



- Static routes are manually configured. If a network topology changes, static routes have to be manually adjusted, which restricts the large-scale application of static routes on the live network.
- Dynamic routing protocols are widely used on live networks because of their high flexibility, high reliability, and easy scalability. The Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) protocol is a widely used dynamic routing protocol.
- This course describes basic concepts, working mechanism, and basic configurations of OSPF.

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- On completion of this course, you will be able to:
  - Describe the advantages and classification of dynamic routing protocols.
  - Describe basic OSPF concepts and usage scenarios.
  - Describe the working mechanism of OSPF.
  - Implement basic OSPF configurations.





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## **Why Are Dynamic Routing Protocol Used?**

- Static routes are manually configured and maintained, and the command lines are simple and clear. They apply to small-scale or stable networks. Static routes have the following disadvantages:
  - Unable to adapt to large-scale networks: As the number of devices increases, the configuration workload increases sharply.
  - Unable to dynamically respond to network changes: If the network topology changes, the network cannot automatically converge, and static routes must be manually modified.

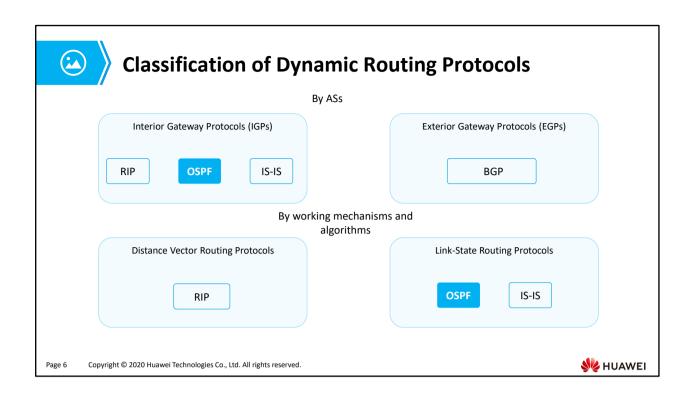


R1-to-R2 static route

Manually configured static route R1-R3-R2

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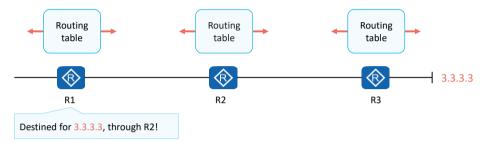


• BGP uses the path-vector algorithm, which is a modified version of the distance-vector algorithm.



## **Distance-Vector Routing Protocol**

- A router running a distance-vector routing protocol periodically floods routes. Through route exchange, each router learns routes from neighboring routers and installs the routes into its routing table.
- Each router on a network is clear only about where the destination is and how far the destination is, but unclear about the whole network topology. This is the essence of the distance-vector algorithm.

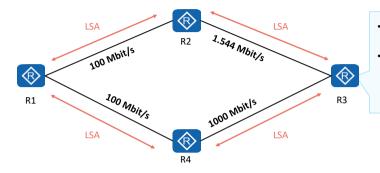






### **Link-State Routing Protocol - LSA Flooding**

• Different from a distance-vector routing protocol, a link-state routing protocol advertises link status information rather than routes in the routing table. Routers that run a link-state routing protocol establish a neighbor relationship and then exchange Link State Advertisements (LSAs).



- LSAs, instead of routes, are advertised.
- An LSA describes a router interface's status information, such as the cost of the interface and a connected interface name.

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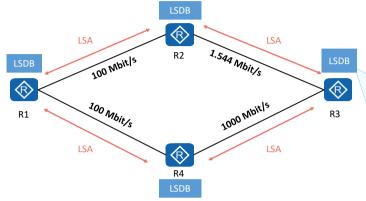


 Each router generates an LSA that describes status information about its directly connected interface. The LSA contains the interface cost and the relationship between the router and its neighboring routers.



# **Link-State Routing Protocol - LSDB Creation**

• Each router generates LSAs and adds the received LSAs to its own link state database (LSDB). Routers learn the whole network topology through the LSDB.



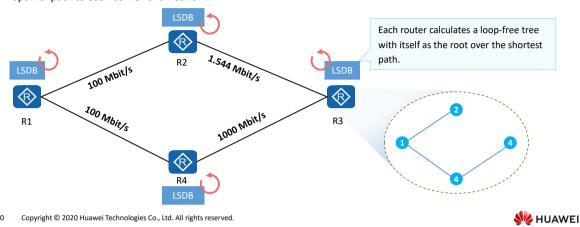
- The router stores LSAs in the LSDB.
- The LSDB contains the description of all router interfaces on the network.
- The LSDB contains the description of the entire network topology.

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### **Link-State Routing Protocol - SPF Calculation**

• Each router uses the Shortest Path First (SPF) algorithm and LSDB information to calculate routes. Each router calculates a loop-free tree with itself as the root and the shortest path. With this tree, a router determines the optimal path to each corner of a network.

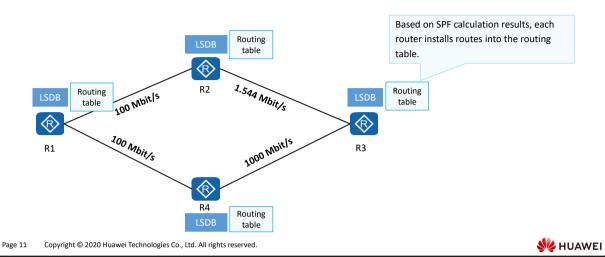


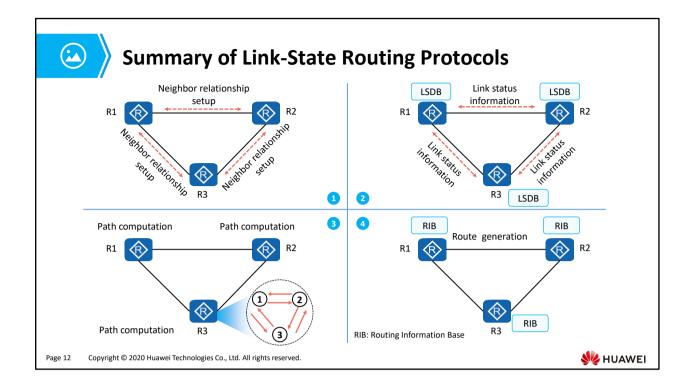
• SPF is a core algorithm of OSPF and used to select preferred routes on a complex network.



# **Link-State Routing Protocol - Routing Table Generation**

• Ultimately, the router installs routes for the calculated preferred paths into its routing table.





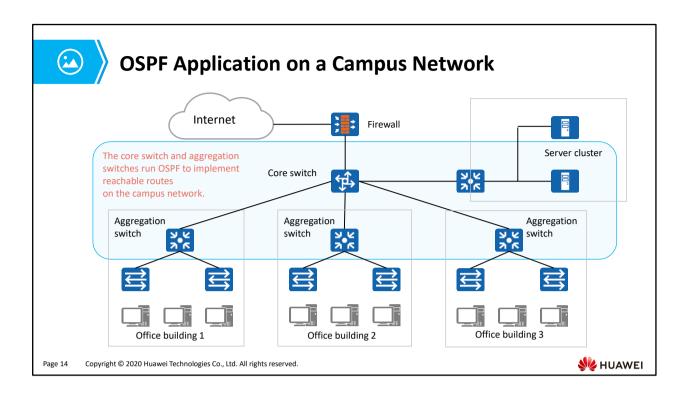
- The implementation of a link-state routing protocol is as follows:
  - Step 1: Establishes a neighbor relationship between neighboring routers.
  - Step 2: Exchanges link status information and synchronizes LSDB information between neighbors.
  - Step 3: Calculates an optimal path.
  - Step 4: Generates route entries based on the shortest path tree and loads the routing entries to the routing table.

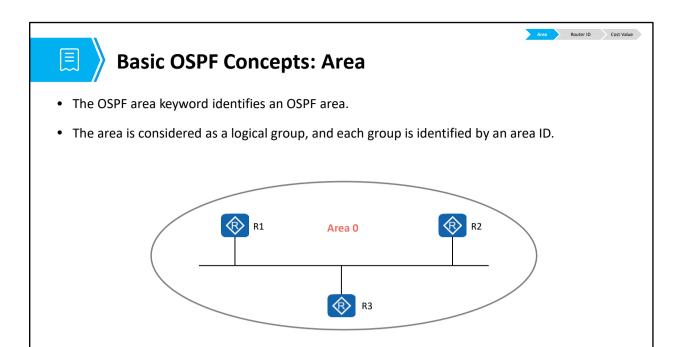


### **Introduction to OSPF**

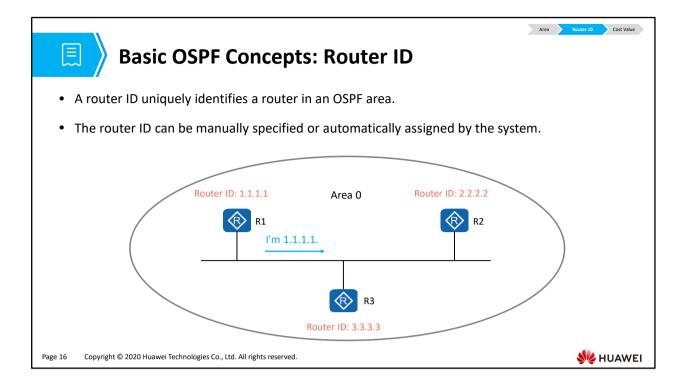
- OSPF is a typical link-state routing protocol and one of the widely used IGPs in the industry.
- OSPFv2, as defined in RFC 2328, is designed for IPv4. OSPFv3, as defined in RFC 2740, is designed for IPv6. Unless otherwise specified, OSPF in this presentation refers to OSPFv2.
- OSPF routers exchange link status information, but not routes. Link status information is key information for OSPF to perform topology and route calculation.
- An OSPF router collects link status information on a network and stores the information in the LSDB. Routers are aware of the intraarea network topology and be able to calculate loop-free paths.
- Each OSPF router uses the SPF algorithm to calculate the shortest path to a specific destination. Routers generate routes based on these paths and install the routes to the routing table.
- OSPF supports the variable length subnet mask (VLSM) mechanism and manual route summarization.
- The multi-area design enables OSPF to support a larger network.







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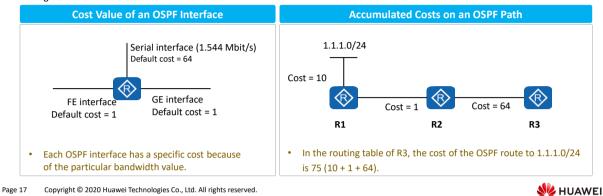
• In actual projects, OSPF router IDs are manually set for devices. Ensure that the router IDs of any two devices in an OSPF area are different. Generally, the router ID is set the same as the IP address of an interface (usually a Loopback interface) on the device.



Area Router-ID Cost Value

 Generally, the cost of an OSPF route is the sum of costs of all inbound interfaces along a path from the destination network segment to the local router.

OSPF uses costs as route metric values. Each OSPF-enabled interface maintains a cost value. Default cost value =



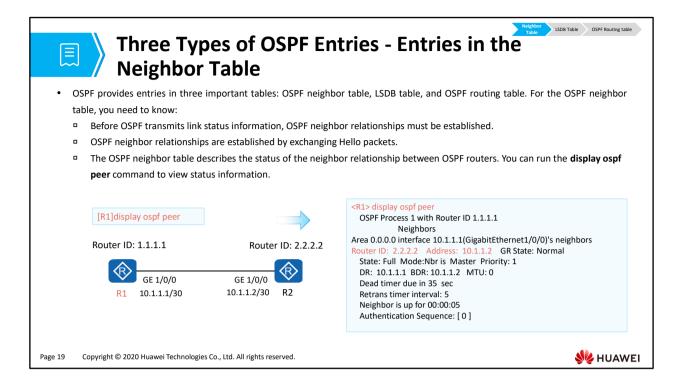


# **OSPF Packet Types**

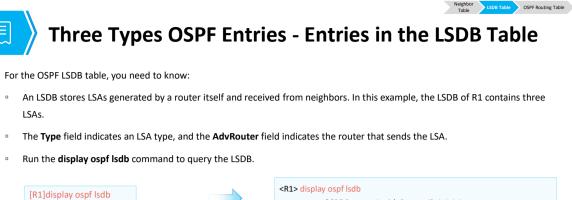
• There are five types of OSPF protocol packets and implement different functions in interaction between OSPF routers.

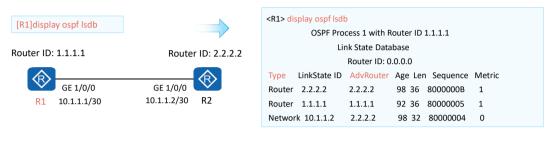
Packet Name	Function
Hello	Is periodically sent to discover and maintain OSPF neighbor relationships.
Database Description	Describes the summary of the local LSDB, which is used to synchronize the LSDBs of two devices.
Link State Request	Requests a needed LSA from a neighbor. LSRs are sent only after DD packets have been successfully exchanged.
Link State Update	Is sent to advertise a requested LSA to a neighbor.
Link State ACK	Is used to acknowledge the receipt of an LSA.





• The OSPF neighbor table contains much key information, such as router IDs and interface addresses of neighboring devices. For more details, see "OSPF Working Mechanism".





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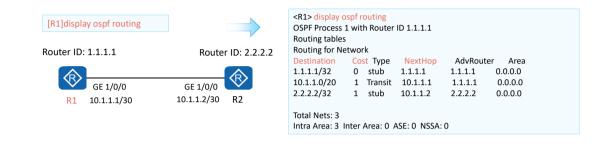


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• For more information about LSAs, see information provided in HCIP-Datacom courses.



- For the OSPF routing table, you need to know:
  - The OSPF routing table and the router routing table are different. In this example, the OSPF routing table contains three routes.
  - An OSPF routing table contains information, such as the destination IP address, cost, and next-hop IP address, which guides
    packet forwarding.
  - Run the display ospf routing command to query the OSPF routing table.



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 For more information about the OSPF routing table, see information provided in HCIP-Datacom courses.



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### **Relationships Between OSPF Routers**

- There are two important concepts about the relationship between OSPF routers: neighbor relationship and adjacency.
- On a simple network, two routers are directly connected. OSPF is enabled on interconnected interfaces. The routers start to send and listen to Hello packets. After the two routers discover each other through Hello packets, they establish a neighbor relationship.
- The establishment of a neighbor relationship is just the beginning. A series of packets, such as DD, LSR, LSU, and LSAck packets, will be exchanged later. When LSDB synchronization between two routers is complete and the two routers start to calculate routes independently, the two routers establish an adjacency.

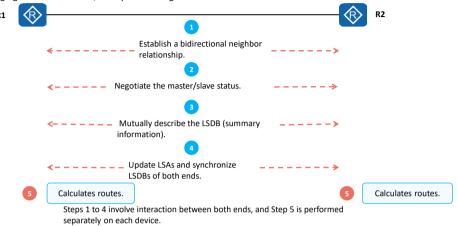
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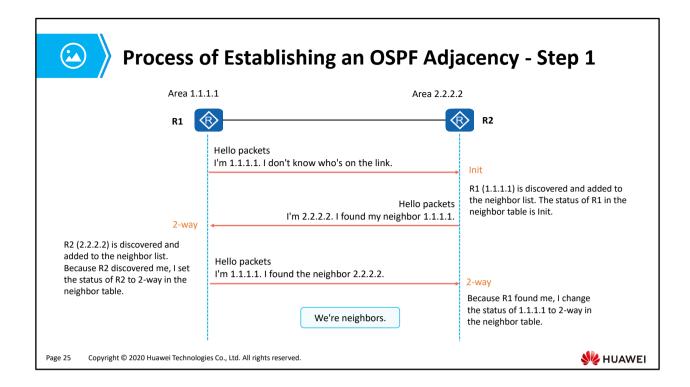


# **Process of Establishing an OSPF Adjacency Relationship**

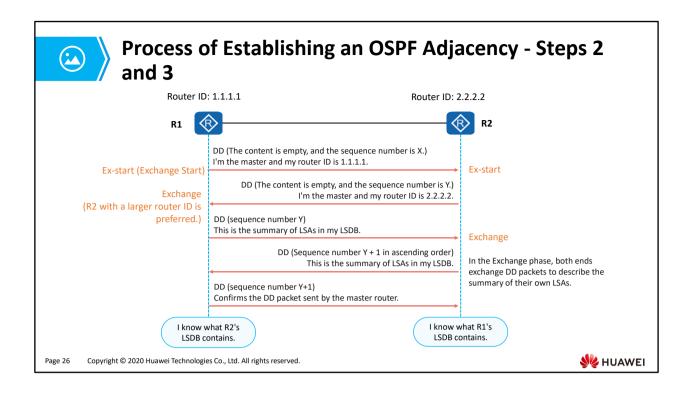
 OSPF adjacency relationship establishment involves four steps: establishing a neighbor relationship, negotiating the master/slave status, exchanging LSDB information, and synchronizing LSDBs.



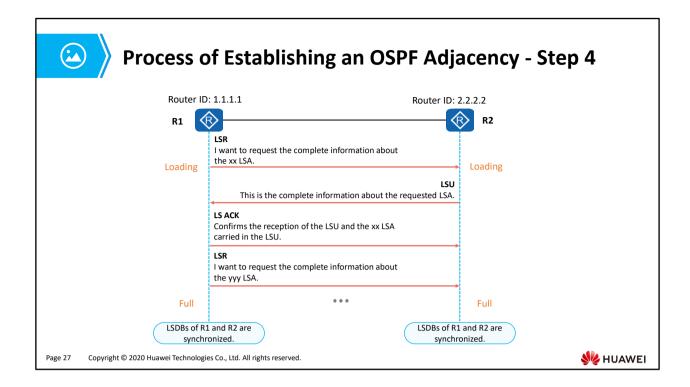




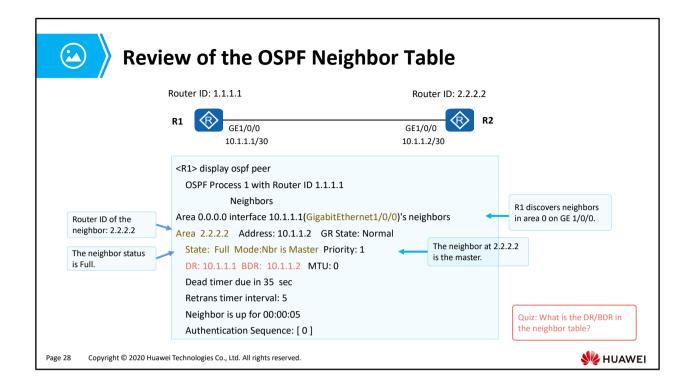
- When an OSPF router receives the first Hello packet from another router, the OSPF router changes from the Down state to the Init state.
- When an OSPF router receives a Hello packet in which the neighbor field contains its router ID, the OSPF router changes from the Init state to the 2-way state.



- After the neighbor state machine changes from 2-way to Exstart, the master/slave election starts.
  - The first DD packet sent from R1 to R2 is empty, and its sequence number is assumed to be
     X.
  - R2 also sends the first DD packet to R1. In the examples provided in this presentation, the sequence number of the first DD packet is Y.
  - The master/slave relationship is selected based on the router ID. A larger router ID indicates a higher priority. The router ID of R2 is greater than that of R1. Therefore, R2 becomes the master device. After the master/slave role negotiation is complete, R1's status changes from Exstart to Exchange.
- After the neighbor status of R1 changes to Exchange, R1 sends a new DD packet containing its own LSDB description. The sequence number of the DD packet is the same as that of R2. After R2 receives the packet, the neighbor status changes from Exstart to Exchange.
- R2 sends a new DD packet to R1. The DD packet contains the description of its own LSDB and the sequence number of the DD packet is Y + 1.
- As a backup router, R1 needs to acknowledge each DD packet sent by R2. The sequence number
  of the response packet is the same as that of the DD packet sent by R2.
- After sending the last DD packet, R1 changes the neighbor status to Loading.



- After the neighbor status changes to Loading, R1 sends an LSR to R2 to request the LSAs that are
  discovered through DD packets in the Exchange state but do not exist in the local LSDB.
- After receiving the LSU, R2 sends an LSU to R1. The LSU contains detailed information about the requested LSAs.
- After R1 receives the LSU, R1 replies with an LSAck to R2.
- During this process, R2 also sends an LSA request to R1. When the LSDBs on both ends are the same, the neighbor status changes to Full, indicating that the adjacency has been established successfully.



- Fields displayed in the display ospf peer command output are as follows:
  - OSPF Process 1 with Router ID 1.1.1.1: The local OSPF process ID is 1, and the local OSPF router ID is 1.1.1.1.
  - Area ID of the neighboring OSPF router.
  - Address: address of the neighbor interface.
  - GR State: GR status after OSPF GR is enabled. GR is an optimized function. The default value is Normal.
  - State: neighbor status. In normal cases, after LSDB synchronization is complete, the neighbor stably stays in the Full state.
  - Mode: whether the local device is the master or backup device during link status information exchange.
  - Priority: priority of the neighboring router. The priority is used for DR election.
  - DR: designated router.
  - BDR: backup designated router.
  - MTU: MTU of a neighbor interface.
  - Retrans timer interval: interval (in seconds) at which LSAs are retransmitted.
  - Authentication Sequence: authentication sequence number.



### **OSPF Network Types**

- Before learning concepts of the DR and BDR, understand OSPF network types.
- The OSPF network type is a very important interface variable. This variable affects OSPF operations on interfaces. For example, it determines how to send OSPF packets and whether to elect a DR or BDR.
- The default OSPF network type of an interface depends on the data link layer encapsulation used by the interface.
- As shown in the figure, OSPF has four network types: broadcast, NBMA, P2MP, and P2P.

Router ID: 1.1.1.1

Router ID: 2.2.2.2



[R1-GigabitEthernet1/0/0] ospf network-type?

broadcast Specify OSPF broadcast network

nbma Specify OSPF NBMA network

p2mp Specify OSPF point-to-multipoint networkp2p Specify OSPF point-to-point network

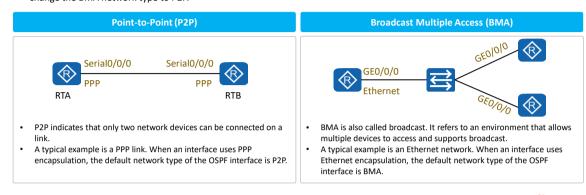
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### **OSPF Network Types (1)**

- Generally, the network types of OSPF interfaces at both ends of a link must be the same. Otherwise, the two interfaces cannot establish a neighbor relationship.
- An OSPF network type can be manually changed on an interface to adapt to different network scenarios. For example, you can change the BMA network type to P2P.







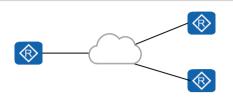
## **OSPF Network Types (2)**

#### Non-Broadcast Multiple Access (NBMA)



- NBMA refers to an environment that allows multiple network devices to access but does not support broadcast.
- A typical example is a Frame Relay (FR) network.

#### Point-to-Multipoint (P2MP)



- A P2MP network is formed by bundling endpoints of multiple P2P links.
- No link layer protocol is considered as a P2MP network by default. This type must be manually changed from another network type.
- For example, a non-full-mesh NBMA network can be changed to a P2MP network.

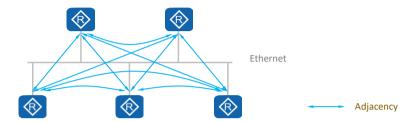
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## **Background of DR and BDR**

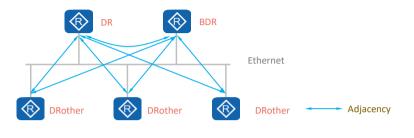
- Multi-access (MA) networks are classified into BMA and NBMA networks. Ethernet is a typical broadcast multi-access network.
- On an MA network, if each OSPF router establishes OSPF adjacencies with all the other routers, excessive OSPF adjacencies exist on the network, which increases the load on the devices and the number of OSPF packets flooded on the network.
- Once the network topology changes, LSA flooding on the network may waste bandwidth and device resources.







- To optimize OSPF neighbor relationships on an MA network, the OSPF protocol specifies three types of OSPF routers: DR, BDR, and DRother.
- Only the DR and BDR can establish adjacencies with other OSPF routers. DRothers do not establish OSPF adjacencies with one another, and their relationship is in the 2-way state.
- The BDR monitors the status of the DR and takes over the role of the DR if the existing DR fails.



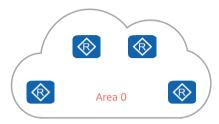
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• Election rule: The interface with a higher OSPF DR priority becomes the DR of the MA. If the priorities (default value of 1) are the same, the router (interface) with a higher OSPF router ID is elected as the DR, and the DR is non-preemption.



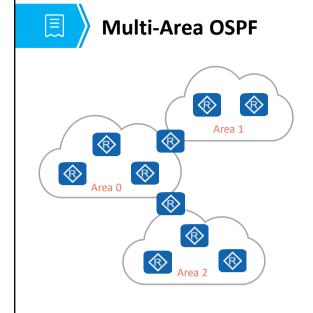
### **OSPF Domain and Single Area**



- An OSPF domain is a network that consists of a series of contiguous OSPF network devices that use the same policy.
- An OSPF router floods LSAs in the same area. To ensure that all routers have the same understanding of the network topology, LSDBs need to be synchronized within an area.
- If there is only one OSPF area, the number of OSPF routers increases with the network scale. This causes the following problems:
  - The LSDB becomes larger and larger, and the size of the OSPF routing table increases. A large number of router resources are consumed, device performance deteriorates, and data forwarding is affected.
  - It is difficult to calculate routes based on a large LSDB.
  - When the network topology changes, LSA flooding and SPF recalculation on the entire network bring heavy loads.

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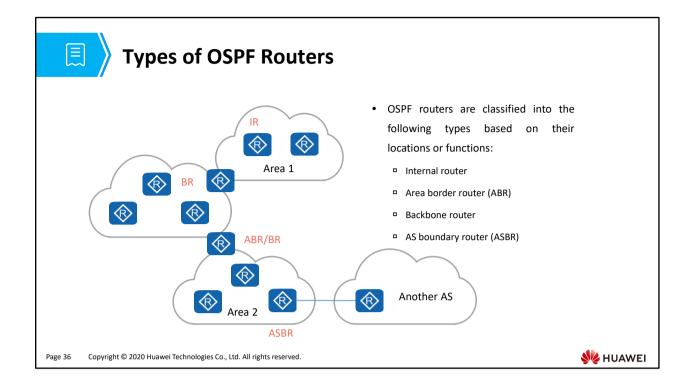




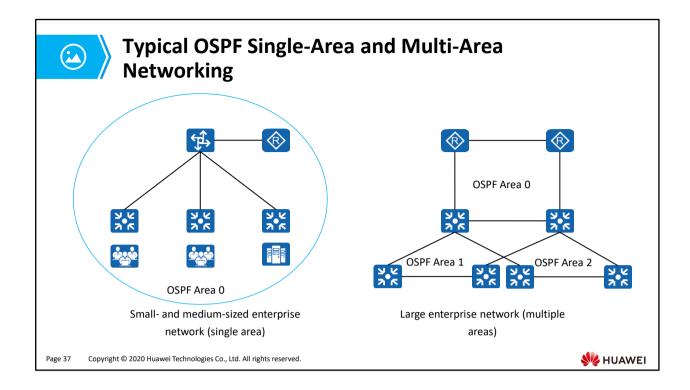
- OSPF introduces the concept of area. An OSPF domain is divided into multiple areas to support larger-scale networking.
- The OSPF multi-area design reduces the flooding scope of LSAs and effectively controls the impact of topology changes within an area, optimizing the network.
- Routes can be summarized at the area border to reduce the size of the routing table.
- Multi-area improves network scalability and facilitates large-scale network construction.



- Types of areas: Areas can be classified into backbone areas and non-backbone areas. Area 0 is a backbone area. All areas except area 0 are called non-backbone areas.
- Multi-area interconnection: To prevent inter-area loops, non-backbone areas cannot be directly connected to each other. All non-backbone areas must be connected to a backbone area.



- Internal router: All interfaces of an internal router belong to the same OSPF area.
- ABR: An interface of an ABR belongs to two or more areas, but at least one interface belongs to the backbone area.
- Backbone router: At least one interface of a backbone router belongs to the backbone area.
- ASBR: exchanges routing information with other ASs. If an OSPF router imports external routes, the router is an ASBR.



- Small- and medium-sized enterprise networks have a small scale and a limited number of routing devices. All devices can be deployed in the same OSPF area.
- A large-scale enterprise network has a large number of routing devices and is hierarchical. Therefore, OSPF multi-area deployment is recommended.



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### **Basic OSPF Configuration Commands (1)**

1. (System view) Create and run an OSPF process.

#### [Huawei] ospf [ process-id | router-id router-id ]

The process-id parameter specifies an OSPF process. The default process ID is 1. OSPF supports multiple processes. Multiple OSPF processes can separately run on the same device. The **router-id** command is used to manually specify the ID of a device. If no ID is specified, the system automatically selects the IP address of an interface as the device ID.

2. (OSPF view) Create an OSPF area and enter the OSPF area view.

[Huawei] area area-id

The area command creates an OSPF area and displays the OSPF area view.

The area-id value can be a decimal integer or in dotted decimal notation. If the value is an integer, it ranges from 0 to 4294967295.

3. (OSPF area view) Specify the interface that runs OSPF.

[Huawei-ospf-1-area-0.0.0.0] network network-address wildcard-mask

The **network** command specifies the interface that runs OSPF and the area to which the interface belongs. The *network-address* parameter specifies the network segment address of the interface. The *wildcard-mask* parameter is the wildcard of an IP address, which is equivalent to the reverse mask of the IP address (0 is converted to 1, and 1 to 0). For example, 0.0.0.255 indicates that the mask length is 24 bits.

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• A router ID is selected in the following order: The largest IP address among Loopback addresses is preferentially selected as a router ID. If no Loopback interface is configured, the largest IP address among interface addresses is selected as a router ID.



### **Basic OSPF Configuration Commands (2)**

4. (Interface view) Set an OSPF interface cost.

[Huawei-GE1/0/1] ospf cost cost

The **ospf cost** command sets a cost for an OSPF interface. By default, OSPF automatically calculates the cost of an interface based on the interface bandwidth. The cost value is an integer ranging from 1 to 65535.

5. (OSPF view) Set an OSPF bandwidth reference value.

[Huawei-ospf-1] bandwidth-reference value

The **bandwidth-reference** command sets a bandwidth reference value that is used to calculate interface costs. The value ranges from 1 to 2147483648, in Mbit/s. The default value is 100 Mbit/s.

6. (Interface view) Set the priority of an interface for DR election.

[Huawei-GigabitEthernet0/0/0] ospf dr-priority priority

The **ospf dr-priority** command sets a priority for an interface that participates in DR election. A larger value indicates a higher priority. The value ranges from 0 to 255.

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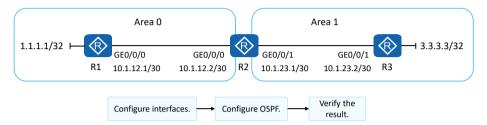




# **OSPF Configuration Example**

#### Description:

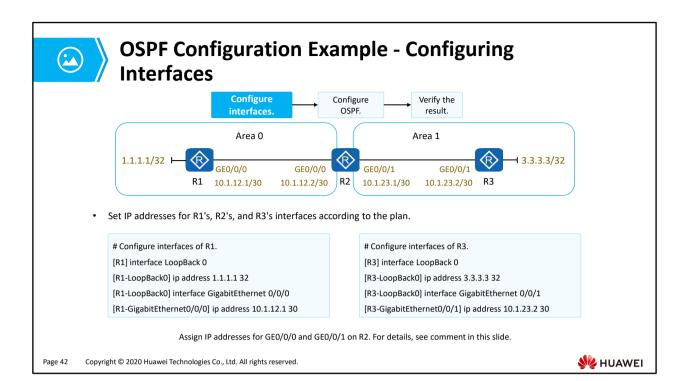
• There are three routers, R1, R2, and R3. R1 and R3 are connected to networks 1.1.1.1/32 and 3.3.3.3/32 (simulated by Loopback 0), respectively. OSPF needs to be used to implement interworking between the two networks. Detailed topology was as follows:



The configuration process consists of three steps: configuring device interfaces, configuring OSPF, and verifying the
result.

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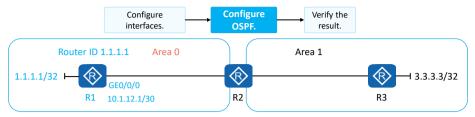




- Configure interfaces of R2.
  - [R2] interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
     [R2-GigabitEthernet0/0/0] ip address 10.1.12.2 30
     [R2-GigabitEthernet0/0/0] interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/1
     [R2-GigabitEthernet0/0/1] ip address 10.1.23.1 30



# **OSPF Configuration Example - Configuring OSPF (1)**



• Planned OSPF parameters: The OSPF process ID is 1. Router IDs of R1, R2, and R3 are 1.1.1.1, 2.2.2.2, and 3.3.3.3 respectively.

- Procedure:
  - Create and run an OSPF process.
  - Create an OSPF area and enter the OSPF area view.
  - Specify the interface that runs OSPF..

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# Configure OSPF on R1.

[R1] ospf 1 router-id 1.1.1.1

[R1-ospf-1] area 0

[R1-ospf-1-area-0.0.0.0] network 1.1.1.1 0.0.0.0

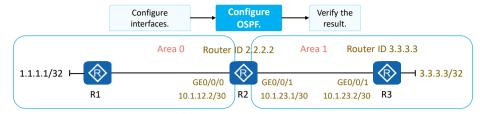
[R1-ospf-1-area-0.0.0.0] network 10.1.12.0 0.0.0.3

An inverse mask is specified here.





## **OSPF Configuration Example - Configuring OSPF (2)**



 When configuring OSPF multi-area, be sure to advertise the route destined for a network segment that responds to a specified area.

# Configure OSPF on R2.

[R2] ospf 1 router-id 2.2.2.2

[R2-ospf-1] area 0

[R2-ospf-1-area-0.0.0.0] network 10.1.12.0 0.0.0.3

[R2-ospf-1-area-0.0.0.0] area 1

[R2-ospf-1-area-0.0.0.1] network 10.1.23.0 0.0.0.3

# Configure OSPF on R3.

[R3] ospf 1 router-id 3.3.3.3

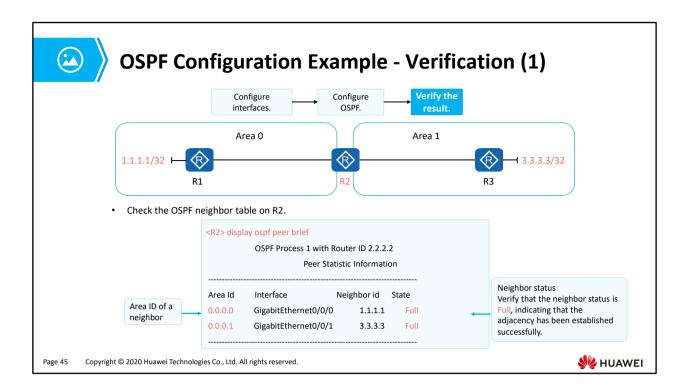
[R3-ospf-1] area 1

[R3-ospf-1-area-0.0.0.1] network 3.3.3.3 0.0.0.0

[R3-ospf-1-area-0.0.0.1] network 10.1.23.0 0.0.0.3

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## **OSPF Configuration Example - Verification (2)**

• Check the routing table on R1 and ping 3.3.3.3 from 1.1.1.1.

```
<R1>display ip routing-table
                      Route Flags: R - relay, D - download to fib
                     Routing tables: Public
                          Destinations: 10 Routes: 10
                     Destination/Mask Proto Pre Cost Flags NextHop Interface
Route to
3.3.3.3/32
                        1.1.1.1/32 Direct 0 0 D 127.0.0.1 LoopBack0
learned using
                         3.3.3.3/32 OSPF 10 2 D 10.1.12.2 GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
OSPF
                        10.1.12.0/30 Direct 0 0 D 10.1.12.1 GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
Set the source
                      <R1>ping -a 1.1.1.1 3.3.3.3
IP address to
                      PING 3.3.3.3: 56 data bytes, press CTRL_C to break
1.1.1.1 and
ping 3.3.3.3.
                       Reply from 3.3.3.3: bytes = 56 Sequence = 1 ttl = 254 time = 50 ms
```

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- 1. (Multiple) In the process of establishing OSPF neighbor relationships and adjacencies, which of the following states are stable? ( )
  - A. Exstart
  - B. Two-way
  - C. Exchange
  - D. Full
- 2. (Multiple) In which of the following situation will the establishment of adjacencies between routers be triggered?

( )

- A. Two routers on a point-to-point link
- B. DR and BDR on a broadcast network
- C. DRother and DRother on an NBMA network
- D. BDR and DRother on a broadcast network

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- 1. BD
- 2. ABD



- OSPF is a widely used routing protocol on the live network. This presentation describes basic concepts, application scenarios, and basic configurations of OSPF.
- The router ID, area, OSPF neighbor table, LSDB table, and OSPF routing table are basic OSPF concepts. Describe the establishment of OSPF neighbor relationships and adjacencies, which helps you better understand the link-state routing protocol.
- OSPF has more interesting details, such as LSA types, the SPF calculation process, and the OSPF special area. For more OSPF information, please continue your Huawei HCIP-Datacom certification courses.

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