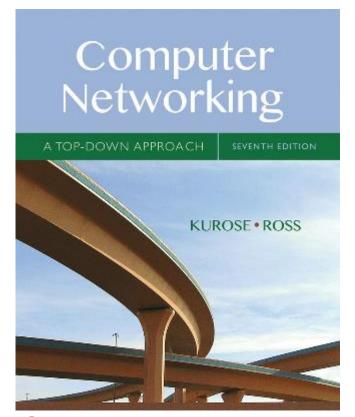
Chapter 5 Network Layer: The Control Plane



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Chapter 5: network layer control plane

chapter goals: understand principles behind network control plane

- traditional routing algorithms
- SDN controlllers
- Internet Control Message Protocol
- network management

and their instantiation, implementation in the Internet:

 OSPF, BGP, OpenFlow, ODL and ONOS controllers, ICMP, SNMP

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Network-layer functions

Recall: two network-layer functions:

- forwarding: move packets from router's input to appropriate router output
- data plane
- routing: determine route taken by packets from source to destination

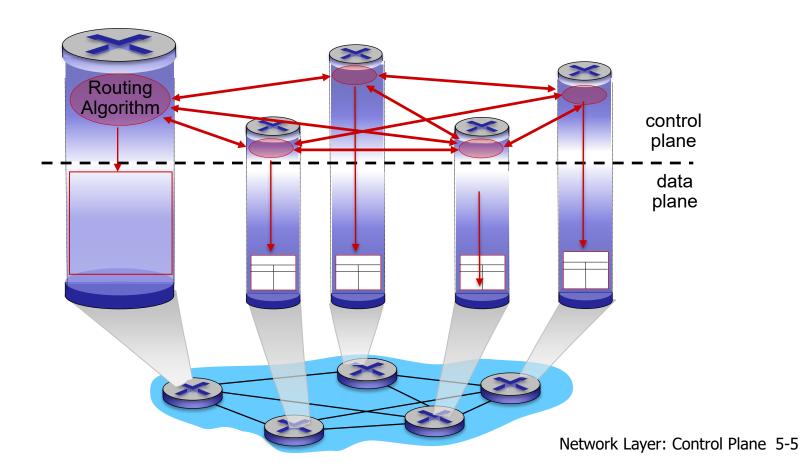
control plane

Two approaches to structuring network control plane:

- per-router control (traditional)
- logically centralized control (software defined networking)

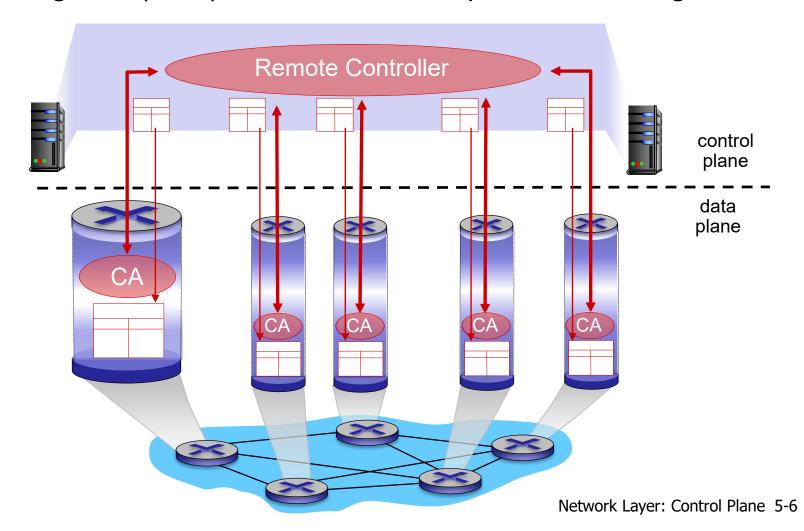
Per-router control plane

Individual routing algorithm components in each and every router interact with each other in control plane to compute forwarding tables



Logically centralized control plane

A distinct (typically remote) controller interacts with local control agents (CAs) in routers to compute forwarding tables



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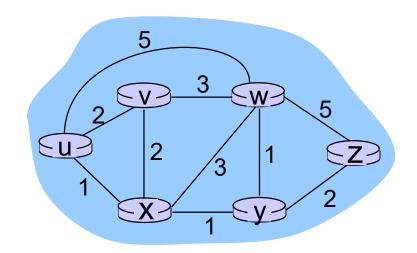
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Routing protocols

Routing protocol goal: determine "good" paths (equivalently, routes), from sending hosts to receiving host, through network of routers

- path: sequence of routers packets will traverse in going from given initial source host to given final destination host
- "good": least "cost", "fastest", "least congested"
- routing: a "top-10" networking challenge!

Graph abstraction of the network



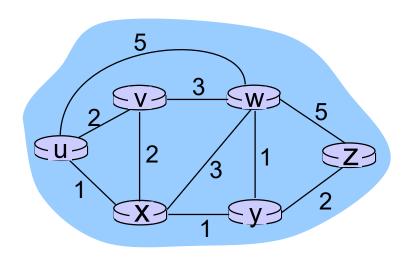
graph: G = (N,E)

 $N = set of routers = \{ u, v, w, x, y, z \}$

 $E = \text{set of links} = \{ (u,v), (u,x), (v,x), (v,w), (x,w), (x,y), (w,y), (w,z), (y,z) \}$

aside: graph abstraction is useful in other network contexts, e.g., P2P, where N is set of peers and E is set of TCP connections

Graph abstraction: costs



$$c(x,x') = cost of link (x,x')$$

e.g., $c(w,z) = 5$

cost could always be 1, or inversely related to bandwidth, or inversely related to congestion

cost of path
$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_p) = c(x_1, x_2) + c(x_2, x_3) + ... + c(x_{p-1}, x_p)$$

key question: what is the least-cost path between u and z? routing algorithm: algorithm that finds that least cost path

Routing algorithm classification

Q: global or decentralized information?

global:

- all routers have complete topology, link cost info
- "link state" algorithms

decentralized:

- router knows physicallyconnected neighbors, link costs to neighbors
- iterative process of computation, exchange of info with neighbors
- "distance vector" algorithms

Q: static or dynamic?

static:

routes change slowly over time

dynamic:

- routes change more quickly
 - periodic update
 - in response to link cost changes

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A link-state routing algorithm

Dijkstra's algorithm

- net topology, link costs known to all nodes
 - accomplished via "link state broadcast"
 - all nodes have same info
- computes least cost paths from one node ("source") to all other nodes
 - gives forwarding table for that node
- iterative: after k iterations, know least cost path to k dest.'s

notation:

- C(X,y): link cost from node x to y; = ∞ if not direct neighbors
- D(V): current value of cost of path from source to dest. v
- p(V): predecessor node along path from source to
- N': set of nodes whose least cost path definitively known

Dijsktra's algorithm

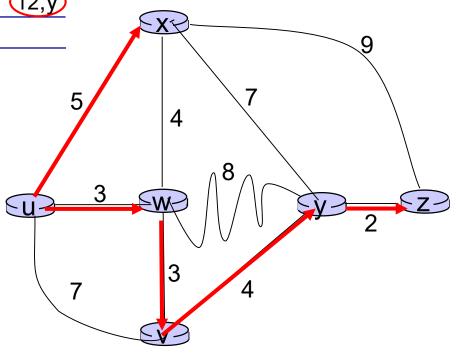
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Initialization:
   N' = \{u\}
   for all nodes v
     if v adjacent to u
       then D(v) = c(u,v)
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     else D(v) = \infty
   Loop
    find w not in N' such that D(w) is a minimum
10 add w to N'
    update D(v) for all v adjacent to w and not in N':
       D(v) = \min(D(v), D(w) + c(w,v))
13 /* new cost to v is either old cost to v or known
     shortest path cost to w plus cost from w to v */
15 until all nodes in N'
```

Dijkstra's algorithm: example

| | | $D(\mathbf{v})$ | D(w) | D(x) | D(y) | D(z) |
|------|--------|-----------------|------|------|------|-------------|
| Step | o N' | p(v) | p(w) | p(x) | p(y) | p(z) |
| 0 | u | 7,u | 3,u | 5,u | ∞ | ∞ |
| 1 | uw | 6,w | | 5,u | 11,W | ∞ |
| 2 | uwx | 6,w | | | 11,W | 14,x |
| 3 | uwxv | | | | 10,V | 14,x |
| 4 | uwxvy | | | | | 12,y |
| 5 | UWXVYZ | | | | | |

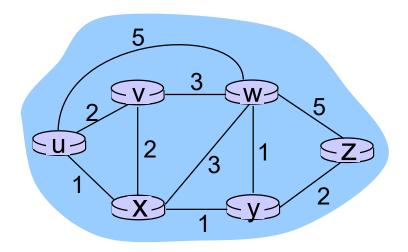
notes:

- construct shortest path tree by tracing predecessor nodes
- ties can exist (can be broken arbitrarily)



Dijkstra's algorithm: another example

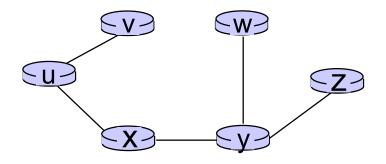
| St | ер | N' | D(v),p(v) | D(w),p(w) | D(x),p(x) | D(y),p(y) | D(z),p(z) |
|----|----|--------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 0 | u | 2,u | 5,u | 1,u | ∞ | ∞ |
| | 1 | ux ← | 2,u | 4,x | | 2,x | ∞ |
| | 2 | uxy <mark>←</mark> | 2, u | 3,y | | | 4,y |
| | 3 | uxyv 🗸 | | 3,y | | | 4,y |
| | 4 | uxyvw ← | | | | | 4,y |
| | 5 | uxyvwz 🗲 | | | | | |



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Dijkstra's algorithm: example (2)

resulting shortest-path tree from u:



resulting forwarding table in u:

| destination | link | | |
|-------------|-------|--|--|
| V | (u,v) | | |
| X | (u,x) | | |
| У | (u,x) | | |
| W | (u,x) | | |
| Z | (u,x) | | |

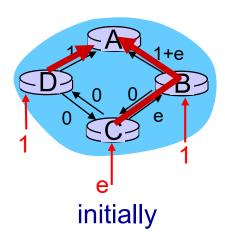
Dijkstra's algorithm, discussion

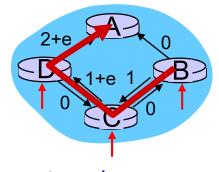
algorithm complexity: n nodes

- each iteration: need to check all nodes, w, not in N
- n(n+1)/2 comparisons: $O(n^2)$
- more efficient implementations possible: O(nlogn)

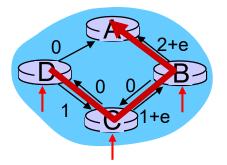
oscillations possible:

e.g., support link cost equals amount of carried traffic:

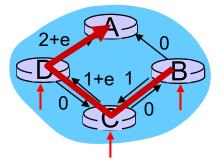




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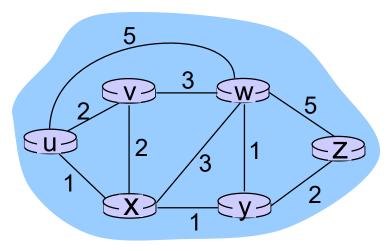
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Bellman-Ford equation (dynamic programming)

```
let
  d_{x}(y) := cost of least-cost path from x to y
then
  d_{x}(y) = \min \{c(x,v) + d_{v}(y)\}
                             cost from neighbor v to destination y
                    cost to neighbor v
            min taken over all neighbors v of x
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Bellman-Ford example



clearly,
$$d_v(z) = 5$$
, $d_x(z) = 3$, $d_w(z) = 3$

B-F equation says:

$$d_{u}(z) = \min \{ c(u,v) + d_{v}(z), \\ c(u,x) + d_{x}(z), \\ c(u,w) + d_{w}(z) \}$$

$$= \min \{ 2 + 5, \\ 1 + 3, \\ 5 + 3 \} = 4$$

node achieving minimum is next hop in shortest path, used in forwarding table

- $D_x(y)$ = estimate of least cost from x to y
 - x maintains distance vector $\mathbf{D}_{x} = [\mathbf{D}_{x}(y): y \in \mathbb{N}]$
- node x:
 - knows cost to each neighbor v: c(x,v)
 - maintains its neighbors' distance vectors. For each neighbor v, x maintains

$$\mathbf{D}_{\mathsf{v}} = [\mathsf{D}_{\mathsf{v}}(\mathsf{y}): \mathsf{y} \in \mathsf{N}]$$

key idea:

- from time-to-time, each node sends its own distance vector estimate to neighbors
- when x receives new DV estimate from neighbor, it updates its own DV using B-F equation:

$$D_x(y) \leftarrow \min_{v} \{c(x,v) + D_v(y)\}$$
 for each node $y \in N$

* under minor, natural conditions, the estimate $D_x(y)$ converge to the actual least cost $d_x(y)$

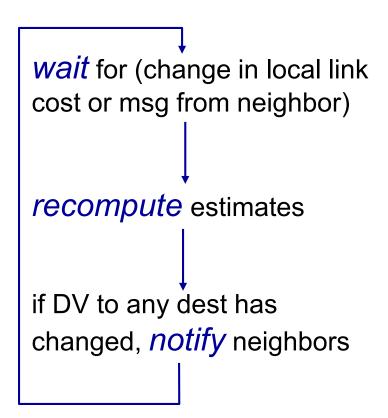
iterative, asynchronous: each local iteration caused by:

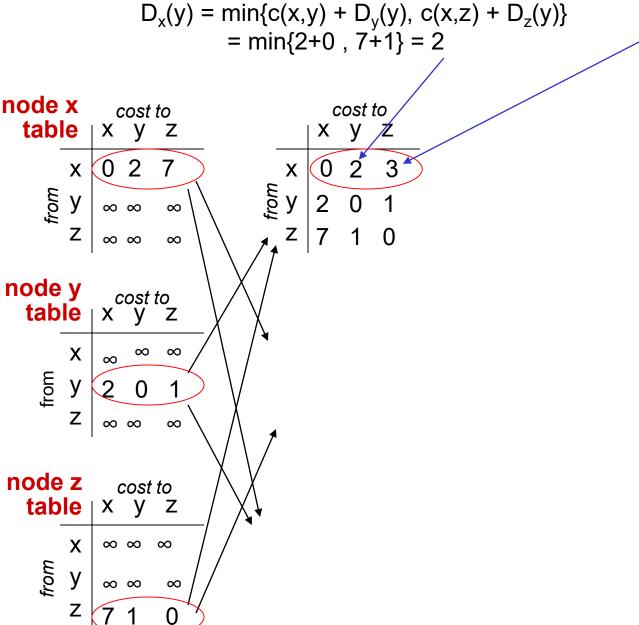
- local link cost change
- DV update message from neighbor

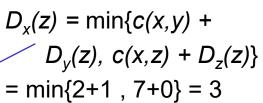
distributed:

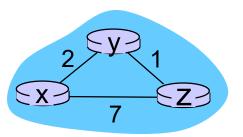
- each node notifies neighbors only when its DV changes
 - neighbors then notify their neighbors if necessary

each node:

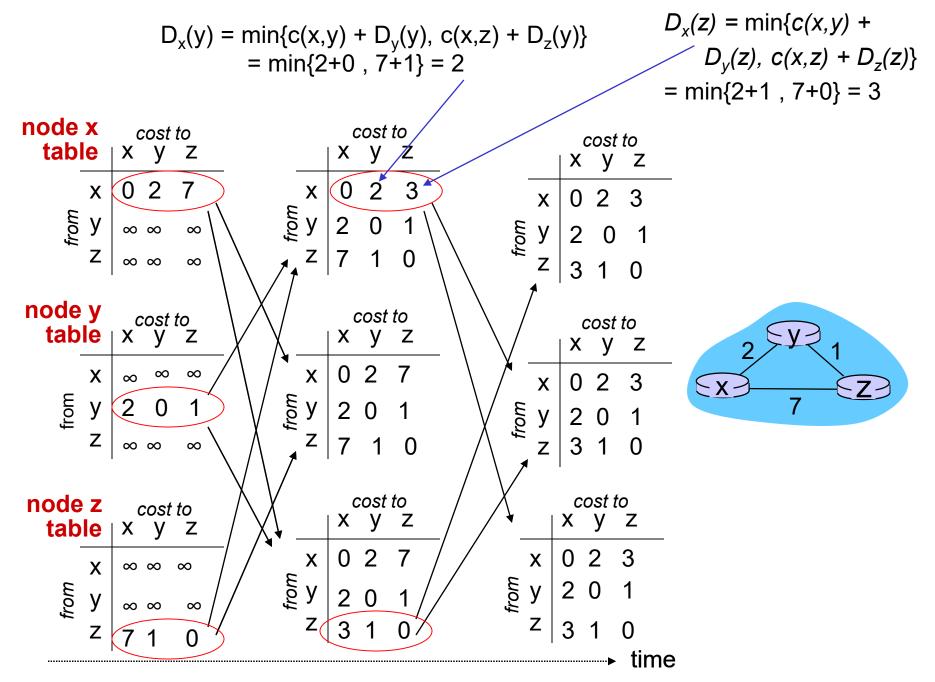








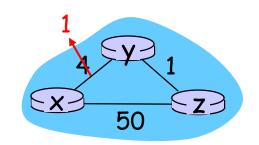
time



Distance vector: link cost changes

link cost changes:

- node detects local link cost change
- updates routing info, recalculates distance vector
- if DV changes, notify neighbors



"good news travels fast"

 t_0 : y detects link-cost change, updates its DV, informs its neighbors.

 t_1 : z receives update from y, updates its table, computes new least cost to x, sends its neighbors its DV.

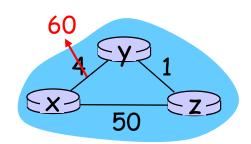
 t_2 : y receives z's update, updates its distance table. y's least costs do not change, so y does not send a message to z.

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Distance vector: link cost changes

link cost changes:

- node detects local link cost change
- bad news travels slow "count to infinity" problem!
- 44 iterations before algorithm stabilizes: see text



poisoned reverse:

- If Z routes through Y to get to X:
 - Z tells Y its (Z's) distance to X is infinite (so Y won't route to X via Z)
- will this completely solve count to infinity problem?

Comparison of LS and DV algorithms

message complexity

- LS: with n nodes, E links, O(nE) msgs sent
- DV: exchange between neighbors only
 - convergence time varies

speed of convergence

- LS: O(n²) algorithm requires
 O(nE) msgs
 - may have oscillations
- DV: convergence time varies
 - may be routing loops
 - count-to-infinity problem

robustness: what happens if router malfunctions?

LS:

- node can advertise incorrect link cost
- each node computes only its own table

DV:

- DV node can advertise incorrect path cost
- each node's table used by others
 - error propagate thru network

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Making routing scalable

our routing study thus far - idealized

- all routers identical
- network "flat"
- ... not true in practice

scale: with billions of destinations:

- can't store all destinations in routing tables!
- routing table exchange would swamp links!

administrative autonomy

- internet = network of networks
- each network admin may want to control routing in its own network

Internet approach to scalable routing

aggregate routers into regions known as "autonomous systems" (AS) (a.k.a. "domains")

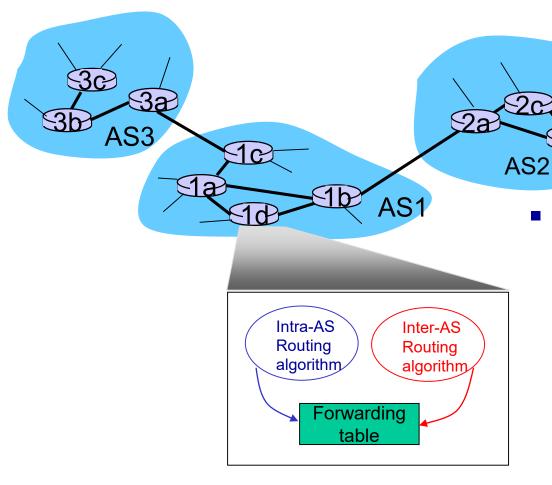
intra-AS routing

- routing among hosts, routers in same AS ("network")
- all routers in AS must run same intra-domain protocol
- routers in different AS can run different intra-domain routing protocol
- gateway router: at "edge" of its own AS, has link(s) to router(s) in other AS'es

inter-AS routing

- routing among AS'es
- gateways perform interdomain routing (as well as intra-domain routing)

Interconnected ASes



 forwarding table configured by both intraand inter-AS routing algorithm

- intra-AS routing determine entries for destinations within AS
- inter-AS & intra-AS determine entries for external destinations

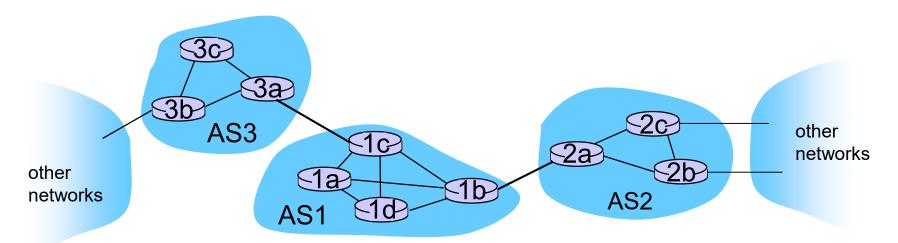
Inter-AS tasks

- suppose router in AS1 receives datagram destined outside of AS1:
 - router should forward packet to gateway router, but which one?

AS1 must:

- I. learn which dests are reachable through AS2, which through AS3
- 2. propagate this reachability info to all routers in AS1

job of inter-AS routing!



Intra-AS Routing

- also known as interior gateway protocols (IGP)
- most common intra-AS routing protocols:
 - RIP: Routing Information Protocol
 - OSPF: Open Shortest Path First (IS-IS protocol essentially same as OSPF)
 - IGRP: Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (Cisco proprietary for decades, until 2016)

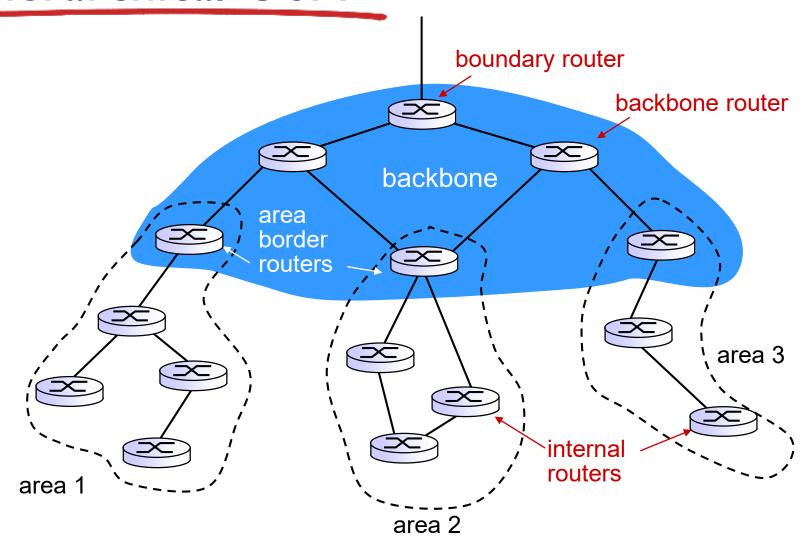
OSPF (Open Shortest Path First)

- "open": publicly available
- uses link-state algorithm
 - link state packet dissemination
 - topology map at each node
 - route computation using Dijkstra's algorithm
- router floods OSPF link-state advertisements to all other routers in entire AS
 - carried in OSPF messages directly over IP (rather than TCP or UDP
 - link state: for each attached link
- IS-IS routing protocol: nearly identical to OSPF

OSPF "advanced" features

- security: all OSPF messages authenticated (to prevent malicious intrusion)
- multiple same-cost paths allowed (only one path in RIP)
- for each link, multiple cost metrics for different TOS (e.g., satellite link cost set low for best effort ToS; high for real-time ToS)
- integrated uni- and multi-cast support:
 - Multicast OSPF (MOSPF) uses same topology data base as OSPF
- hierarchical OSPF in large domains.

Hierarchical OSPF



Hierarchical OSPF

- two-level hierarchy: local area, backbone.
 - link-state advertisements only in area
 - each nodes has detailed area topology; only know direction (shortest path) to nets in other areas.
- area border routers: "summarize" distances to nets in own area, advertise to other Area Border routers.
- backbone routers: run OSPF routing limited to backbone.
- boundary routers: connect to other AS' es.

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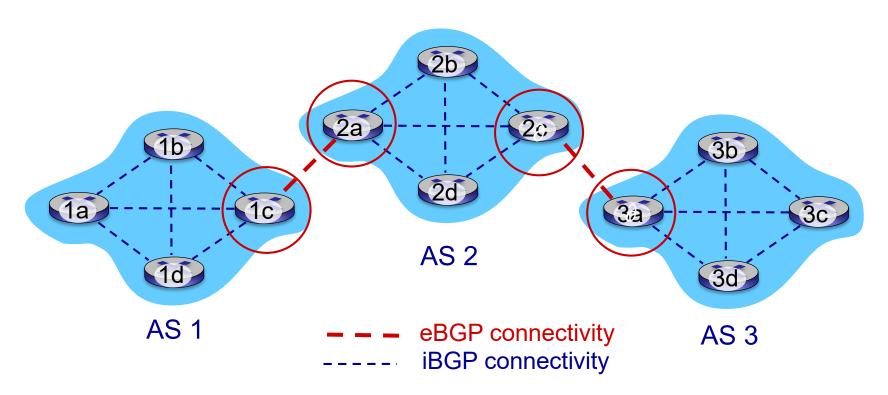
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Internet inter-AS routing: BGP

- BGP (Border Gateway Protocol): the de facto inter-domain routing protocol
 - "glue that holds the Internet together"
- BGP provides each AS a means to:
 - eBGP: obtain subnet reachability information from neighboring ASes
 - iBGP: propagate reachability information to all AS-internal routers.
 - determine "good" routes to other networks based on reachability information and policy
- allows subnet to advertise its existence to rest of Internet: "I am here"

eBGP, iBGP connections

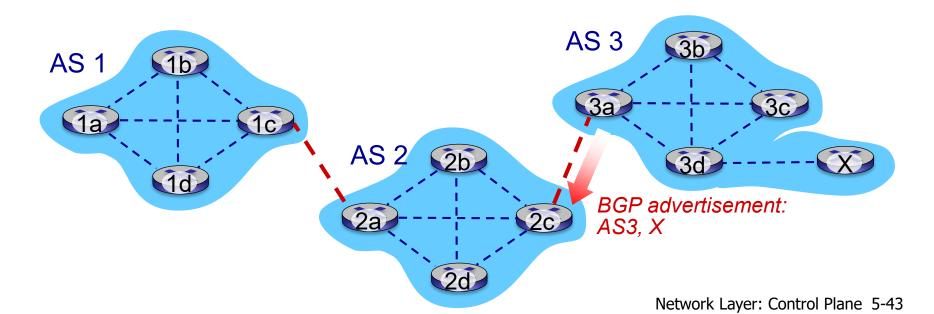




gateway routers run both eBGP and iBGP protools

BGP basics

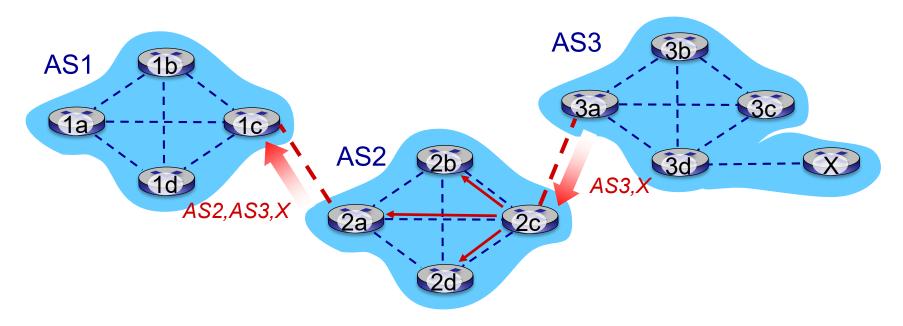
- BGP session: two BGP routers ("peers") exchange BGP messages over semi-permanent TCP connection:
 - advertising paths to different destination network prefixes (BGP is a "path vector" protocol)
- when AS3 gateway router 3a advertises path AS3,X to AS2 gateway router 2c:
 - AS3 promises to AS2 it will forward datagrams towards X



Path attributes and BGP routes

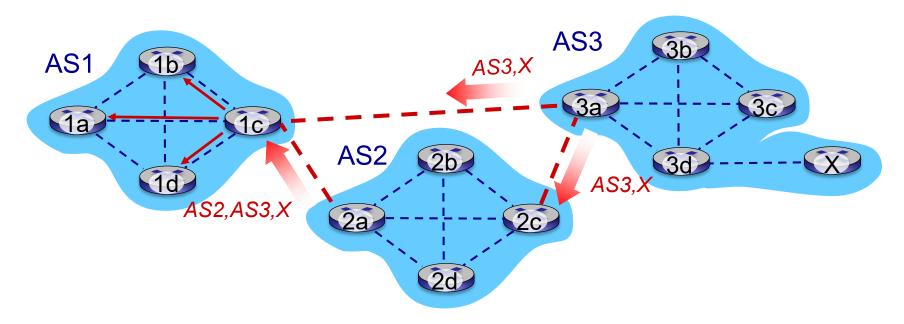
- advertised prefix includes BGP attributes
 - prefix + attributes = "route"
- two important attributes:
 - AS-PATH: list of ASes through which prefix advertisement has passed
 - NEXT-HOP: indicates specific internal-AS router to next-hop AS
- Policy-based routing:
 - gateway receiving route advertisement uses import policy to accept/decline path (e.g., never route through AS Y).
 - AS policy also determines whether to advertise path to other other neighboring ASes

BGP path advertisement



- AS2 router 2c receives path advertisement AS3,X (via eBGP) from AS3 router 3a
- Based on AS2 policy, AS2 router 2c accepts path AS3,X, propagates (via iBGP) to all AS2 routers
- Based on AS2 policy, AS2 router 2a advertises (via eBGP) path AS2, AS3, X to AS1 router 1c

BGP path advertisement



gateway router may learn about multiple paths to destination:

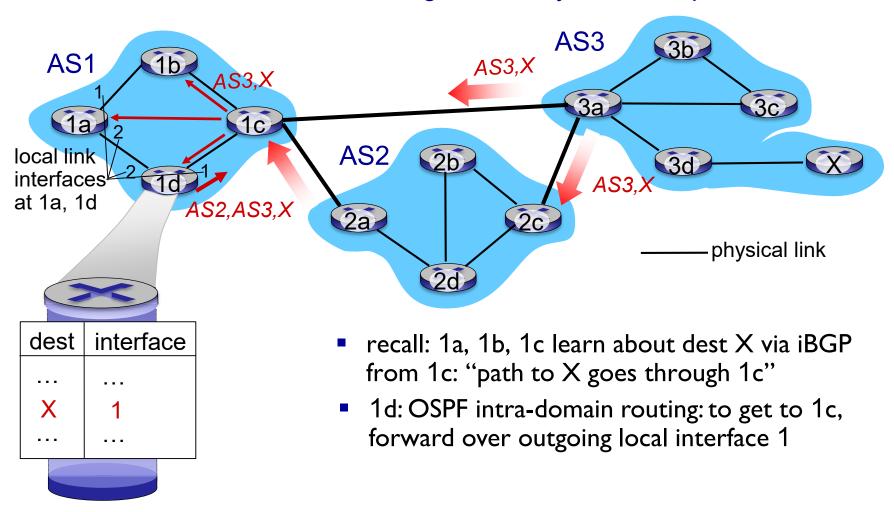
- AS1 gateway router 1c learns path AS2,AS3,X from 2a
- AS1 gateway router 1c learns path AS3,X from 3a
- Based on policy, AS1 gateway router 1c chooses path AS3, X, and advertises path within AS1 via iBGP

BGP messages

- BGP messages exchanged between peers over TCP connection
- BGP messages:
 - OPEN: opens TCP connection to remote BGP peer and authenticates sending BGP peer
 - UPDATE: advertises new path (or withdraws old)
 - KEEPALIVE: keeps connection alive in absence of UPDATES; also ACKs OPEN request
 - NOTIFICATION: reports errors in previous msg; also used to close connection

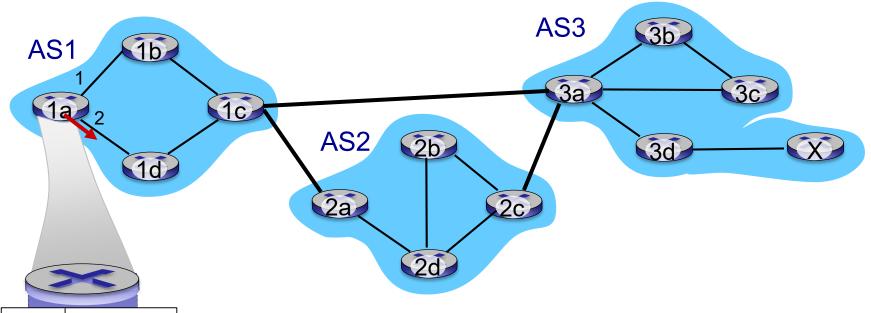
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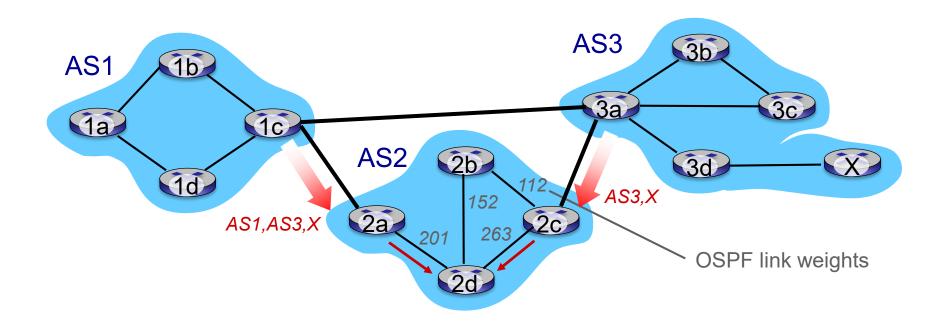
| dest | interface |
|------|-----------|
| | |
| X | 2 |
| | |
| | |

- recall: Ia, Ib, Ic learn about dest X via iBGP from Ic: "path to X goes through Ic"
- 1d: OSPF intra-domain routing: to get to 1c, forward over outgoing local interface 1
- 1a: OSPF intra-domain routing: to get to 1c, forward over outgoing local interface 2

BGP route selection

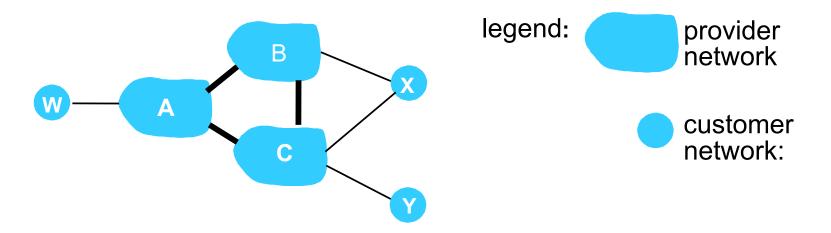
- router may learn about more than one route to destination AS, selects route based on:
 - I. local preference value attribute: policy decision
 - shortest AS-PATH
 - 3. closest NEXT-HOP router: hot potato routing
 - 4. additional criteria

Hot Potato Routing



- 2d learns (via iBGP) it can route to X via 2a or 2c
- hot potato routing: choose local gateway that has least intradomain cost (e.g., 2d chooses 2a, even though more AS hops to X): don't worry about inter-domain cost!

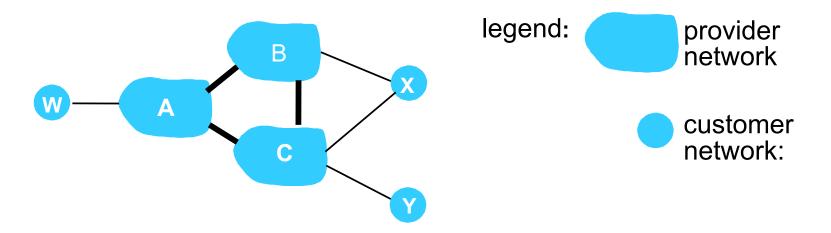
BGP: achieving policy via advertisements



Suppose an ISP only wants to route traffic to/from its customer networks (does not want to carry transit traffic between other ISPs)

- A advertises path Aw to B and to C
- B chooses not to advertise BAw to C:
 - B gets no "revenue" for routing CBAw, since none of C, A, w are B's customers
 - C does not learn about CBAw path
- C will route CAw (not using B) to get to w

BGP: achieving policy via advertisements



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- A,B,C are provider networks
- X,W,Y are customer (of provider networks)
- X is dual-homed: attached to two networks
- policy to enforce: X does not want to route from B to C via X
 - .. so X will not advertise to B a route to C

Why different Intra-, Inter-AS routing?

policy:

- inter-AS: admin wants control over how its traffic routed, who routes through its net.
- intra-AS: single admin, so no policy decisions needed scale:
- hierarchical routing saves table size, reduced update traffic

performance:

- intra-AS: can focus on performance
- inter-AS: policy may dominate over performance

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ICMP: internet control message protocol

- used by hosts & routers to communicate networklevel information
 - error reporting: unreachable host, network, port, protocol
 - echo request/reply (used by ping)
- network-layer "above" IP:
 - ICMP msgs carried in IP datagrams
- ICMP message: type, code plus first 8 bytes of IP datagram causing error

| Type | Code | description |
|------|------|---------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | echo reply (ping) |
| 3 | 0 | dest. network unreachable |
| 3 | 1 | dest host unreachable |
| 3 | 2 | dest protocol unreachable |
| 3 | 3 | dest port unreachable |
| 3 | 6 | dest network unknown |
| 3 | 7 | dest host unknown |
| 4 | 0 | source quench (congestion |
| | | control - not used) |
| 8 | 0 | echo request (ping) |
| 9 | 0 | route advertisement |
| 10 | 0 | router discovery |
| 11 | 0 | TTL expired |
| 12 | 0 | bad IP header |

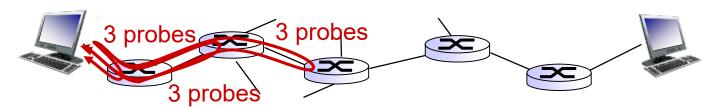
Traceroute and ICMP

- source sends series of UDP segments to destination
 - first set has TTL = I
 - second set has TTL=2, etc.
 - unlikely port number
- when datagram in nth set arrives to nth router:
 - router discards datagram and sends source ICMP message (type II, code 0)
 - ICMP message include name of router & IP address

when ICMP message arrives, source records RTTs

stopping criteria:

- UDP segment eventually arrives at destination host
- destination returns ICMP "port unreachable" message (type 3, code 3)
- source stops



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What is network management?

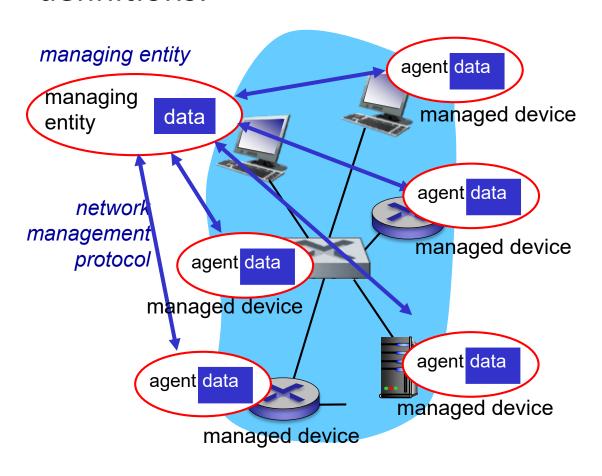
- autonomous systems (aka "network"): 1000s of interacting hardware/software components
- other complex systems requiring monitoring, control:
 - jet airplane
 - nuclear power plant
 - others?



"Network management includes the deployment, integration and coordination of the hardware, software, and human elements to monitor, test, poll, configure, analyze, evaluate, and control the network and element resources to meet the real-time, operational performance, and Quality of Service requirements at a reasonable cost."

Infrastructure for network management

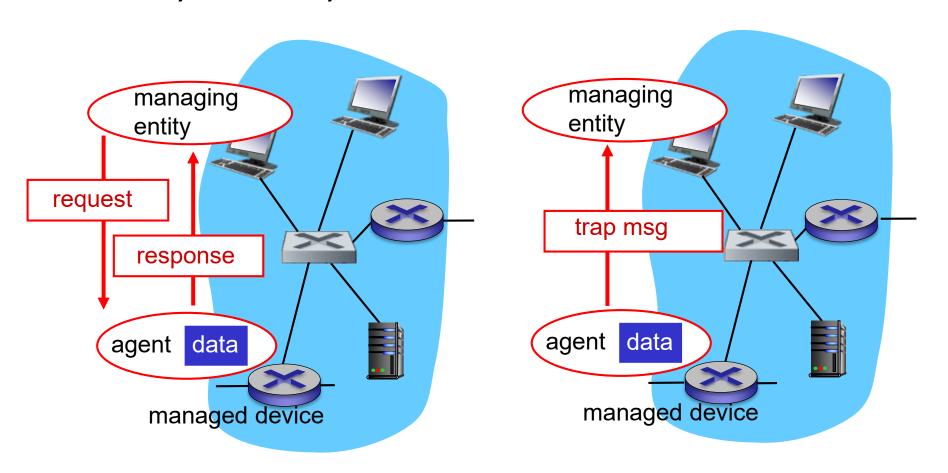
definitions:



managed devices
contain managed
objects whose data is
gathered into a
Management
Information Base
(MIB)

SNMP protocol

Two ways to convey MIB info, commands:



request/response mode

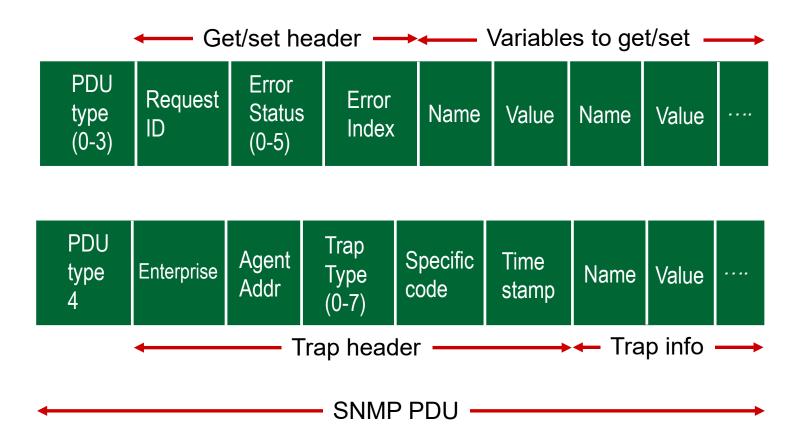
trap mode

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SNMP protocol: message types

| Message type | <u>Function</u> |
|--|--|
| GetRequest GetNextRequest GetBulkRequest | manager-to-agent: "get me data" (data instance, next data in list, block of data) |
| InformRequest | manager-to-manager: here's MIB value |
| SetRequest | manager-to-agent: set MIB value |
| Response | Agent-to-manager: value, response to Request |
| Trap | Agent-to-manager: inform manager of exceptional event |

SNMP protocol: message formats



More on network management: see earlier editions of text!

Chapter 5: summary

we've learned a lot!

- approaches to network control plane
 - per-router control (traditional)
 - logically centralized control (software defined networking)
- traditional routing algorithms
 - implementation in Internet: OSPF, BGP
- Internet Control Message Protocol
- network management

next stop: link layer!