



BGP Multihoming Techniques

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Preliminaries

- **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**
- **Basic Multihoming**
- **Service Provider Multihoming**
- **Internet Exchange Points**



Why Multihome?

It's all about redundancy, diversity & reliability

Why Multihome?

- **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)

Why Multihome?

- **Reliability**

Business critical applications demand continuous availability

**Lack of redundancy implies lack of reliability
implies loss of revenue**

Why Multihome?

- **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

Why Multihome?

- **Not really a reason, but oft quoted...**
- **Leverage:**
 - Playing one ISP off against the other for:**
 - Service Quality**
 - Service Offerings**
 - Availability**

Why Multihome?

- **Summary:**

Multihoming is easy to demand as requirement for any service provider or end-site network

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: Definitions & Options

What does it mean, what do we need, and how do we do it?

Multihoming Definition

- **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

- **An Autonomous System Number is required by BGP**
- **Obtained from upstream ISP or Regional Registry (RIR)**
 - AfriNIC, APNIC, ARIN, LACNIC, RIPE NCC**
- **Necessary when you have links to more than one ISP or to 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

- **Applications**

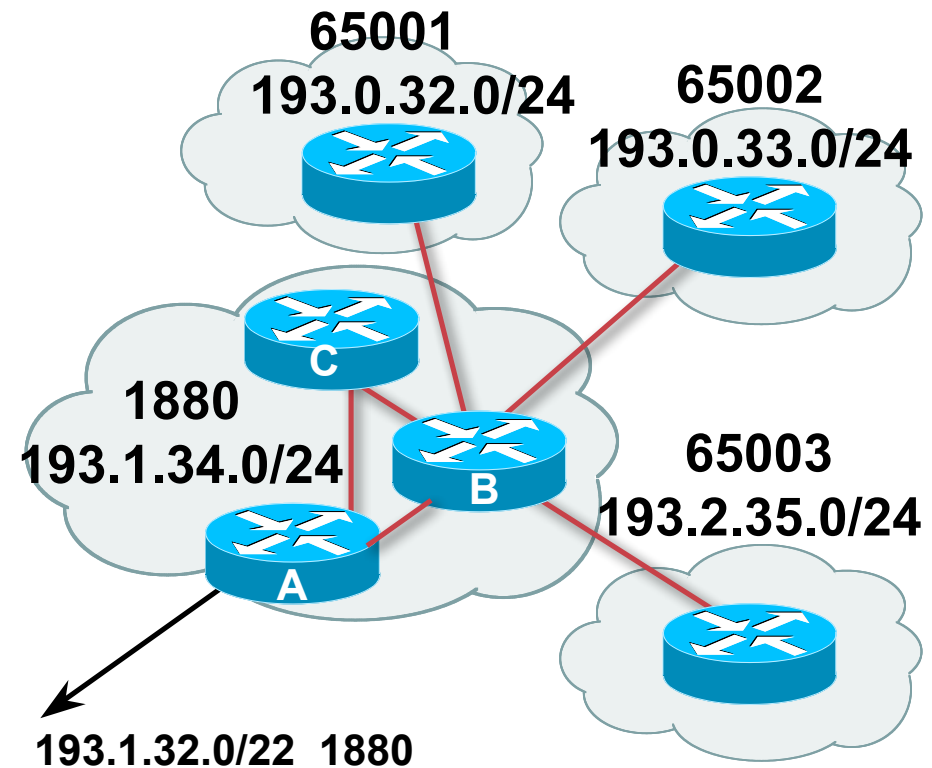
An ISP with customers multihomed on their backbone (RFC2270)

-or-

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

-or-

Within a BGP Confederation



Private-AS – Removal

- **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
- **Cisco IOS**
 - **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

- **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

- **MUST** announce assigned address block to Internet
- **MAY** also announce subprefixes – reachability is not guaranteed
- **Current RIR minimum allocation is /21**

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

- **Some RIRs publish their minimum allocation sizes per /8 address block**

AfriNIC: www.afrinic.net/docs/policies/afpol-v4200407-000.htm

APNIC: www.apnic.net/db/min-alloc.html

ARIN: www.arin.net/reference/ip_blocks.html

LACNIC: lacnic.net/en/registro/index.html

RIPE NCC: www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/smallest-alloc-sizes.html

Note that AfriNIC only publishes its current minimum allocation size, not the allocation size for its address blocks

- **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**

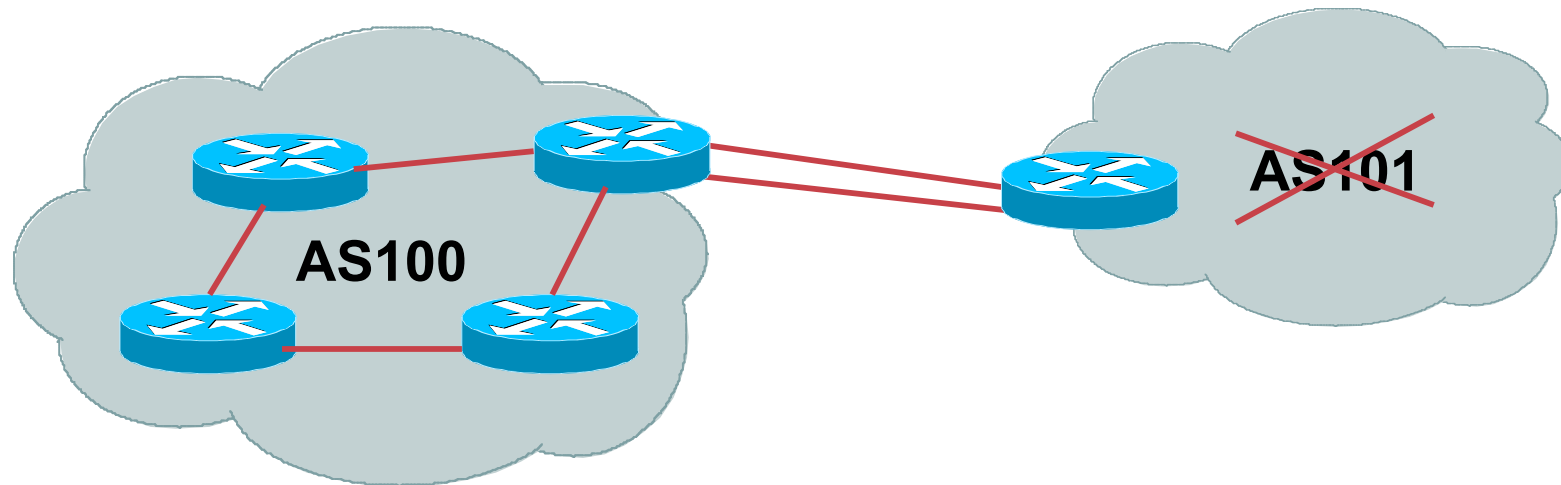
Consider using the Project Cymru bogon BGP feed

<http://www.cymru.com/BGP/bogon-rs.html>

Multihoming Scenarios

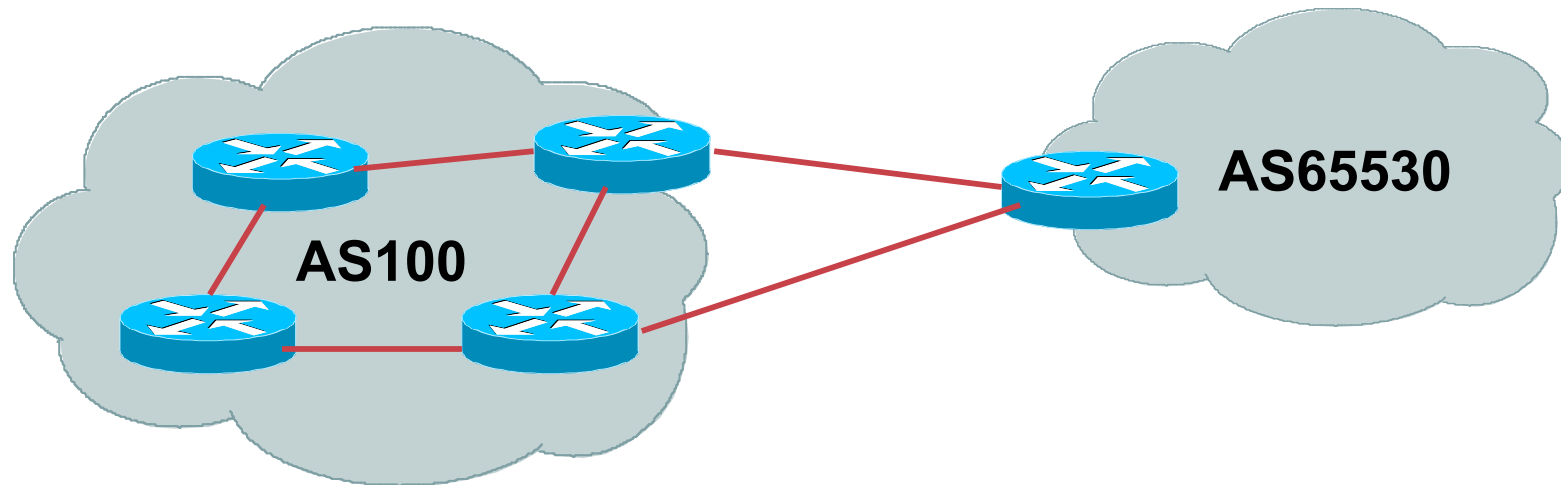
- **Stub network**
- **Multi-homed stub network**
- **Multi-homed network**
- **Load-balancing**

Stub Network



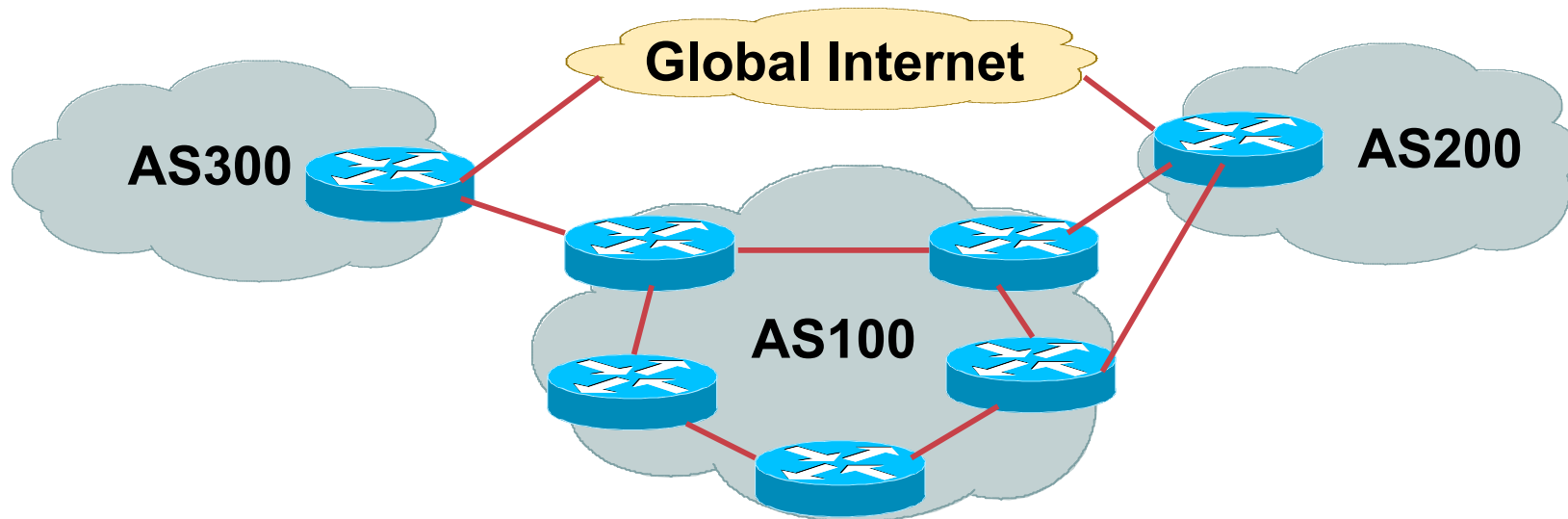
- **No need for BGP**
- **Point static default to upstream ISP**
- **Router will load share on the two parallel circuits**
- **Upstream ISP advertises stub network**
- **Policy confined within upstream ISP's policy**

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



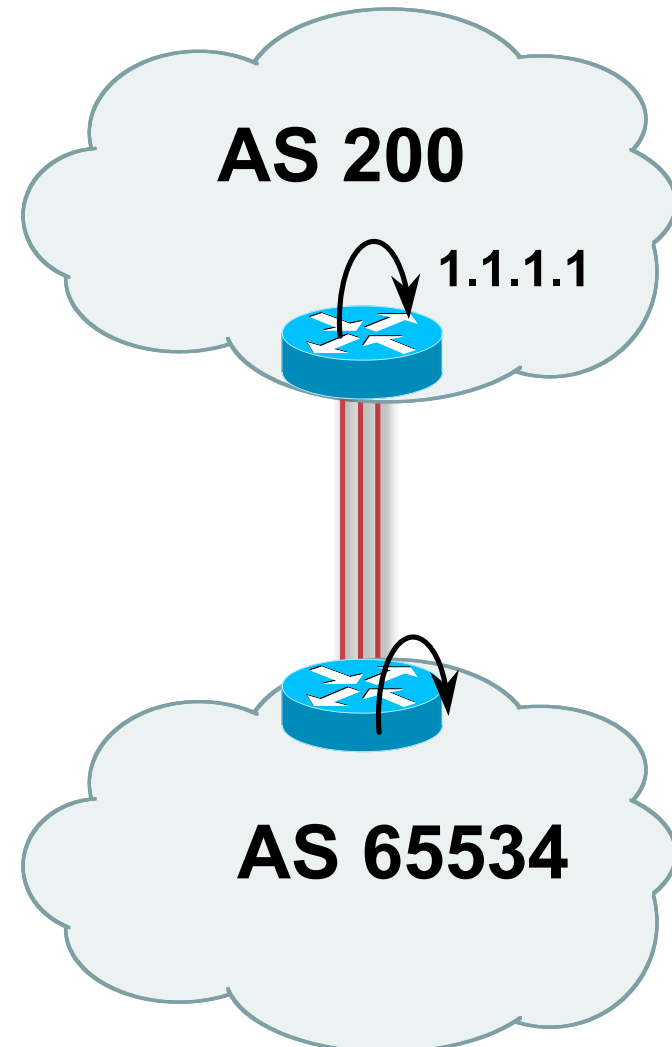
- **Many situations possible**
 - multiple sessions to same ISP
 - secondary for backup only
 - load-share between primary and secondary
 - selectively use different ISPs

Multiple Sessions to an ISP – Example One

- **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
!
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

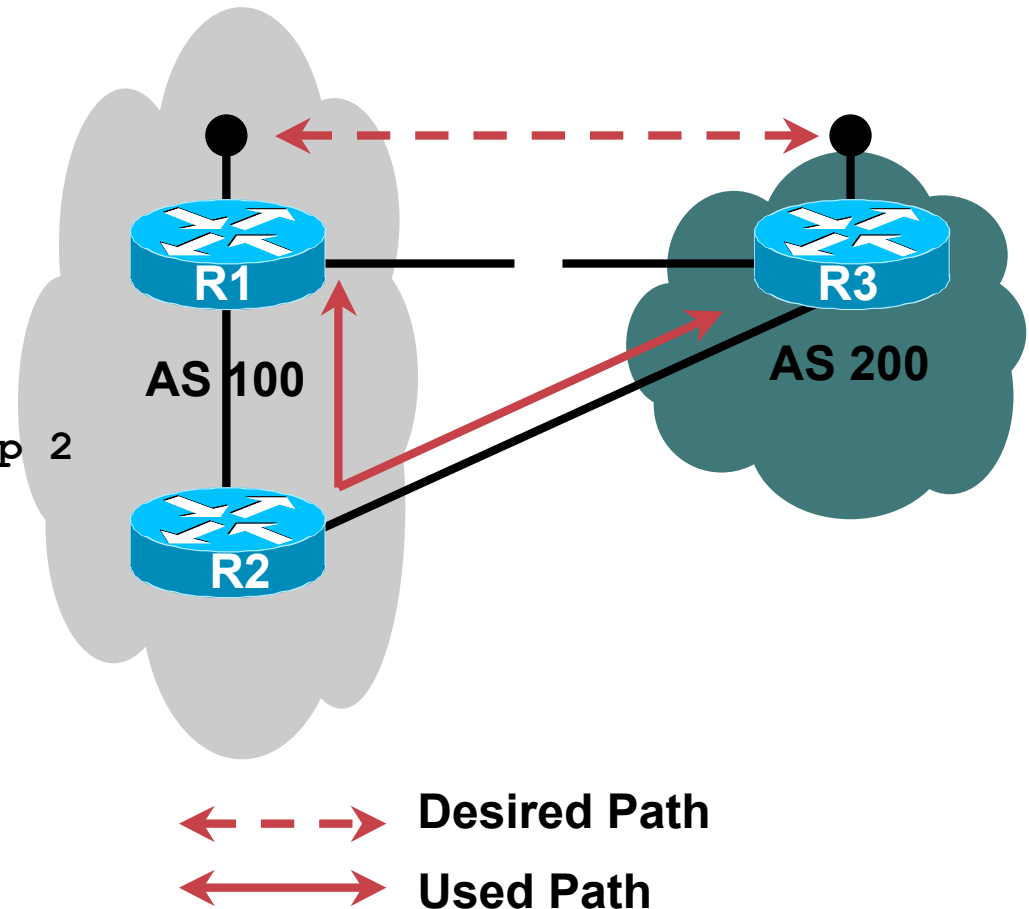
- One eBGP-multihop gotcha:

R1 and R3 are eBGP peers that are loopback peering

Configured with:

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

If the R1 to R3 link goes down the session could establish via R2



Multiple Sessions to an ISP

– Example One

- **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:

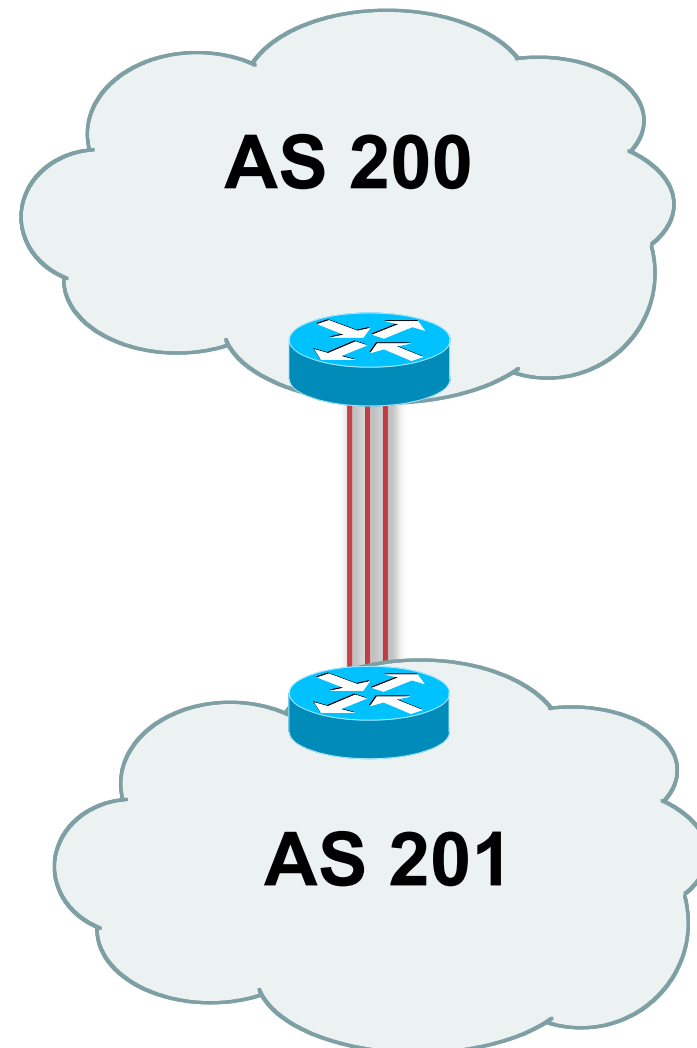
- routing loops
- failure to realise that BGP session stability problems are usually due connectivity problems between their CPE and their BGP speaker

Multiple Sessions to an ISP

– Example Two

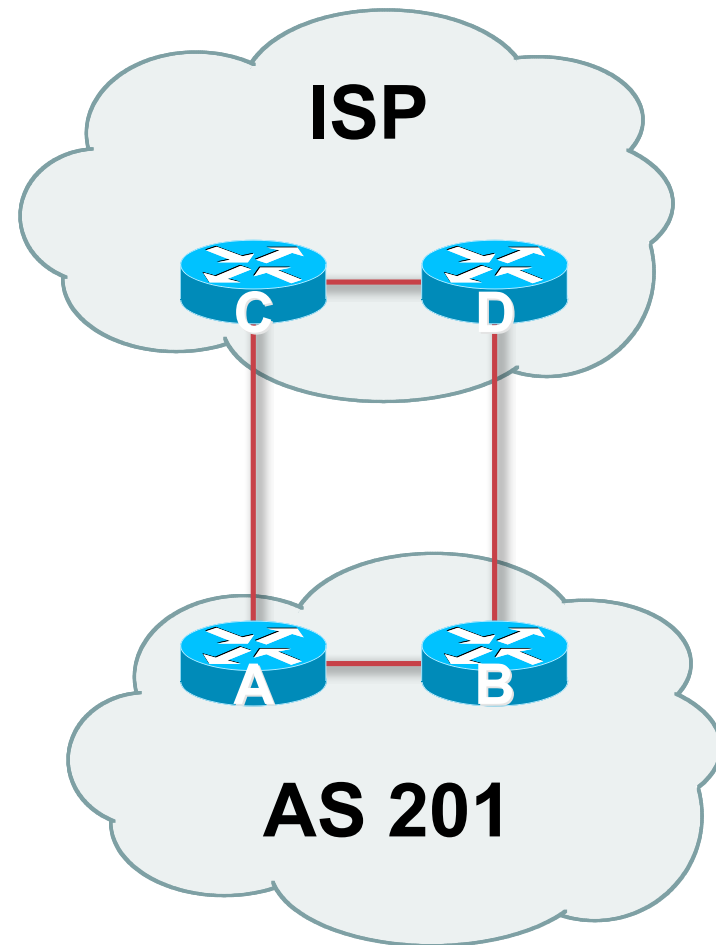
- **BGP multi-path**
- **Limit to number of parallel paths depending on implementation**
- **For this example, three BGP sessions required**
- **Cisco IOS Configuration**

```
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

- **Simplest scheme is to use defaults**
- **Learn/advertise prefixes for better control**
- **Planning and some work required to achieve loadsharing**
 - Point default towards one ISP**
 - Learn selected prefixes from second ISP**
 - Modify the number of prefixes learnt to achieve acceptable load sharing**
- **No magic solution**



BGP Multihoming Techniques

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Preparing the Network

Putting our own house in order first...

Preparing the Network

- **We will deploy BGP across the network before we try and multihome**
- **BGP will be used therefore an ASN is required**
- **If multihoming to different ISPs, public ASN needed:**

Either go to upstream ISP who is a registry member, or

Apply to the RIR yourself for a one off assignment, or

Ask an ISP who is a registry member, or

Join the RIR and get your own IP address allocation too (this option strongly recommended)!

Preparing the Network

- **The network is not running any BGP at the moment**
 - single statically routed connection to upstream ISP
- **The network is not running any IGP at all**
 - Static default and routes through the network to do “routing”

Preparing the Network IGP

- **Decide on IGP: OSPF or ISIS 😊**
- **Assign loopback interfaces and /32 addresses to each router which will run the IGP**
 - Loopback is used for OSPF and BGP router id anchor
 - Used for iBGP and route origination
- **Deploy IGP (e.g. OSPF)**
 - IGP can be deployed with **NO IMPACT** on the existing static routing
 - OSPF distance is 110, static distance is 1
 - Smallest distance wins**

Preparing the Network IGP (cont)

- **Be prudent deploying IGP – keep the Link State Database Lean!**

Router loopbacks go in IGP

WAN point to point links go in IGP

(In fact, any link where IGP dynamic routing will be run should go into IGP)

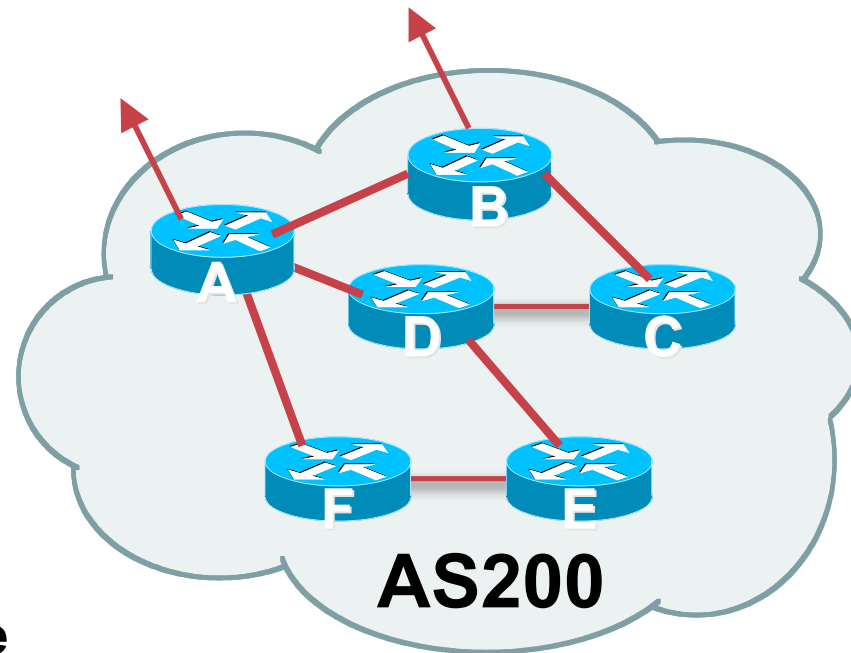
Summarise on area/level boundaries (if possible) – i.e. think about your IGP address plan

Preparing the Network IGP (cont)

- **Routes which don't go into the IGP include:**
 - Dynamic assignment pools (DSL/Cable/Dial)**
 - Customer point to point link addressing**
 - (using next-hop-self in iBGP ensures that these do NOT need to be in IGP)**
 - Static/Hosting LANs**
 - Customer assigned address space**
 - Anything else not listed in the previous slide**

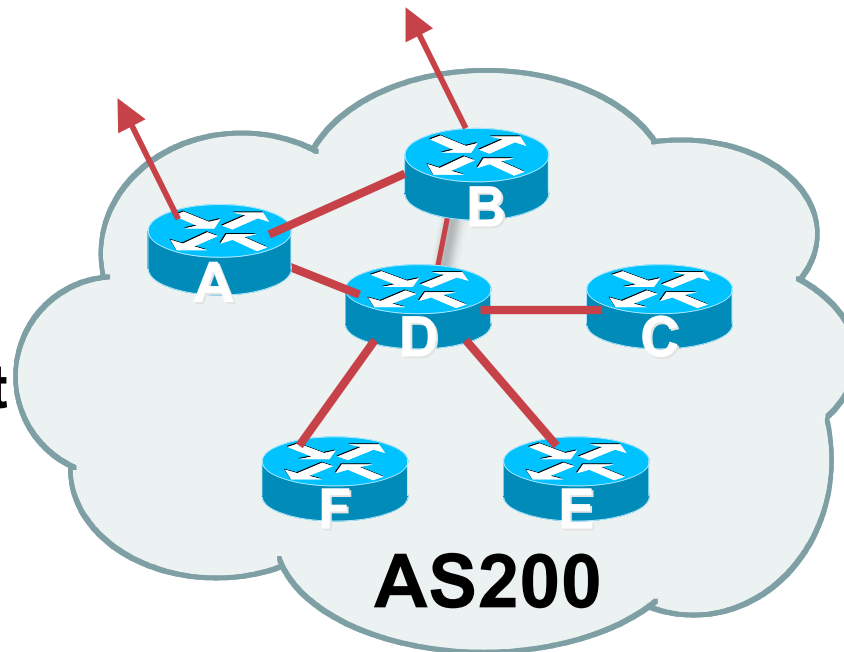
Preparing the Network iBGP

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



Preparing the Network iBGP (Transit Path)

- *iBGP must run on all routers which are in the transit path between external connections*
- **Routers C, E and F are not in the transit path**
Static routes or IGP will suffice
- **Router D is in the transit path**
Will need to be in iBGP mesh, otherwise routing loops will result



Preparing the Network Layers

- **Typical SP networks have three layers:**
 - Core – the backbone, usually the transit path**
 - Distribution – the middle, PoP aggregation layer**
 - Aggregation – the edge, the devices connecting customers**

Preparing the Network Aggregation Layer

- **iBGP is optional**

Many ISPs run iBGP here, either partial routing (more common) or full routing (less common)

Full routing is not needed unless customers want full table

Partial routing is cheaper/easier, might usually consist of internal prefixes and, optionally, external prefixes to aid external load balancing

Communities and peer-groups make this administratively easy

- **Many aggregation devices can't run iBGP**

Static routes from distribution devices for address pools

IGP for best exit

Preparing the Network Distribution Layer

- **Usually runs iBGP**
 - Partial or full routing (as with aggregation layer)**
- **But does not have to run iBGP**
 - IGP is then used to carry customer prefixes (does not scale)**
 - IGP is used to determine nearest exit**
- **Networks which plan to grow large should deploy iBGP from day one**
 - Migration at a later date is extra work**
 - No extra overhead in deploying iBGP, indeed IGP benefits**

Preparing the Network Core Layer

- **Core of network is usually the transit path**
- **iBGP necessary between core devices**

Full routes or partial routes:

Transit ISPs carry full routes in core

Edge ISPs carry partial routes only

- **Core layer includes AS border routers**

Preparing the Network

iBGP Implementation

Decide on:

- **Best iBGP policy**

Will it be full routes everywhere, or partial, or some mix?

- **iBGP scaling technique**

Community policy?

Route-reflectors?

Techniques such as peer groups and peer templates?

Preparing the Network

iBGP Implementation

- **Then deploy iBGP:**

Step 1: Introduce iBGP mesh on chosen routers

make sure that iBGP distance is greater than IGP distance (it usually is)

Step 2: Install “customer” prefixes into iBGP

Check! Does the network still work?

Step 3: Carefully remove the static routing for the prefixes now in IGP and iBGP

Check! Does the network still work?

Step 4: Deployment of eBGP follows

Preparing the Network

iBGP Implementation

Install “customer” prefixes into iBGP?

- **Customer assigned address space**
 - Network statement/static route combination**
 - Use unique community to identify customer assignments**
- **Customer facing point-to-point links**
 - Redistribute connected through filters which only permit point-to-point link addresses to enter iBGP**
 - Use a unique community to identify point-to-point link addresses (these are only required for your monitoring system)**
- **Dynamic assignment pools & local LANs**
 - Simple network statement will do this**
 - Use unique community to identify these networks**

Preparing the Network

iBGP Implementation

Carefully remove static routes?

- **Work on one router at a time:**
 - Check that static route for a particular destination is also learned either by IGP or by iBGP**
 - If so, remove it**
 - If not, establish why and fix the problem**
 - (Remember to look in the RIB, not the FIB!)**
- **Then the next router, until the whole PoP is done**
- **Then the next PoP, and so on until the network is now dependent on the IGP and iBGP you have deployed**

Preparing the Network Completion

- **Previous steps are NOT flag day steps**

Each can be carried out during different maintenance periods, for example:

Step One on Week One

Step Two on Week Two

Step Three on Week Three

And so on

And with proper planning will have NO customer visible impact at all

Preparing the Network Configuration Summary

- **IGP essential networks are in IGP**
- **Customer networks are now in iBGP**
iBGP deployed over the backbone
Full or Partial or Upstream Edge only
- **BGP distance is greater than any IGP**
- **Now ready to deploy eBGP**

BGP Multihoming Techniques

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- **“BGP Traffic Engineering”**
- **Internet Exchange Points**



Basic Multihoming

Learning to walk before we try running

Basic Multihoming

- **No frills multihoming**
- **Will look at two cases:**
 - Multihoming with the same ISP**
 - Multihoming to different ISPs**
- **Will keep the examples easy**
 - Understanding easy concepts will make the more complex scenarios easier to comprehend**
 - All assume that the site multihoming has a /19 address block**

Basic Multihoming

- **This type is most commonplace at the edge of the Internet**

Networks here are usually concerned with inbound traffic flows

Outbound traffic flows being “nearest exit” is usually sufficient

- **Can apply to the leaf ISP as well as Enterprise networks**



Basic Multihoming

Multihoming to the Same ISP

Basic Multihoming: Multihoming to the same ISP

- **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

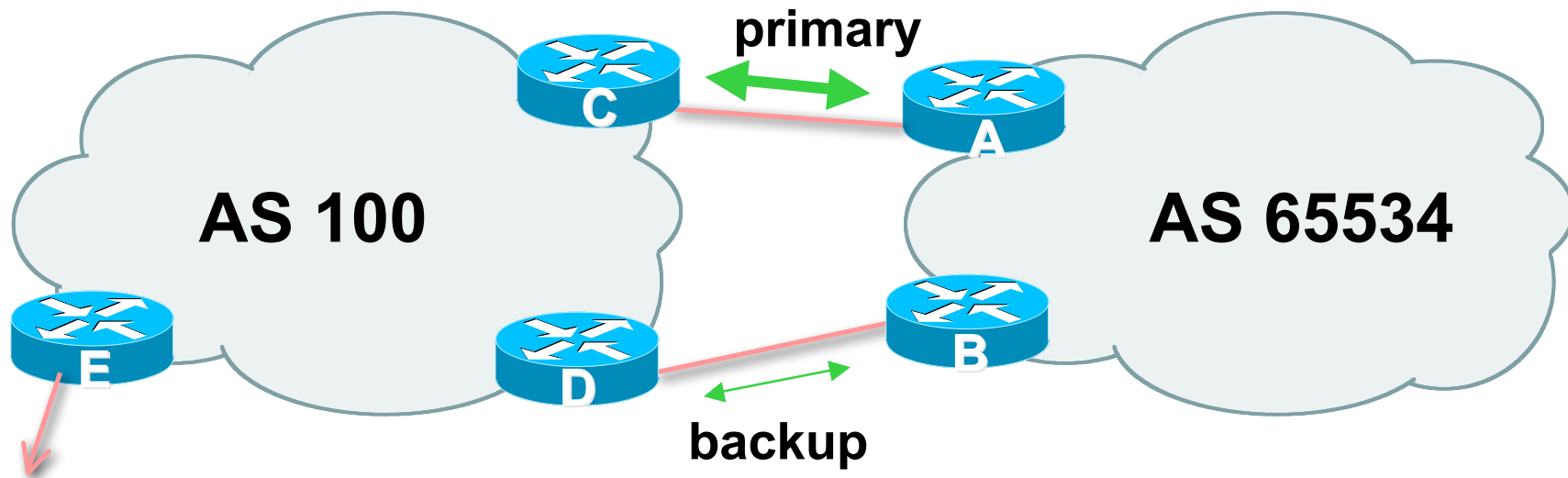
One link primary, the other link backup only

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

- **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 an E1,
backup might be 64kbps**

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



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

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

- **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**

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

- **Router A Configuration**

```
router bgp 65534
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 description RouterC
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list aggregate out
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
```

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

- **Router B Configuration**

```
router bgp 65534
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 description RouterD
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 prefix-list aggregate out
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 route-map routerD-out out
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 prefix-list default in
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 route-map routerD-in in
!
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```

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

```
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
route-map routerD-out permit 10
  match ip address prefix-list aggregate
  set metric 10
route-map routerD-out permit 20
!
route-map routerD-in permit 10
  set local-preference 90
!
```

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

- **Router C Configuration (main link)**

```
router bgp 100
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 65534
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.1 default-originate
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list Customer in
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default out
```

```
!
```

```
ip prefix-list Customer permit 121.10.0.0/19
```

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

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

- **Router D Configuration (backup link)**

```
router bgp 100
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.5 remote-as 65534
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.5 default-originate
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list Customer in
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list default out
```

```
!
```

```
ip prefix-list Customer permit 121.10.0.0/19
```

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


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

- **Router E Configuration**

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.17 remote-as 110
  neighbor 122.102.10.17 remove-private-AS
  neighbor 122.102.10.17 prefix-list Customer out
!
ip prefix-list Customer permit 121.10.0.0/19
```

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

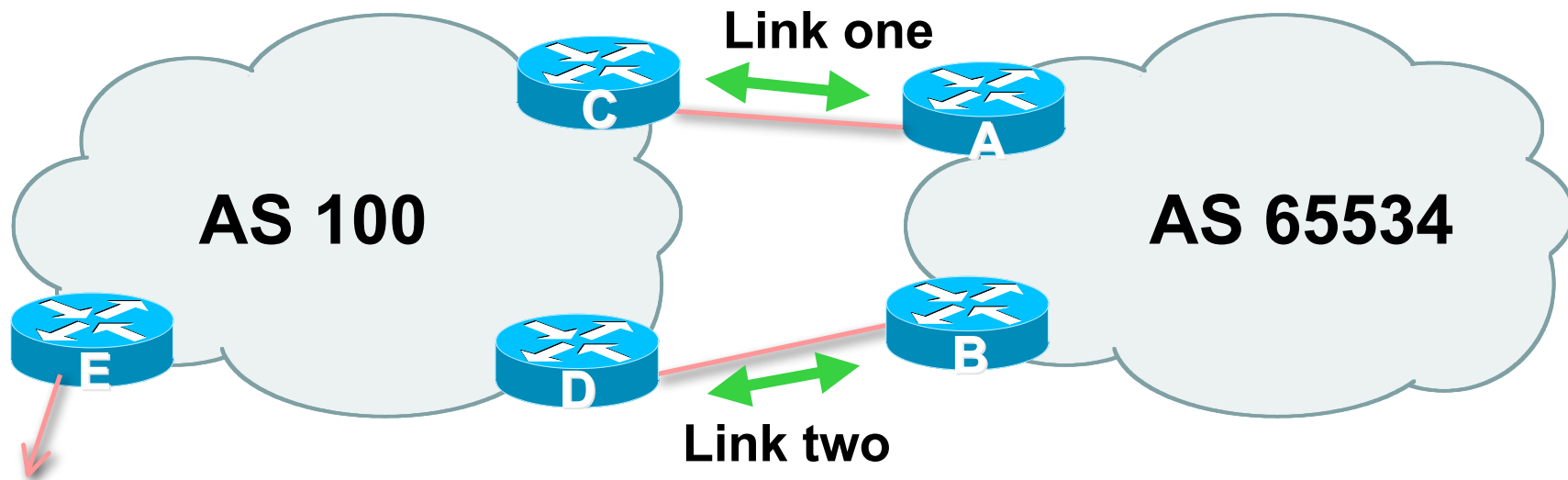
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With Loadsharing

Loadsharing to the same ISP

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

Loadsharing to the same ISP



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

Loadsharing to the same ISP

- **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

Loadsharing to the same ISP

- **Router A Configuration**

```
router bgp 65534
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list routerC out
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list routerC permit 121.10.0.0/20
ip prefix-list routerC permit 121.10.0.0/19
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.240.0 null0
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

Router B configuration is similar but with the other /20

Loadsharing to the same ISP

- **Router C Configuration**

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 65534
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 default-originate
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list Customer in
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default out
!
ip prefix-list Customer permit 121.10.0.0/19 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**

Loadsharing to the same ISP

- **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**



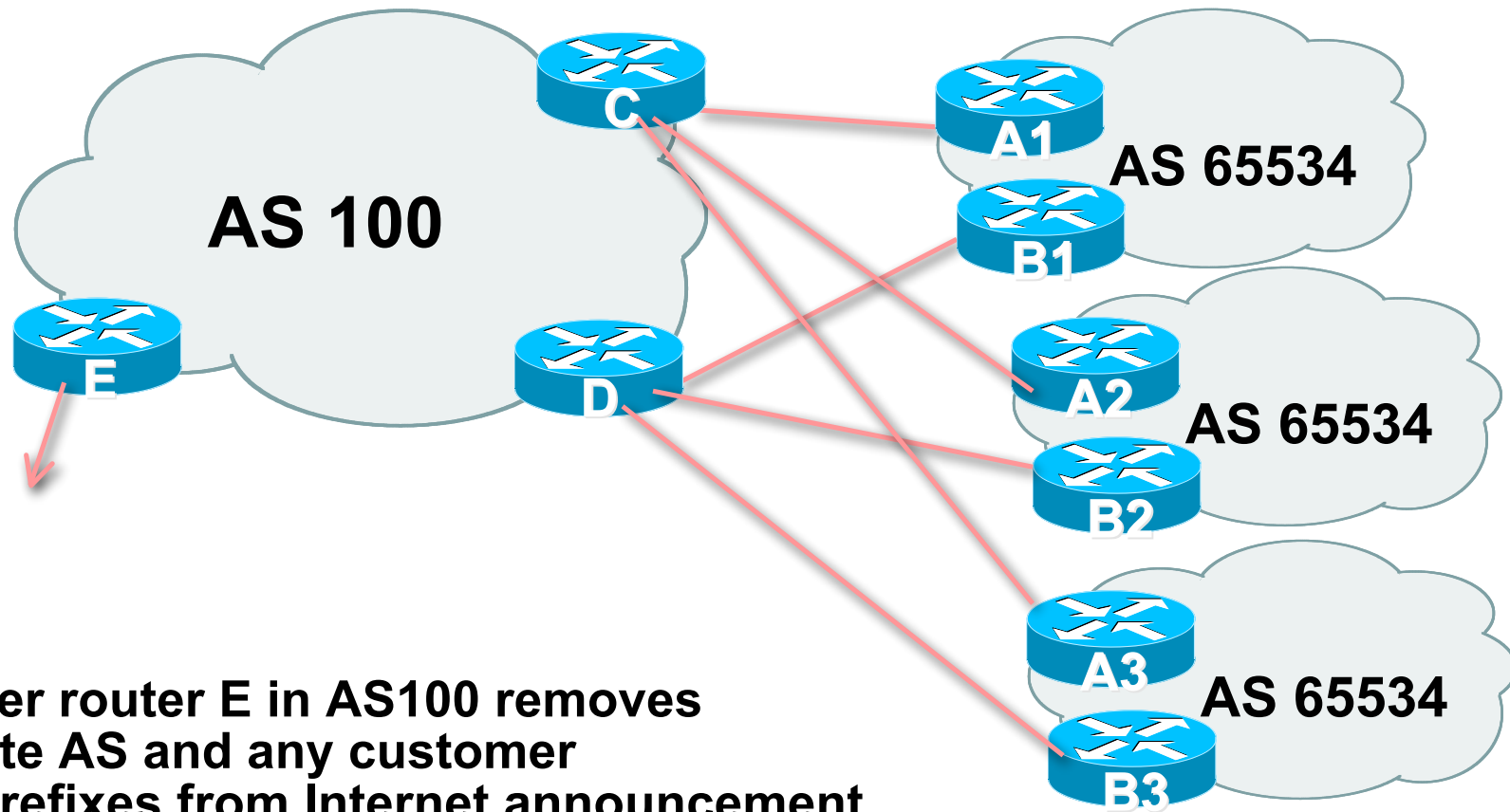
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Multiple Dualhomed Customers (RFC2270)

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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**
 - ⇒ Simplifying the configuration**
 - Using templates, peer-groups, etc**
 - Every customer has the same configuration (basically)**

Multiple Dualhomed Customers (RFC2270)



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

Multiple Dualhomed Customers

- **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 *A_n* and *B_n* configuration same as Router A and B previously**

Multiple Dualhomed Customers

- **Router A1 Configuration**

```
router bgp 65534
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list routerC out
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list routerC permit 121.10.0.0/20
ip prefix-list routerC permit 121.10.0.0/19
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.240.0 null0
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

Router B1 configuration is similar but for the other /20

Multiple Dualhomed Customers

- **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 122.102.10.1 peer-group bgp-customers
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.1 description Customer One
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list Customer1 in
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.9 peer-group bgp-customers
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.9 description Customer Two
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.9 prefix-list Customer2 in
```

Multiple Dualhomed Customers

```
neighbor 122.102.10.17 peer-group bgp-customers
neighbor 122.102.10.17 description Customer Three
neighbor 122.102.10.17 prefix-list Customer3 in
!
ip prefix-list Customer1 permit 121.10.0.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list Customer2 permit 121.16.64.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list Customer3 permit 121.14.192.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

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

Multiple Dualhomed Customers

- **Router E Configuration**

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

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.17 remote-as 110
  neighbor 122.102.10.17 remove-private-AS
  neighbor 122.102.10.17 prefix-list Customers out
!
ip prefix-list Customers permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list Customers permit 121.16.64.0/19
ip prefix-list Customers permit 121.14.192.0/19
```

- **Private AS still visible inside AS100**

Multiple Dualhomed Customers

- If customers' prefixes come from ISP's address block
 - do **NOT** announce them to the Internet
 - announce **ISP aggregate only**
- Router E configuration:

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.17 remote-as 110
  neighbor 122.102.10.17 prefix-list my-aggregate out
!
ip prefix-list my-aggregate permit 121.8.0.0/13
```



Basic Multihoming

Multihoming to different ISPs

Two links to different ISPs

- **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
- **Address space comes from both upstreams or Regional Internet Registry**
- **Configuration concepts very similar**

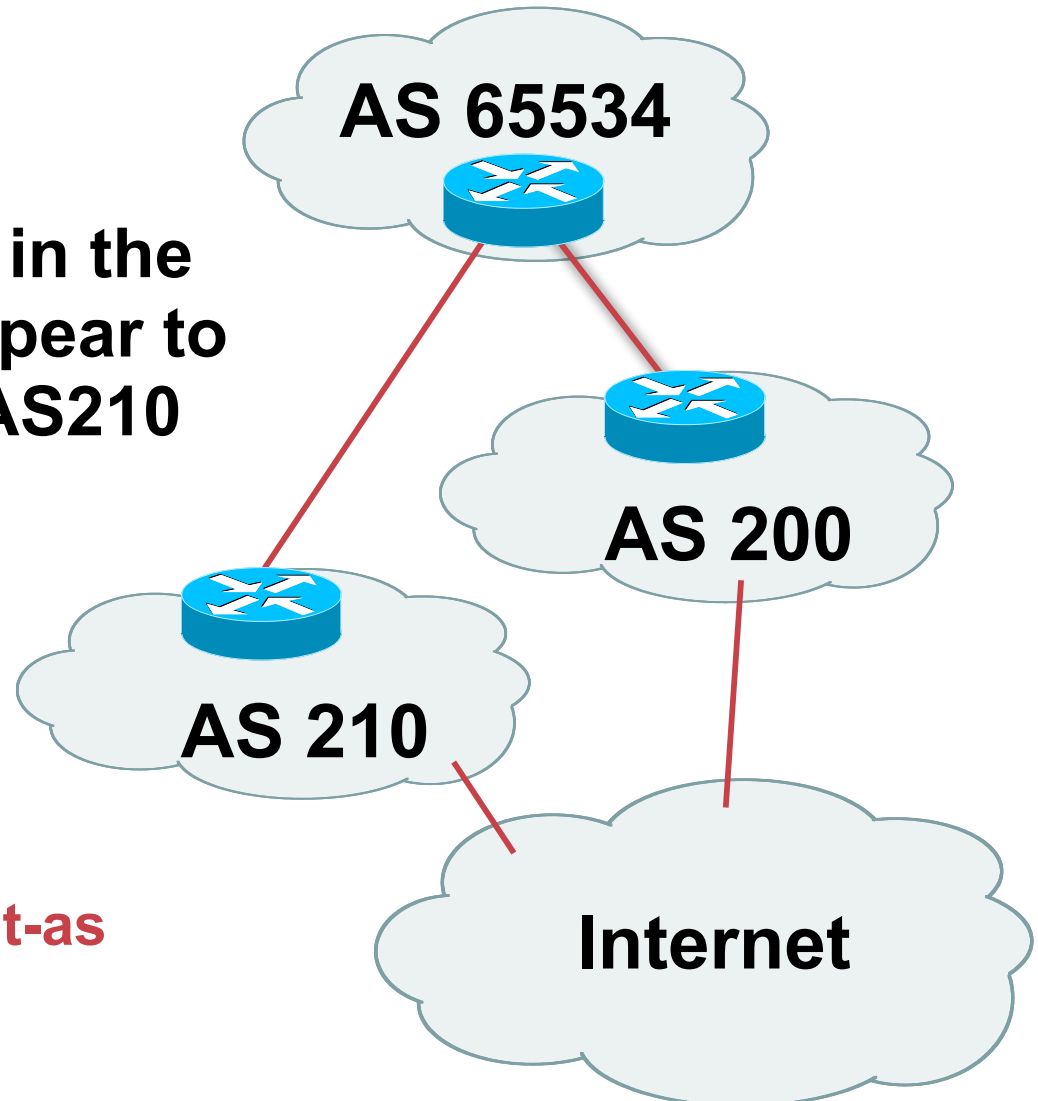
Inconsistent-AS?

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

This is NOT bad

Nor is it illegal

- Cisco IOS command is `show ip bgp inconsistent-as`





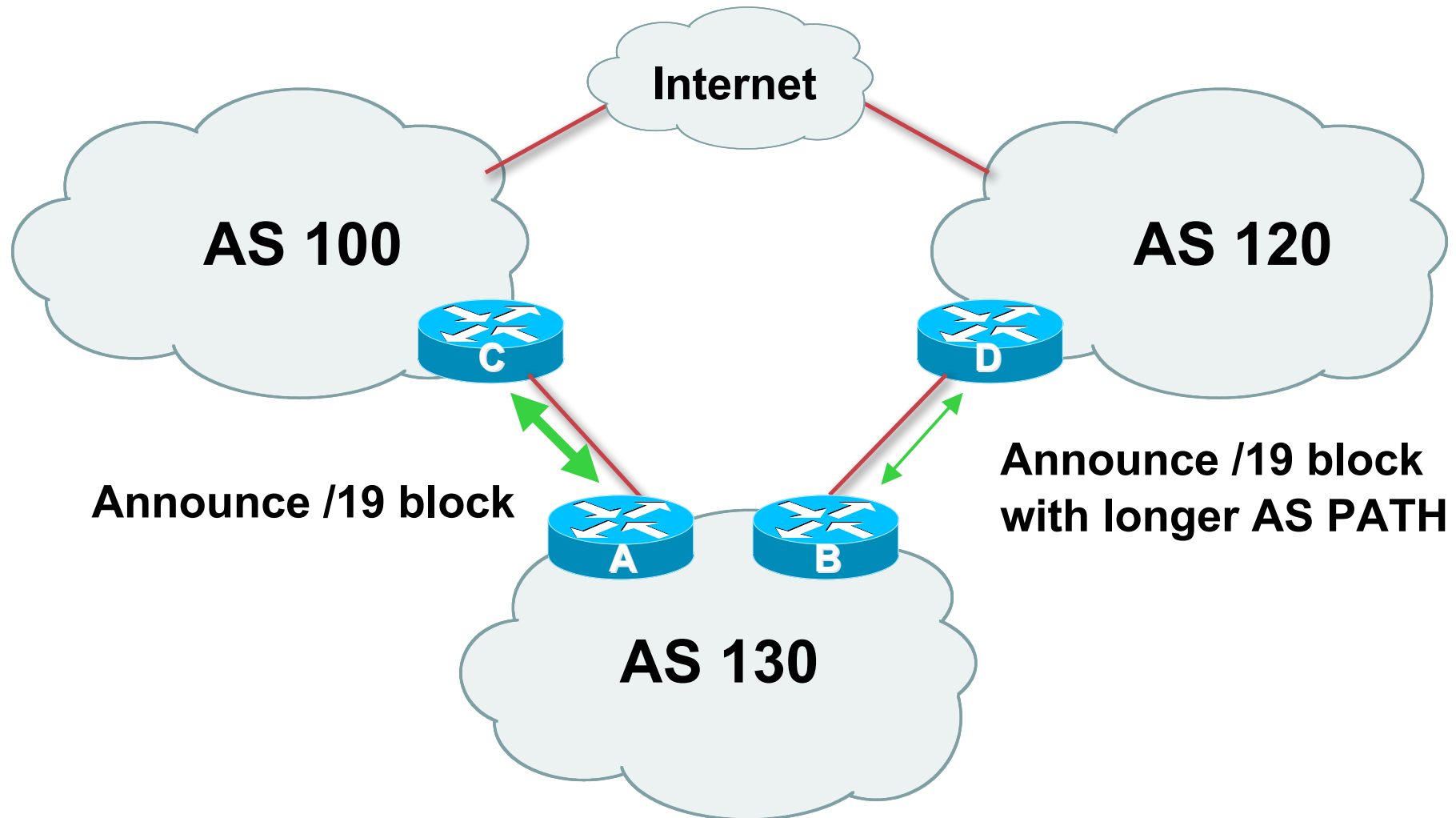
Two links to different ISPs

One link primary, the other link backup only

Two links to different ISPs (one as backup only)

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

Two links to different ISPs (one as backup only)



Two links to different ISPs (one as backup only)

- **Router A Configuration**

```
router bgp 130
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list aggregate out
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
```


Two links to different ISPs (one as backup only)

- **Router B Configuration**

```
router bgp 130
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 remote-as 120
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 prefix-list aggregate out
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 route-map routerD-out out
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 prefix-list default in
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 route-map routerD-in in
!
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
route-map routerD-out permit 10
  set as-path prepend 130 130 130
!
route-map routerD-in permit 10
  set local-preference 80
```

Two links to different ISPs (one as backup only)

- **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

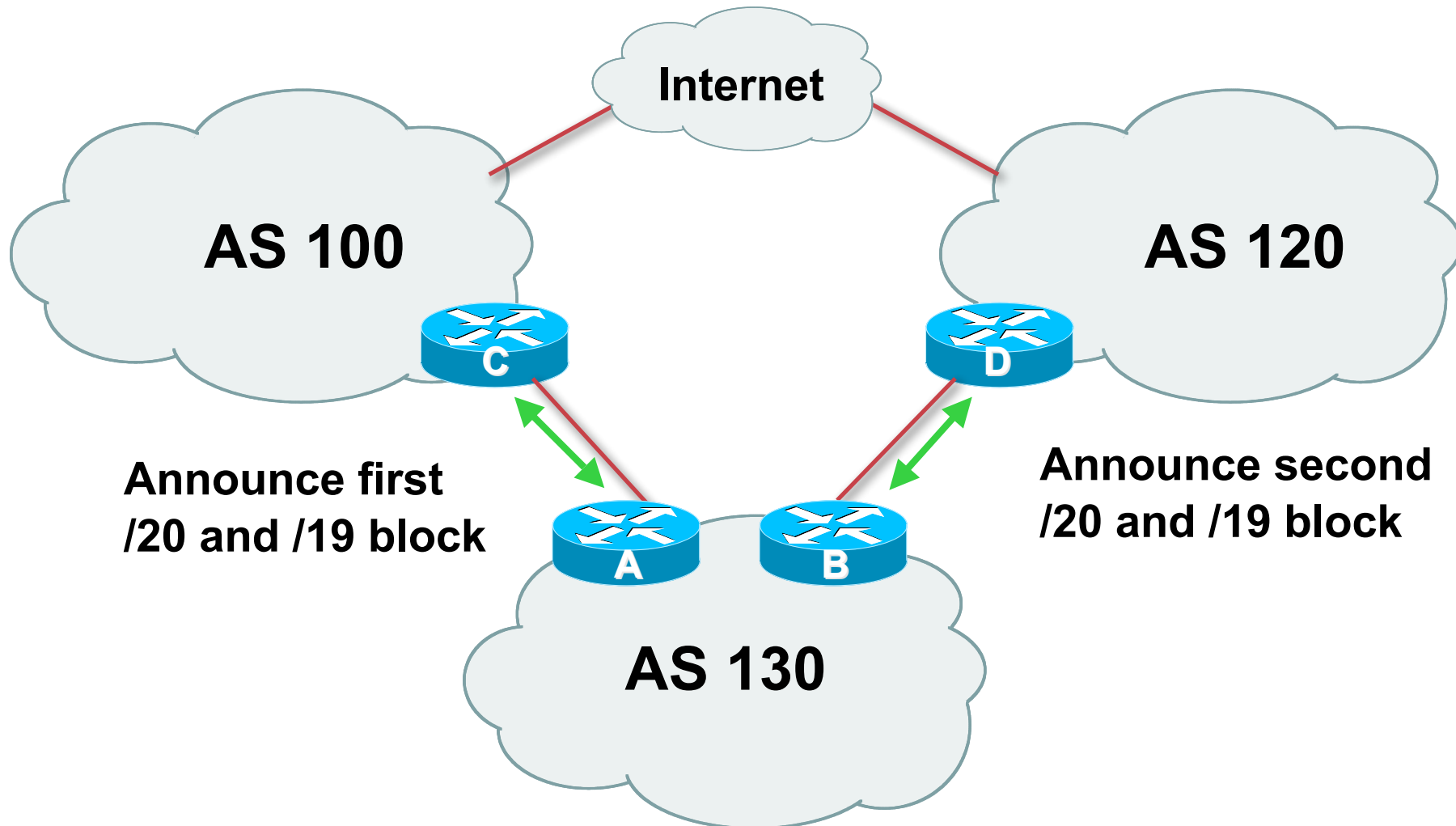
Two links to different ISPs (with loadsharing)

- **Announce /19 aggregate on each link**
- **Split /19 and announce as two /20s, one on each link**

basic inbound loadsharing

- **When one link fails, the announcement of the /19 aggregate via the other ISP ensures continued connectivity**

Two links to different ISPs (with loadsharing)



Two links to different ISPs (with loadsharing)

- **Router A Configuration**

```
router bgp 130
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list firstblock out
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip prefix-list firstblock permit 121.10.0.0/20
ip prefix-list firstblock permit 121.10.0.0/19
```

Two links to different ISPs (with loadsharing)

- **Router B Configuration**

```
router bgp 130
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  network 121.10.16.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 remote-as 120
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 prefix-list secondblock out
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip prefix-list secondblock permit 121.10.16.0/20
ip prefix-list secondblock permit 121.10.0.0/19
```

Two links to different ISPs (with loadsharing)

- **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...!

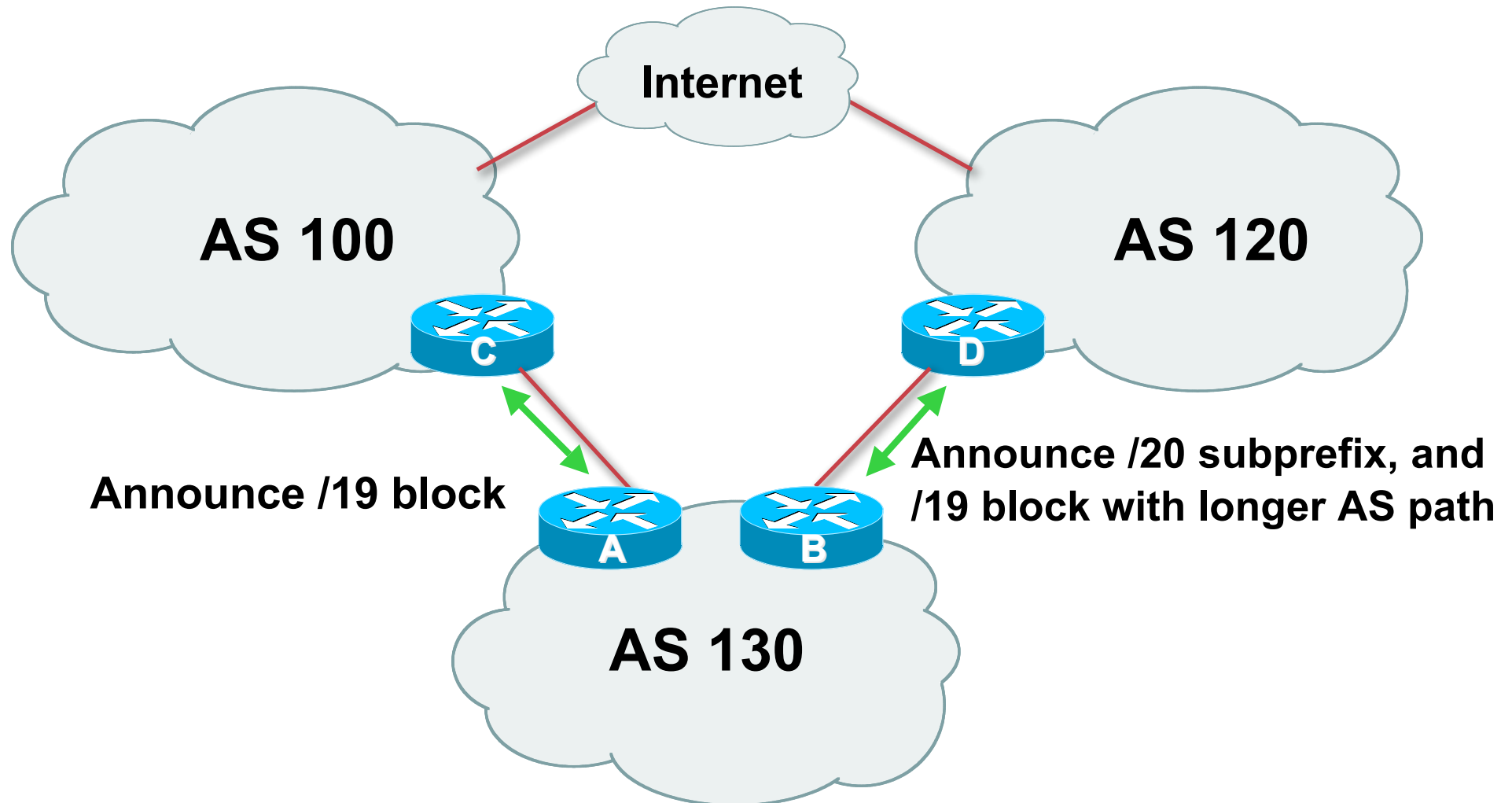
Two links to different ISPs

More Controlled Loadsharing

Loadsharing with different ISPs

- **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!**

Loadsharing with different ISPs



Loadsharing with different ISPs

- **Router A Configuration**

```
router bgp 130
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default in
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list aggregate out
!
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 121.10.0.0/19
```

Loadsharing with different ISPs

- **Router B Configuration**

```
router bgp 130
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  network 121.10.16.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 remote-as 120
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 prefix-list default in
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 prefix-list subblocks out
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 route-map routerD out
!
route-map routerD permit 10
  match ip address prefix-list aggregate
  set as-path prepend 130 130
route-map routerD permit 20
!
ip prefix-list subblocks permit 121.10.0.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 121.10.0.0/19
```

Loadsharing with different ISPs

- **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**
- **Basic Multihoming**
- **“BGP Traffic Engineering”**
- **Internet Exchange Points**



Service Provider Multihoming

BGP Traffic Engineering

Service Provider Multihoming

- **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
 - Some edge ISPs try and do this too
- **The original “Traffic Engineering”**

Service Provider Multihoming

- **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!!

- **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!

Service Provider Multihoming: Some Strategies

- **Take the prefixes you need to aid traffic engineering**
 - Look at NetFlow data for popular sites
- **Prefixes originated by your immediate neighbours and their neighbours will do more to aid load balancing than prefixes from ASNs many hops away**
 - Concentrate on local destinations
- **Use default routing as much as possible**
 - Or use the full routing table with care

Service Provider Multihoming

- **Examples**

 - **One upstream, one local peer**

 - **Two upstreams, one local peer**

 - **One upstream, local exchange point**

- **Require BGP and a public ASN**

- **Examples assume that the local network has their own /19 address block**



Service Provider Multihoming

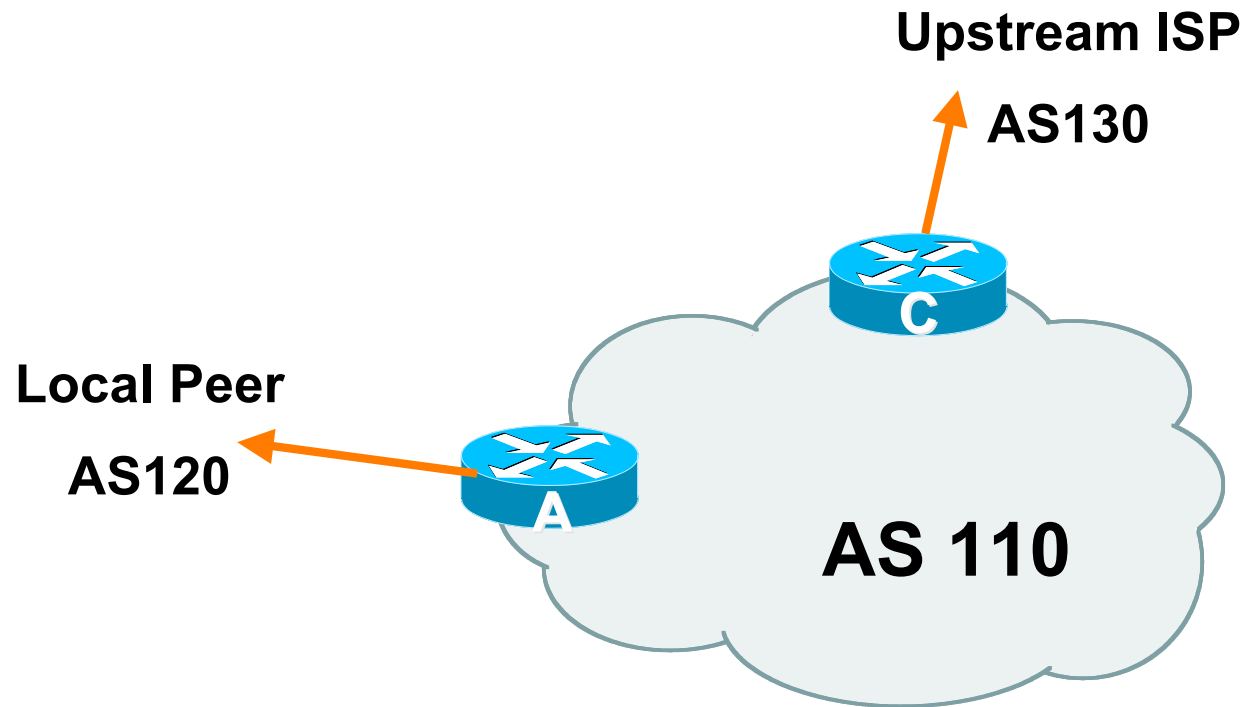
One upstream, one local peer

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

One Upstream, One Local Peer



One Upstream, One Local Peer

- **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**

One Upstream, One Local Peer

- **Router A Configuration**

```
router bgp 110
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 remote-as 120
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list my-block out
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list AS120-peer in
!
ip prefix-list AS120-peer permit 122.5.16.0/19
ip prefix-list AS120-peer permit 121.240.0.0/20
ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

Prefix filters
inbound



One Upstream, One Local Peer

- **Router A – Alternative Configuration**

```
router bgp 110
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 remote-as 120
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list my-block out
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 filter-list 10 in
!
ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(120_)+$
!
ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

AS Path filters –
more “trusting”

One Upstream, One Local Peer

- **Router C Configuration**

```
router bgp 110
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 130
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default in
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list my-block out
!
ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

One Upstream, One Local Peer

- **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**

Aside: Configuration Recommendation

- **Private Peers**

The peering ISPs exchange prefixes they originate

Sometimes they exchange prefixes from neighbouring ASNs too

- **Be aware that the private peer eBGP router should carry only the prefixes you want the private peer to receive**

Otherwise they could point a default route to you and unintentionally transit your backbone



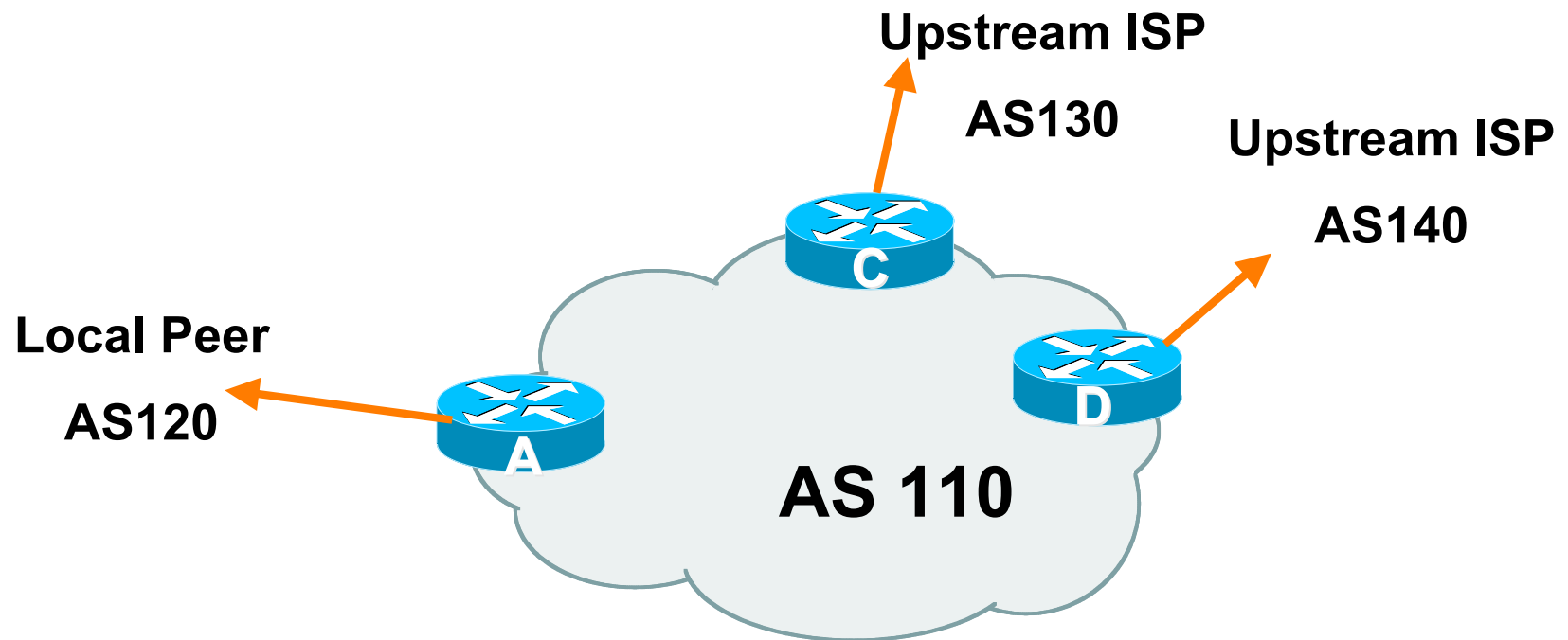
Service Provider Multihoming

Two Upstreams, One local peer

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

- **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

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer



Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

- **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**

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

- **Router A**

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

Same hardware configuration

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

- **Router C Configuration**

```
router bgp 110
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 130
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default in
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list my-block out
!
ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

- **Router D Configuration**

```
router bgp 110
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 remote-as 140
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list default in
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list my-block out
!
ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

- **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

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

- **Better configuration options:**

Accept full routing from both upstreams

Expensive & unnecessary!

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

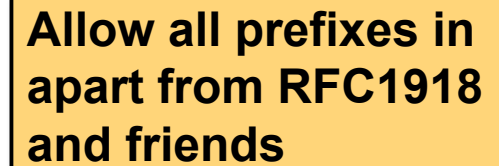
The way to go!

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer Full Routes

- **Router C Configuration**

```
router bgp 110
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 130
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list rfc1918-deny in
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list my-block out
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 route-map AS130-loadshare in
!
ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19
! See www.cymru.com/Documents/bogon-list.html
! ...for "RFC1918 and friends" list
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Allow all prefixes in
apart from RFC1918
and friends



Two Upstreams, One Local Peer Full Routes

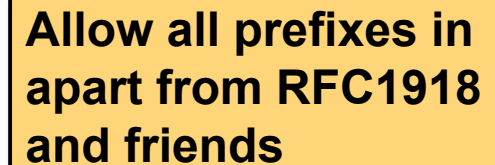
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ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
!
ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(130_)+$
ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(130_)+_[0-9]+$
!
route-map AS130-loadshare permit 10
  match ip as-path 10
  set local-preference 120
route-map AS130-loadshare permit 20
  set local-preference 80
!
```

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer Full Routes

- **Router D Configuration**

```
router bgp 110
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 remote-as 140
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list rfc1918-deny in
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list my-block out
!
ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19
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! ...for "RFC1918 and friends" list
```

Allow all prefixes in
apart from RFC1918
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Two Upstreams, One Local Peer Full Routes

- **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**

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

Full Routes

- **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

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

Partial Routes

- **Strategy:**

Ask one upstream for a default route

Easy to originate default towards a BGP neighbour

Ask other upstream for a full routing table

Then filter this routing table based on neighbouring ASN

E.g. want traffic to their neighbours to go over the link to that ASN

Most of what upstream sends is thrown away

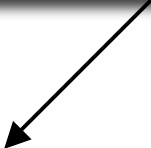
Easier than asking the upstream to set up custom BGP filters for you

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer Partial Routes

- **Router C Configuration**

```
router bgp 110
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 130
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list rfc1918-nodef-deny in
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list my-block out
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 filter-list 10 in
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 route-map tag-default-low in
!
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```

Allow all prefixes
and default in; deny
RFC1918 and friends



AS filter list filters
prefixes based on
origin ASN



Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

Partial Routes

```
ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 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
!
```

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

Partial Routes

- **Router D Configuration**

```
router bgp 110
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 remote-as 140
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list default in
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list my-block out
!
ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```


Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

Partial Routes

- **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 AS140 link fails, backup via AS130 – and vice-versa

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

Partial Routes

- **Partial routes from upstreams**

Not expensive – only carry the routes necessary for loadsharing

Need to filter on AS paths

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Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

- **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

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

Partial Routes

- **Router C Configuration**

```
router ospf 110
  default-information originate metric 30
  passive-interface Serial 0/0
!
router bgp 110
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 130
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list rfc1918-deny in
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list my-block out
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 filter-list 10 in
!
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```

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer Partial Routes

```
ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19
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! ...for "RFC1918 and friends" list
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 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]+$
!
```

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

Partial Routes

- **Router D Configuration**

```
router ospf 110
  default-information originate metric 10
  passive-interface Serial 0/0
!
router bgp 110
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 remote-as 140
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list deny-all in
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list my-block out
!
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```

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer Partial Routes

```
ip prefix-list deny-all deny 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 serial 0/0 254
!
```

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer

Partial Routes

- **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

Aside: Configuration Recommendation

- **When distributing internal default by iBGP or OSPF**

Make sure that routers connecting to private peers or to IXPs do NOT carry the default route

Otherwise they could point a default route to you and unintentionally transit your backbone

Simple fix for Private Peer/IXP routers:

```
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 null0
```



Service Provider Multihoming

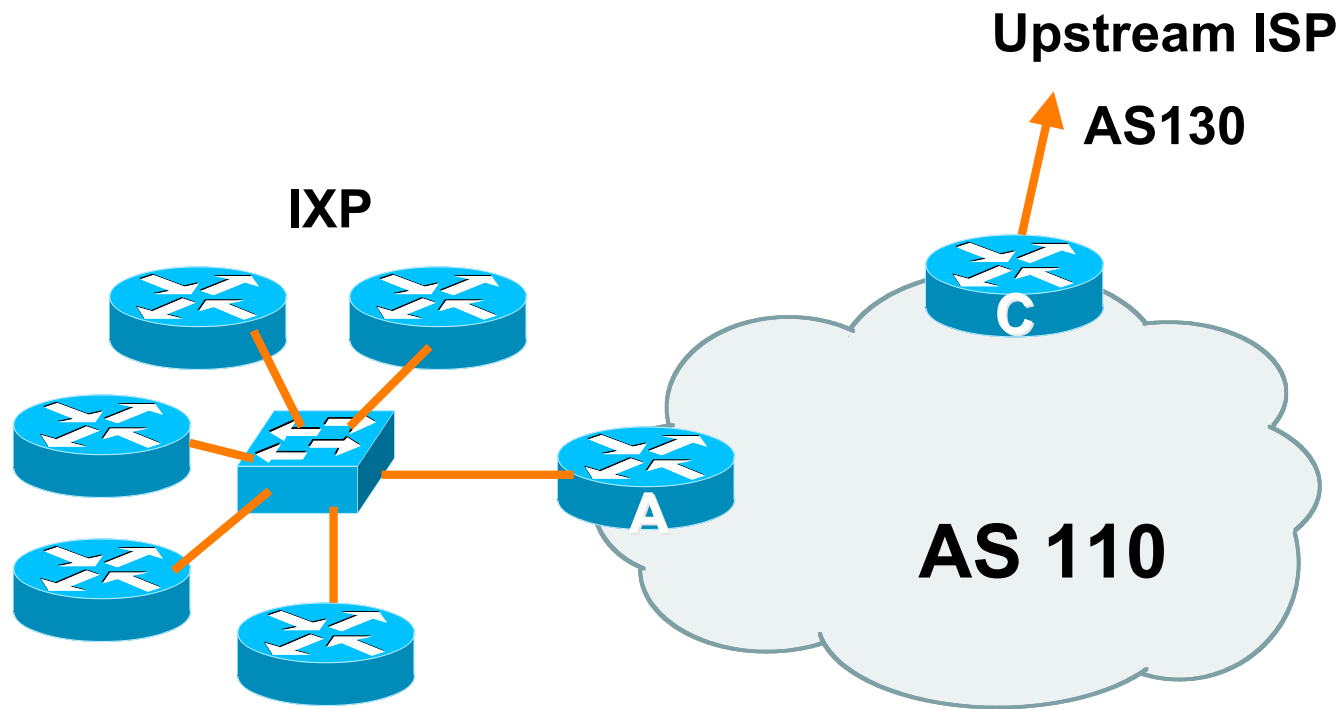
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One Upstream, Local Exchange Point



One Upstream, Local Exchange Point

- **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 originated by IXP peers**

One Upstream, Local Exchange Point

- **Router A Configuration**

```
interface fastethernet 0/0
  description Exchange Point LAN
  ip address 120.5.10.1 mask 255.255.255.224
  ip verify unicast reverse-path
!
router bgp 110
  neighbor ixp-peers peer-group
  neighbor ixp-peers prefix-list my-block out
  neighbor ixp-peers remove-private-AS
  neighbor ixp-peers route-map set-local-pref in
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```

One Upstream, Local Exchange Point

```
neighbor 120.5.10.2 remote-as 100
neighbor 120.5.10.2 peer-group ixp-peers
neighbor 120.5.10.2 prefix-list peer100 in
neighbor 120.5.10.3 remote-as 101
neighbor 120.5.10.3 peer-group ixp-peers
neighbor 120.5.10.3 prefix-list peer101 in
neighbor 120.5.10.4 remote-as 102
neighbor 120.5.10.4 peer-group ixp-peers
neighbor 120.5.10.4 prefix-list peer102 in
neighbor 120.5.10.5 remote-as 103
neighbor 120.5.10.5 peer-group ixp-peers
neighbor 120.5.10.5 prefix-list peer103 in
..next slide
```

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```
!  
ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19  
ip prefix-list peer100 permit 122.0.0.0/19  
ip prefix-list peer101 permit 122.30.0.0/19  
ip prefix-list peer102 permit 122.12.0.0/19  
ip prefix-list peer103 permit 122.18.128.0/19  
!  
route-map set-local-pref permit 10  
  set local-preference 150  
!
```


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- **Note that Router A does not generate the aggregate for AS110**
 - If Router A becomes disconnected from backbone, then the aggregate is no longer announced to the IX**
 - BGP failover works as expected**
- **Note the inbound route-map which sets the local preference higher than the default**
 - This ensures that local traffic crosses the IXP**
 - (And avoids potential problems with uRPF check)**

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- **Router C Configuration**

```
router bgp 110
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 130
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default in
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list my-block out
!
ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

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- **Note Router A configuration**
 - Prefix-list higher maintenance, but safer**
 - uRPF on the IX facing interface**
 - No generation of AS110 aggregate**
- **IXP traffic goes to and from local IXP, everything else goes to upstream**

Aside: IXP Configuration Recommendation

- **IXP peers**
 - The peering ISPs at the IXP exchange prefixes they originate**
 - Sometimes they exchange prefixes from neighbouring ASNs too**
- **Be aware that the IXP border router should carry only the prefixes you want the IXP peers to receive and the destinations you want them to be able to reach**
 - Otherwise they could point a default route to you and unintentionally transit your backbone**
- **If IXP router is at IX, and distant from your backbone**
 - Don't originate your address block at your IXP router**



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