



## Overview

- **Using BGP Attributes**
- **Deploying IBGP**
- **Deploying EBGP**
- **Focus on stability, scalability, and example configs**

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## Recap of BGP

### Why use it?

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## Bottom Line?

- **Implementation of routing policies that are:**
  - **Scalable**
  - **Stable**
  - **Simple (we hope!)**

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## More Details...

- **You need to scale your IGP**
- **You're a multi-homed ISP customer**
- **You need to transit full Internet routes**
- **You need to implement route policy, or augment QoS policy**

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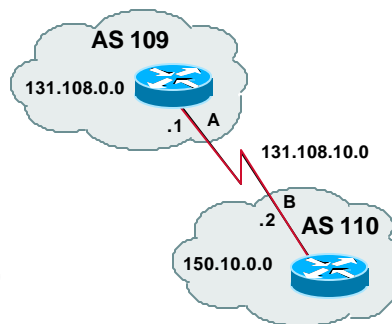


## External BGP

Between BGP speakers  
in different AS  
Usually directly connected  
Sets next-hop to self

Router B  
router bgp 110  
neighbor 131.108.10.1 remote-as 109

Router A  
router bgp 109  
neighbor 131.108.10.2 remote-as 110



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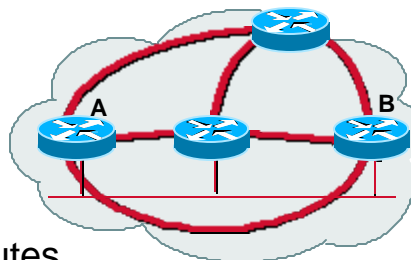
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## Internal BGP

Neighbor in same AS  
next-hop unchanged  
May be several hops away  
Don't forward other IBGP routes

Router B  
router bgp 109  
neighbor 131.108.30.2 remote-as 109

Router A  
router bgp 109  
neighbor 131.108.20.1 remote-as 109



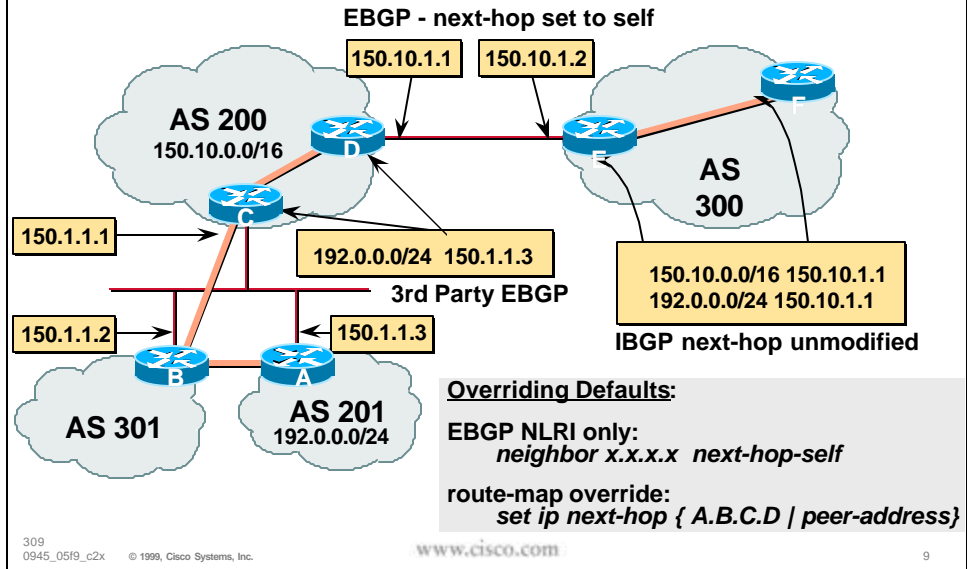
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# BGP Attributes: NEXT\_HOP



# BGP Attributes Used to shape routing policy

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1: ORIGIN           | 7: AGGREGATOR       |
| 2: AS-PATH          | 8: COMMUNITY        |
| 3: NEXT-HOP         | 9: ORIGINATOR_ID    |
| 4: MED              | 10: CLUSTER_LIST    |
| 5: LOCAL_PREF       | 14: MP_REACH_NLRI   |
| 6: ATOMIC_AGGREGATE | 15: MP_UNREACH_NLRI |

# BGP UPDATES

WITHDRAWS
ATTRIBUTES
PREFIXES (Next Layer Reachability Information)

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## Problem: Loop Detection, Policy Solution: AS-PATH

### AS SEQUENCE

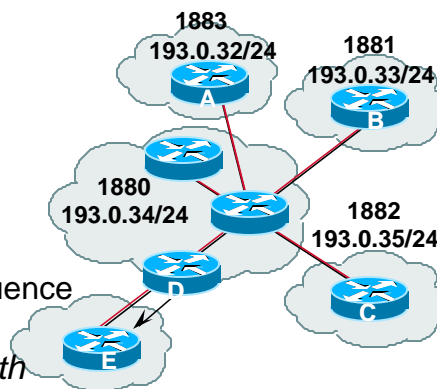
List of AS's that a route has traversed

### AS SET

Summarizes contributing sequence

Sequence ordering is lost

route-map prepend: *set as-path*



A: 193.0.33/24 1880 1881  
B: 193.0.34/24 1880  
C: 193.0.35/24 1880 1882  
E: 193.0.32/24 1880 {1881,1882}

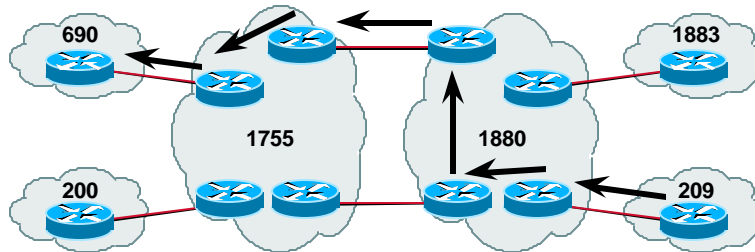
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## Problem: Indicate Best Path into AS Solution: MED



Non-transitive attribute  
Conveys the relative preference of entry points  
Comparable if paths from same AS  
Unless "bgp always-compare-med" configured  
route-map: `set metric { metric | internal }`

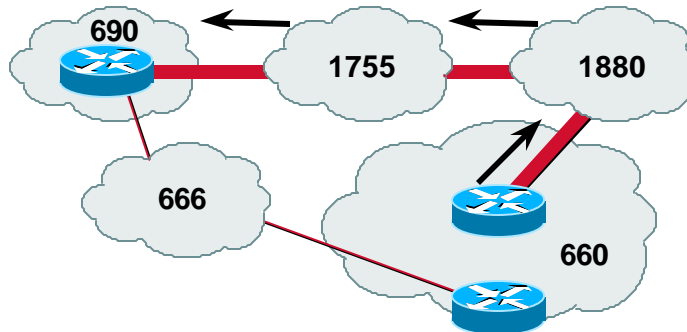
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## Problem: Override as-path/MED? Solution: Local Preference



Attribute local to AS - mandatory for IBGP updates  
route-map override: `set local-preference`

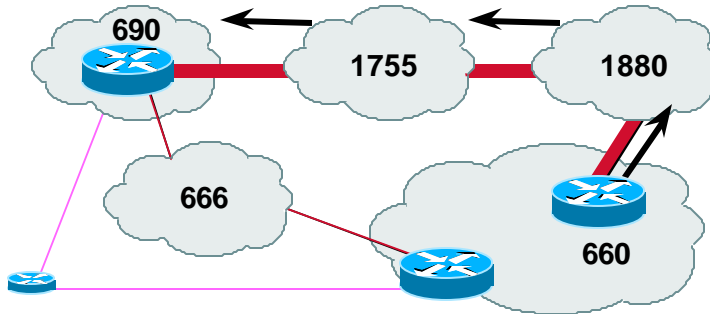
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## Problem: Override local preference Solution: WEIGHT



Local to router on which it's configured  
route-map: *set weight*  
Highest weight wins over all valid paths

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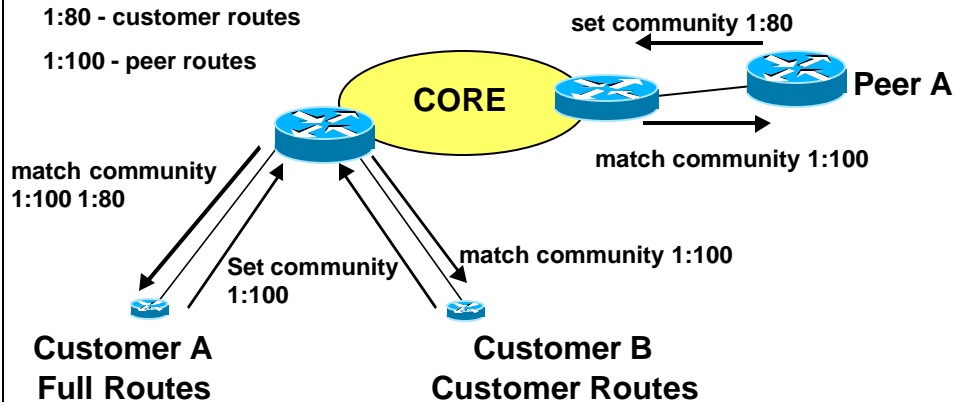
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## Problem: Scale routing policy Solution: COMMUNITY

### Communities:

1:80 - customer routes

1:100 - peer routes



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## BGP ATTRIBUTES: COMMUNITY

- **Groups destinations to help scale policy application**
- **Typical communities:**
  - destinations learned from customers**
  - destinations learned from peers**
  - destinations in VPN**
  - destinations to receive preferential queuing**

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## BGP ATTRIBUTES: COMMUNITY

- **Activated per neighbor/peer-group:**  
*neighbor {peer-address / peer-group-name} send-community*
- **Carried across AS boundaries**
- **Common convention is string of 4 bytes: <AS>:[0-65536]**

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## BGP ATTRIBUTES: COMMUNITY

- Each destination can be a member of *multiple* communities

- route-map: *set community*

<1-4294967295> community number

aa:nn community number in aa:nn format

*additive* Add to the existing community

*local-AS* Do not send to EBGp peers (well-known community)

*no-advertise* Do not advertise to any peer (well-known community)

*no-export* Do not export outside AS/confed (well-known community)

*none* No community attribute

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## Least Useful Attribute Award: ORIGIN

- IGP

*network* statement under *router bgp*

- EGP

Redistributed from EGP

- Incomplete

Redistribute IGP under *router bgp*

- TIP: always use route-map override:  
*set origin igp*

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## Route Map "Set" Capabilities

- **as-path** Prepend string for a BGP AS-path attribute
- **comm-list** set BGP community list (for deletion)
- **community** BGP community attribute
- **dampening** Set BGP route flap dampening parameters
- **local-preference** BGP local preference path attribute
- **metric** Metric value for destination routing protocol
- **nlri** BGP NLRI type
- **origin** BGP origin code
- **weight** BGP weight for routing table
- **ip next-hop** { A.B.C.D | peer-address }

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## BGP Attributes

```
75k1#sh ip bgp 10.0.0.0
BGP routing table entry for 10.0.0.0/24, version 139267814
Paths: (1 available, best #1)
Not advertised to any peer
! AS-PATH AS ID
65000 64000 {100 200}, (aggregated by 64000 16.0.0.2)
! NEXT-HOP IGP METRIC PEER-IP PEER-ID
10.0.10.4 (metric 10) from 10.0.0.1 (10.0.0.2)
Origin IGP, metric 100, localpref 230, valid, aggregated
internal (or external or local),
atomic-aggregate, best
Community: 64000:3 100:0 200:10
Originator: 10.0.0.1, Cluster list: 16.0.0.4, 16.0.0.14
```

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## Basic Decision Algorithm

Consider only (synchronized) routes with no AS loops and valid next-hop, then prefer:

- Highest WEIGHT
- Highest LOCAL PREFERENCE
- LOCALLY ORIGINATED (eg network/aggregate)
- Shortest AS-PATH
- Lowest ORIGIN (IGP < EGP < incomplete)
- Lowest MED
- EBGP
- IBGP
- Lowest IGP METRIC to next-hop

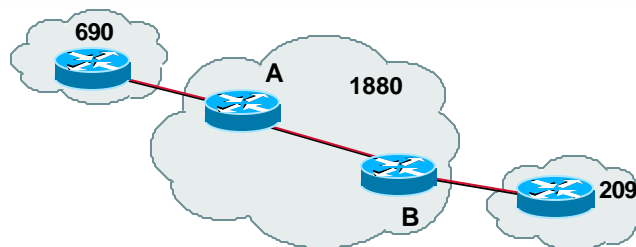
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## Synchronization



- Rtr A won't advertise the prefixes from AS209 until the IGP converges.
- Turn synchronization off!
  - next-hop has to be known via IGP
  - router bgp 1880
  - no sync

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## General Issues

- **Synchronization: not required if you have a full IBGP mesh.**
- **=> Don't let BGP override IGP.**
- **auto-summary: use aggregation commands instead.**

```
router bgp 100
no synchronization
no auto-summary
distance 200 200 200
```

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## So Far....

Apply policy on a per AS basis  
Group routes into even large communities  
Choose exit and entry points for large policy groups  
using med/local preference  
Will your policies **scale**????

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### Guidelines for Stable IBGP

- **Peer using loopback addresses**  
`neighbor { ip address | peer-group }  
update-source loopback0`
- **Independent of physical interface failure**
- **IGP performs any load-sharing**

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## Guidelines for Scaling IBGP

- Use peer groups and RRs
- Carry only next-hops in IGP
- Carry full routes in BGP only if necessary
- Do not redistribute BGP into IGP

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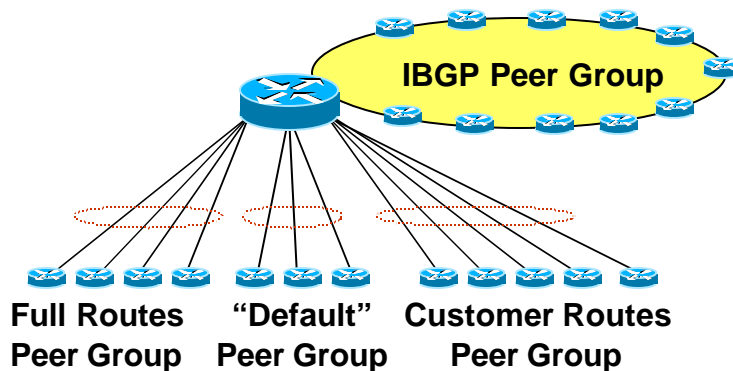
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## Using Peer Groups



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## What Is a Peer Group?

- All peer-group members have a common outbound policy
- Updates generated once per peer-group
- Simplifies configuration
- Members can have different inbound policy

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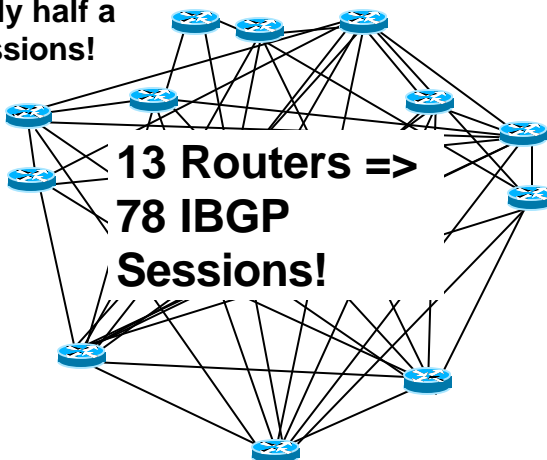
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## Why Route Reflectors?

Avoid  $n(n-1)/2$  IBGP mesh

$n=1000 \Rightarrow$  nearly half a million ibgp sessions!



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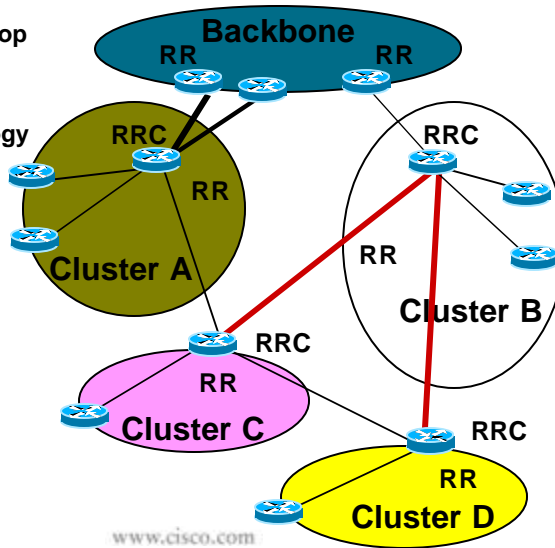
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## Using Route Reflectors

Golden Rule of RR Loop Avoidance:

RR topology should follow physical topology



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## What Is a Route Reflector?

- Reflector receives path from clients and no clients
- If best path is from a client, reflect to clients and non-clients
- If best path is from a non-client, reflect to clients

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## Deploying Route Reflectors

- Divide backbone into multiple clusters
- Each cluster contains at least one RR (multiple for redundancy), and multiple clients
- RR's are fully meshed via IBGP
- Still use single IGP - next-hop unmodified by RR

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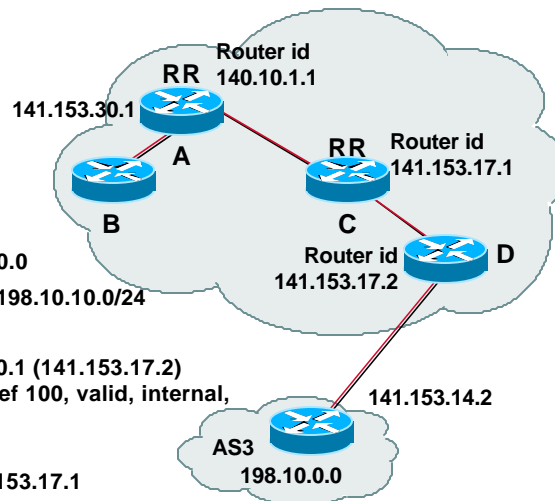
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## Hierarchical RR

- **Example:**

```
RouterB>sh ip bgp 198.10.10.0
BGP routing table entry for 198.10.10.0/24
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 141.153.14.2 from 141.153.30.1 (141.153.17.2)
  Origin IGP, metric 0, localpref 100, valid, internal,
  best
  Originator : 141.153.17.2
  Cluster list: 144.10.1.1, 141.153.17.1
```



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## BGP ATTRIBUTES: ORIGINATOR\_ID

- **ORIGINATOR\_ID**  
Router ID of IBGP speaker that reflects RR client routes to non-clients  
Overridden by: *bgp cluster-id x.x.x.x*
- **Useful for troubleshooting and loop detection**

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## BGP ATTRIBUTES: CLUSTER\_LIST

- **CLUSTER\_LIST**  
String of ORIGINATOR\_IDs through which the route has passed
- **Useful for troubleshooting and loop detection**

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## So Far....

Is IBGP peering **S**table?  
Use loopbacks for peering

Will it **S**cale?  
Use peer groups  
Use Route Reflectors

**S**imple, hierarchical config?

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## Deploying External BGP

**Customer Issues**

**ISP Issues**

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## Customer Issues

- **Steps:**
  - Configure BGP**
  - Generate a stable aggregate**
  - Set inbound policy**
  - Set output policy**
  - Configure loadsharing/multihoming**

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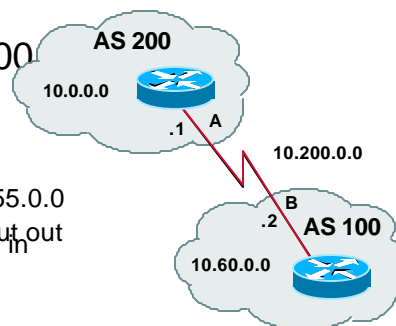
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## Connecting to an ISP

AS100 is a customer of AS200.  
Usually directly connected

Router B:

```
router bgp 110
  aggregate-address 10.60.0.0 255.255.0.0
  summary-only
  neighbor 10.200.0.2 remote-as 109
  neighbor 10.200.0.2 route-map ispm in
  ip route 10.60.0.0 255.255.0.0 null0
```



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## What Is Aggregation?

- Summarization based on specifics  
*from the BGP routing table*

10.1.1.0 255.255.255.0

10.2.0.0 255.255.0.0

-> 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0

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## How to Aggregate

- **Aggregate-address 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0**  
**{as-set} {summary-only} {route-map}**
- **Use *as-set* to include path and community info from specifics**
- ***summary-only* suppresses specifics**
- **route-map sets other attributes**

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## Why aggregate?

- Reduce number of Internet prefixes
- Increase stability - aggregate stays even specifics come and go.
- Consider using:  
aggregate/network/null route  
combination to lock-down all routes

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## BGP Attributes ATOMIC AGGREGATE

- Indicates loss of AS-PATH information
- Must not be removed once set
- Set by: *aggregate-address x.x.x.x*
- Not set if as-set keyword is used, however, AS-SET and COMMUNITY then carries information about specifics

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## BGP Attributes: Aggregator

- **AS number and IP address of router generating aggregate**
- **Useful for troubleshooting**

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## Aggregate Attributes

**NEXT\_HOP = local**

**WEIGHT = 32768**

**LOCAL\_PREF = best**

**AS\_PATH = AS\_SET or nothing**

**ORIGIN = worst**

**MED = none**

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## Why Inbound Policy?

Apply a recognizable community to use in  
outbound filters or other policy

Set local-preference to override default of  
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multi-homing loadsharing - more later

```
route-map ISPin permit 10
set local-preference 200
set community 100:200
```

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## Why Outbound Policy?

Outgoing prefix filter helps protect against mistakes (Can  
also apply community and as-path filters)

Send community based on agreements with ISP

```
route-map ISPout permit 10
```

```
match ip prefix
```

```
match community 100:0
```

```
set community 100:1 additive
```

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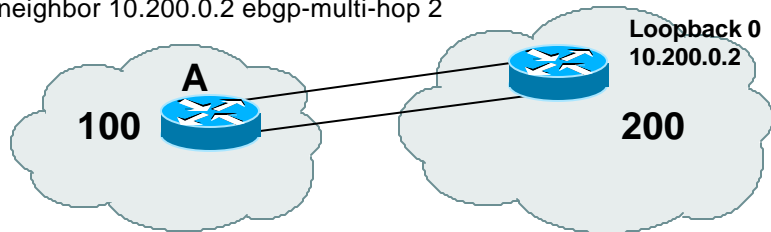
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## Load-sharing - single path

```
Router A:  
interface loopback 0  
ip address 10.60.0.1 255.255.255.255  
!  
router bgp 100  
neighbor 10.200.0.2 remote-as 200  
neighbor 10.200.0.2 update-source loopback0  
neighbor 10.200.0.2 ebgp-multi-hop 2
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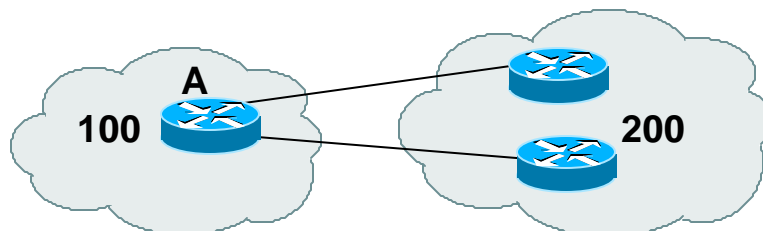
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## Load-sharing - multiple paths from same AS

```
Router A:  
router bgp 100  
neighbor 10.200.0.1 remote-as 200  
neighbor 10.300.0.1 remote-as 200  
maximum-paths 6
```



Note: A still only advertises one "best" path to ibgp peers

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## What is Multihoming?

Connecting to two or more ISPs to increase:

*Reliability:* one ISP fails, still OK

*Performance:* better paths to common Internet destinations

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## Types of Multihoming

Three common cases:

- default from all providers
- customer+default routes from all
- full routes from all

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## Default from all providers

Low memory/CPU solution

Provider sends BGP default => provider decided by IGP metrics to reach default

You send all your routes to provider => inbound path decided by Internet

- you can influence using AS-path

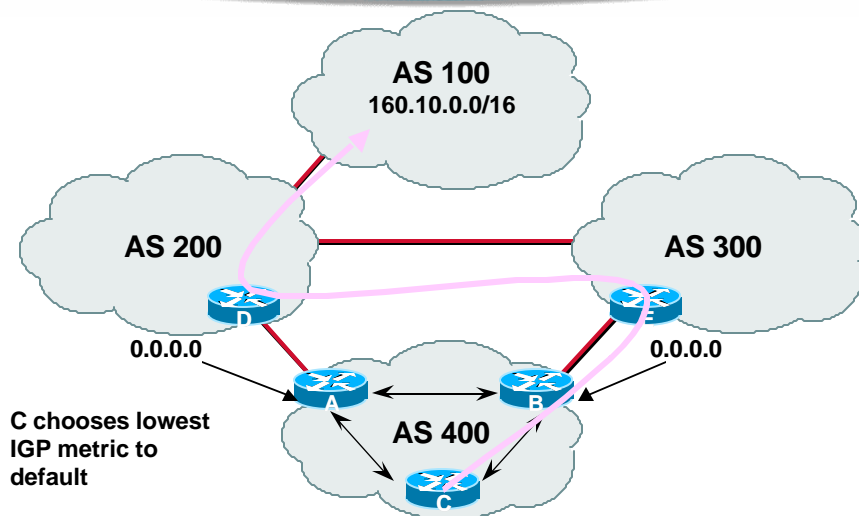
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## Default from all providers



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## Customer+default from all providers

Medium memory and CPU

“best” path - usually shortest AS-path.

Use local-preference to override based on prefix, as-path, or community

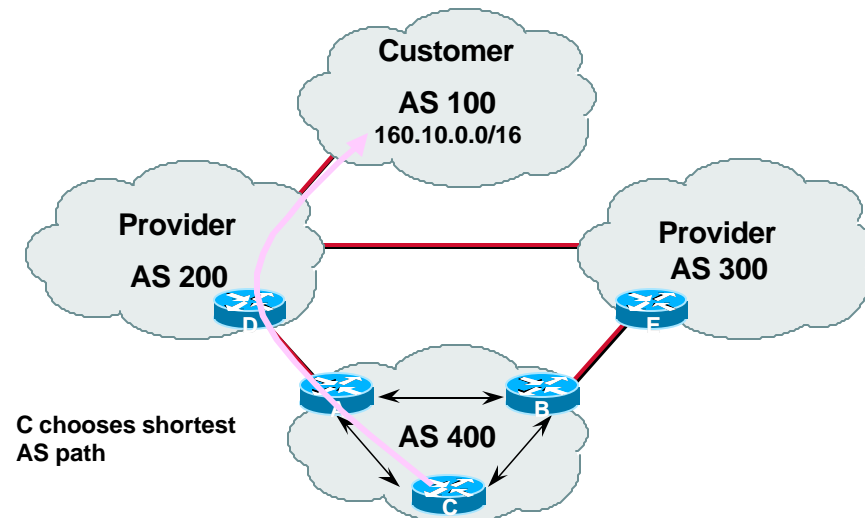
IGP metric to default used for all other destinations

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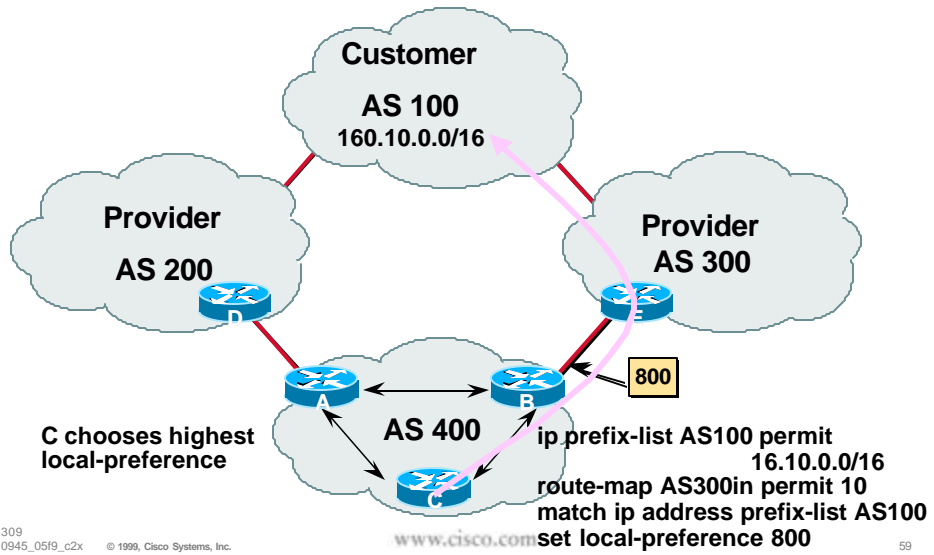


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## Customer routes from all providers



## Full routes from both providers

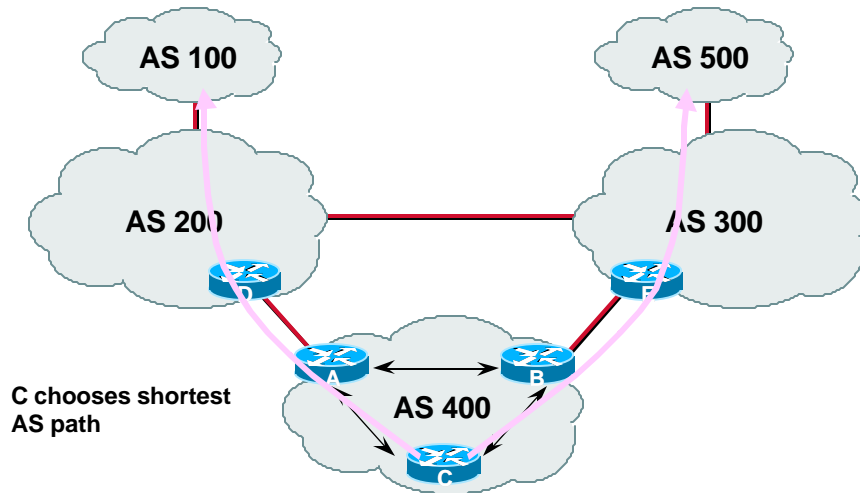
Higher memory/CPU solution

Reach *all* destinations by “best” path - usually shortest AS path

Can still manually tune using local-pref and as-path/community/prefix matches



## Full routes from all providers



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## Controlling Inbound Traffic?

Inbound is very difficult due to lack of transitive metric.

Can divide outgoing updates across providers, but what happens to redundancy?

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## Controlling Inbound Traffic?

Bad Internet Citizen:

- Divide address space
- “set as-path prepend”

Good Internet Citizen

- Divide address space
- use “advertise maps”

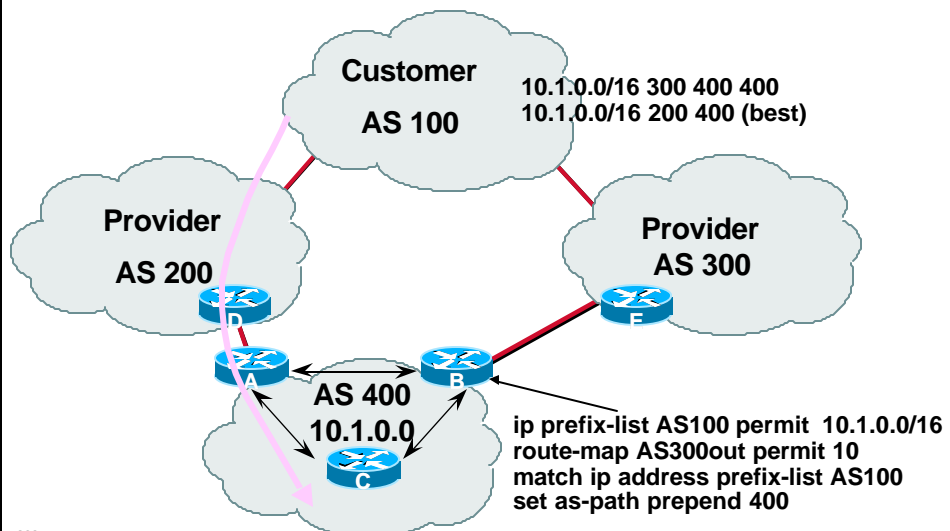
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## Using AS-PATH prepend



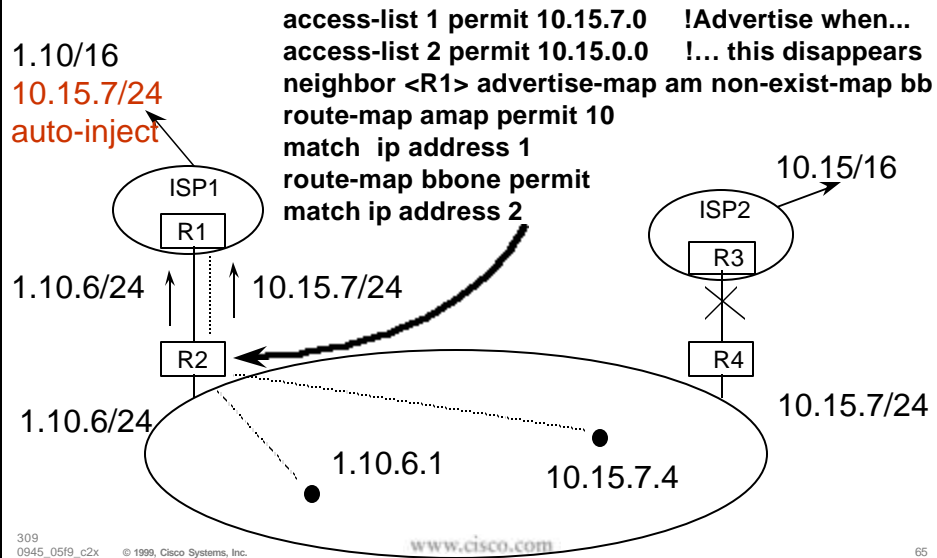
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## Using an advertise-map



## So Far....

- Stability through:
  - Aggregation
  - Multihoming
  - Inbound/Outbound Filtering
- Scalability of memory/CPU:
  - default, customer routes, full routes
- Simplicity using “standard” solutions

## ISP Issues

- Scale BGP customer aggregation
- Offer a choice of route-feeds
- Peer with other providers
- Minimize BGP activity and protect against customer mis-configurations
- Provide a backup service
- Propagate QoS Policy

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## Customer Aggregation Guidelines

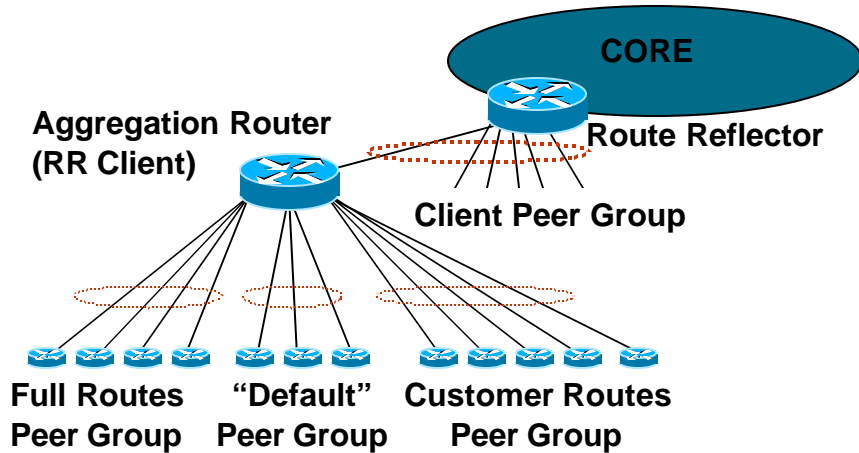
- Define at least three peer groups:
  - cust-default - send default route only
  - cust-cust - send customer routes only
  - cust-full - send full Internet routes
- Identify routes via communities
- Apply passwords and an inbound prefix-list on a *per neighbor* basis:

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## Customer Aggregation



**TIP: apply passwords and inbound prefix-list to each customer**

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## cust-default peer-group

```
Neighbor cust-full peer-group
neighbor cust-full description Send full Routes
neighbor cust-full remove-private-AS
neighbor cust-full version 4
neighbor cust-full route-map cust-in in
neighbor cust-full prefix-list cidr-block out
neighbor cust-full route-map full-routes out
```

```
ip prefix-list cidr-block seq 5 deny 10.0.0.0/8 ge 9
ip prefix-list cidr-block seq 10 permit 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
```

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## cust-full outgoing route-map

```
route-map full-routes permit 10
! matches routes from customers & other ISPs
match community 1 80 ;
! send MED equal to IGP metric
set metric-type internal
! ensure next-hop IP our own address
set ip next-hop peer-address
```

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## cust-full incoming route-map

```
route-map cust-in permit 10
! Ignore MED
set metric 4294967294
set ip next-hop peer-address
set community 2:100 additive
```

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## cust-cust peer-group

```
Neighbor cust-cust peer-group
neighbor cust-cust description customer routes
neighbor cust-cust remove-private-AS
neighbor cust-cust version 4
neighbor cust-cust route-map cust-in in
neighbor cust-cust prefix-list cidr-block out
neighbor cust-cust route-map cust-routes out
```

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## cust-routes route-map

```
route-map cust-routes permit 10
! matches routes from customers only
match community 1
! send MED equal to IGP metric
set metric-type internal
! ensure next-hop IP our own address
set ip next-hop peer-address
```

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## default route peer-group

```
neighbor cust-default peer-group
neighbor cust-default description Send default
neighbor cust-default default-originate
                        route-map default-route
neighbor cust-default remove-private-AS
neighbor cust-default version 4
neighbor cust-default route-map cust-in in
neighbor cust-default prefix-list deny-all out

ip prefix-list deny-all seq 5 deny 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
```

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## default-route route-map

```
route-map default-route permit 10
! Send MED equal to IGP metric
set metric-type internal
! ensure next-hop IP our own address
set ip next-hop peer-address
```

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## Peer groups for NAPs

- **Similar to EBGp customer aggregation except inbound prefix filtering is rarely used (lack of registry)**
- **Use maximum-prefix and prefix sanity checking instead.**
- **Still use per-neighbor passwords!**

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## Peer groups for NAPS

```
neighbor nap peer-group
neighbor nap description for peer ISPs
neighbor nap remove-private-AS
neighbor nap version 4
neighbor nap prefix-list sanity-check in
neighbor nap prefix-list cidr-block out
neighbor nap route-map nap-out out
neighbor nap maximum prefix 30000
```

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## Peer groups for NAPS

```
route-map nap-out permit 10
! matches customers only
match community 1
! Send MED equal to IGP metric
set metric-type internal
! ensure next-hop IP our own address
set ip next-hop peer-address
```

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## Peer groups for NAPS: sanity-check prefix-list

```
# FIRST - FILTER OUT YOUR IGP ADDRESS SPACE!!
ip prefix-list sanity-check seq 5 deny 0.0.0.0/32
# deny the default route
ip prefix-list sanity-check seq 10 deny 0.0.0.0/8 le 32
# deny anything beginning with 0
ip prefix-list sanity-check seq 15 deny 0.0.0.0/1 ge 20
# deny masks > 20 for all class A nets (1-127)
ip prefix-list sanity-check seq 20 deny 10.0.0.0/8 le 32
# deny 10/8 per RFC1918
ip prefix-list sanity-check seq 25 deny 127.0.0.0/8 le 32
# reserved by IANA - loopback address
ip prefix-list sanity-check seq 30 deny 128.0.0.0/2 ge 17
deny masks >= 17 for all class B nets (129-191)
ip prefix-list sanity-check seq 35 deny 128.0.0.0/16 le 32
# deny net 128.0 - reserved by IANA
ip prefix-list sanity-check seq 40 deny 172.16.0.0/12 le 32
# deny 172.16 as RFC1918
```

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## Peer groups for NAPS: sanity-check prefix-list

```
ip prefix-list sanity-check seq 45 deny 192.0.2.0/24 le 32
# class C 192.0.20.0 reserved by IANA
ip prefix-list sanity-check seq 50 deny 192.0.0.0/24 le 32
# class C 192.0.0.0 reserved by IANA
ip prefix-list sanity-check seq 55 deny 192.168.0.0/16 le 32
# deny 192.168/16 per RFC1918
ip prefix-list sanity-check seq 60 deny 191.255.0.0/16 le 32
# deny 191.255.0.0 - IANA reserved (I think)
ip prefix-list sanity-check seq 65 deny 192.0.0.0/3 ge 25
# deny masks > 25 for class C (192-222)
ip prefix-list sanity-check seq 70 deny 223.255.255.0/24 le 32
# deny anything in net 223 - IANA reserved
ip prefix-list sanity-check seq 75 deny 224.0.0.0/3 le 32
# deny class D/Experimental
```

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## Summary

- **Scalability:**
  - Use attributes, especially community**
  - Use peer-groups and route-reflectors**
- **Stability:**
  - Use loopback addresses for IBGP**
  - Generate aggregates**
  - Apply passwords**
  - Always filter inbound and outbound**

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## Summary

- **Simplicity - standard solutions:**
  - Three multi-homing options
  - Group customers into communities
  - Apply standard policy at the edge
  - Avoid “special configs”
  - Script your config generation

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