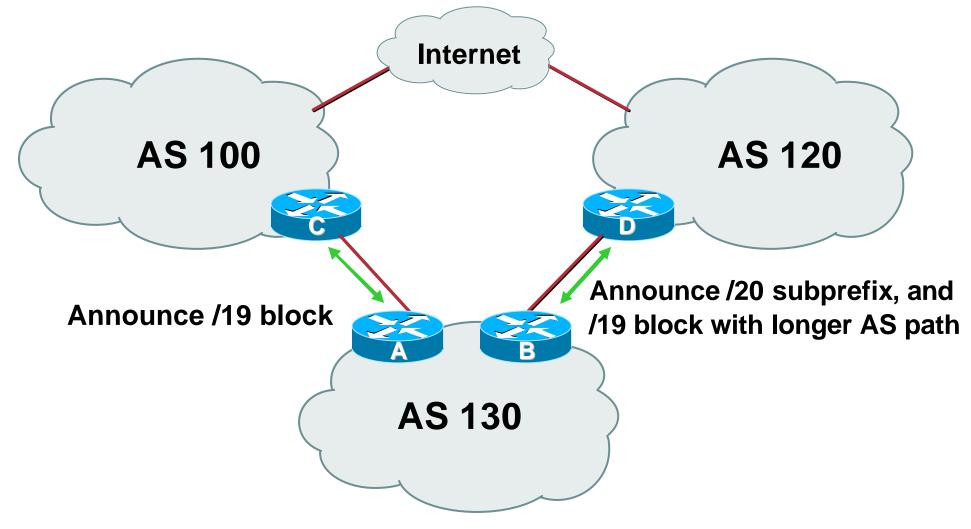
Announce /19 aggregate on each link

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!



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Router A Configuration

router bgp 130
network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 222.222.10.1 remote-as 100
neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list default in
neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list aggregate out
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ip prefix-list aggregate permit 221.10.0.0/19

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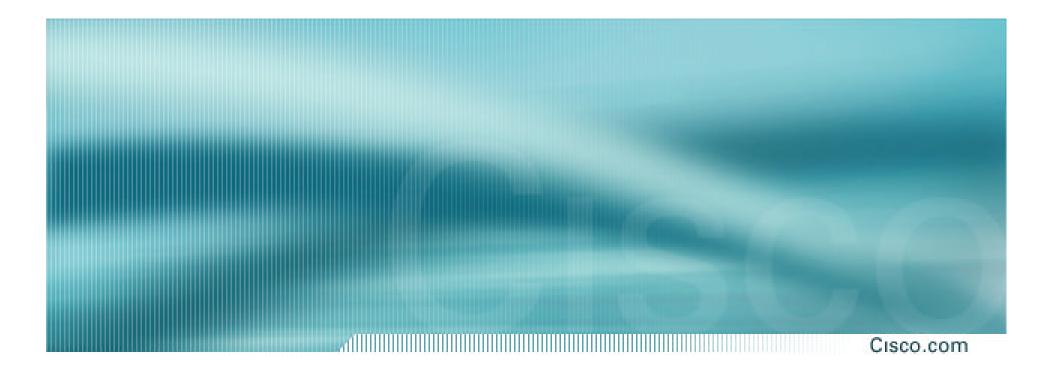
• Router B Configuration

router bgp 130 network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0 network 221.10.16.0 mask 255.255.240.0 neighbor 220.1.5.1 remote-as 120 neighbor 220.1.5.1 prefix-list default in neighbor 220.1.5.1 prefix-list subblocks out neighbor 220.1.5.1 route-map routerD out I route-map routerD permit 10 match ip address prefix-list aggregate set as-path prepend 130 130 route-map routerD permit 20 I ip prefix-list subblocks permit 221.10.0.0/19 le 20 ip prefix-list aggregate permit 221.10.0.0/19

- This example is more commonplace
- Shows how ISPs 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

BGP Multihoming Techniques

- Why Multihome?
- Definition & Options
- Preparing the Network
- Connecting to the same ISP
- Connecting to different ISPs
- Service Provider Multihoming
- Using Communities
- Case Study



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Previous examples dealt with loadsharing inbound traffic

Of primary concern at Internet edge

What about outbound traffic?

Transit ISPs strive to balance traffic flows in both directions

Balance link utilisation

Try and keep most traffic flows symmetric

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Balancing outbound traffic requires inbound routing information

Common solution is "full routing table"

Rarely necessary

Why use the "routing mallet" to try solve loadsharing problems?

"Keep It Simple" is often easier (and \$\$\$ cheaper) than carrying N-copies of the full routing table

Service Provider Multihoming MYTHS!!

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- Common MYTHS
- 1: You need the full routing table to multihome

People who sell router memory would like you to believe this Only true if you are a transit provider Full routing table can be a significant hindrance to multihoming

• 2: You need a BIG router to multihome

Router size is related to data rates, not running BGP

In reality, to multihome, your router needs to:

Have two interfaces,

Be able to talk BGP to at least two peers,

Be able to handle BGP attributes,

Handle at least one prefix

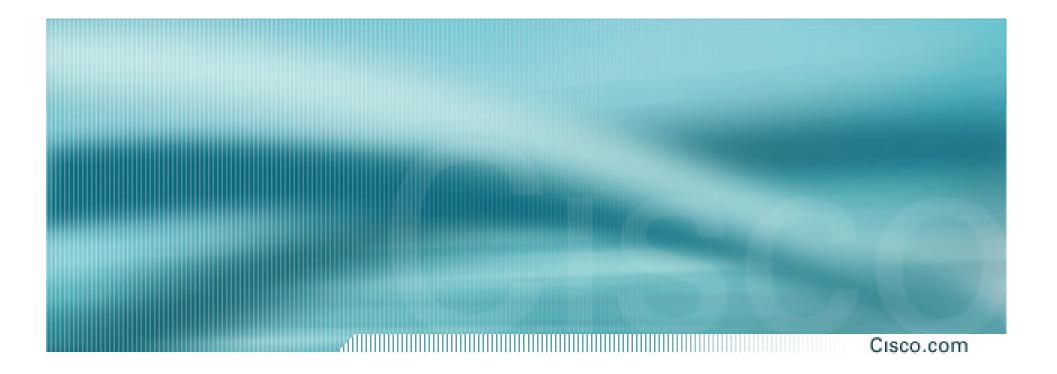
• **3: BGP is complex**

In the wrong hands, yes it can be! Keep it Simple!

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• Examples

- One upstream, one local peer
- One upstream, local exchange point
- Two upstreams, one local peer
- **Tier-1 and regional upstreams, with local peers**
- **Disconnected Backbone**
- **IDC Multihoming**
- All examples require BGP and a public ASN

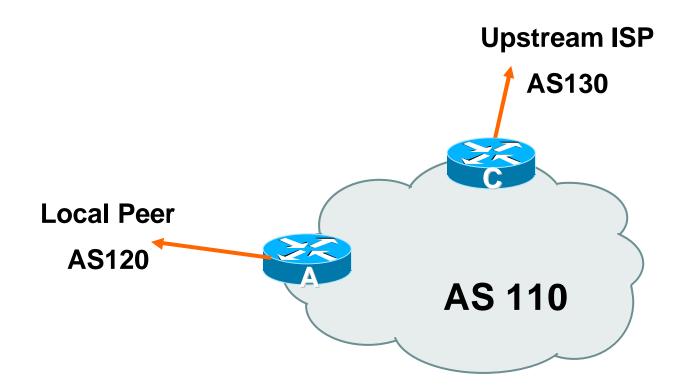


One Upstream, One local peer

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- Connect to upstream transit provider to see the "Internet"
- Connect to the local competition so that local traffic stays local

Saves spending valuable \$ on upstream transit costs for local traffic



- Announce /19 aggregate on each link
- Accept default route only from upstream
 Either 0.0.0.0/0 or a network which can be used as default
- Accept all routes from local peer

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Router A Configuration

router bgp 110

network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0

neighbor 222.222.10.2 remote-as 120

neighbor 222.222.10.2 prefix-list my-block out

neighbor 222.222.10.2 prefix-list AS120-peer in

```
!
```

```
ip prefix-list AS120-peer permit 222.5.16.0/19
ip prefix-list AS120-peer permit 221.240.0.0/20
ip prefix-list my-block permit 221.10.0.0/19
!
```

```
ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

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Router A – Alternative Configuration

```
router bgp 110
```

network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0

neighbor 222.222.10.2 remote-as 120

neighbor 222.222.10.2 prefix-list my-block out

neighbor 222.222.10.2 filter-list 10 in

```
ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(120 )+$
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ip prefix-list my-block permit 221.10.0.0/19
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ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0

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Router C Configuration

```
router bgp 110
```

network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0

neighbor 222.222.10.1 remote-as 130

neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list default in

neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list my-block out

```
ip prefix-list my-block permit 221.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
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ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
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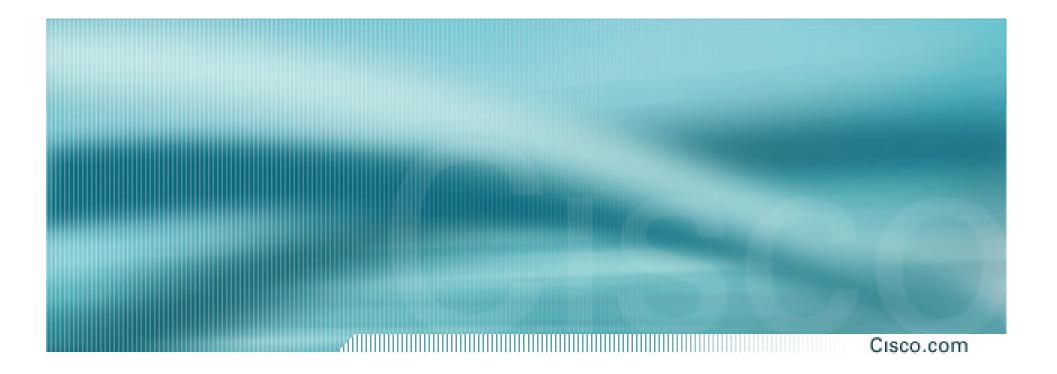
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 Two configurations possible for Router A Filter-lists assume peer knows what they are doing
 Prefix-list higher maintenance, but safer

Some ISPs use both

 Local traffic goes to and from local peer, everything else goes to upstream



One Upstream, Local Exchange Point

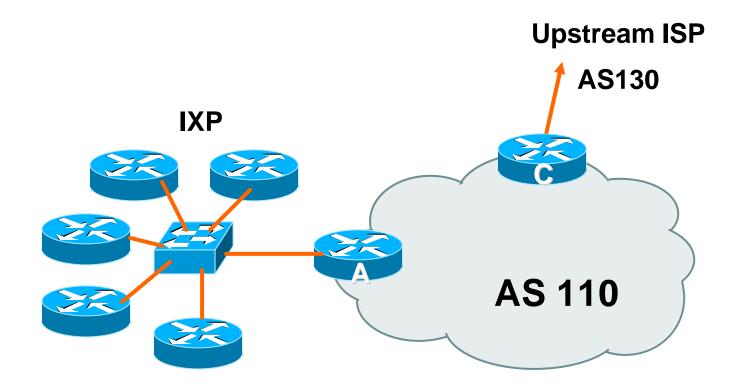
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- Announce /19 aggregate to every neighbouring AS
- Accept default route only from upstream

Either 0.0.0.0/0 or a network which can be used as default

Accept all routes from IXP peers

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Router A Configuration

interface fastethernet 0/0

description Exchange Point LAN

- ip address 220.5.10.1 mask 255.255.255.224
- ip verify unicast reverse-path
- no ip directed-broadcast
- no ip proxy-arp
- no ip redirects
- !

router bgp 110

network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0

neighbor ixp-peers peer-group

neighbor ixp-peers soft-reconfiguration in

neighbor ixp-peers prefix-list my-block out

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- neighbor 220.5.10.2 remote-as 100
- neighbor 222.5.10.2 peer-group ixp-peers
- neighbor 222.5.10.2 prefix-list peer100 in
- neighbor 220.5.10.3 remote-as 101
- neighbor 222.5.10.3 peer-group ixp-peers
- neighbor 222.5.10.3 prefix-list peer101 in
- neighbor 220.5.10.4 remote-as 102
- neighbor 222.5.10.4 peer-group ixp-peers
- neighbor 222.5.10.4 prefix-list peer102 in
- neighbor 220.5.10.5 remote-as 103
- neighbor 222.5.10.5 peer-group ixp-peers
- neighbor 222.5.10.5 prefix-list peer103 in

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```
ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
!
ip prefix-list my-block permit 221.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list peer100 permit 222.0.0.0/19
ip prefix-list peer101 permit 222.30.0.0/19
ip prefix-list peer102 permit 222.12.0.0/19
ip prefix-list peer103 permit 222.18.128.0/19
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Router C Configuration

router bgp 110

network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0 neighbor 222.222.10.1 remote-as 130

neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list default in

neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list my-block out

! ip prefix-list my-block permit 221.10.0.0/19

ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0

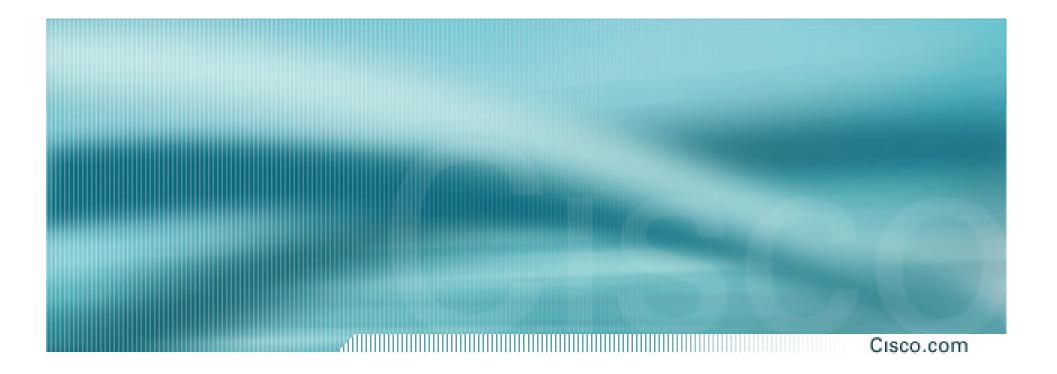
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ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0

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Note Router A configuration Prefix-list higher maintenance, but safer uRPF on the FastEthernet interface

 IXP traffic goes to and from local IXP, everything else goes to upstream



Service Provider Multihoming

Two Upstreams, One local peer

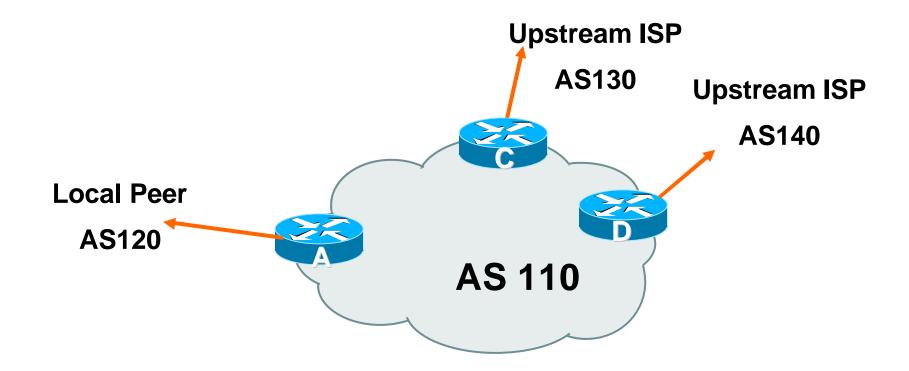
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 Connect to both upstream transit providers to see the "Internet"

Provides external redundancy and diversity – the reason to multihome

Connect to the local peer so that local traffic stays local

Saves spending valuable \$ on upstream transit costs for local traffic



- Announce /19 aggregate on each link
- Accept default route only from upstreams
 Either 0.0.0.0/0 or a network which can be used as default
- Accept all routes from local peer

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Router A

Same routing configuration as in example with one upstream and one local peer

Same hardware configuration

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Router C Configuration

router bgp 110

network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 222.222.10.1 remote-as 130
neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list default in
neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list my-block out
!
ip prefix-list my-block permit 221.10.0.0/19

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ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0

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Router D Configuration

router bgp 110

network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0

neighbor 222.222.10.5 remote-as 140

neighbor 222.222.10.5 prefix-list default in

neighbor 222.222.10.5 prefix-list my-block out

ip prefix-list my-block permit 221.10.0.0/19

```
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0

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- This is the simple configuration for Router C and D
- Traffic out to the two upstreams will take nearest exit

Inexpensive routers required

This is not useful in practice especially for international links

Loadsharing needs to be better

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Better configuration options:

Accept full routing from both upstreams

Expensive & unnecessary!

Accept default from one upstream and some routes from the other upstream

The way to go!

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Router C Configuration

router bgp 110

network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0

neighbor 222.222.10.1 remote-as 130

neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list rfc1918-deny in

neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list my-block out

neighbor 222.222.10.1 route-map AS130-loadshare in

!

ip prefix-list my-block permit 221.10.0.0/19

! See earlier presentation for RFC1918 list

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```
ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
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ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(130_)+$
ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(130_)+_[0-9]+$
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route-map AS130-loadshare permit 10
match ip as-path 10
set local-preference 120
route-map AS130-loadshare permit 20
set local-preference 80
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```

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Router D Configuration

router bgp 110
network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 222.222.10.5 remote-as 140
neighbor 222.222.10.5 prefix-list rfc1918-deny in
neighbor 222.222.10.5 prefix-list my-block out
!
ip prefix-list my-block permit 221.10.0.0/19
! See earlier in presentation for RFC1918 list

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• Router C configuration:

Accept full routes from AS130

Tag prefixes originated by AS130 and AS130's neighbouring ASes with local preference 120

Traffic to those ASes will go over AS130 link

Remaining prefixes tagged with local preference of 80

Traffic to other all other ASes will go over the link to AS140

Router D configuration same as Router C without the route-map

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Full routes from upstreams

Expensive – needs lots of memory and CPU

Need to play preference games

Previous example is only an example – real life will need improved fine-tuning!

Previous example doesn't consider inbound traffic – see earlier in presentation for examples

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Router C Configuration

router bgp 110

network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0

neighbor 222.222.10.1 remote-as 130

neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list rfc1918-nodef-deny in

neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list my-block out

neighbor 222.222.10.1 filter-list 10 in

neighbor 222.222.10.1 route-map tag-default-low in

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```
ip prefix-list my-block permit 221.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(130_)+$
ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(130_)+_[0-9]+$
route-map tag-default-low permit 10
match ip address prefix-list default
 set local-preference 80
route-map tag-default-low permit 20
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Router D Configuration

router bgp 110

network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0

neighbor 222.222.10.5 remote-as 140

neighbor 222.222.10.5 prefix-list default in

neighbor 222.222.10.5 prefix-list my-block out

ip prefix-list my-block permit 221.10.0.0/19

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ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0

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• Router C configuration:

Accept full routes from AS130

(or get them to send less)

Filter ASNs so only AS130 and AS130's neighbouring ASes are accepted

Allow default, and set it to local preference 80

Traffic to those ASes will go over AS130 link

Traffic to other all other ASes will go over the link to AS140

If AS106 link fails, backup via AS130 – and vice-versa

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Partial routes from upstreams

Not expensive – only carry the routes necessary for loadsharing

Need to filter on AS paths

Previous example is only an example – real life will need improved fine-tuning!

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• When upstreams cannot or will not announce default route

Because of operational policy against using "default-originate" on BGP peering

Solution is to use IGP to propagate default from the edge/peering routers

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Router C Configuration

```
router ospf 110
 default-information originate metric 30
passive-interface Serial 0/0
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router bgp 110
 network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
 neighbor 222.222.10.1 remote-as 130
 neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list rfc1918-deny in
 neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list my-block out
 neighbor 222.222.10.1 filter-list 10 in
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```
ip prefix-list my-block permit 221.10.0.0/19
! See earlier for RFC1918 list
!
ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 serial 0/0 254
!
ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(130_)+$
ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(130_)+[0-9]+$
!
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Router D Configuration

```
router ospf 110
default-information originate metric 10
passive-interface Serial 0/0
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router bgp 110
network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 222.222.10.5 remote-as 140
neighbor 222.222.10.5 prefix-list deny-all in
neighbor 222.222.10.5 prefix-list my-block out
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ip prefix-list deny-all deny 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
ip prefix-list my-block permit 221.10.0.0/19
! See earlier in presentation for RFC1918 list
!
ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 serial 0/0 254
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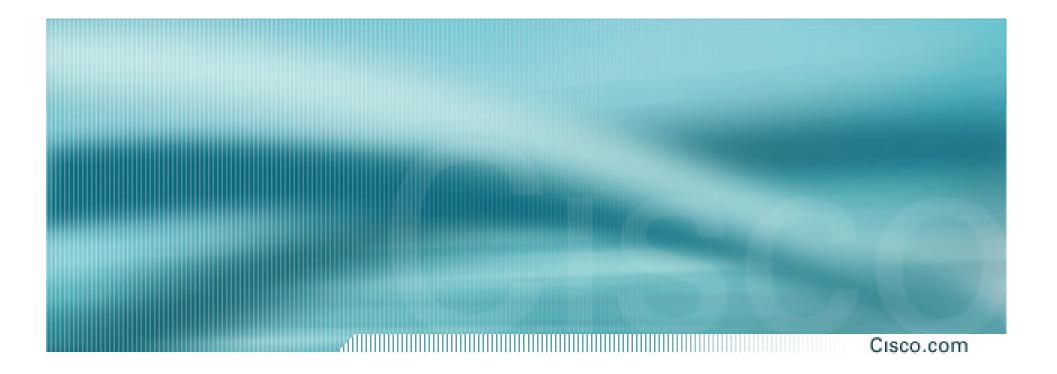
Partial routes from upstreams

Use OSPF to determine outbound path

Router D default has metric 10 – primary outbound path

Router C default has metric 30 – backup outbound path

Serial interface goes down, static default is removed from routing table, OSPF default withdrawn



Service Provider Multihoming

Two Tier-1 upstreams, two regional upstreams, and local peers

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- This is a complex example, bringing together all the concepts learned so far
- Connect to both upstream transit providers to see the "Internet"

Provides external redundancy and diversity – the reason to multihome

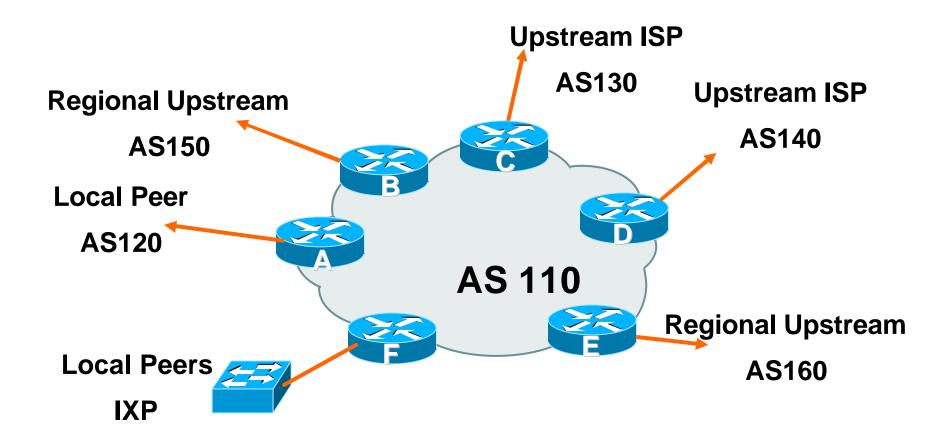
Connect to regional upstreams

Hopefully a less expensive and lower latency view of the regional internet than is available through upstream transit provider

- Connect to private peers for local peering purposes
- Connect to the local Internet Exchange Point so that local traffic stays local

Saves spending valuable \$ on upstream transit costs for local traffic

Tier-1 & Regional Upstreams, Local Peers



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- Announce /19 aggregate on each link
- Accept partial/default routes from upstreams

For default, use 0.0.0.0/0 or a network which can be used as default

- Accept all routes from local peer
- Accept all partial routes from regional upstreams
- This is more complex, but a very typical scenario

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Router A – local private peer Accept all (local) routes Local traffic stays local Use prefix and/or AS-path filters Use local preference (if needed) Router F – local IXP peering Accept all (local) routes Local traffic stays local Use prefix and/or AS-path filters

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Router B – regional upstream

They provide transit to Internet, but longer AS path than Tier-1s

Accept all regional routes from them

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e.g. ^150_[0-9]+$
```

Ask them to send default, or send a network you can use as default

Set local pref on "default" to 60

Will provide backup to Internet only when direct Tier-1 links go down

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Router E – regional upstream

They provide transit to Internet, but longer AS path than Tier-1s

Accept all regional routes from them

e.g. ^160_[0-9]+\$

Ask them to send default, or send a network you can use as default

Set local pref on "default" to 70

Will provide backup to Internet only when direct Tier-1 links go down

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Router C – first Tier-1

Accept all their customer and AS neighbour routes from them

e.g. ^130_[0-9]+\$

Ask them to send default, or send a network you can use as default

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Set local pref on "default" to 80
```

Will provide backup to Internet only when link to second Tier-1 goes down

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Router D – second Tier-1

Ask them to send default, or send a network you can use as default

This has local preference 100 by default

All traffic without any more specific path will go out this way

Tier-1 & Regional Upstreams, Local Peers Summary

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- Local traffic goes to local peer and IXP
- Regional traffic goes to two regional upstreams
- Everything else is shared between the two Tier-1s
- To modify loadsharing tweak what is heard from the two regionals and the first Tier-1 Best way is through modifying the AS-path filter

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• What about outbound announcement strategy?

This is to determine incoming traffic flows

/19 aggregate must be announced to everyone!

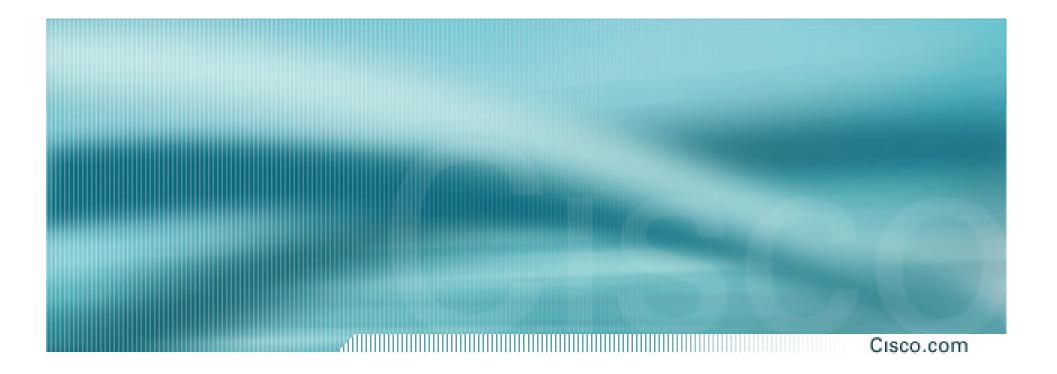
/20 or /21 more specifics can be used to improve or modify loadsharing

See earlier for hints and ideas

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- What about unequal circuit capacity? AS-path filters are very useful
- What if upstream will only give me full routing table or nothing

AS-path and prefix filters are very useful



Service Provider Multihoming

Disconnected Backbone

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ISP runs large network

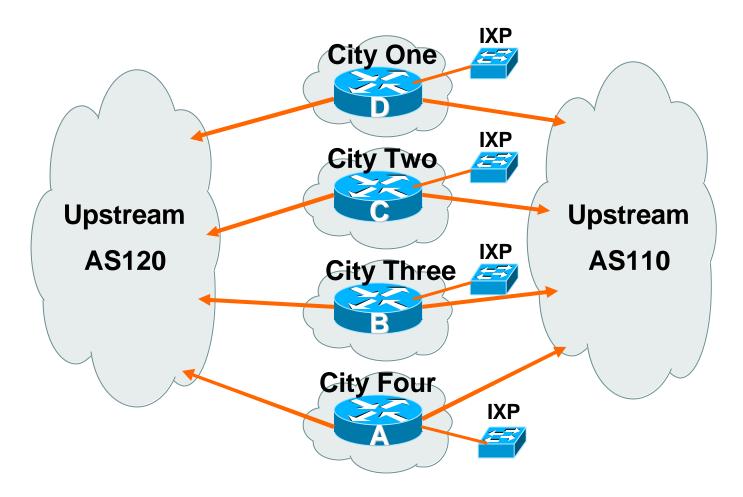
Network has no backbone, only large PoPs in each location

Each PoP multihomes to upstreams

Common in some countries where backbone circuits are hard to obtain

• This is to show how it could be done Not impossible, nothing "illegal"

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- Works with one AS number
 Not four no BGP loop detection problem
- Each city operates as separate network

Uses defaults and selected leaked prefixes for loadsharing

Peers at local exchange point

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Router A Configuration

router bgp 100

network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.248.0

neighbor 222.200.0.1 remote-as 120

neighbor 222.200.0.1 description AS120 - Serial 0/0

neighbor 222.200.0.1 prefix-list default in

neighbor 222.222.0.1 prefix-list my-block out

neighbor 222.222.10.1 remote-as 110

neighbor 222.222.10.1 description AS110 - Serial 1/0

neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list rfc1918-sua in

neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list my-block out

neighbor 222.222.10.1 filter-list 10 in

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ip prefix-list my-block permit 221.10.0.0/21
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(110_)+$
ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(110_)+_[0-9]+$
!...etc to achieve outbound loadsharing
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 Serial 1/0 250
ip route 221.10.0.0 255.255.248.0 null0
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• Peer with AS120

Receive just default route

Announce /22 address

• Peer with AS110

Receive full routing table – filter with AS-path filter

Announce /22 address

Point backup static default – distance 252 – in case AS120 goes down

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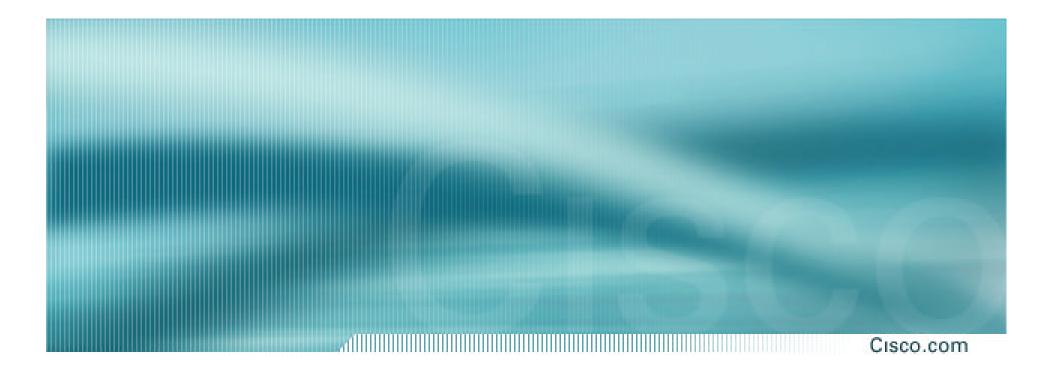
 Default ensures that disconnected parts of AS100 are reachable

Static route backs up AS120 default

No BGP loop detection – relying on default route

• Do not announce /19 aggregate

No advantage in announcing /19 and could lead to problems



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IDCs typically are not registry members so don't get their own address block

Situation also true for small ISPs and "Enterprise Networks"

Smaller address blocks being announced

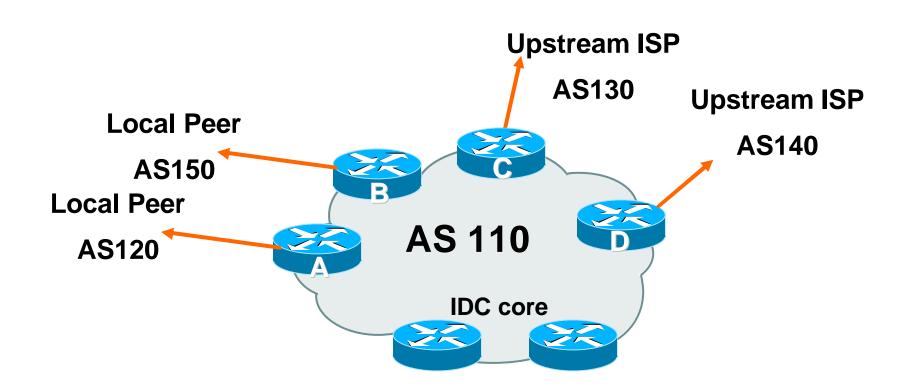
Address space comes from both upstreams

Should be apportioned according to size of circuit to upstream

Outbound traffic paths matter

Two Upstreams, Two Local Peers IDC

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Assigned /24 from AS130 and /23 from AS140. Circuit to AS130 is 2Mbps, circuit to AS140 is 4Mbps

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Router A and B configuration

In: Should accept all routes from AS120 and AS150

Out: Should announce all address space to AS120 and AS150

Straightforward

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Router C configuration

 In: Accept partial routes from AS130
 e.g. ^130_[0-9]+\$
 In: Ask for a route to use as default
 set local preference on default to 80
 Out: Send /24, and send /23 with AS-PATH
 prepend of one AS

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Router D configuration

In: Ask for a route to use as default

Leave local preference of default at 100

Out: Send /23, and send /24 with AS-PATH prepend of one AS

IDC Multihoming Fine Tuning

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For local fine tuning, increase circuit capacity

Local circuits usually are cheap

Otherwise...

• For longer distance fine tuning

In: Modify as-path filter on Router C

Out: Modify as-path prepend on Routers C and D

Outbound traffic flow is usual critical for an IDC so inbound policies need to be carefully thought out

IDC Multihoming Other Details

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Redundancy

Circuits are terminated on separate routers

Apply thought to address space use

Request from both upstreams

Utilise address space evenly across IDC

Don't start with /23 then move to /24 – use both blocks at the same time in the same proportion

Helps with loadsharing – yes, really!

IDC Multihoming Other Details

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• What about failover?

/24 and /23 from upstreams' blocks announced to the Internet routing table all the time

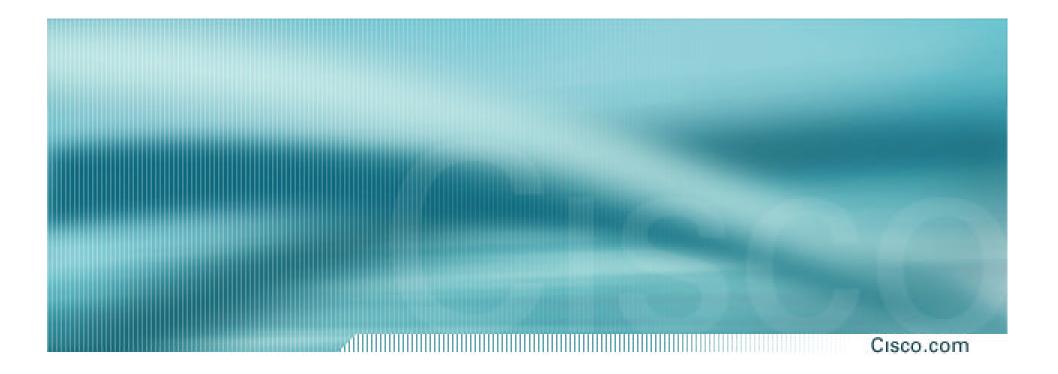
No obvious alternative at the moment

Conditional advertisement can help in steady state, but subprefixes still need to be announced in failover condition

BGP Multihoming Techniques

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Communities

How they are used in practice

Using Communities: RFC1998

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- Informational RFC
- Describes how to implement loadsharing and backup on multiple inter-AS links

BGP communities used to determine local preference in upstream's network

- Gives control to the customer
- Simplifies upstream's configuration simplifies network operation!

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Community values defined to have particular meanings:

ASx:100 set local pref 100 preferred route

- ASx:90 set local pref 90 backup route if dualhomed on ASx
- ASx:80 set local pref 80 main link is to another ISP with same AS path length
- ASx:70 set local pref 70 main link is to another ISP

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Sample Customer Router Configuration

```
router bgp 130
neighbor x.x.x.x remote-as 100
neighbor x.x.x.x description Backup ISP
neighbor x.x.x.x route-map config-community out
neighbor x.x.x.x send-community
I
ip as-path access-list 20 permit ^$
ip as-path access-list 20 deny .*
I
route-map config-community permit 10
match as-path 20
 set community 100:90
```

Sample ISP Router Configuration

```
! Homed to another ISP
```

```
ip community-list 70 permit 100:70
```

```
! Homed to another ISP with equal ASPATH length
```

```
ip community-list 80 permit 100:80
```

```
! Customer backup routes
```

```
ip community-list 90 permit 100:90
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```
route-map set-customer-local-pref permit 10
```

```
match community 70
```

```
set local-preference 70
```

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Sample ISP Router Configuration

```
route-map set-customer-local-pref permit 20
match community 80
 set local-preference 80
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route-map set-customer-local-pref permit 30
match community 90
 set local-preference 90
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route-map set-customer-local-pref permit 40
 set local-preference 100
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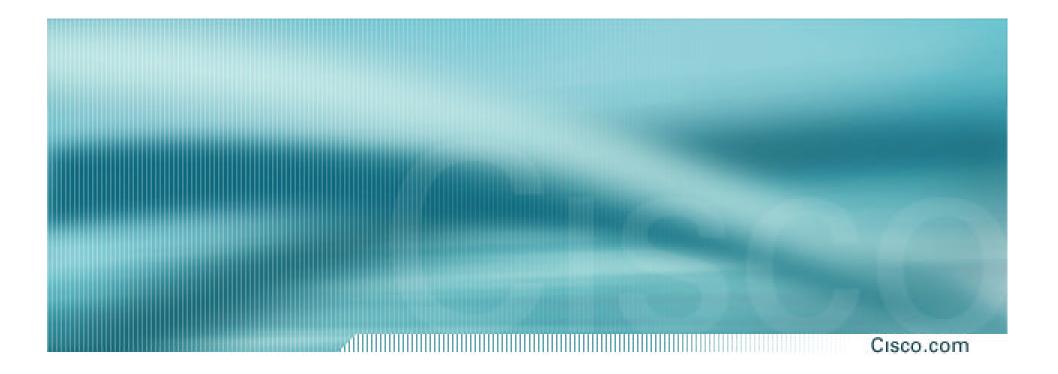
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Supporting RFC1998

many ISPs do, more should

check AS object in the Internet Routing Registry

if you do, insert comment in AS object in the IRR

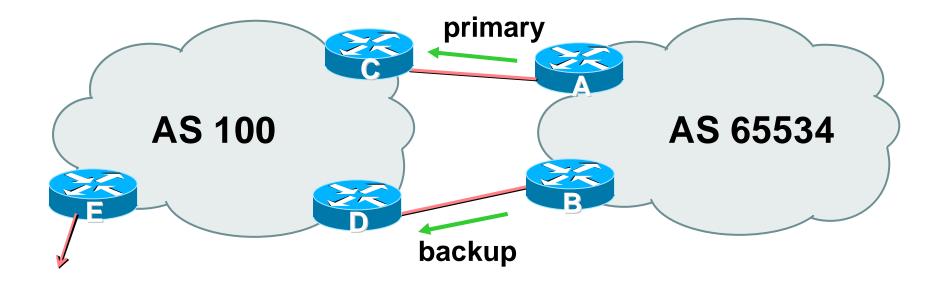


Two links to the same ISP

One link primary, the other link backup only

Two links to the same ISP

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AS100 proxy aggregates for AS 65534

Two links to the same ISP (one as backup only)

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- Announce /19 aggregate on each link primary link makes standard announcement backup link sends community
- When one link fails, the announcement of the /19 aggregate via the other link ensures continued connectivity

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Router A Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 222.222.10.2 remote-as 100
neighbor 222.222.10.2 description RouterC
neighbor 222.222.10.2 prefix-list aggregate out
neighbor 222.222.10.2 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 221.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
```

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Router B Configuration

router bgp 65534

network 221.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0

neighbor 222.222.10.6 remote-as 100

neighbor 222.222.10.6 description RouterD

neighbor 222.222.10.6 send-community

neighbor 222.222.10.6 prefix-list aggregate out

neighbor 222.222.10.6 route-map routerD-out out

neighbor 222.222.10.6 prefix-list default in

neighbor 222.222.10.6 route-map routerD-in in

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```
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 221.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
route-map routerD-out permit 10
match ip address prefix-list aggregate
set community 100:90
route-map routerD-out permit 20
!
route-map routerD-in permit 10
set local-preference 90
```

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Router C Configuration (main link)

router bgp 100 neighbor 222.222.10.1 remote-as 65534 neighbor 222.222.10.1 default-originate neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list Customer in neighbor 222.222.10.1 prefix-list default out ! ip prefix-list Customer permit 221.10.0.0/19

ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0

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Router D Configuration (backup link)

router bgp 100

neighbor 222.222.10.5 remote-as 65534

neighbor 222.222.10.5 default-originate

neighbor 222.222.10.5 prefix-list Customer in

neighbor 222.222.10.5 route-map bgp-cust-in in

neighbor 222.222.10.5 prefix-list default out

```
!
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ip prefix-list Customer permit 221.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
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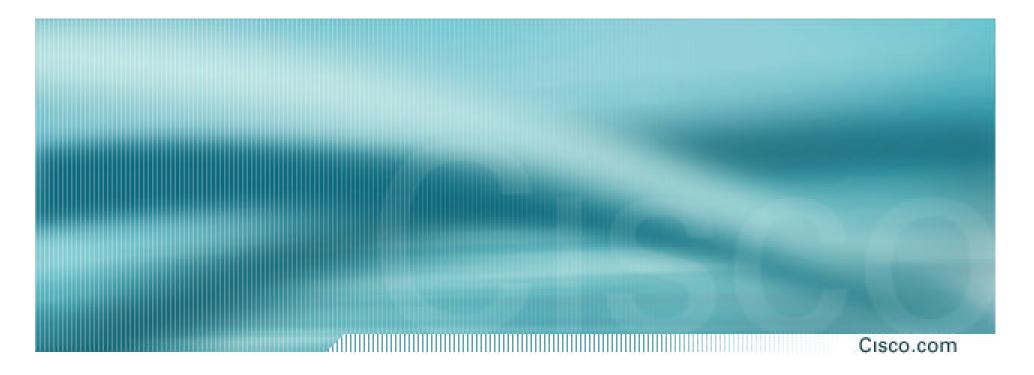
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ip prefix-list Customer permit 221.10.0.0/19
  ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
  I
  ip community-list 90 permit 100:90
  I
<snip>
  route-map bgp-cust-in permit 30
   match community 90
   set local-preference 90
  route-map bgp-cust-in permit 40
   set local-preference 100
```

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- This is a simple example
- It looks more complicated than the same example presented earlier which used local preference and MEDs
- But the advantage is that this scales better

With larger configurations, more customers, more options, it becomes easier to handle each and every requirement



Service Provider use of Communities

Some working examples

Background

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RFC1998 is okay for "simple" multihomed customers

assumes that upstreams are interconnected

 ISPs create many other communities to handle more complex situations
 Simplify ISP BGP configuration
 Give customer more policy control

Some ISP Examples

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Public policy is usually listed in the IRR

Following examples are all in the IRR or referenced from the AS Object in the IRR

 Consider creating communities to give policy control to customers

Reduces technical support burden

Reduces the amount of router reconfiguration, and the chance of mistakes

Some ISP Conne

aut-num:	AS2764
as-name:	ASN-CONNECT-NET
descr:	connect.com.au pty 1td
admin-c:	CC89
tech-c:	MP151
remarks:	Community Definition
remarks:	
remarks:	2764:1 Announce to "domestic" rate ASes only
remarks:	2764:2 Don't announce outside local POP
remarks:	2764:3 Lower local preference by 25
remarks:	2764:4 Lower local preference by 15
remarks:	2764:5 Lower local preference by 5
remarks:	2764:6 Announce to non customers with "no-export"
remarks:	2764:7 Only announce route to customers
remarks:	2764:8 Announce route over satellite link
notify:	routing@connect.com.au
mnt-by:	CONNECT-AU
changed:	mrp@connect.com.au 19990506
source:	CCAIR

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Some IS'

- aut-num: AS702
- as-name: AS702
- descr: UUNET Commercial IP service provider in Europe
- remarks: ------
- remarks: UUNET uses the following communities with its customers:
- remarks: 702:80 Set Local Pref 80 within AS702
- remarks: 702:120 Set Local Pref 120 within AS702
- remarks: 702:20 Announce only to UUNET AS'es and UUNET customers
- remarks: 702:30 Keep within Europe, don't announce to other UUNET AS's
- remarks: 702:1 Prepend AS702 once at edges of UUNET to Peers
- remarks: 702:2 Prepend AS702 twice at edges of UUNET to Peers
- remarks: 702:3 Prepend AS702 thrice at edges of UUNET to Peers
- remarks: Details of UUNET's peering policy and how to get in touch with
- remarks: UUNET regarding peering policy matters can be found at:
- remarks: http://www.uu.net/peering/
- remarks: ------
- mnt-by: UUNET-MNT
- changed: eric-apps@eu.uu.net 20010928
- source: RIPE

Some ISP BT Icr

AS5400 aut-num: as-name: CIPCORE descr: remarks: <snip> 5400:1100 remarks: notify: mnt-by: CIP-MNT source: RIPE

CIPCORE BT Ignite European Backbone The following BGP communities can be set by BT Ignite BGP customers to affect announcements to major peers.

Community to Community to AS prepend 5400 Not announce To peer: 5400:2000 5400:1000 European peers 5400:1001 Sprint (AS1239) 5400:2001 5400:1003 Unisource (AS3300) 5400:2003 5400:1005 UUnet (AS702) 5400:2005 5400:1006 Carrier1 (AS8918) 5400:2006 5400:1007 SupportNet (8582) 5400:2007 5400:1008 AT&T (AS2686) 5400:2008 5400:1009 Level 3 (AS9057) 5400:2009 5400:1010 RIPE (AS3333) 5400:2010 US peers 5400:2100 notify@eu.ignite.net And many many more!

Some ISP Carrier

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aut-num:	AS8918			
descr:	Carrier1 Auto	onomous System		
<snip></snip>				
remarks:	Community Sup	pport Definition	ns:	
remarks:	Communities t	that determine	the geo	ographic
remarks:	entry point of	of routes into t	the Car	rrier1 network:
remarks:	*			
remarks:	Community	Entry Point		
remarks:			/	
remarks:	8918:10	London		
remarks:	8918:15	Hamburg		
remarks:	8918:18	Chicago		
remarks:	8918:20	Amsterdam		
remarks:	8918:25	Milan		
remarks:	8918:28	Berlin		
remarks:	8918:30	Frankfurt		
remarks:	8918:35	Zurich		
remarks:	8918:40	Geneva		
remarks:	8918:45	Stockholm	A	nd many
<snip></snip>			m	any more!
notify:	inoc@carrier1	l.net		
mnt-by:	CARRIER1-MNT			
source:	RIPE			

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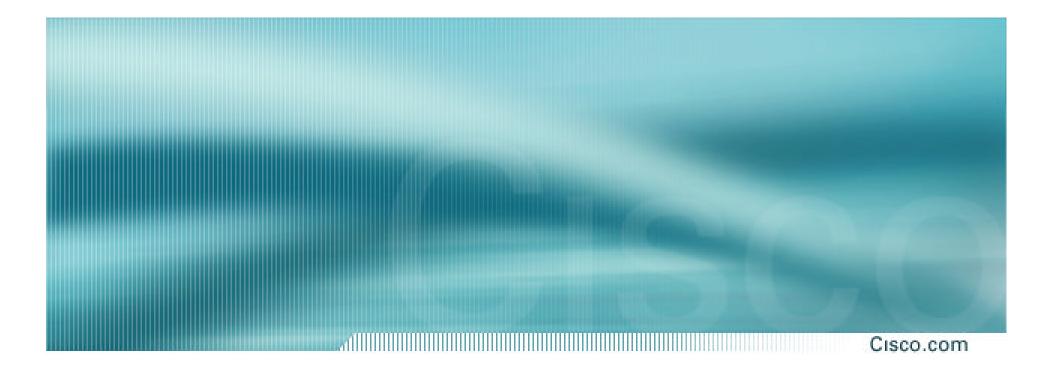
aut-num:	A\$3356
	Level 3 Communications
<pre><snip></snip></pre>	
remarks:	
remarks:	customer traffic engineering communities - Suppression
remarks:	The construction of a second s
remarks:	64960:XXX - announce to AS XXX if 65000:0
remarks:	65000:0 - announce to customers but not to peers
remarks:	65000:XXX - do not announce at peerings to AS XXX
remarks:	
remarks:	customer traffic engineering communities - Prepending
remarks:	
remarks:	65001:0 - prepend once to all peers
remarks:	65001:XXX - prepend once at peerings to AS XXX
remarks:	65002:0 - prepend twice to all peers
remarks:	65002:XXX - prepend twice at peerings to AS XXX
remarks:	65003:0 - prepend 3x to all peers
remarks:	65003:XXX - prepend 3x at peerings to AS XXX
remarks:	65004:0 - prepend 4x to all peers
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Case Study

First Visit

Case Study – Requirements (1)

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 ISP needs to multihome: To AS5400 in Europe To AS2516 in Japan /19 allocated by APNIC AS 17660 assigned by APNIC 1Mbps circuits to both upstreams

Case Study – Requirements (2)

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• ISP wants:

Symmetric routing and equal link utilisation in and out (as close as possible)

international circuits are expensive

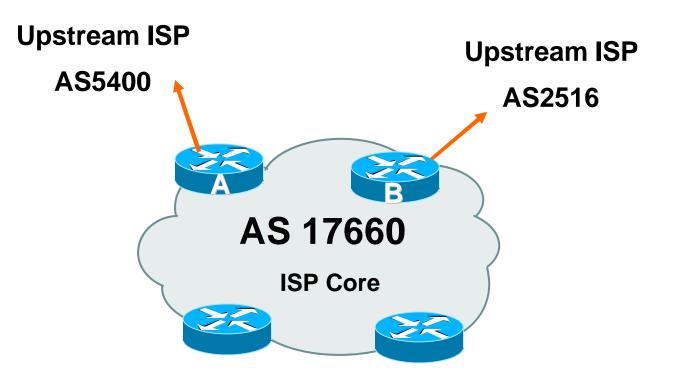
Has two Cisco 2600 border routers with 64Mbytes memory

Cannot afford to upgrade memory or hardware on border routers or internal routers

• "Philip, make it work, please"

Case Study

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Allocated /19 from APNIC

Circuit to AS5400 is 1Mbps, circuit to AS2516 is 1Mbps

Case Study

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Both providers stated that routers with 128Mbytes memory required for AS17660 to multihome

Those myths again ⊗

Full routing table is rarely required or desired

• Solution:

Accept default from one upstream

Accept partial prefixes from the other

Case Study – Inbound Loadsharing

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First cut: Went to a few US Looking Glasses

Checked the AS path to AS5400

Checked the AS path to AS2516

AS2516 was one hop "closer"

Sent AS-PATH prepend of one AS on AS2516 peering

Case Study – Inbound Loadsharing

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Refinement

Did not need any

First cut worked, seeing on average 600kbps inbound on each circuit

Does vary according to time of day, but this is as balanced as it can get, given customer profile

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Case Study – Outbound Loadsharing

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• First cut:

Requested default from AS2516

Requested full routes from AS5400

• Then looked at my Routing Report

Picked the top 5 ASNs and created a filter-list

If 701, 1, 7018, 1239 or 7046 are in AS-PATH, prefixes are discarded

Allowed prefixes originated by AS5400 and up to two AS hops away

Resulted in 32000 prefixes being accepted in AS17660

Case Study – Outbound Loadsharing

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Refinement

32000 prefixes quite a lot, seeing more outbound traffic on the AS5400 path

Traffic was very asymmetric

out through AS5400, in through AS2516

Added the next 3 ASNs from the Top 20 list

209, 2914 and 3549

Now seeing 14000 prefixes

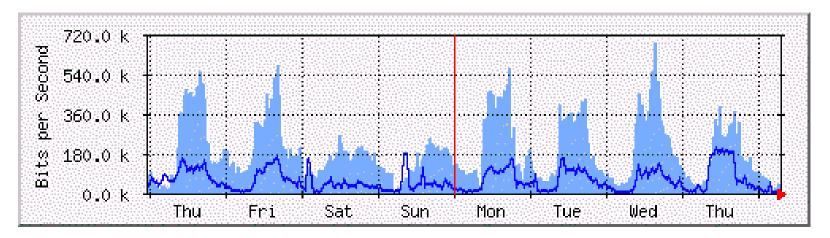
Traffic is now evenly loadshared outbound

Around 200kbps on average

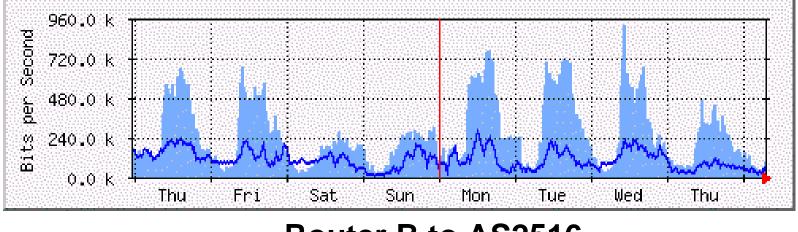
Mostly symmetric

Case Study MRTG Graphs





Router A to AS5400



Router B to AS2516



Case Study Configuration Router A

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router ospf 100

log-adjacency-changes

passive-interface default

no passive-interface Ethernet0/0

default-information originate metric 20

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router bgp 17660

no synchronization

no bgp fast-external-fallover

bgp log-neighbor-changes

bgp deterministic-med

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Case Study Configuration Router A

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```
neighbor 166.49.165.13 remote-as 5400
neighbor 166.49.165.13 description eBGP multihop to AS5400
neighbor 166.49.165.13 ebgp-multihop 5
neighbor 166.49.165.13 update-source Loopback0
neighbor 166.49.165.13 prefix-list in-filter in
neighbor 166.49.165.13 prefix-list out-filter out
neighbor 166.49.165.13 filter-list 1 in
neighbor 166.49.165.13 filter-list 3 out
prefix-list in-filter deny rfc1918etc in
prefix-list out-filter permit 202.144.128.0/19
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ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 serial 0/0 254
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```

Case Study Configuration Router A

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- ip as-path access-list 1 deny _701_
- ip as-path access-list 1 deny _1_
- ip as-path access-list 1 deny _7018_
- ip as-path access-list 1 deny _1239_
- ip as-path access-list 1 deny _7046_
- ip as-path access-list 1 deny _209_
- ip as-path access-list 1 deny _2914_
- ip as-path access-list 1 deny _3549_
- ip as-path access-list 1 permit _5400\$
- ip as-path access-list 1 permit _5400_[0-9]+\$
- ip as-path access-list 1 permit _5400_[0-9]+_[0-9]+\$
- ip as-path access-list 1 deny .*
- ip as-path access-list 3 permit ^\$

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Case Study Configuration Router B

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router ospf 100 log-adjacency-changes passive-interface default no passive-interface Ethernet0/0 default-information originate ! router bgp 17660 no synchronization no auto-summary no bgp fast-external-fallover ...next slide

Case Study Configuration Router B

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bgp log-neighbor-changes

bgp deterministic-med

neighbor 210.132.92.165 remote-as 2516

neighbor 210.132.92.165 description eBGP peering

neighbor 210.132.92.165 soft-reconfiguration inbound

neighbor 210.132.92.165 prefix-list default-route in

neighbor 210.132.92.165 prefix-list out-filter out

neighbor 210.132.92.165 route-map as2516-out out

neighbor 210.132.92.165 maximum-prefix 100

neighbor 210.132.92.165 filter-list 2 in

neighbor 210.132.92.165 filter-list 3 out

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Case Study Configuration Router B

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```
!
prefix-list default-route permit 0.0.0.0/0
prefix-list out-filter permit 202.144.128.0/19
!
ip as-path access-list 2 permit _2516$
ip as-path access-list 2 deny .*
ip as-path access-list 3 permit ^$
!
route-map as2516-out permit 10
set as-path prepend 17660
!
```

Configuration Summary

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Router A

Hears full routing table – throws away most of it

AS5400 BGP options are all or nothing

Static default pointing to serial interface – if link goes down, OSPF default removed

Router B

Hears default from AS2516

If default disappears (BGP goes down or link goes down), OSPF default is removed

Case Study Summary

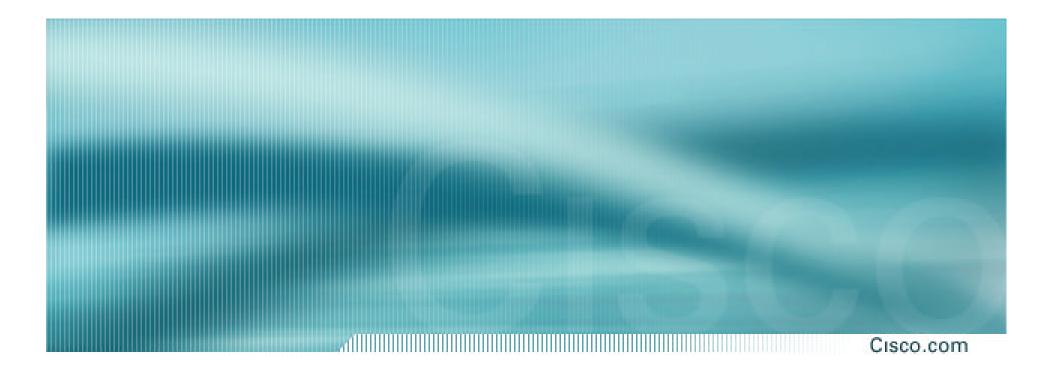
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Multihoming is not hard, really!

Needs a bit of thought, a bit of planning

Use this case study as an example strategy

Does not require sophisticated equipment, big memory, fast CPUs...



Case Study

Second Visit

Case Study – Current Status

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ISP currently multihomes:

To AS5400 in the UK

To AS2516 in Japan

/19 allocated by APNIC

AS 17660 assigned by APNIC

1Mbps circuits to both upstreams

Case Study – Requirements

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• ISP wants:

To add a new satellite connection, a 640K link to AS22351 in Germany to support the AS5400 link to UK

Still want symmetric routing and equal link utilisation in and out (as close as possible)

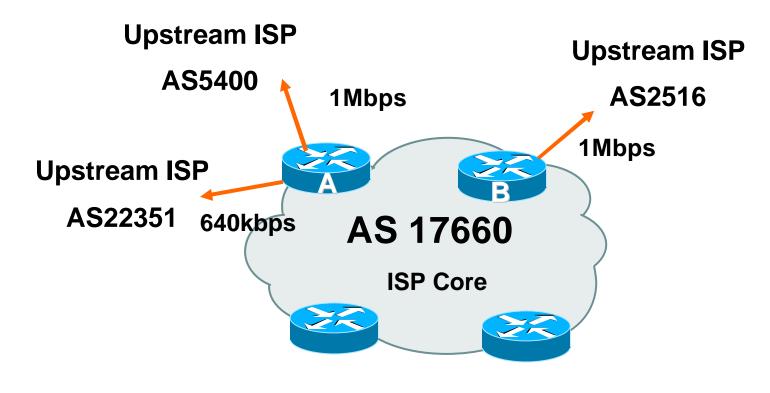
international circuits are expensive

Has upgraded to two Cisco 3725 border routers with plenty of memory

- Despite the working previous configuration with "sparse routing table", wanted full prefixes
- Talked them out of that, and here is how...

Case Study

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Allocated /19 from APNIC

Case Study – Inbound Loadsharing

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First cut: Went to a few US Looking Glasses Checked the AS path to AS5400 Checked the AS path to AS2516 Checked the AS path to AS22351 AS2516 was one hop "closer" than the other two Sent AS-PATH prepend of one AS on AS2516 peering this is unchanged from two years ago

Case Study – Inbound Loadsharing

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Refinement

Needed some – AS5400 seemed to be always preferred over AS22351

AS5400 now supports RFC1998 style communities for customer use

see whois -- h whois.ripe.net AS5400

Sent AS5400 some communities to insert prepends towards specific peers

Now saw some traffic on AS22351 link but not much

Sent a /23 announcement out AS22351 link

Now saw more traffic on AS22351 link

Case Study – Inbound Loadsharing

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• Results:

Around 600kbps on the AS5400 link

Around 750kbps on the AS2516 link

Around 300kbps on the AS22351 link

Inbound traffic fluctuates quite substantially based on time of day

• Status:

Situation left pending monitoring by the ISP's NOC

Case Study – Outbound Loadsharing

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• First cut:

- Already receiving default from AS2516
- **Receiving full routes from AS5400**
- Requested full routes from AS22351 the only option
- Retained the AS5400 configuration

Discard prefixes which had top 5 ASNs in the path

 AS22351 configuration uses similar ideas to AS5400 configuration

But only accepted prefixes originated from AS22351 or their immediate peers

Case Study – Outbound Loadsharing

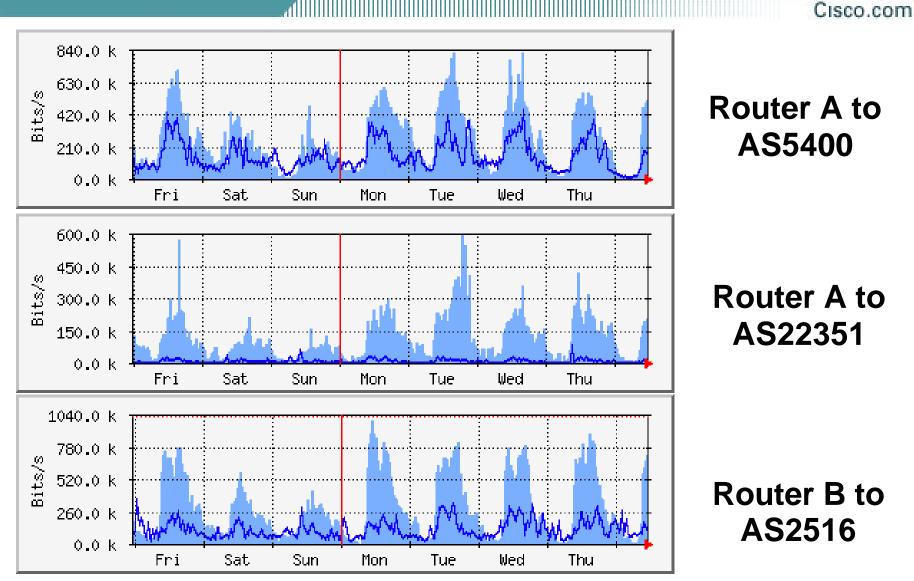
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• Results:

- Around 35000 prefixes from AS5400
- Around 2000 prefixes from AS22351
- Around 200kbps on both the AS5400 and AS2516 links
- Around 50kbps on the AS22351 link
- Outbound traffic fluctuates quite substantially based on time of day
- Status:

Situation left pending monitoring by the ISP's NOC

Case Study MRTG Graphs





Case Study Configuration Router A

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router bgp 17660

no synchronization

- no bgp fast-external-fallover
- bgp log-neighbor-changes

bgp deterministic-med

- neighbor 80.255.39.241 remote-as 22351
- neighbor 80.255.39.241 description ebgp peer to AS22351
- neighbor 80.255.39.241 send-community
- neighbor 80.255.39.241 prefix-list in-filter in
- neighbor 80.255.39.241 prefix-list out-filter-as22351 out
- neighbor 80.255.39.241 route-map as22351-out out
- neighbor 80.255.39.241 maximum-prefix 120000 95 warning-only
- neighbor 80.255.39.241 filter-list 3 in
- neighbor 80.255.39.241 filter-list 5 out
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Case Study Configuration Router A

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neighbor 166.49.165.13 remote-as 5400

- neighbor 166.49.165.13 description eBGP multihop to AS5400
- neighbor 166.49.165.13 ebgp-multihop 5

neighbor 166.49.165.13 update-source Loopback0

neighbor 166.49.165.13 send-community

neighbor 166.49.165.13 prefix-list in-filter in

neighbor 166.49.165.13 prefix-list out-filter out

neighbor 166.49.165.13 route-map as5400-out out

neighbor 166.49.165.13 filter-list 1 in

neighbor 166.49.165.13 filter-list 5 out

!

ip prefix-list in-filter deny rfc1918 prefixes etc

ip prefix-list out-filter permit 202.144.128.0/19

ip prefix-list out-filter-as22351 permit 202.144.128.0/19

ip prefix-list out-filter-as22351 permit 202.144.158.0/23

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Case Study Configuration Router A

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ip as-path access-list 1 deny _701_

- ip as-path access-list 1 deny _1_
- ip as-path access-list 1 deny _7018_
- ip as-path access-list 1 deny _1239_
- ip as-path access-list 1 deny _7046_
- ip as-path access-list 1 permit _5400\$
- ip as-path access-list 1 permit _5400_[0-9]+\$
- ip as-path access-list 1 permit _5400_[0-9]+_[0-9]+\$
- ip as-path access-list 1 deny .*
- ip as-path access-list 3 permit _22351\$
- ip as-path access-list 3 permit _22351_[0-9]+\$
- ip as-path access-list 3 deny .*
- ip as-path access-list 5 permit ^\$

!

```
route-map as5400-out permit 10
set community 5400:2001 5400:2101 5400:2119 5400:2124 5400:2128
```

```
route-map as22351-out permit 10
```

Case Study Configuration Router B

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router bgp 17660 no synchronization no auto-summary no bgp fast-external-fallover bgp log-neighbor-changes bqp deterministic-med neighbor 210.132.92.165 remote-as 2516 neighbor 210.132.92.165 description eBGP Peering with AS2516 neighbor 210.132.92.165 send-community neighbor 210.132.92.165 prefix-list default-route in neighbor 210.132.92.165 prefix-list out-filter out neighbor 210.132.92.165 route-map as2516-out out neighbor 210.132.92.165 maximum-prefix 100 neighbor 210.132.92.165 filter-list 2 in neighbor 210.132.92.165 filter-list 5 out ...next slide

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```
!
prefix-list default-route permit 0.0.0.0/0
prefix-list out-filter permit 202.144.128.0/19
!
ip as-path access-list 2 permit _2516$
ip as-path access-list 2 deny .*
ip as-path access-list 5 permit ^$
!
route-map as2516-out permit 10
set as-path prepend 17660
!
```

Interesting Aside

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 Prior to installation of the new 640kbps link, ISP was complaining that both 1Mbps links were saturated inbound

Hence the requirement for the new 640kbps circuit

 Research using NetFlow, cflowd and FlowScan showed that Kazaa was to blame!

Kazaa is a peer to peer file sharing utility

Consumes all available bandwidth

Found that many customers were using Kazaa for file sharing, saturating the links inbound

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Solution

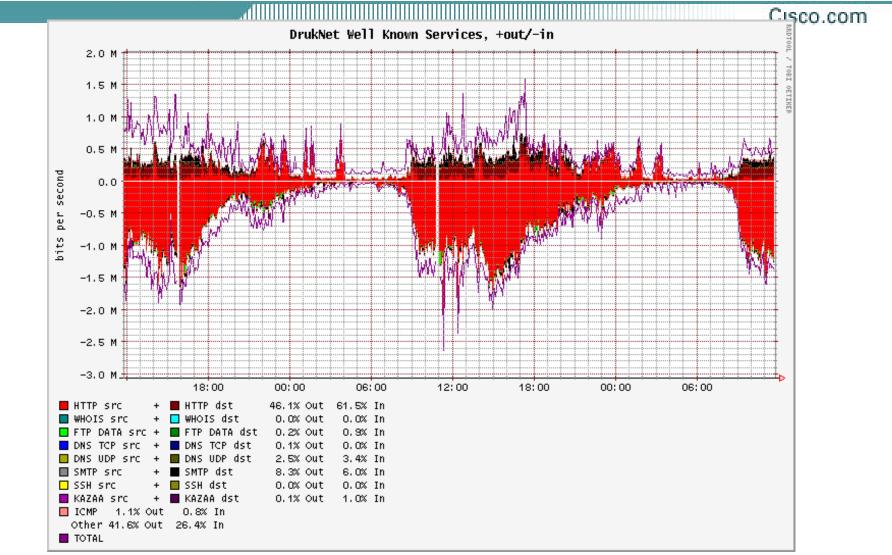
A time of day filter which blocked Kazaa during working hours, 8am to 8pm

Inbound and outbound ACLs on border routers had tcp/1214 filters added

```
access-list 100 deny tcp any any eq 1214 time-range OfficeHours
access-list 101 deny tcp any any eq 1214 time-range OfficeHours
!
time-range OfficeHours
periodic weekdays 8:00 to 20:00
```

The result: inbound traffic on external links dropped by 50% And complaints about "the 'net" being slow have reduced

Interesting Aside



Typical FlowScan graph – no longer showing the effects of Kazaa

Summary

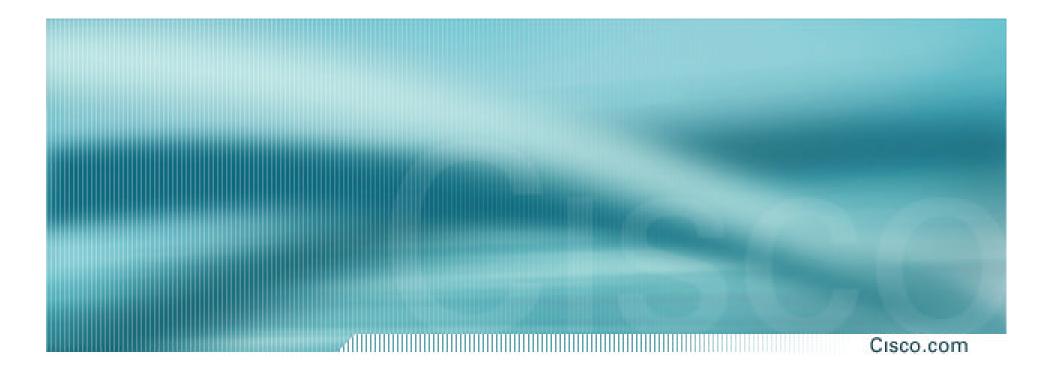
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Multihoming solution with three links of different bandwidths works well

Fluctuates significantly during the day time, maybe reflecting users browsing habits?

NOC is monitoring the situation

NOTE: Full routing table is not required \bigcirc

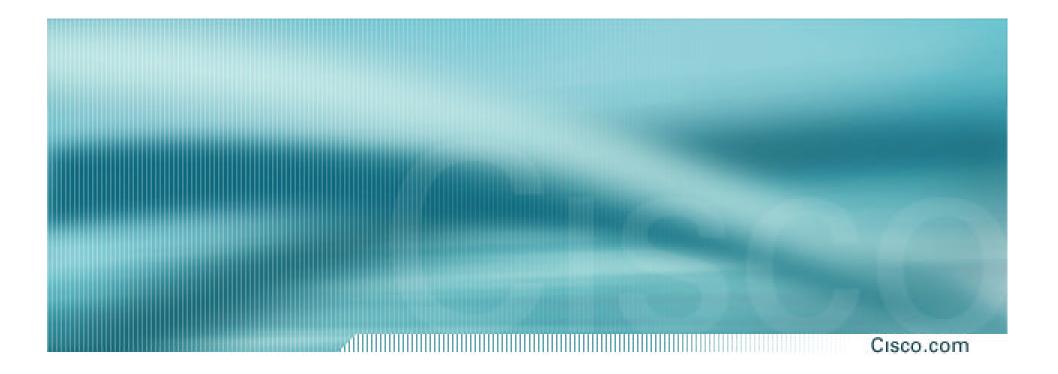


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- Multihoming is not hard, really... Keep It Simple & Stupid!
- Full routing table is rarely required
 - A default is just as good
 - If customers want 120k prefixes, charge them money for it



BGP Multihoming Techniques

End of Tutorial