







OSPF and BGP are two of the most common dynamic routing protocols. What are the primary differences between the two and when would you use one over the other:

BGP uses vector path routing that has a more complicated setup procedure, and takes longer for the routers to share and update information. In contrast, OSPF is more easily configured and can share updates between routers much faster. There are quite a few differences and I have attached a screen shot of my source below, but to choose: OSPF is better for internal networks or smaller networks (compared to WAN) such as a campus, the faster update times means moving devices can be quickly resolved and hierarchical structure can make management easier. BGB is good for ISP's and traversal between regions. If you think of your internet packets as a ball, BGB is the act of throwing it such that a team member can more precisely pass it on

	OSPF	BGP
Gateway Protocol	Internal gateway protocol	External gateway protocol
Implementation	Easy	Complex
Convergence	Fast	Slow
Design	Hierarchical network possible	Meshed
Need for device resources	Memory and CPU Intensive	Scaling is better in BGP although it relies on the size of the routing table
Size of the networks	Used on primarily smaller scale network which could be administered centrally	Mostly used on large scale networks such as the internet
Function	The fastest route is preferred over shortest	Best path is determined for the datagram
Algorithm Used	Dijkstra algorithm	Best path algorithm
Protocol	IP	TCP

Source is from https://community.fs.com/blog/ospf-vs-bgp-routing-protocol-choice.html

What would you need to add to the routers if you want traffic to go through R5? As an example connection, something like this:

I would make a route directly such that R1 goes to R5 and then R5 connections to R3. I'd also point out that this makes the switch redundant and removes it.

What would you need to do if you added another network to Switch 5? Think what happens with traffic from PC2->PC4 and what configuration you would need if you did something like this:

I would make what would be R6 use BGB protocols, then R7 back to OSPF so that the network can continue to grow. As adding the new network boils down to switch 5 talking to R7, any changes WITHIN the new network will not affect the flow of traffic UPTO R.