**Assignment 2 - Build and Test OSPF Routed Network**

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**Network setup**

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Configurations

**Core Router** A screen shot of a computer program

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**8: Verify that each router can then ping the Loopback address on each of the other routers and that the two PCs can ping each other.**

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**11: Verify that the internet is reachable from all devices and explain the meaning of each entry in the routing table of the CoreRouter.**

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Note – on university network so using 10.226.255.1 instead of google / wider internet

**Explaining the CoreRouter routing table**

/routing ospf instance  
set [ find default=yes ] distribute-default=if-installed-as-type-1 \  
 redistribute-connected=as-type-1 router-id=10.10.10.3

This configures the distribution of the default route. It sets the default route to be distributed as an OSPF Type 1 external route, also configuring the redistribution of connected routes into OSPF as Type 1 external routes. This means that any directly connected networks will be advertised into the OSPF domain with a Type 1 external metric. (In OSPF, Type 1 external routes are typically used for routes redistributed from another routing protocol, and they have a higher administrative distance compared to Type 2 external routes.)

It also sets the router ID for the OSPF instance to the IP address 10.10.10.3 – this is used as an identifier for the OSPF router within the OSPF domain.

/routing ospf interface  
add dead-interval=5s hello-interval=1s interface=ether2  
add dead-interval=5s hello-interval=1s interface=ether3

In the OSPF interface, we add both ether2 & ether3 to the OSPF config, with the settings that the dead interval is set to 5 seconds, and the hello interval to 1 second.

The dead interval is the time a router must go without receiving a hello packet from a neighbor before considering the neighbor down/dead.

The hello interval is how often a OSPF router is to send hello packets to discover and to maintain neighbor relationships with other OSPF routers.

/routing ospf network  
add area=backbone network=10.0.3.0/24  
add area=backbone network=10.0.1.0/24

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All OSPF routers must be members of the backbone area.

**12: Explain what would happen if each router was not setup to redistribute connected networks, this was done in Step 7.**

Without distributing connected networks, routers won’t advertise the IP subnets directly connected to them into the OSPF domain, meaning that these networks would not be part of the OSPF routing tables and wouldn’t be reachable via OSPF routing. Eg. Not sharing the Clifden/Loughrea subnets.  
This also is the same for local area networks/virtual local area networks, but isolating them entirely, e.g., not sharing the engineering building / IT Building VLANs.

Routers within the OSPF domain would only have information about OSPF-learned routes and wouldn’t possess any visibility into any networks that are directly connected to other routers, potentially limiting reachability of devices/networks directly connected to one of the routers in this OSPF domain.   
Because of this, it would lead to suboptimal routing / inefficient network utilisation due to lack of knowledge on connected networks for routing decisions.

**13: Do a trace (using ICMP) from PC1-VLAN101 to PC2-VLAN202 and explain the route that is taken.**

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This is the VPC in VLAN101 in EngBuilding. It firstly goes past its switch to its VLAN gateway at the EngBuilding router (192.168.100.1). From there it goes to the ITBuilding router’s gateway which is at 10.0.2.2 for the EngBuilding - ITBuilding direct link. After that it traverses the ITBuilding switch and reaches the VLAN202 VPC at 192.168.200.254.

**14: Run a long ping (for 30 seconds) from the PC1-VLAN101 to PC2-VLAN202 and while this is running suspend the link (right click on the link to see this option) from the EngBuilding router to the ITBuilding router.**

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**15: Are any pings dropped after the link is suspended? How long does it take for the ping to work again? Redo the trace, done in Step 13, and explain the results.**

What happens is a ping is dropped and the routers realise they need to search for an alternate route if one exists. In the icmp\_sequence 7 it has discovered an alternate route, where it’s only been dropped for one ping length.

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It again firstly goes past its switch to its VLAN gateway at the EngBuilding router (192.168.100.1). Now it deviates and goes to the CoreRouter’s gateway for the EngBuilding – CoreRouter direct link at 10.0.1.2.  
From there it goes to the ITBuilding router gateway for the CoreRouter – ITBuilding link which is at 10.0.3.1. Finally, after that it traverses past the ITBuilding switch and reaches the VLAN202 VPC at 192.168.200.254.

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In this capture, we firstly got a LS Update from both EngBuilding and ITBuilding updating / probing to fully synchronize between the two routers. They both acknowledge each other’s announcement.

As detailed [here](https://www.ibm.com/docs/en/i/7.5?topic=concepts-packet-types-ospf), the router or i5/OS whose router identifier is numerically higher, assumes the primary role and the other assumes the secondary role. The primary router sends its database descriptions, one at a time. The secondary router acknowledges each one and includes in the acknowledgement its own database descriptions.  
As we see here, the 10.0.1.2 router takes the primary role and sends its own database records, where we see 10.0.1.1 acknowledge these updates.

At this point they are now fully synchronized on this link and can resume routing along it. Throughout the whole time they are keeping in contact with each other on their Hello Packets.