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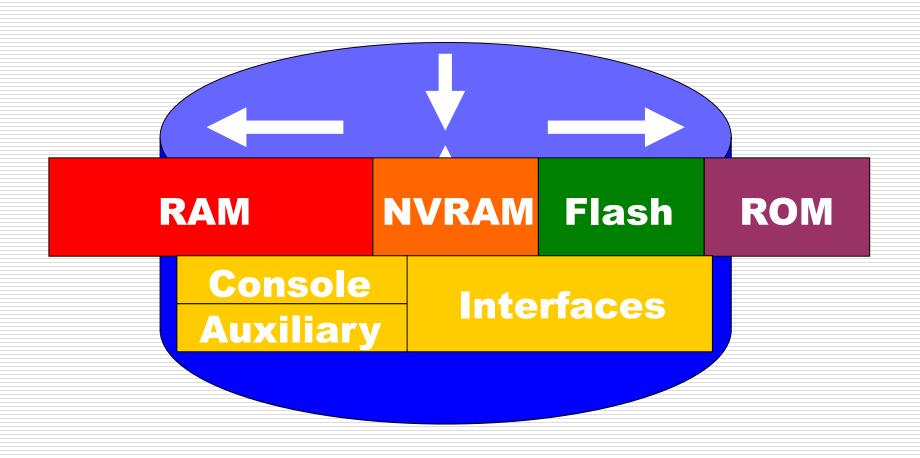


Router Basics





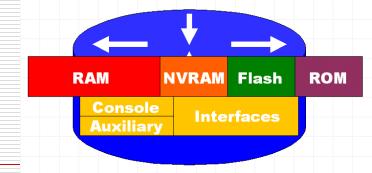
Internal Components



RAM NVRAM Flash ROM Console Auxiliary Interfaces

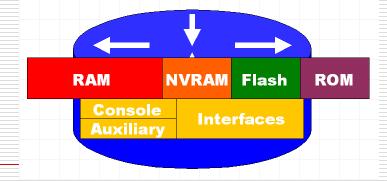
RAM

- Temporary storage for router configuration files
- RAM content is lost on power down or restart
- ☐ Stores...
 - Routing tables
 - ARP cache
 - Fast switching cache
 - Packet buffering
 - Packet hold queues



NVRAM

- Non-volatile RAM
- Stores backup/startup configuration files
- Content is <u>not</u> lost when router is powered down or restarted.



Flash

- □ EEPROM (Electronically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory)
- Holds the Cisco IOS (Internet Operating System)
- Allows updating of software without replacing the Flash chip
- Multiple versions of IOS can be stored
- Retained on power down

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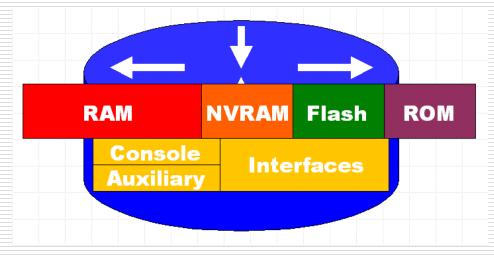
ROM

- □ Contains POST (Power On Self Test)
- A bootstrap program (loads the Cisco IOS)
- And operating system software
 - Backup, trimmed down version of the IOS
 - Upgrades require installing new chip set



Interfaces

- Network connections through which packets enter and exit the router
- Attached to the motherboard or as separate modules.





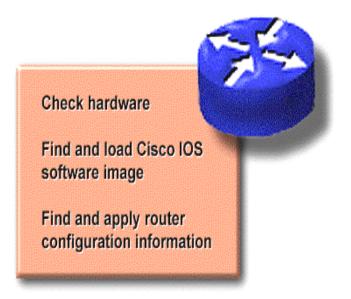
Router Startup Procedure





System Startup Procedure

Overview of System Startup



- System startup routines initiate router software
- Fallback routines provide startup alternatives as needed

- 1. Perform a power-up self
 test(POST):During this self
 test, the router executes
 diagnostics from ROM on all
 hardware modules.
- 2. Verify the basic operation of CPU, memory, and network interface ports.
- 3. Software initialization.

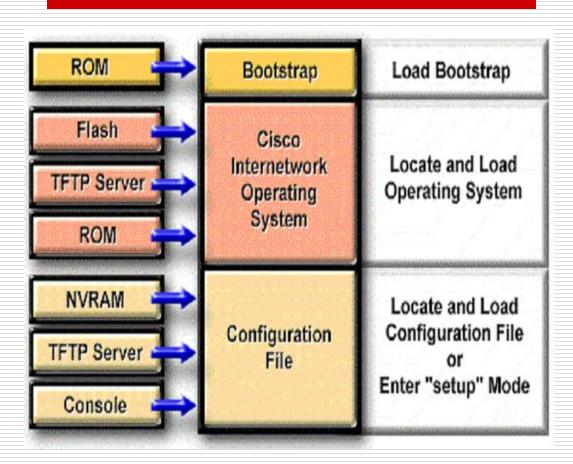


Software Startup Procedure

- Step 1 The generic bootstrap loader, in ROM, executes on the CPU card.
- Step 2 The operating system (Cisco IOS) can be found in one of several places. The location is disclosed in the boot field of the configuration register.
- Step 3 The operating system image is loaded.
- Step 4 The configuration file saved in NVRAM is loaded into main memory and executed one line at a time.
- Step 5 If no valid configuration file in NVRAM, then executes a question-driven initial configuration routine referred to as the system configuration dialog, also called the <u>setup mode</u>.



Router Startup Procedure



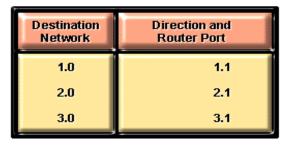
- Setup is not intended as the mode for entering complex protocol features in the router.
- You should use setup to bring up a minimal configuration, then use various configuration—mode commands, rather than setup, for most router configuration tasks



Routing



Routing Using Network Addressing





- Network portion of address used to make path selections
 Node portion of address refers to router port to the path
- A router generally relays a packet from one data link to another, using two basic functions, a *path determination* function and a *switching* function.

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- The <u>switching function</u> allows a router to accept a packet on one interface and forward it through a second interface.
- The <u>path determination</u> function enables the router to select the most appropriate interface for forwarding a packet.
- The router uses the <u>network portion</u> of the address to make path selections to pass the packet to the next router
- The <u>node portion</u> of the address is used by the the router directly connected to the destination network to deliver the packet to the correct host.



Static and Dynamic Route

Static Route

Uses a protocol route that a network administrator enters into the router

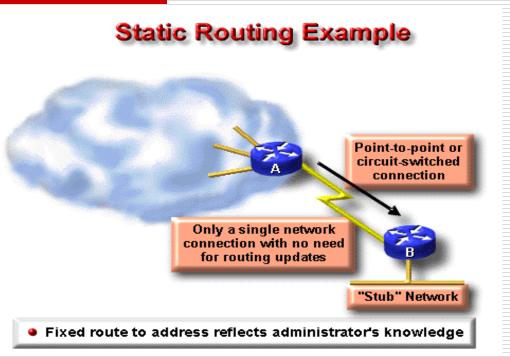
Dynamic Route

Uses a router that a network routing protocol adjusts automatically for topology or traffic changes



Static and Dynamic Route

Whereas dynamic routing tends to reveal everything known about an internetwork, for security reasons, you may want to hide parts of an internetwork.



- When a network is accessible by only one path, a static route to the network can be sufficient.
- This type of partition is called a <u>stub network</u>.



Static Route Configuration

Router(config)#

ip route network [mask] {address | interface} [distance]

Defines a path to an IP destination network or subnet

A static route allows manual configuration of the routing table.

ip route Command	Description
network	destination network or subnet
mask	subnet mask
address	IP address of the next-hop router
interface	the interface to use to get to the destination network
distance	administrative distance

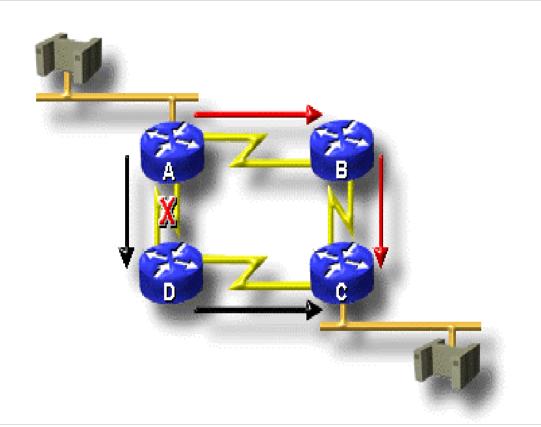


Administrative Distance

- □ The <u>administrative distance</u> is a rating of the trustworthiness of a routing information source, expressed as a numeric value from 0 to 255.
- The higher the number, the lower the trustworthiness rating.
- So the administrative distance of static routes is often low.(1 is the default)



Dynamic Routing



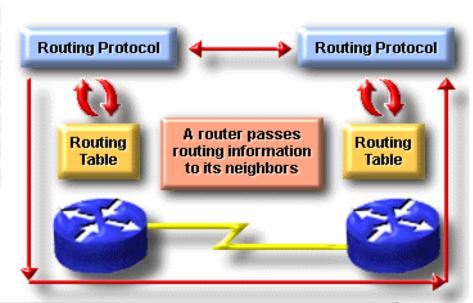
Dynamic routing protocols can also redirect traffic (or loadshare) between different paths in a network



Dynamic routing

Dynamic Routing Operations





Routing protocol maintains and distributes routing information

- Dynamic routing relies on a routing protocol to share knowledge among routers.
- The dynamic routing depends on two basic router functions:
 - maintenance of a routing table
 - distribution of knowledge to other routers



Time to Convergence

Convergence occurs when all routers use a consistent perspective of network topology

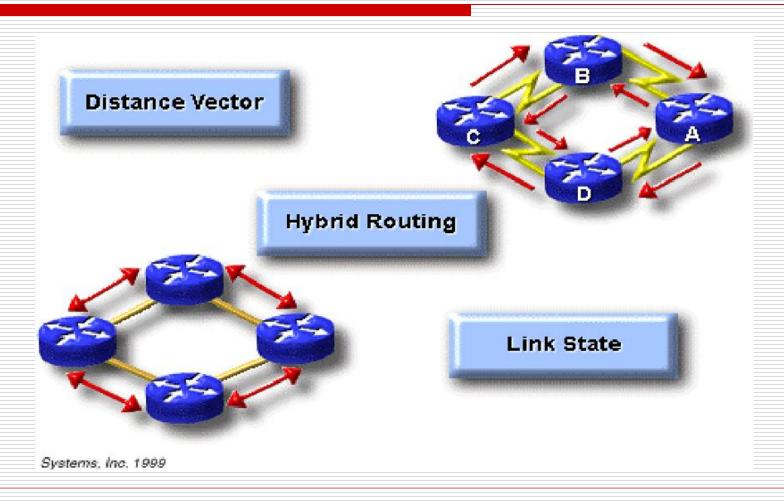
After a topology changes, routers must recompute routes, which distrupts routing

The process and time required for router reconvergence varies in routing protocols

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Classification of Routing Protocols





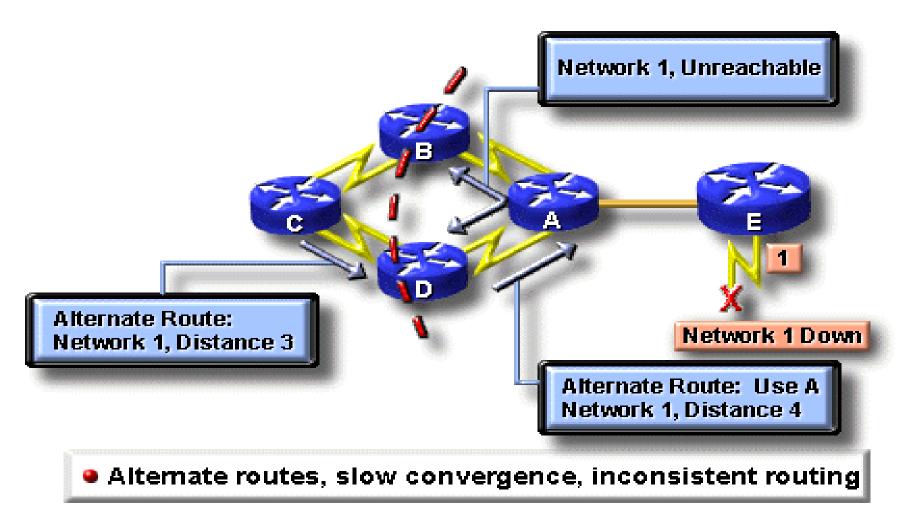
Distance-Vector Protocol

- Distance-vector algorithms do not allow a router to know the exact topology of an internetwork
- Distance-vector-based routing algorithms (also known as *Bellman-Ford algorithms*) pass periodic copies of a routing table from router to router.

Distance-Vector Concepts Routing Routina Table Table Table Pass periodic copies of routing table to neighbor routers and accumulate distance vectors

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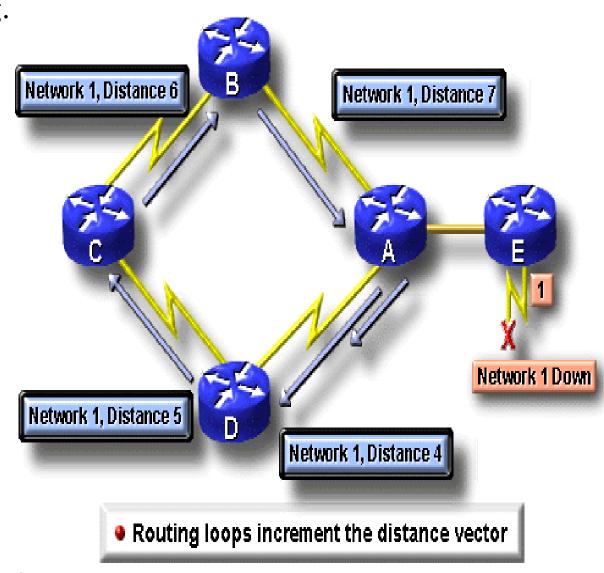
Problem: Routing Loops



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- The invalid updates of Network 1 will continue to loop until some other process stops the looping.
- This condition, called **count to infinity**, loops packets continuously around the network in spite of the fundamental fact that the destination network, Network 1, is down.
- While the routers are counting to infinity, the invalid information allows a routing loop to exist.

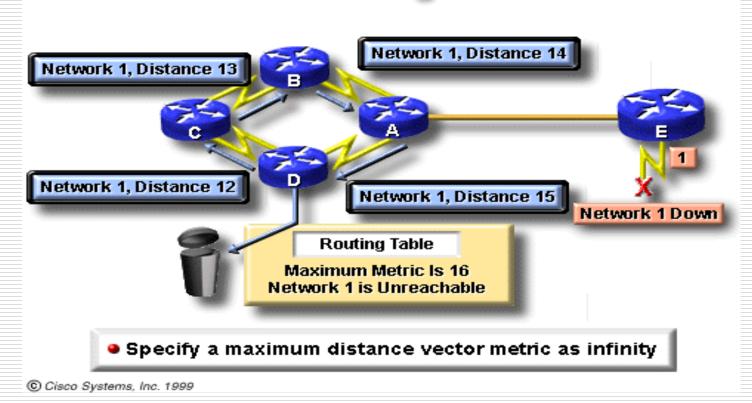
Problem: Counting to Infinity





Solution: Defining a Maximum

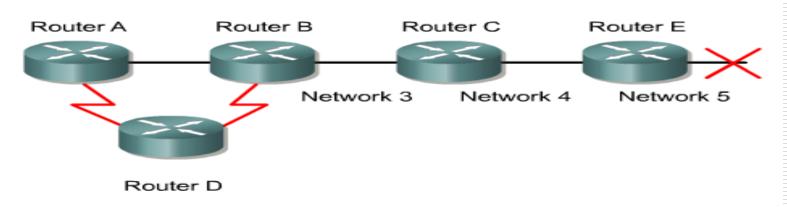
Solution: Defining a Maximum





Solution: Route Poisoning

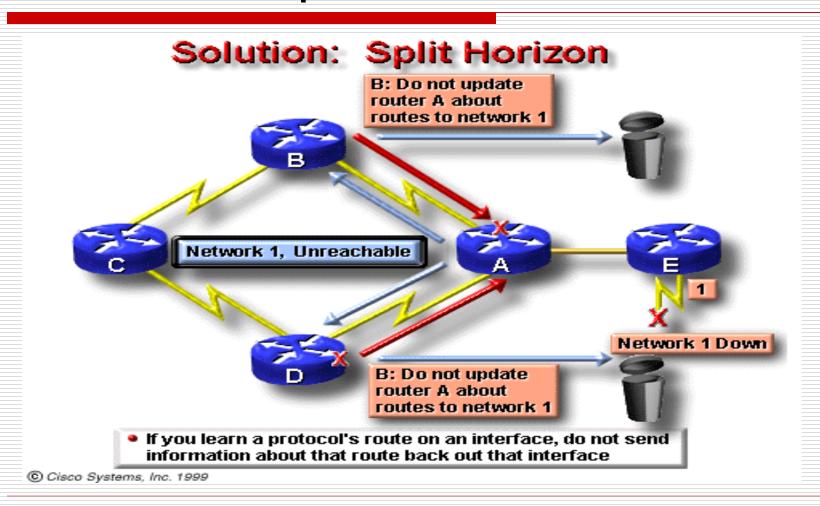
- When Network 5 goes down, Router E initiates route poisoning by making a table entry for Network 5 as 16, or unreachable.
- When Router C receives a route poisoning from Router E, it sends an update, called a poison reverse, back to Router E. This makes sure all routers on the segment have received the poisoned route information.



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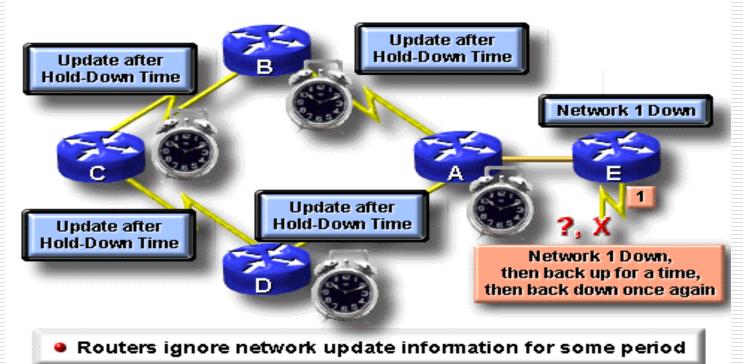
Solution: Split Horizon





Solution: Hold-Down Timers

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Prevent Sending Route update

- To prevent an interface from sending out any route update information, use the command:
 - Router(config-router)#Passive-interface f0/0
- It is valid only when using distance-vector routing protocols, because link-state routing protocols do not get the topology information directly from the routing table of its neighbors

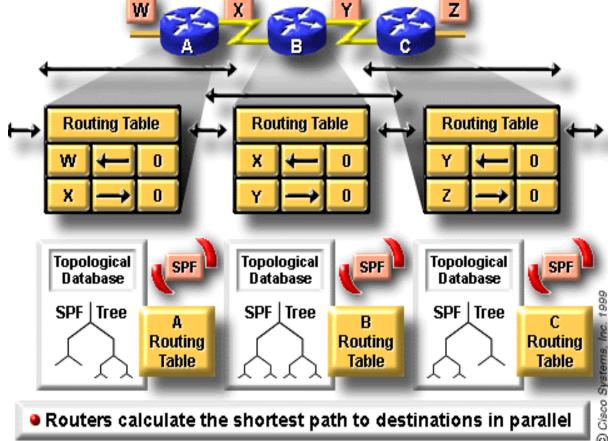


Link-state Protocol

- Link-state based routing algorithms also known as SPF (shortest path first) algorithms, maintain a complex database of topology information.
- Link-state routing uses:
 - link-state advertisements(LSAs)
 - a topological database
 - the SPF algorithm, and the resulting SPF tree
 - a routing table of paths and ports to each network
- •RFC 1583 contains a description of OSPF link-state concepts and operations.

- 1. Routers <u>exchange LSAs</u> with each other. Each router begins with directly connected networks
- 2. Each router in parallel with the others *constructs a topological database* consisting of all the LSAs from the internetwork.
- 3. The SPF algorithm computes network reachability. The router constructs this logical topology as a tree, with itself as root, consisting of all possible paths to each network in the link-state protocol internetwork. It then sorts these paths shortest path first (SPF).





4. The router lists its best paths, and the ports to these destination networks, in the routing table. It also maintains other databases of topology elements and status details.



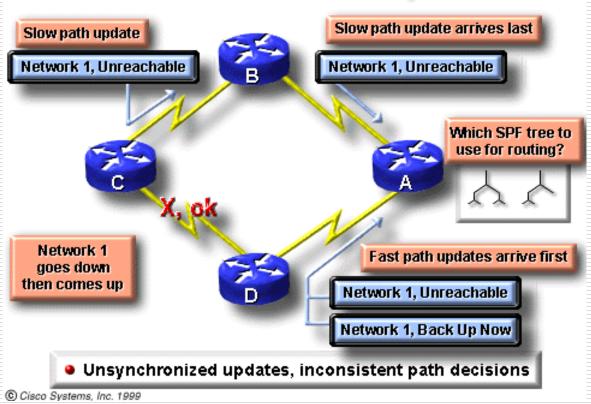
Link-state Concerns

- There are two link-state concerns:
 - Processing and memory requirements
 - Running link-state routing protocols in most situations requires that routers use more memory and perform more processing than distance-vector routing protocols.
 - **Bandwidth requirements**
 - During Initial link-state packet flooding, all routers using link-state routing protocols send LSA packets to all other routers. This action floods the internetwork as routers make their demand for bandwidth, and temporarily reduce the bandwidth available for routed traffic that carries user data.



Problem: Link-state Updates





- Link-state routing
 must make sure that all
 routers get all necessary
 LSA packets.
- Routers with different sets of LSAs calculate routes based on different topological data.



Comparing: Link-state and Distance-Vector

Distance-Vector

View network topology from neighbor's perspective

Adds distance vectors from router to router

Frequent, periodic updates: slow convergence

Passes copies of routing tables to neighbor routers

Link-State

Gets common view of entire network topology

Calculates the shortest path to other routers

Event-triggered updates: faster convergence

Passes link-state routing updates to other routers



Hybrid Protocols

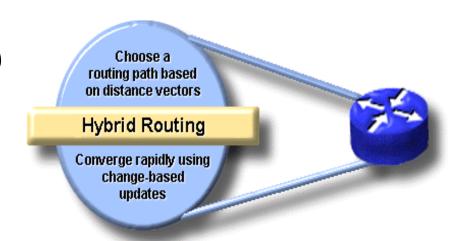
- Examples of hybrid protocols:
 - ■OSI's *IS-IS* (Intermediate

System-to-Intermediate System)

■Cisco's *EIGRP* (Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing

Protocol).

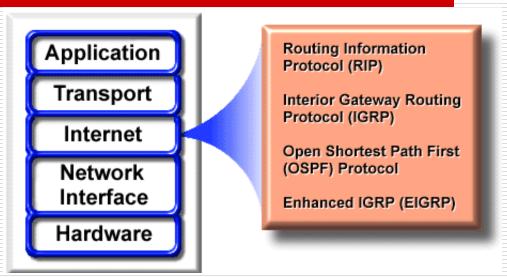
Hybrid Routing



 Share attributes of both distance-vector and link-state routing



Routing Protocols



- Examples of IP routing protocols include:
 - RIP a distance-vector routing protocol
 - IGRP Cisco's distance-vector routing protocol
 - OSPF a link-state routing protocol
 - EIGRP a balanced hybrid routing protocol



Primary Goals of Routing Protocols

- Optimal Route—pick the best route
- <u>Efficiency</u>—minimal use of bandwidth and router processor resources
- Rapid Convergence—the faster, the better. Some are quicker at converging than others.
- Flexibility—can handle a wide variety of situations such as high usage and failed routes

Dynamic Routing Configuration

Router(config)#

router protocol [keyword]

Defines an IP routing protocol

Router(config-router)#

network network-number

The network subcommand is a mandatory configuration command for each IP routing process

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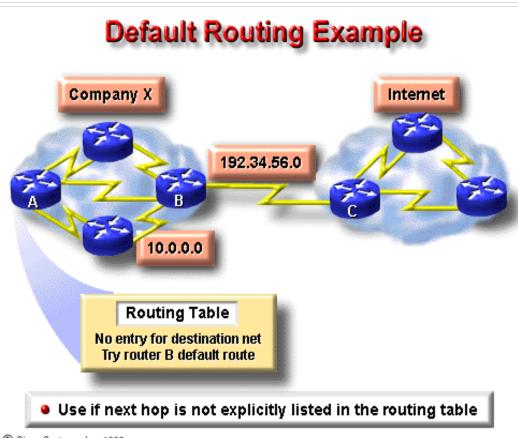
Router Commands	Description
protocol	either RIP, IGRP, OSPF, or Enhanced IGRP.
options	such as autonomous system, which is used with protocols that require it, such as IGRP

Network Command	Description
network-number	specifies a directly-connected network



Define Default Route

- Default routes keep routing tables shorter.
- When an entry for a destination network does not exist in a routing table, the packet is sent to the default network.



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Define Default Route(I)

- Define a default route using dynamic routing protocols
 - □ Router(config)# ip default-network [network-number]

ip default network Command	Description
network-number	IP network number or subnet number defined as the default



Define Default Route(II)

- ☐ Define a default route as a static route:
- □ Router(config)# ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 [next-hop-ip-address| exit-interface]
- ☐ After configure a default route, use show ip route will display: (172.16.1.2 is the default next-hop address)
 - ☐ Gateway of last resort is 172.16.1.2 to network 0.0.0.0

