



**Session 5C**  
**DVR: Solutions to Count to Infinity**

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## Session 5C: Focus

- Routing Information Protocol
  - RIP Network Diameter
  - RIP v1 and RIPv2
- Comparison of RIPv1 Vs RIPv2 Vs IGRP

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# Routing Information Protocol (RIP)

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- The Routing Information Protocol (RIP) is one of the oldest distance-vector routing protocols used in computer networks to facilitate the exchange of routing information between routers.
- There are two versions RIP, RIP version 1 and RIP version 2.
  - RIP v1 and v2 both use **hops** as their distance value.
  - RIPv1 (1988) and RIPv2 (1993)
- Distance Vector networks such as RIP are limited in scope (**diameter**).

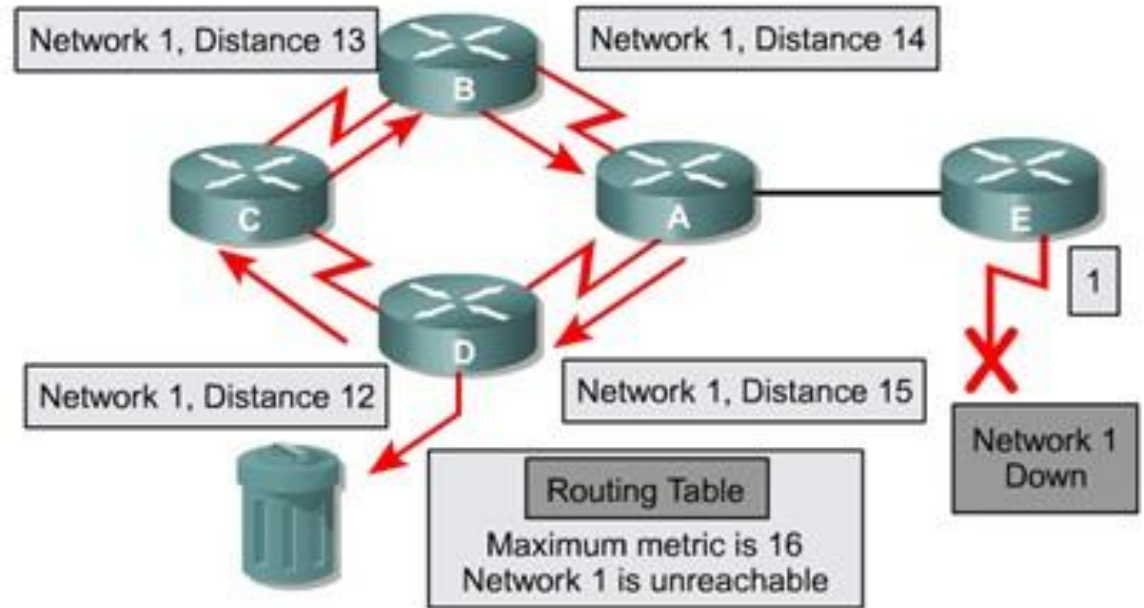
# RIP: Network Diameter

- RIP is designed to work in small size networks, with the maximum hop count reaches 16, it is declared as unreachable
- RIP protocol was not designed to operate in medium to large internetworks with hundreds of links and routers connecting hundreds or thousands of hosts.
- The maximum network diameter specifies the distance a datagram may travel (for example, the maximum number of hops) before the destination is considered unreachable, causing the datagram to be discarded.
- This maximum distance is measured in hops from transmitter to receiver.
- You can think of the maximum rule as “No two devices can communicate through more than x hops.”

# RIP: Network Diameter: Explained

(Destination NW, Hop Distance)

- As datagrams traverse the network, routers forward them and increment the hop count by one before passing it on to the next hop router.
- Hop count is an element in the RIP packet



- Using RIP as an example, when a datagram reaches the 15th router, that router will not forward it further, instead it must discard the datagram because a value of 16 or greater is considered too far by RIP.
- The router discarding the datagram generates an ICMP message back to the source indicating that the destination is unreachable.



## Max Routing Diameter: As Infinity Distance

- Routers also use this maximum hop count value to maintain their route tables.
- When a network link fails, the router sends news of this failure in its next route update.
- It relays this news by applying a hop count one higher than the maximum (16 for RIP and 256 for IGRP) to the failed link, which indicates the distance to this network as infinity (unreachable).
- Routers receiving this news know to remove this route from their route table

# Comparison: RIPv1 Vs RIPv2 Vs IGRP

Characteristic	Routing Protocol		
	RIP v1	RIP v2	IGRP
Route Updates:			
Broadcasts	X		X
Multicasts		X	
Includes entire route table	X	X	X
Periodic timer	30 seconds	30 seconds	90 seconds
Metrics:			
Hops	X	X	
Combined Metrics:			
Bandwidth and Delay			X
VLSM (updates include subnet mask also)		X	
Maximum network diameter	15 hops	15 hops	255 hops*
Authentication		X	

**X** means it is supported or present

**Router updates** include the **entire RT** and not only the modified entries.

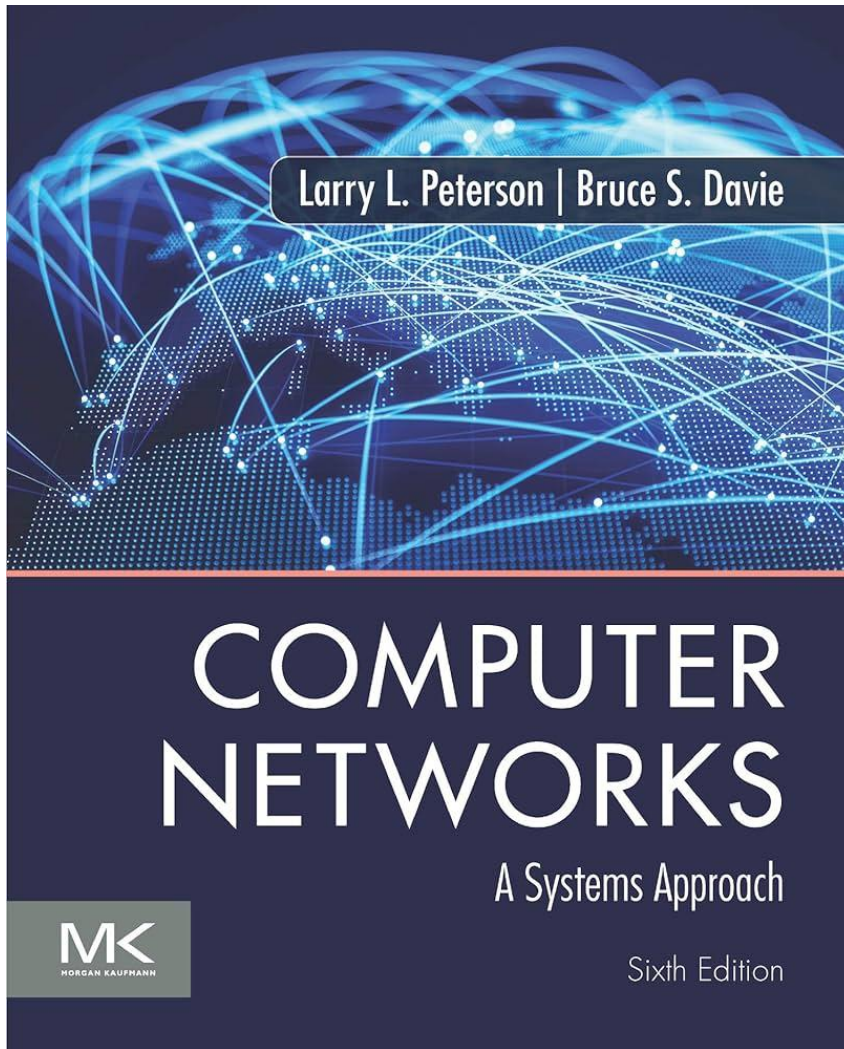


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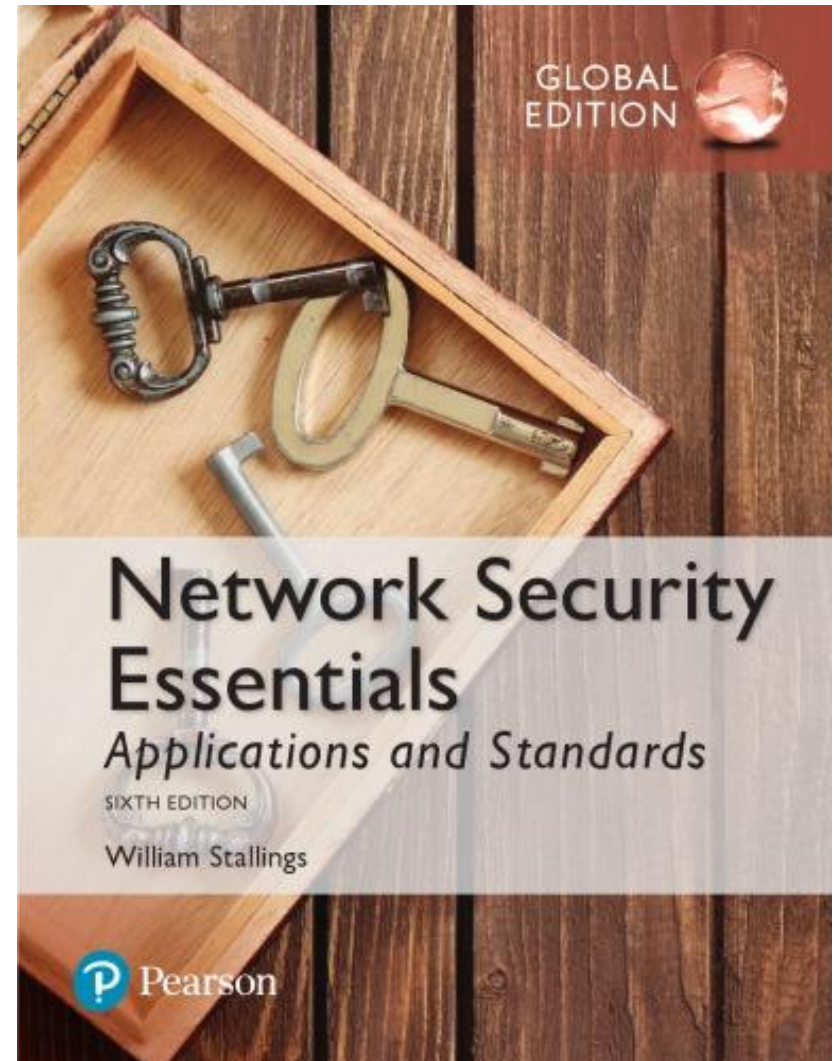
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# Textbooks

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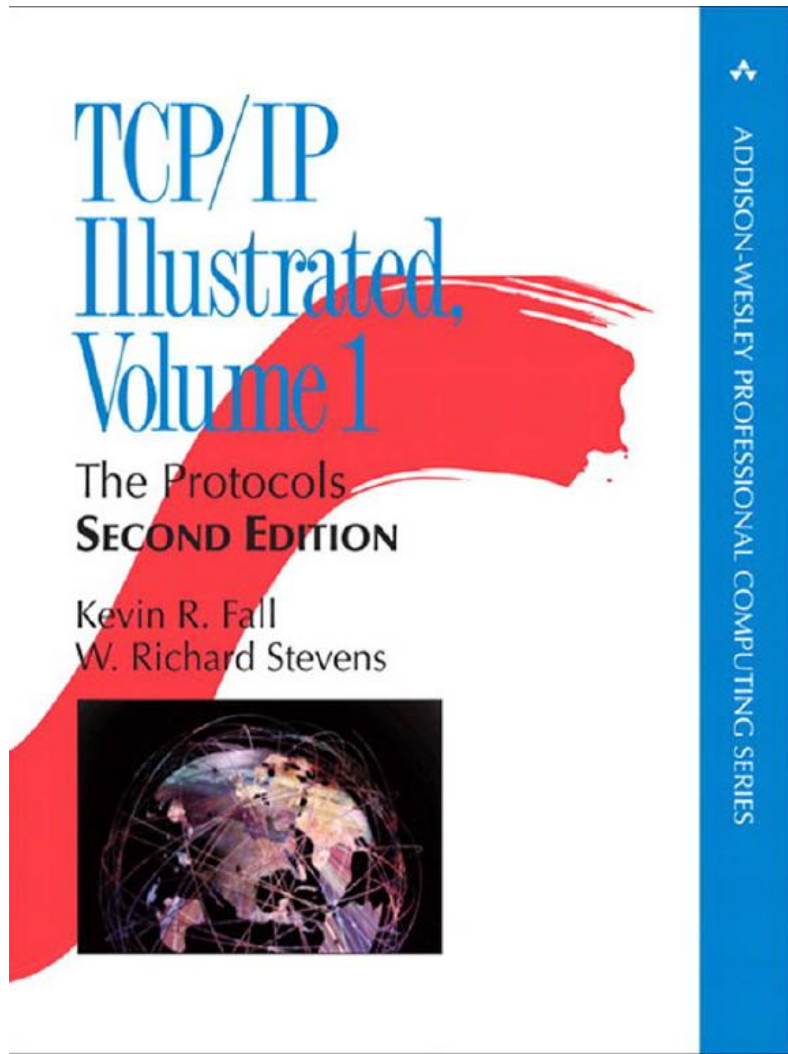


Textbook 2



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## TCP Congestion Control: A Systems Approach

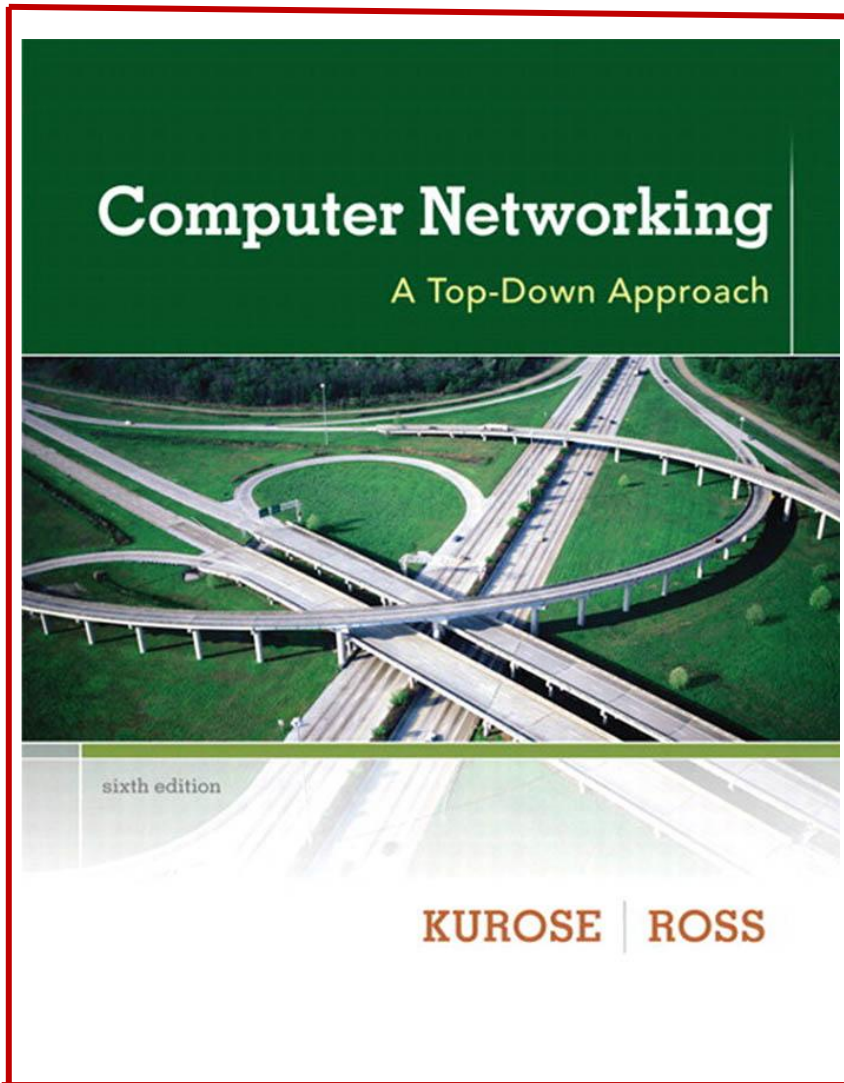


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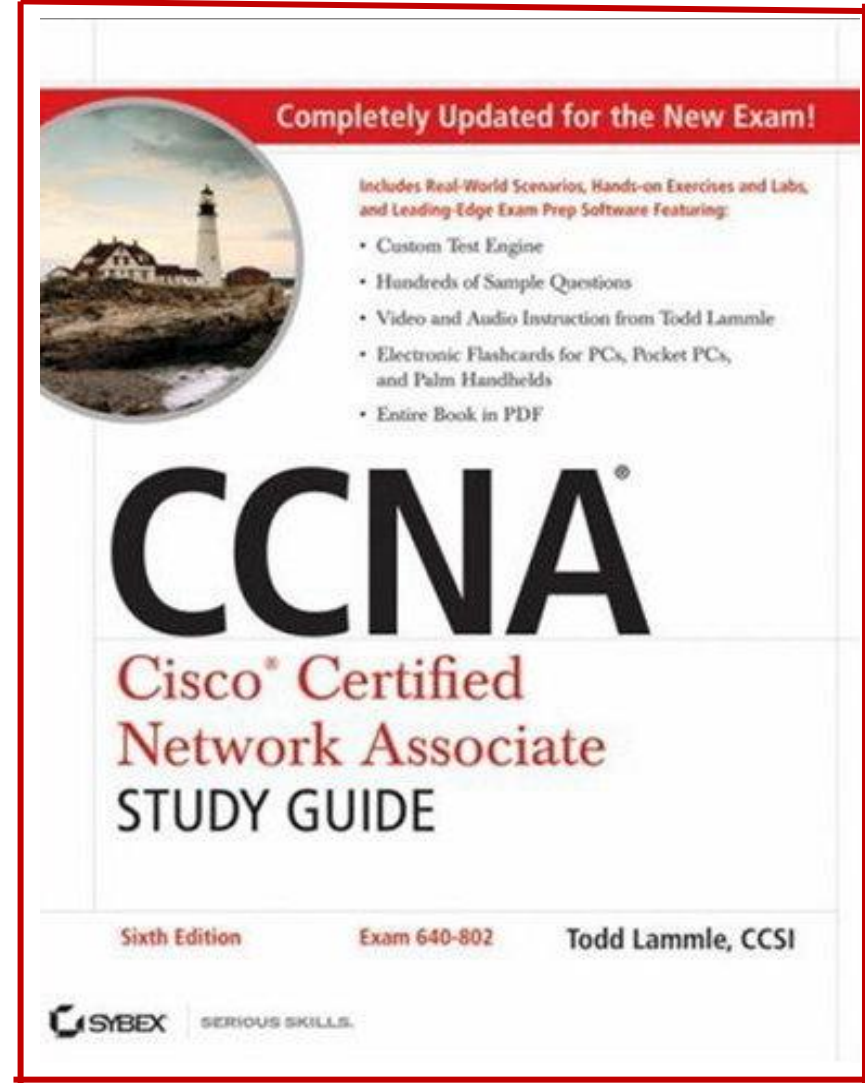
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# References

Ref 3



Ref 4





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