Building BT Network

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Chapter 1

Introduction

In this lab, our team set out to build BT Network, a small version of Tier-2 Internet Service Provider (ISP) located at Haslegrave Building, from scratch. Despite its limitations in terms of size and Internet access, we can proudly attest that BT Network is one of the leading providers at Haslegrave Building.

BT network is a Autonomous System (AS) as a whole and the AS Number is `2030`. Its domain name is `bt.lboro` .

1.1 Network Services

Our network provides the following services to each of our individual customers.

- IP addressing with a guaranteed range of 14 host addresses allocated from `23.0.0.0/8` (IPv4) and `2001:2300::/32` (IPv6) blocks.
- Intra-domain Internet connection with Intermediate System to Intermediate System (ISIS) routing protocol.
- Inter-domain Internet connection with Border Gateway Protocol (BGP).
- A reliable Domain name System (DNS) service with duplicated servers under domain `bt.lboro`.
- A World Wide Web (WWW) service located at http://bt.lboro/ .
- Email service at `bt.lboro`.

For neighbor ISPs who is a customer in our business relationships (see Section 1.2.3), we provide the following services.

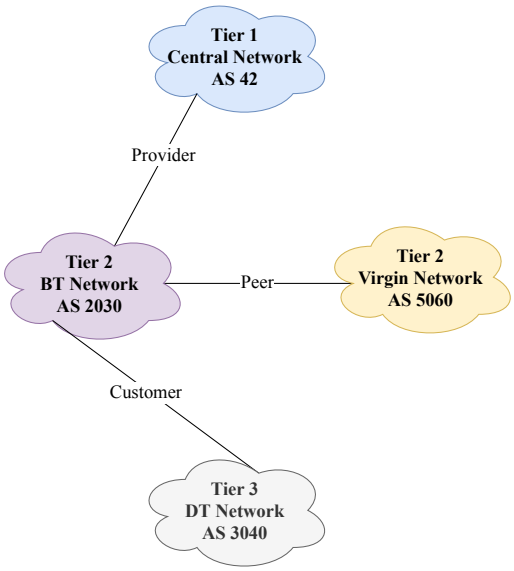

Figure 1.1: Business Relationships of BT Network with Neighbor ISPs.

- Internet connection to our domain as well as all the others'.

In addition, we provide secure remote access to our routers through Secure Shell (SSH) protocol on one of our laptops for administrative purposes.

1.2 Business Relationships with Neighbor ISPs

BT Network has three immediate neighbor ISPs and it's important to form business relationships with all three of them in order to gain economic benefits. The external routing policies of BGP protocol for each outside network are determined by the business relationship with which our network is connected to (see Section 3.2 for details). Our business relationships with neighbor ISPs are shown in Figure 1.1 and elaborated in the following.

1.2.1 Provider: Central Network

Since BT Network is a Tier-2 ISP, it need to be connected to a Tier-1 ISP to gain wider Internet connection. Therefore, BT is connected to Central Network as a customer, a Tier-1 ISP, which makes Central Network a network provider for BT.

1.2.2 Peer: Virgin Network

BT Network forms a Peer relationship with Virgin Network, which allows Virgin Network to connect to BT Network at zero cost and vice versa.

1.2.3 Customer: DT Network

BT Network forms a Provider-Customer relationship with DT Network, in which BT is the provider and DT is the customer. In other words, DT gains access to the border Internet through BT at a cost.

1.3 Roles of Network Components

There are 6 physical components in our network in total, of whcih 3 are Cisco routers and the other 3 are TOSHIBA laptops. Each component plays an important role in the network.

1.3.1 Routers

In terms of connection, each router is attached with one customer subnet and thus providing Internet service to one customer. Router 1 (BT-R001) is not physically conncted to any outside network, while Router 2 (BT-R002) is connected to DT Network and Router 3 (BT-R003) is connected to Virgin Network and Central Network through cables.

In terms of routing, all routers are Level-1 routers in intra-domain ISIS routing protocol. In BGP routing protocol, Router 1 (BT-R001) acts as an Internal BGP (IBGP) router while Router 2 (BT-R002) and Router 3 (BT-R003) act as External BGP (EBGP) routers.

1.3.2 Laptops

All laptops are running a Ubuntu 16.04 system. Each of them is connected to a customer subnet thourgh a cable. In terms of services, Laptop 1 (BT001) provides DNS service for `bt.lboro` as a secondary DNS server. It also acts as a secure SSH access point to routers for administrative purposes. Laptop 2 (BT002) doesn't provide any service and thus acts act an normal user in the network. Laptop 3 (BT003) provides a DNS service for `bt.lboro` as a primary DNS server. In addition, it provides WWW service at `http://bt.lboro` and Email service at `bt.lboro`.

1.4 Organisation of the Report

The report is organised as follows. We describe the architecture of BT Network on the network layer in Chapter 2. A Network Diagram involving all physical components and connections is drawn in the chapter. Then, IP addresses for interfaces in the network are carefully allocated and configured.

In order to allow packets to be forwarded within and outside the network, proper intra-domain and inter-domain routing protocols are set up and tested in Chapter 3.

In Chapter 4, we move up to the application layer and set up various services in the network as listed in Section 1.1.

Main conclusions drawn from the building process and possible further work are discussed in Chapter 5. At last, a summary of contributions for each group member is presented in Chapter 6.

Although the report does not necessarily reflect the actural order of steps in our building process (eg. remote SSH access was set up before BGP), readers can be assured that all results presented can be reproduced by following the natural order of the report.

To ensure readability, rationale behind important decisions made, problems we encountered and their respectively solutions, alternative ways of configurations (if any) as well as reflective commentary for each step of implementation are documented in the report.

Chapter 2

Network Architecture

2.1 Network Diagram

2.1.1 Description

A full diagram of BT network is shown in Figure 2.1. There are 3 routers in the network, whose names are BT-R001, BT-R002 and BT-R003 resepectively, connected to each other. Each connection forms a Router-Router subnet with only 2 interfaces.

On the other hand, each router is connected with a laptop separately named as BT001, BT002 and BT003 and thus forms a Router-Laptop subnet. A customer of BT Network is assigned with a Router-Laptop subnet and has a minimum of 10 host IP addresses.

To connect to neighbor ISPs, a Router-Neighbor subnet is formed for each connection. Concretely, Router 2 (BT-R002) is connected to one of DT Network's routers while Router 3 (BT-R003) is connected to one of Virgin Network's and Central Network's routers separately.

All of the above connections are through physical cables.

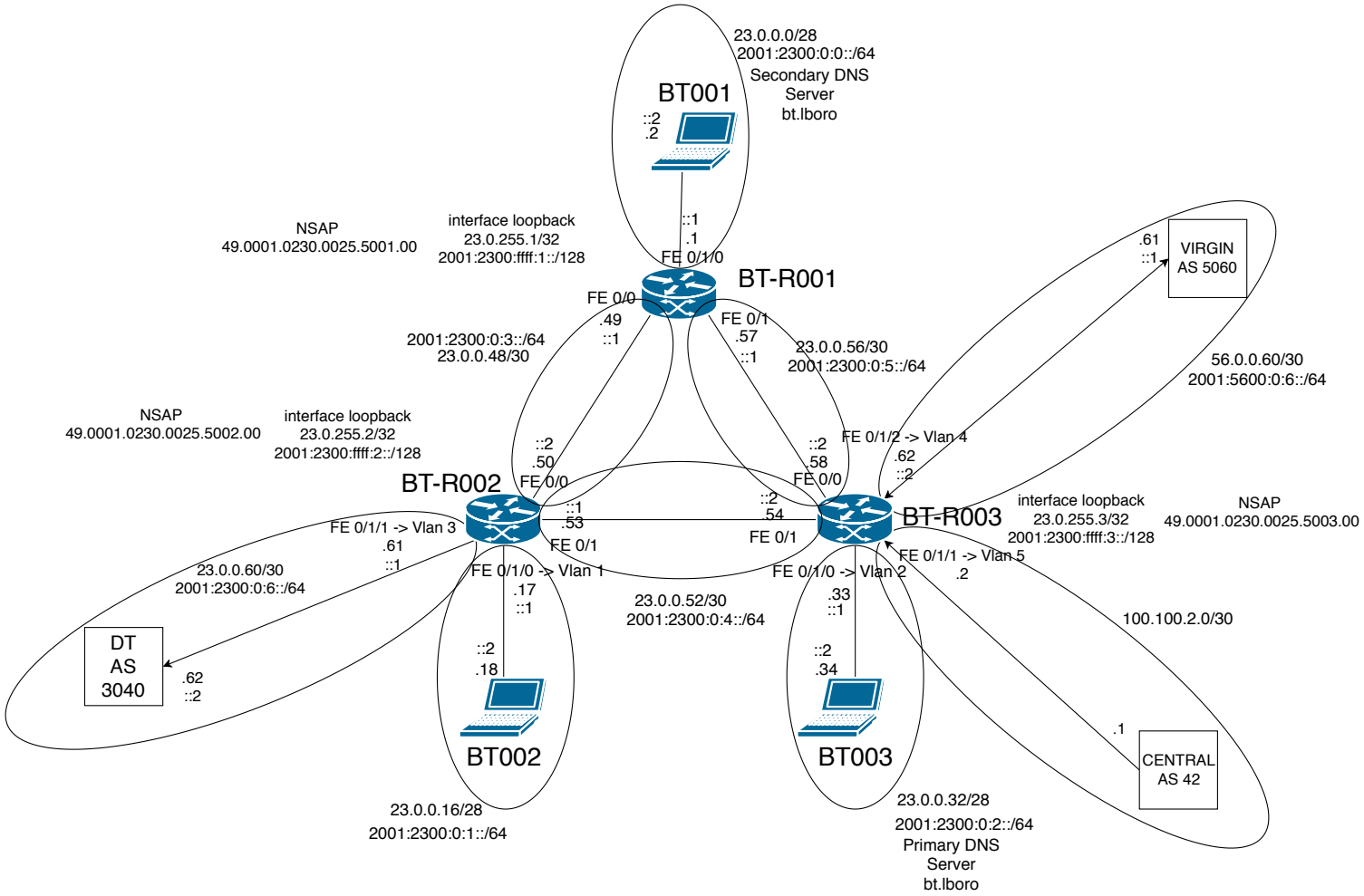

Figure 2.1: Full Network Diagram of BT Network.

2.1.2 IP Addresses and Interfaces

An IPv4 address range of `23.0.0.0/8` and IPv6 address range of `2001:2300::/32` are allocated to BT Network, which are further divided into sub-ranges to be allocated to each subnet.

For IPv4 addressing, a netmask of n is needed for a subnet that demands X host addresses, where n is an integer that satisfies $2^{32-n} - 2 \geq X$ and $n \leq 32$. For our lab, the maximum value for netmask is used in order to minimize the size of each subnet and reserve address space for future customers. However, it's also possible to use a larger value for each Router-Laptop subnet in order to maximize the size of the subnet, given that the number of customers (in this case, 3) is fixed.

In BT Network, the netmask for each Router-Router and Router-Neighbor subnet is 30 while the netmask for each Router-Laptop subnet is 28. In other words, each Router-Router and Router-Neighbor subnet has 2 guaranteed IPv4 host addresses while each Router-Laptop subnet has 14 guaranteed IPv4 host addresses. During address block allocation, larger subnet is being considered before smaller one reduce the number of block segments.

For IPv6 addressing, however, each subnet has a fixed netmask of 64 to ensure that each interface in the subnet has a unique address. The full details of IP address allocation is shown in Table 2.1.

Figure 2.2: Physical Connections within BT Network.

In terms of interfaces, there are 3 Ethernet interfaces (`FastEthernet0/0`, `FastEthernet0/1` and `FastEthernet0/1/0`) on Router 1, each of which can be assigned with an IP address. On Router 2 and 3, however, there are 6 Ethernet interfaces each and only 2 of them (`FastEthernet0/0` and `FastEthernet0/1`) can be directly assigned with IP addresses. The remaining 4 interfaces are link layer interfaces and thus does not possess any IP address. To be assigned with an IP address, such an interface need to be assigned to an Virtual LAN (VLAN) to which the address is actually assigned.

Router-Router connections are established through either `FastEthernet0/0` or `FastEthernet0/1` interfaces on both ends while Router-Laptop and Router-Neighbor are through one of the remaining interfaces on the router end. Since both interfaces are on the left-hand side of each router and such arrangement helps distinguishing between Router-Router connections and others easily as shown in Figure 2.2. Interfaces of both ends for each connection as well as their corresponding IP addresses are detailed in Table 2.2.

Subnet	IPv4 Address / Netmask	IPv4 Address Range	IPv6 Address / Netmask	IPv6 Address Range
BT-R001 - BT001	23.0.0.0/28	23.0.0.1 - 23.0.0.14	2001:2300:0:0::/64	2001:2300:0:0::1 - 2001:2300:0:0:ffff:ffff:ffff:fffe
BT-R002 - BT002	23.0.0.16/28	23.0.0.17 - 23.0.0.30	2001:2300:0:1::/64	2001:2300:0:1::1 - 2001:2300:0:1:ffff:ffff:ffff:fffe
BT-R003 - BT003	23.0.0.32/28	23.0.0.33 - 23.0.0.62	2001:2300:0:2::/64	2001:2300:0:2::1 - 2001:2300:0:2:ffff:ffff:ffff:fffe
BT-R001 - BT-R002	23.0.0.48/30	23.0.0.49 - 23.0.0.50	2001:2300:0:3::/64	2001:2300:0:3::1 - 2001:2300:0:3:ffff:ffff:ffff:fffe
BT-R002 - BT-R003	23.0.0.52/30	23.0.0.53 - 23.0.0.54	2001:2300:0:4::/64	2001:2300:0:4::1 - 2001:2300:0:4:ffff:ffff:ffff:fffe
BT-R001 - BT-R003	23.0.0.56/30	23.0.0.57 - 23.0.0.58	2001:2300:0:5::/64	2001:2300:0:5::1 - 2001:2300:0:5:ffff:ffff:ffff:fffe
BT-R002 - DT	23.0.0.60/30	23.0.0.61 - 23.0.0.62	2001:2300:0:6::/64	2001:2300:0:6::1 - 2001:2300:0:6:ffff:ffff:ffff:fffe
BT-R003 - Virgin	56.0.0.60/30	56.0.0.61 - 56.0.0.62	2001:5600:0:6::/64	2001:5600:0:6::1 - 2001:5600:0:6:ffff:ffff:ffff:fffe
BT-R003 - Central	100.100.2.0/30	100.100.2.1 - 100.100.2.2		

Table 2.1: Allocation of IPv4 and IPv6 Addresses to Subnets in BT Network.

Connection	Interface 1	IPv4 Address	IPv6 Address	Interface 2	IPv4 Address	IPv6 Address
BT-R001 - BT001	BT-R001: FastEthernet0/1/0	23.0.0.1	2001:2300:0:0::1	BT001: eth0	23.0.0.2	2001:2300:0:0::2
BT-R002 - BT002	BT-R002: FastEthernet0/1/0 -> Vlan 1	23.0.0.17	2001:2300:0:1::1	BT002: eth0	23.0.0.18	2001:2300:0:1::2
BT-R003 - BT003	BT-R003: FastEthernet0/1/0 -> Vlan 2	23.0.0.33	2001:2300:0:2::1	BT003: eth0	23.0.0.34	2001:2300:0:2::2
BT-R001 - BT-R002	BT-R001: FastEthernet0/0	23.0.0.49	2001:2300:0:3::1	BT-R002: FastEthernet0/0	23.0.0.50	2001:2300:0:3::2
BT-R002 - BT-R003	BT-R002: FastEthernet0/1	23.0.0.53	2001:2300:0:4::1	BT-R003: FastEthernet0/1	23.0.0.54	2001:2300:0:4::2
BT-R001 - BT-R003	BT-R001: FastEthernet0/1	23.0.0.57	2001:2300:0:5::1	BT-R003: FastEthernet0/0	23.0.0.58	2001:2300:0:5::2
BT-R002 - DT	BT-R002: FastEthernet0/1/1 -> Vlan 3	23.0.0.61	2001:2300:0:6::1	DT	23.0.0.62	2001:2300:0:6::2
BT-R003 - Virgin	BT-R003: FastEthernet0/1/2 -> Vlan 4	56.0.0.62	2001:5600:0:6::2	Virgin	56.0.0.61	2001:5600:0:6::1
BT-R003 - Central	BT-R003: FastEthernet0/1/1 -> Vlan 5	100.100.2.2		Central	100.100.2.1	

Table 2.2: Interfaces for Each Physical Connection and Corresponding IPv4 and IPv6 Addresses.

2.2 IP Addresses of Interfaces

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3.1 Intra-domain Routing Protocol: ISIS

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3.1.2 Implementation

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3.2.1 Design

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Chapter 4

Applications in the Network

4.1 Secure Remote Access to Routers through SSH

4.1.1 Design

Accessing the routers through the physical "console" port is inconvenient and dangerous. Thus, remote acess through Secure Shell (SSH) protocol to routers is needed.

In BT network, remote SSH access is enabled on all 3 routers. Seperate combinations of username and password on each router are used to ensure the independence of security of each router.

In addition, SSH public key authentication is set up on Laptop 1 (BT001), which allows the root user on the laptop to login in to all routers without entering passwords.

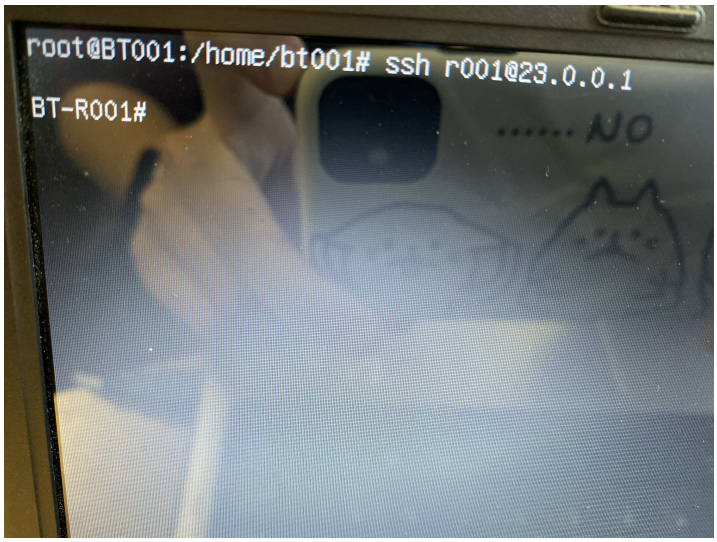
4.1.2 Implementation

We first set up Remote SSH access was first set up as instructed in Reference Guide on all 3 routers. Below is the configuration commands for Router 1 (BT-R001).

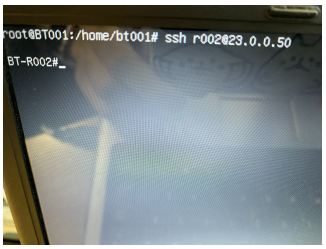
```
hostname BT-R001
ip domain name bt.lboro
username r001 priv 15 secret <secret>
line vty 0 4
transport input ssh telnet
login local

ip ssh version 2
crypto key generate rsa general-keys
ip ssh dh min size 4096
```

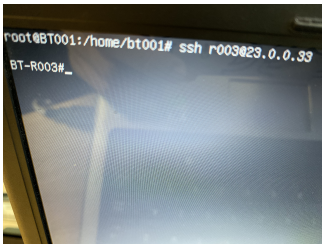
We then generate a pair of public and private keys on Laptop 1 (BT001).



(a) Router 1 (BT-R001)



(b) Router 2 (BT-R002)



(c) Router 3 (BT-R003)

Figure 4.1: Sucessful remote SSH access to all 3 routers from Laptop 1 (BT001).

```
ssh-keygen
```

After that, the pair of keys is written into files `~/.ssh/id_rsa` and `~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub` . We use the generated public key (`id_rsa.pub`) to set up SSH public key authentication on all 3 routers.

```
ip ssh pubkey-chain
username r001
key-string
```

4.1.3 Evaluation

Once remote SSH access is set up on 3 routers, one should be able to access them on Laptop 1 (BT001) without entering the password using the following commands.

```
# access Router 1
ssh r001@23.0.0.1
# access Router 2
ssh r002@23.0.0.50
# access Router 3
ssh r003@23.0.0.33
```

Screenshots of successful remote access to all 3 routers are shown in Figure 4.1.

4.1.4 Commentary

4.1.4.1 Problem: Maximum Limit of Characters per Line

When we tried to set up SSH public key authentication on routers, we failed at our initial attempt. It turned out that Cisco router has maximum limit of characters for each command line. Thus, a public key in a single long line was not accepted by the router.

To solve this problem, `fold` command is used to split the public key into multiple lines before re-uploading the key and SSH public key authentication was successfully set up on the router.

4.2 World Wide Web Service

4.2.1 Design

4.2.2 Implementation

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4.3 Domain Name System Service

4.3.1 Design

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4.4.2 Implementation

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