Routing Information Protocol



Open Standard Protocol

Classful routing protocol

• Updates are broadcasted via 255.255.255.255

• Metric : Hop count

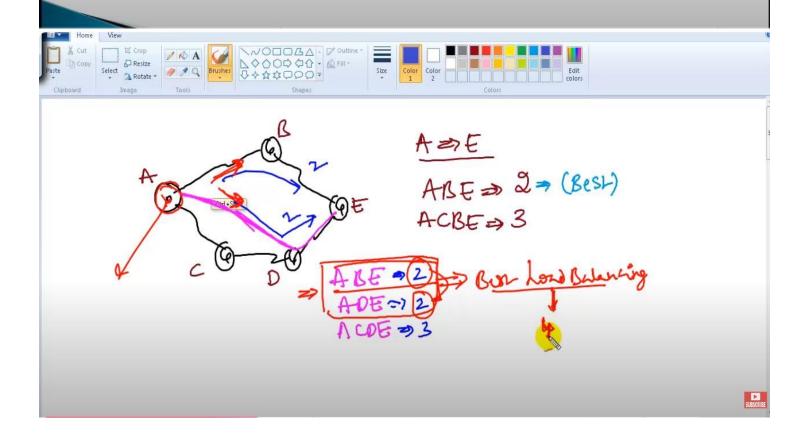
· Load Balancing of 4 equal paths

Max Hop counts: 15
Max routers: 16

· Used for small organizations

• Exchange entire routing table for every 30 second

Administrative distance is 120



Rip Timers



Update timer: 30 sec

Time between consecutive updates

Invalid timer: 180 sec

- Time a router waits to hear updates

- The route is marked unreachable if there is no update during this interval.

Flush timer: 240 sec

Time before the invalid route is purged from the routing table

Hold Down timer: 180 Sec.

 Stabilizes routing information and helps preventing routing loops during periods when the topology is converging on new information.







- Classful routing protocol
- No authentication.
- Uses broadcasts

- Classless routing protocol
- Supports authentication
- Uses multicast address 224.0.0.9.



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