



# Routers & Routing

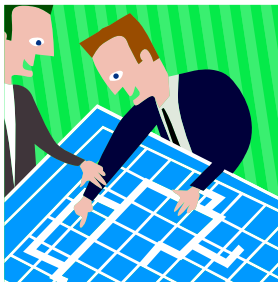
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## Router Main Functions



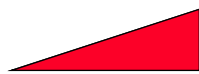
- Routing = build maps and choose routes

- Switching = move packets between interfaces, based on routing tables information

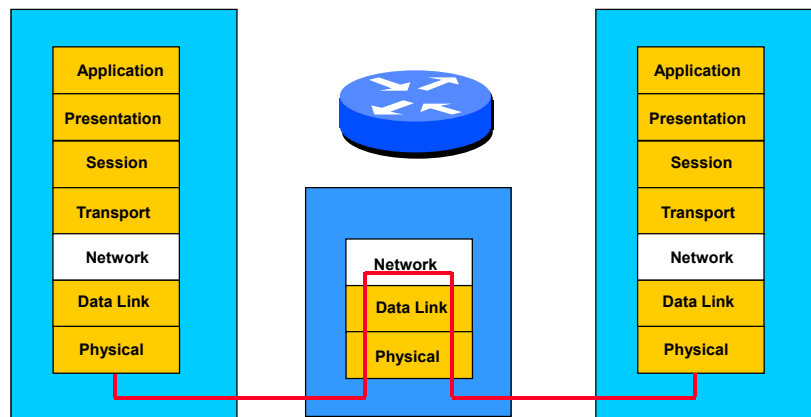


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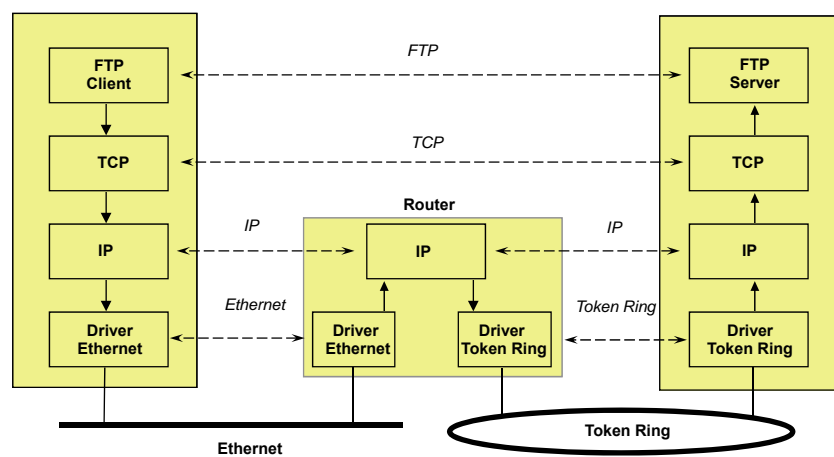
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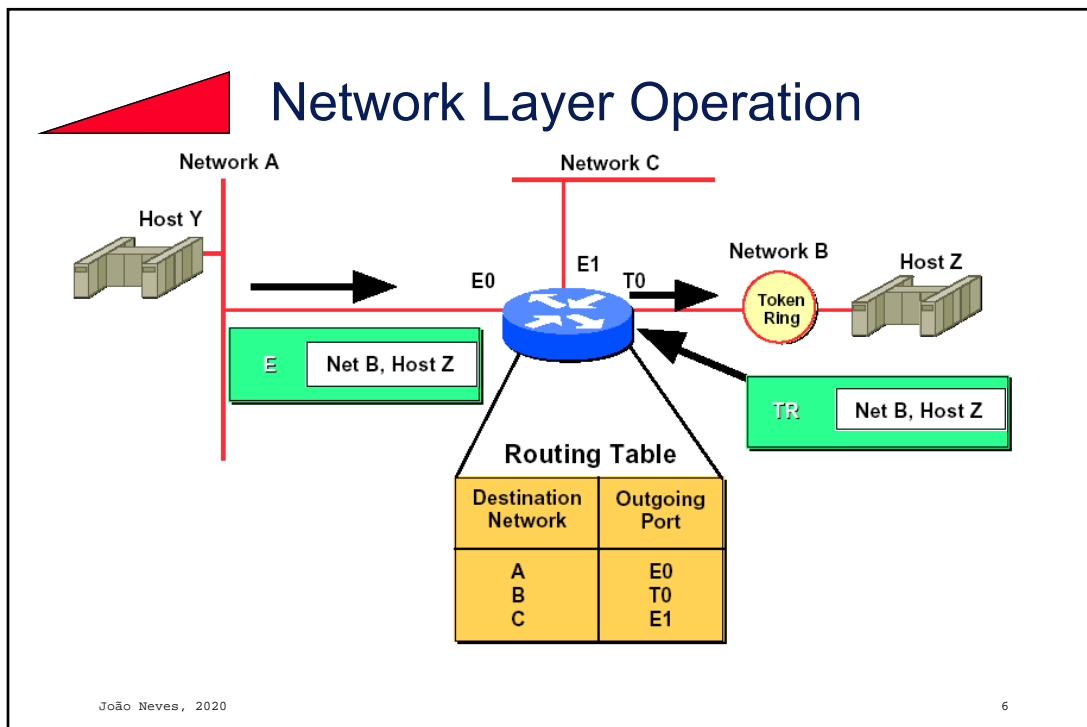
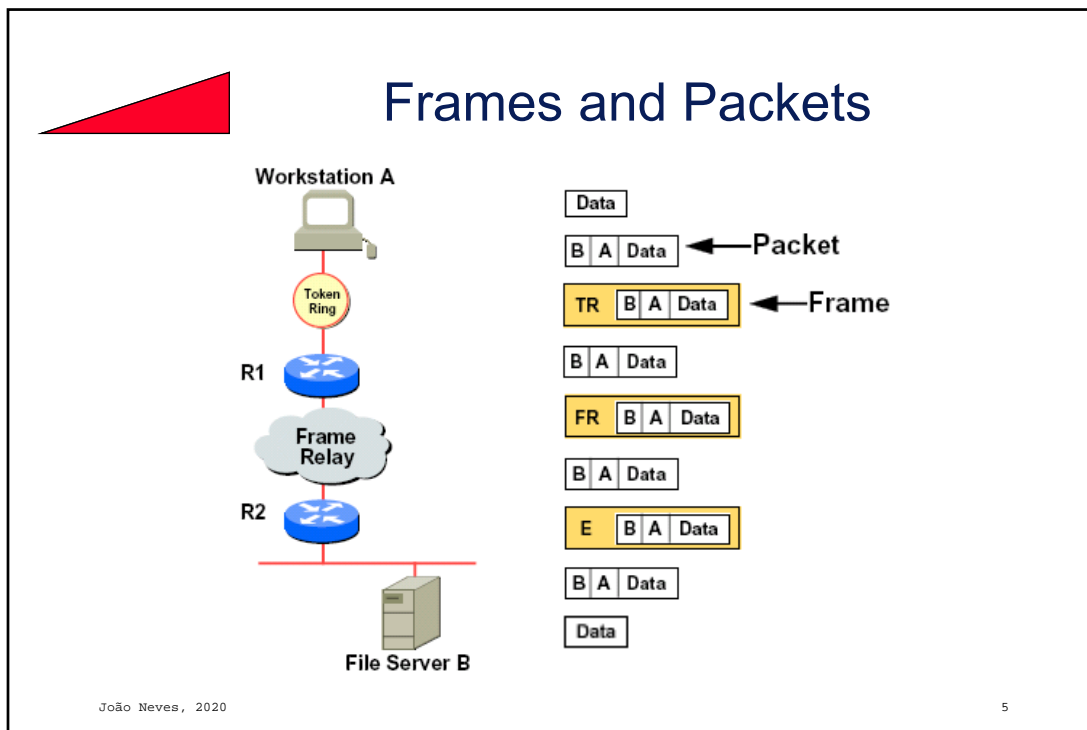


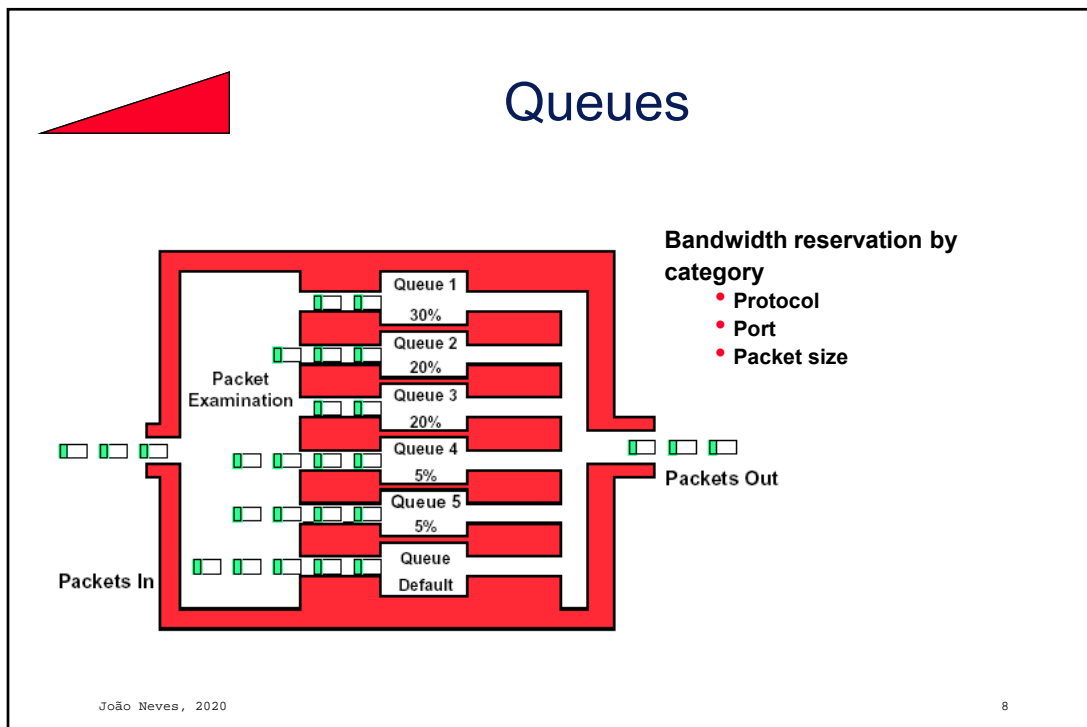
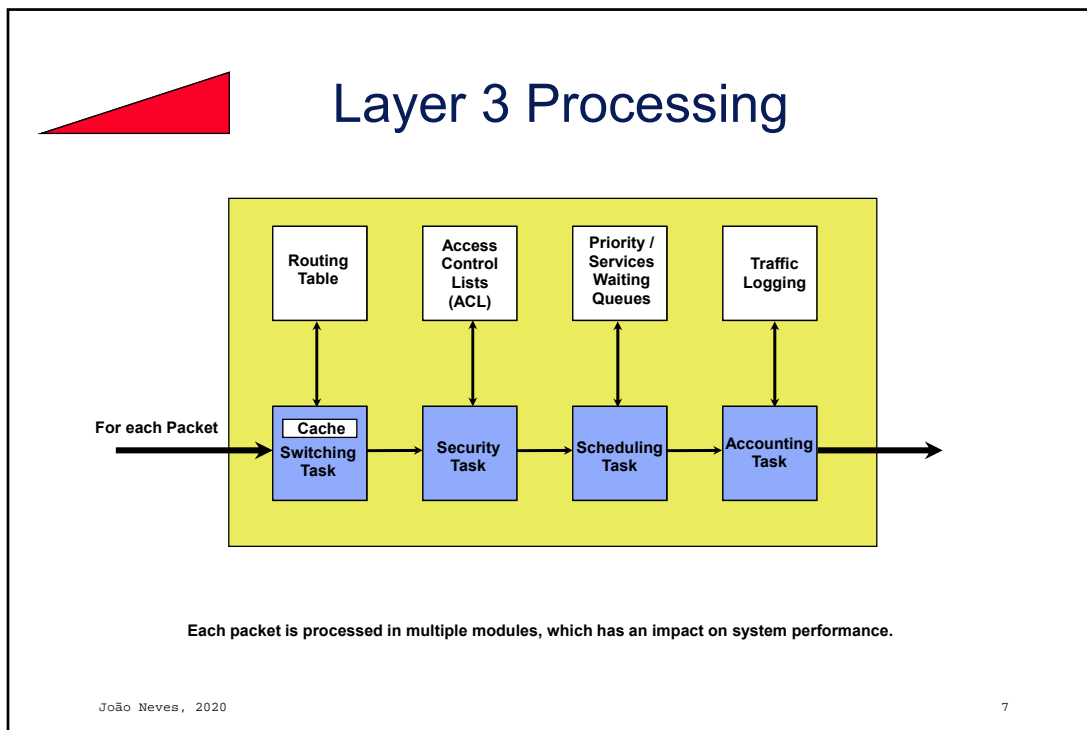
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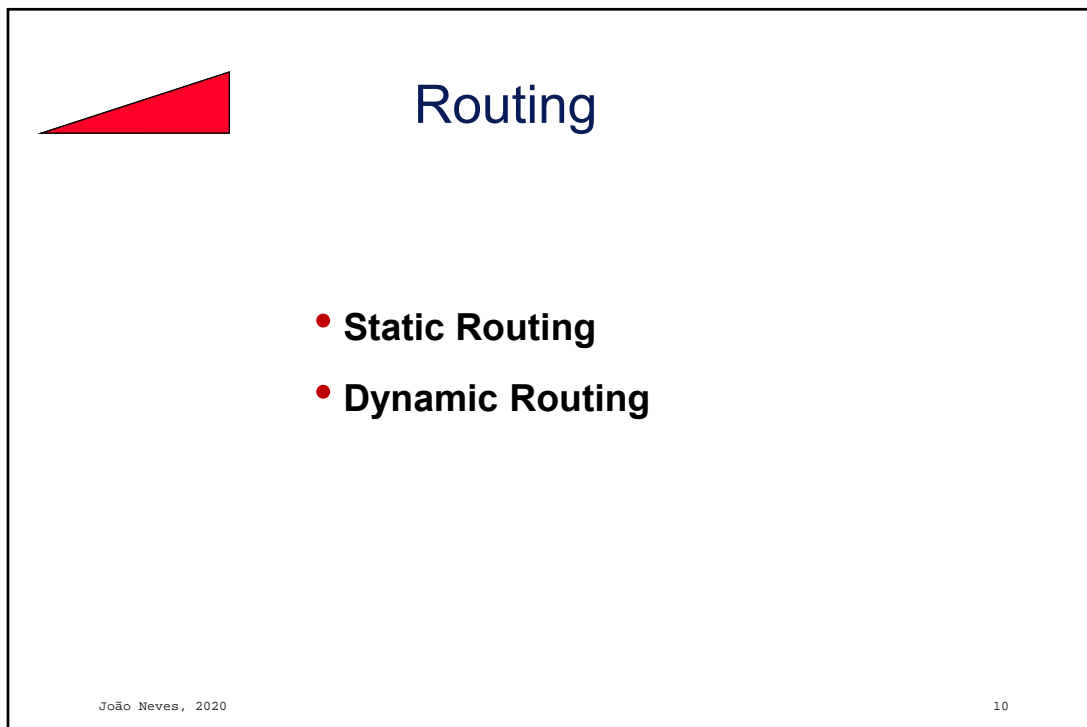
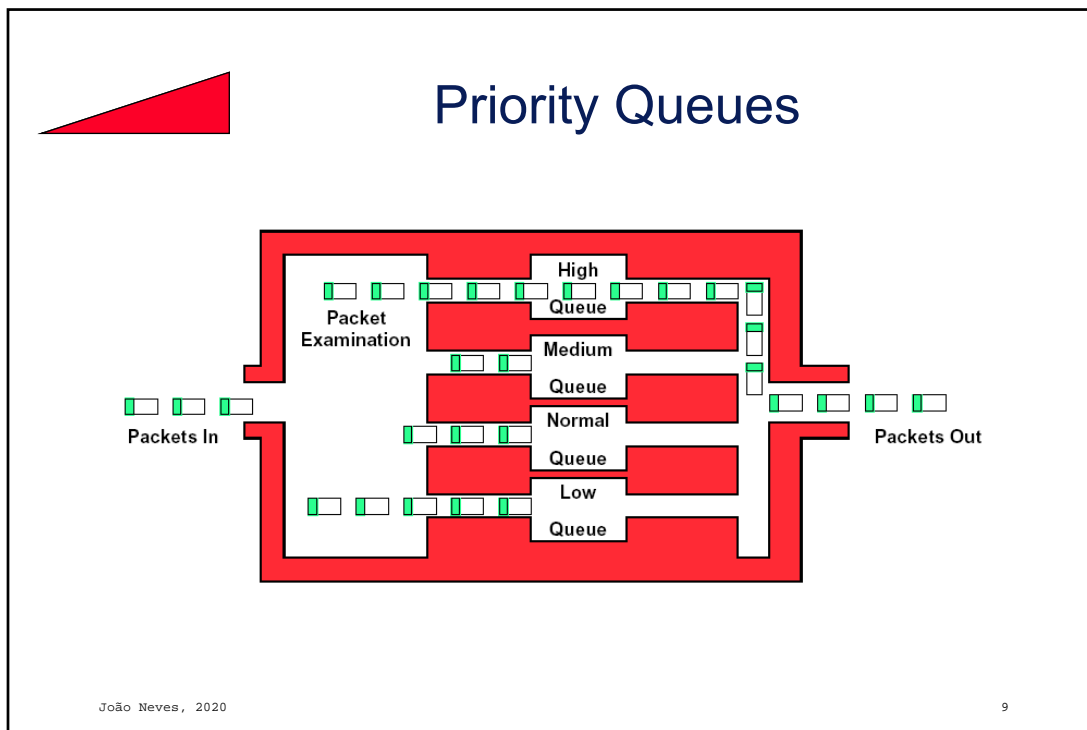


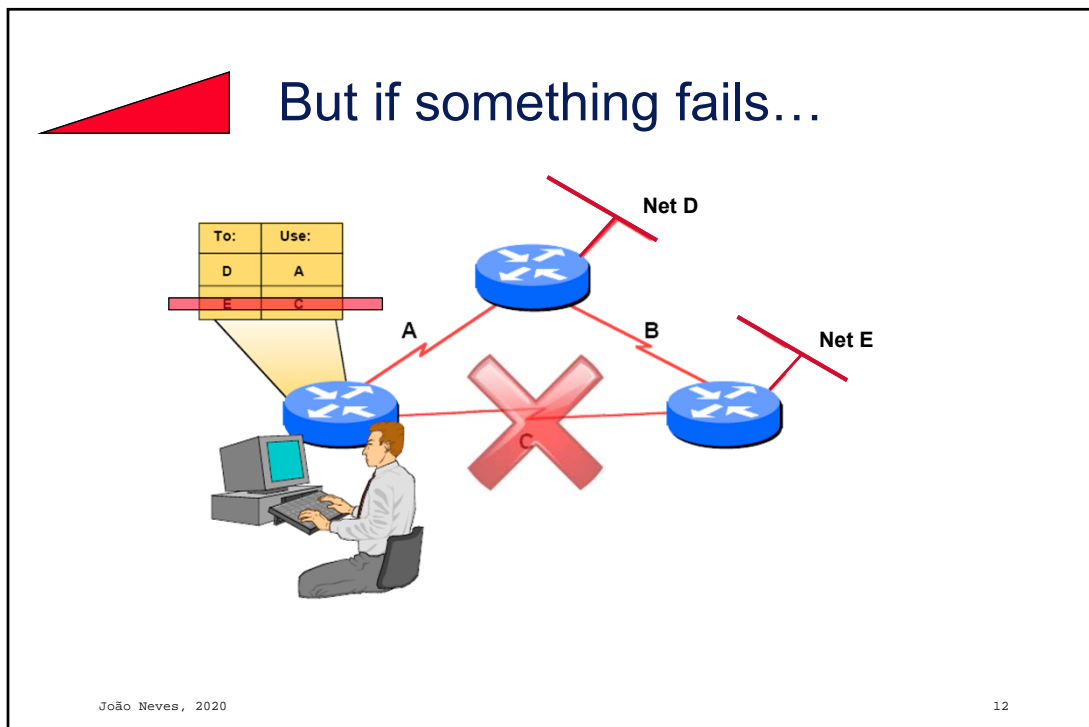
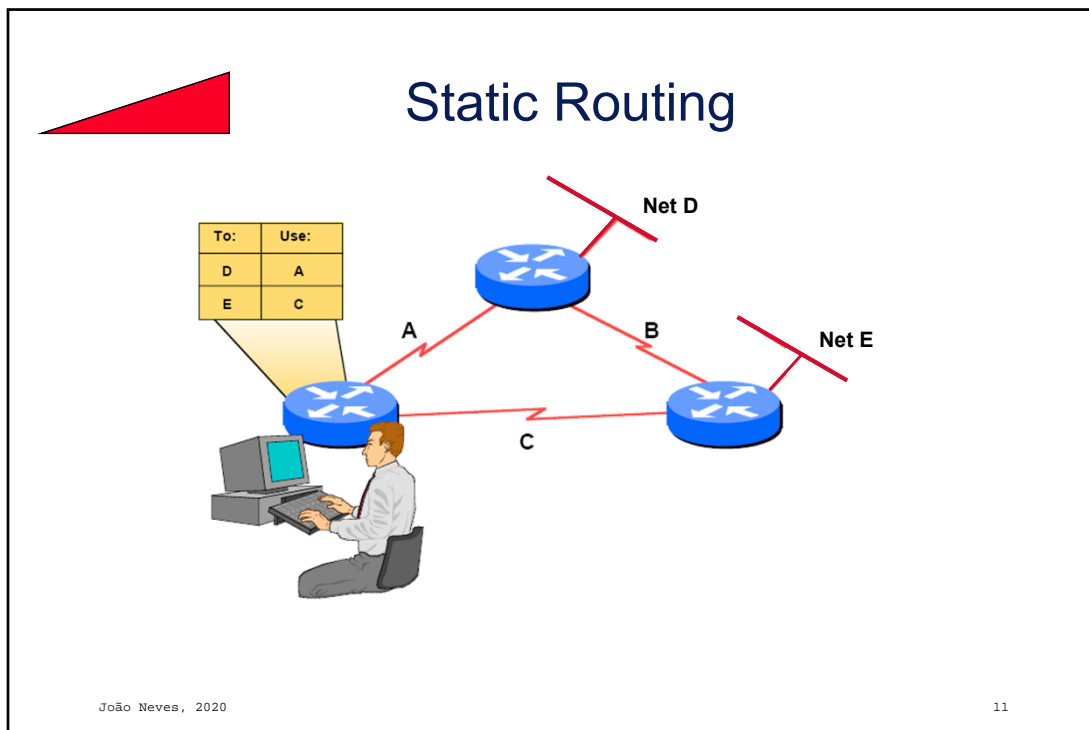
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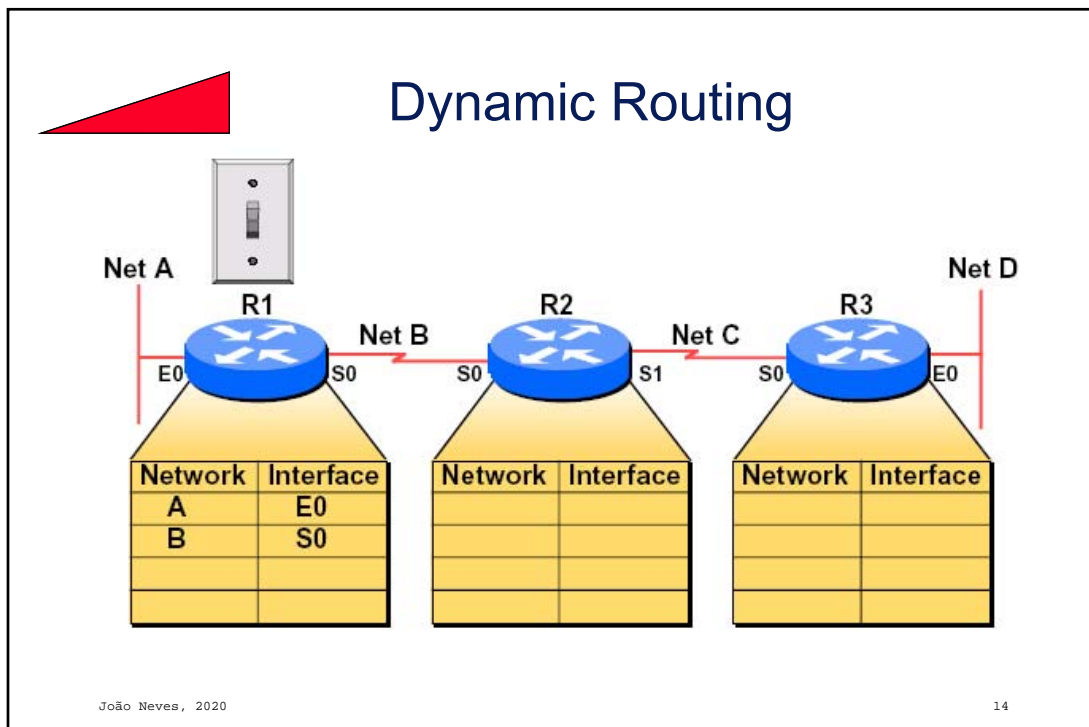
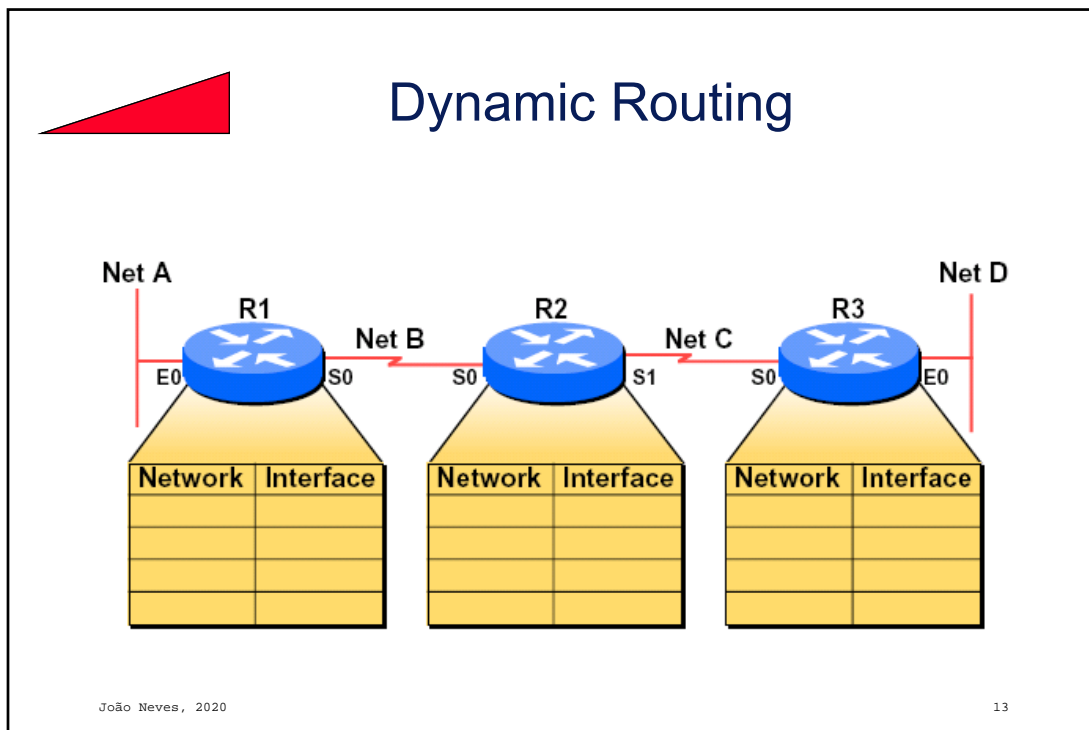


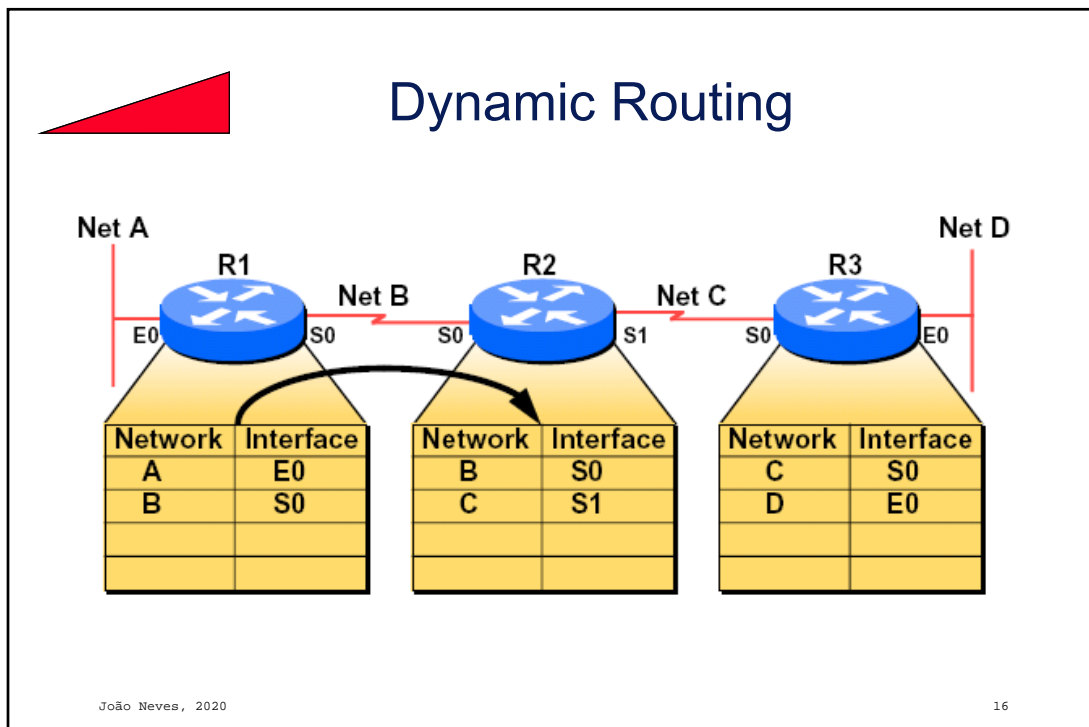
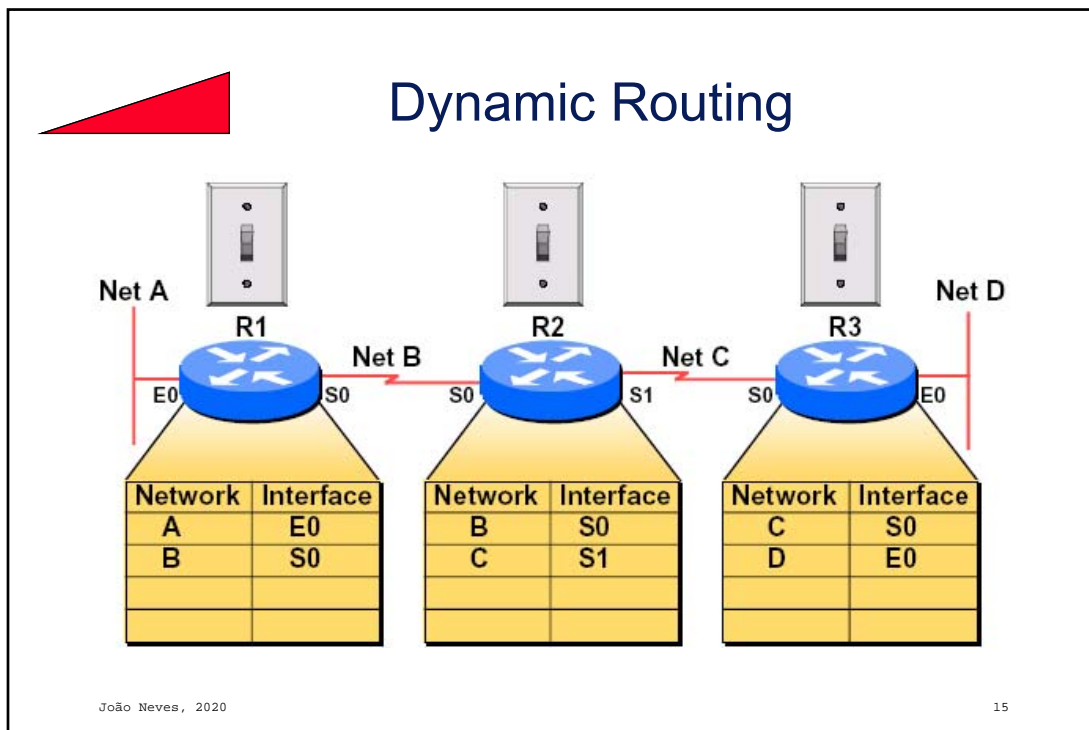




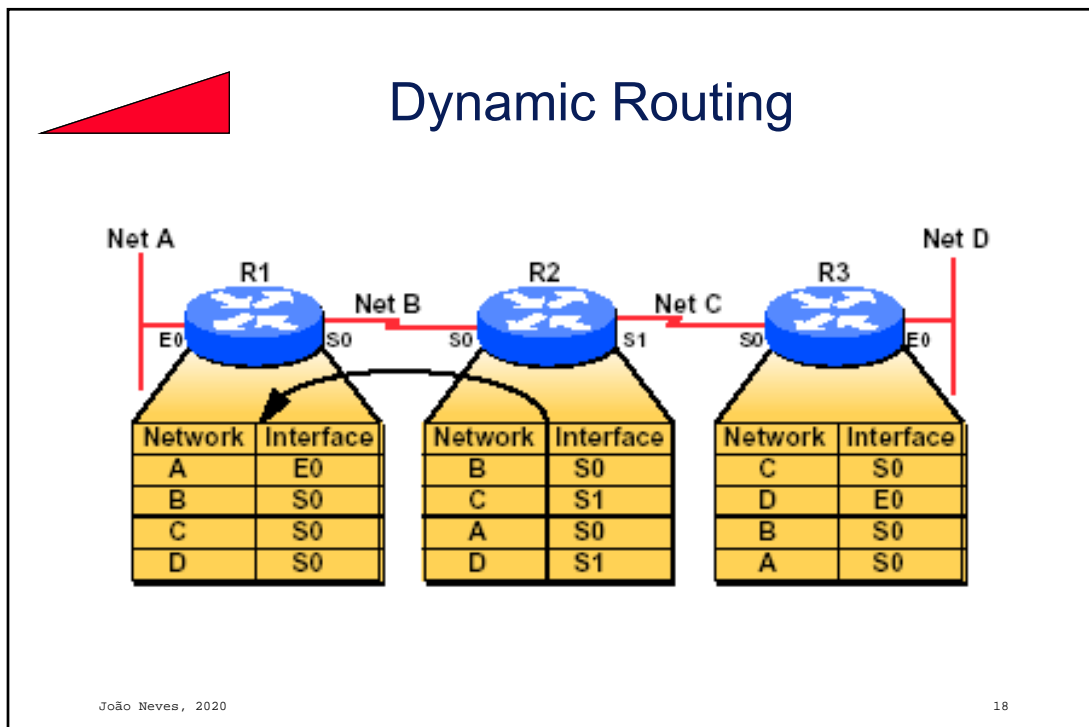
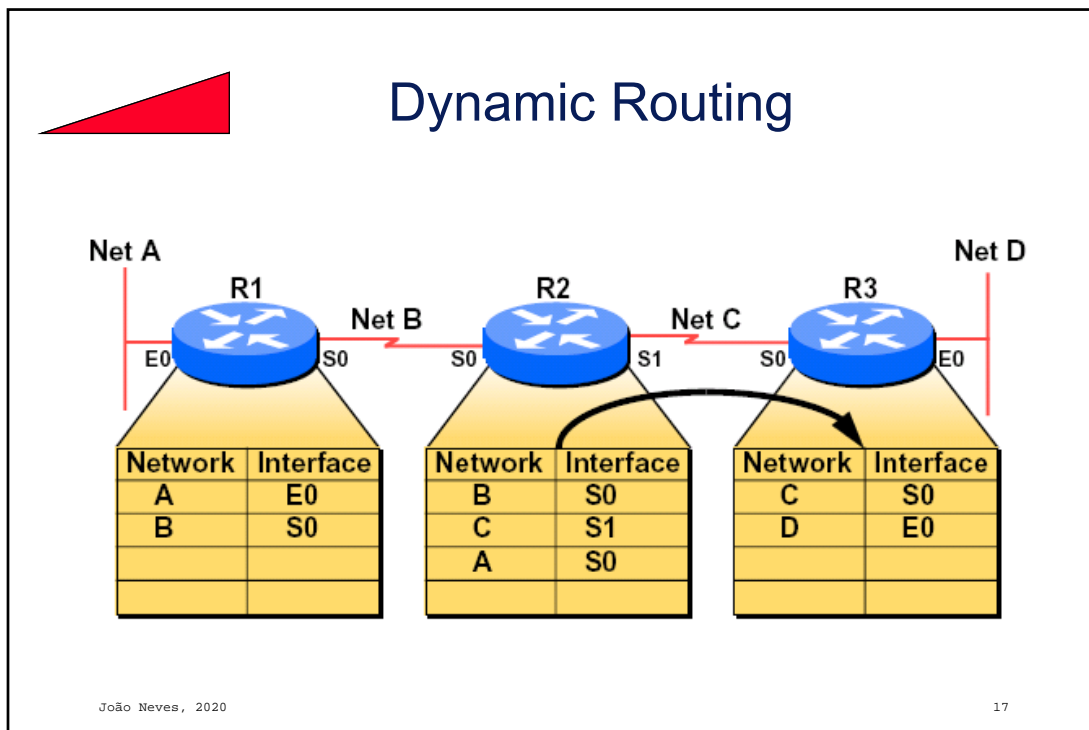










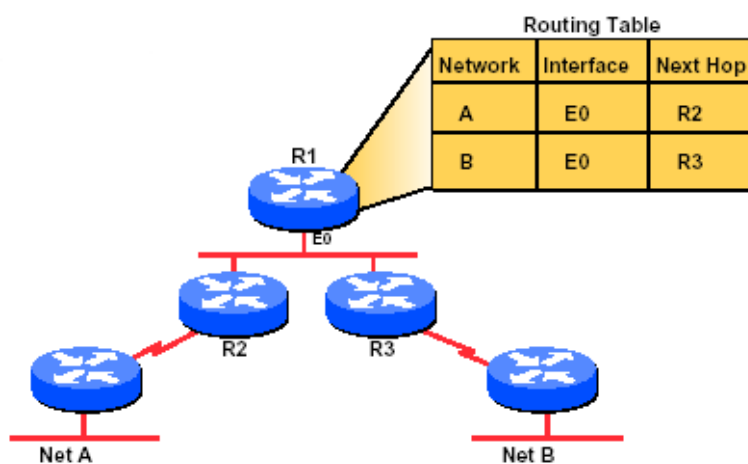


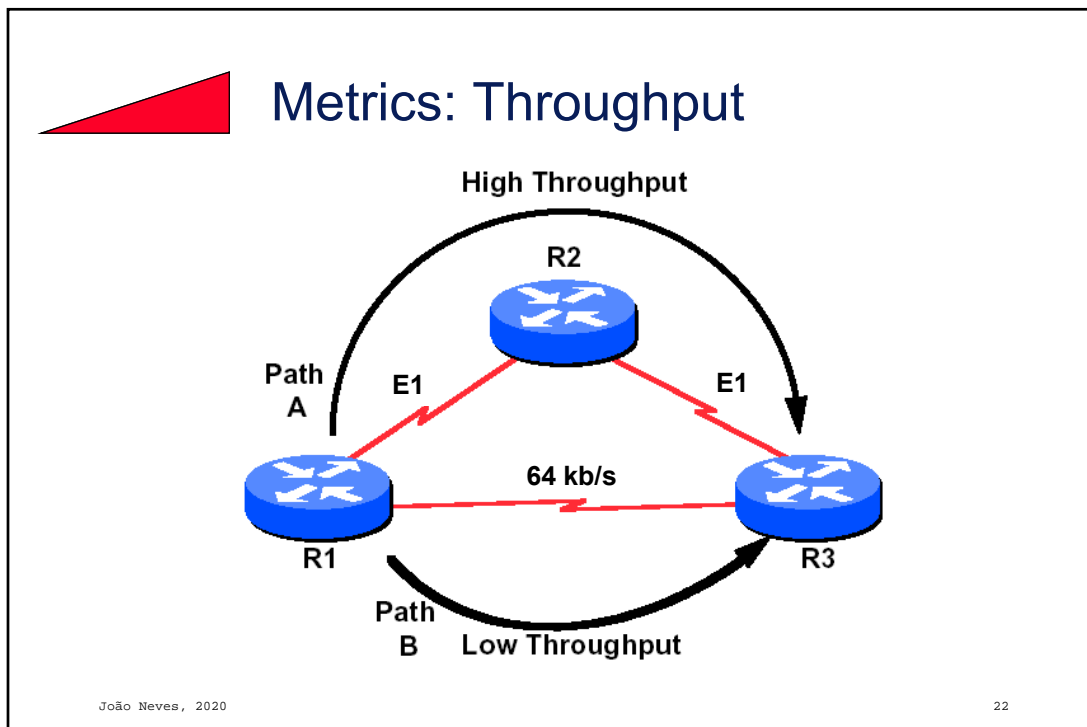
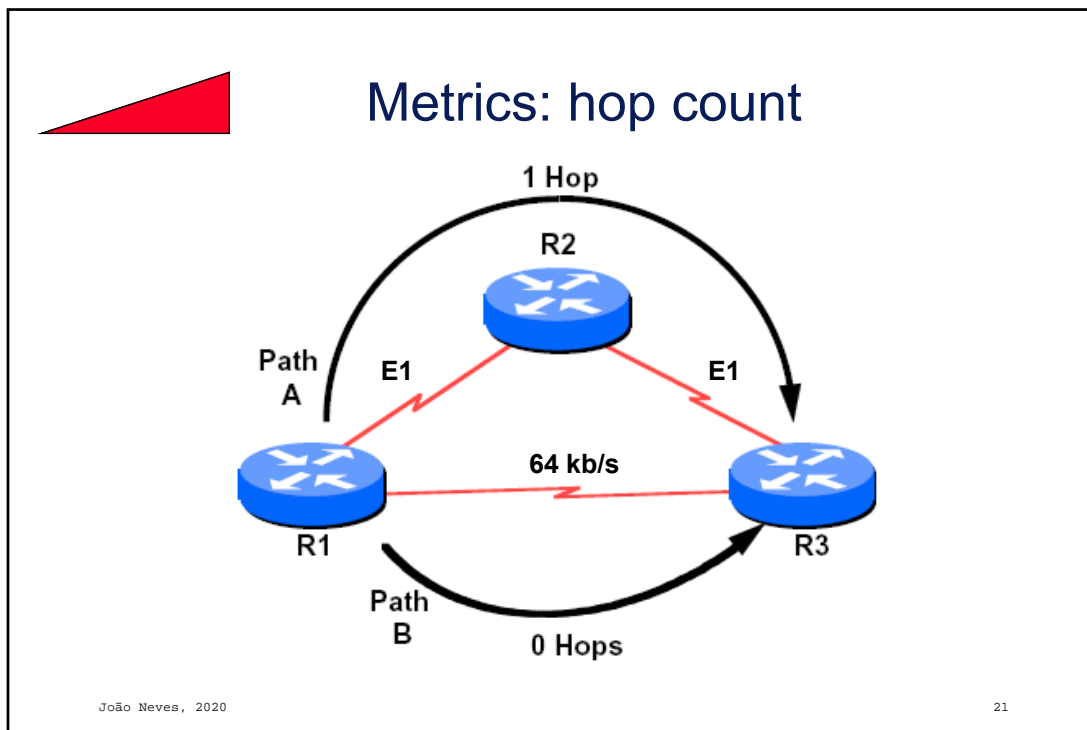


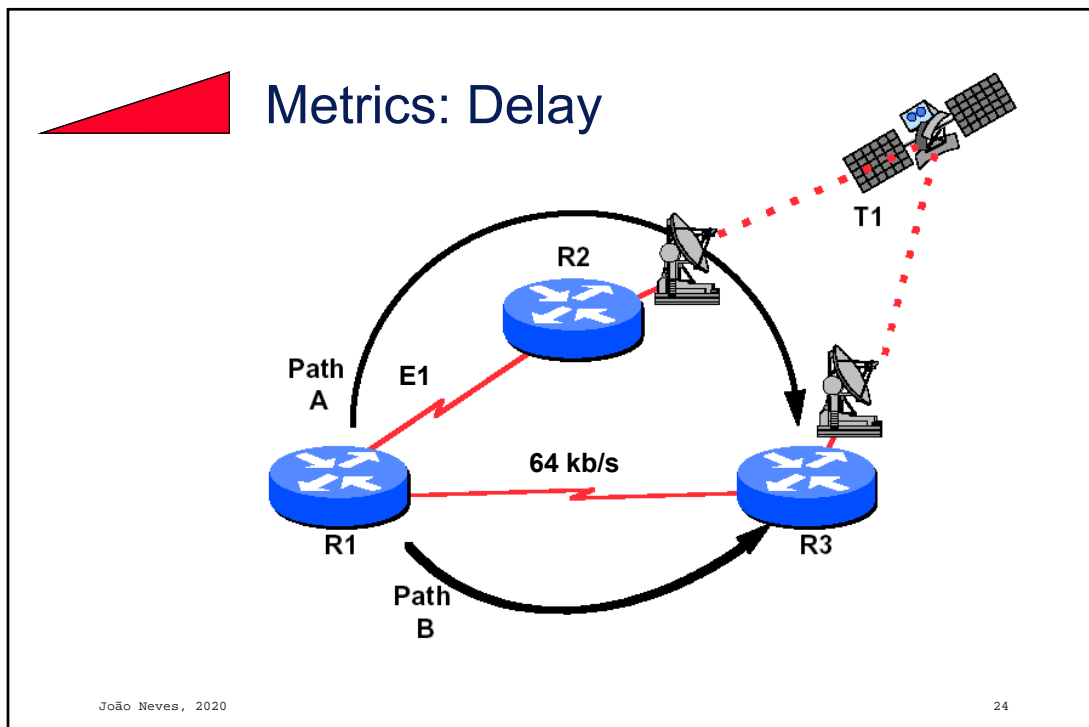
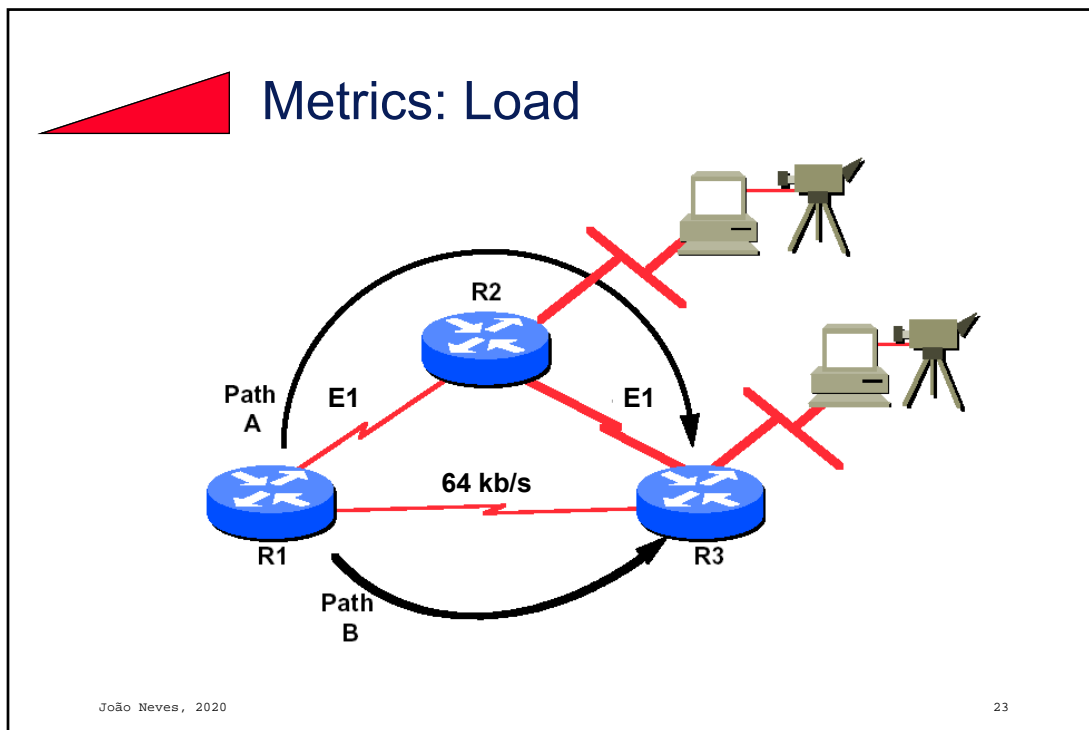
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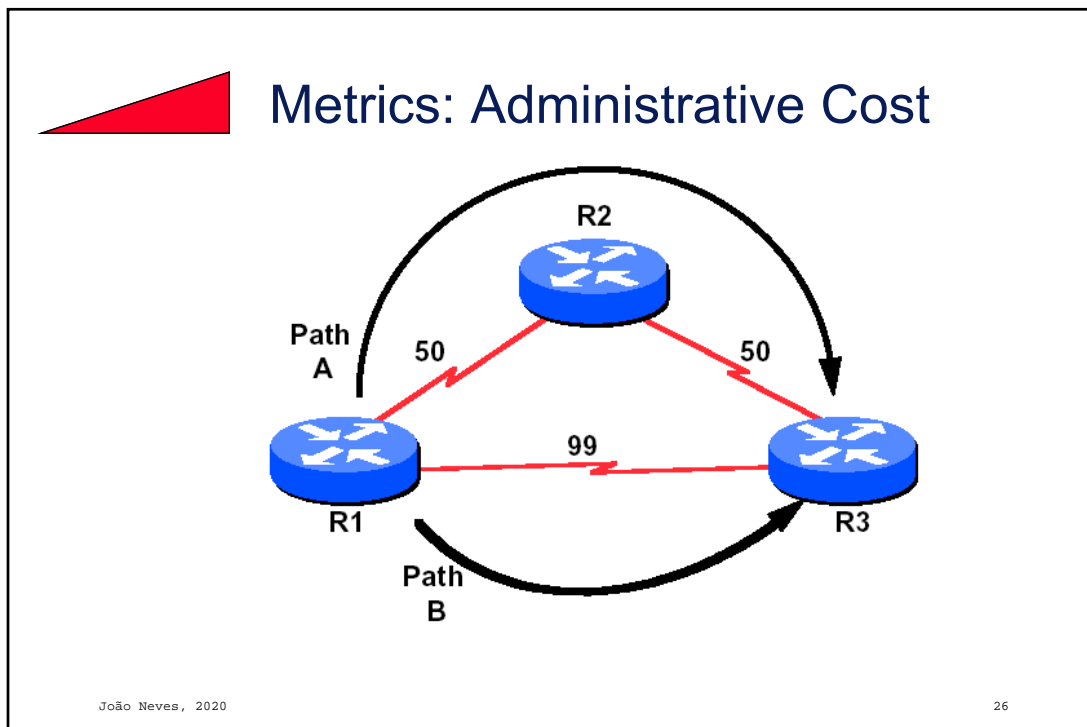
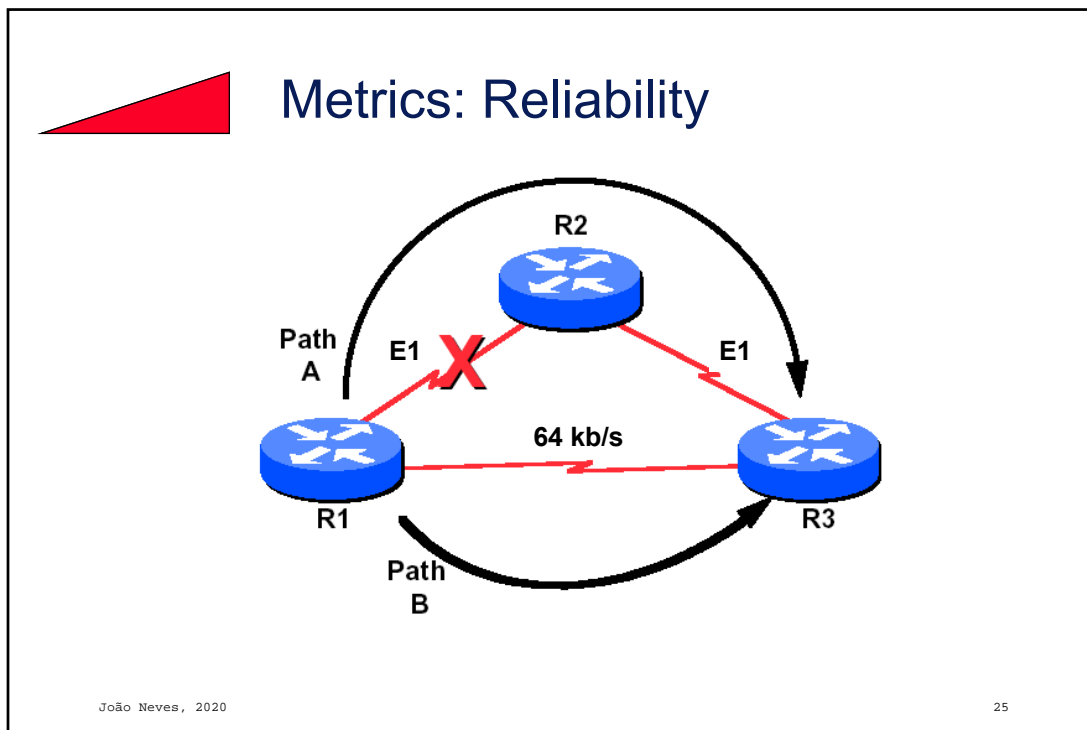


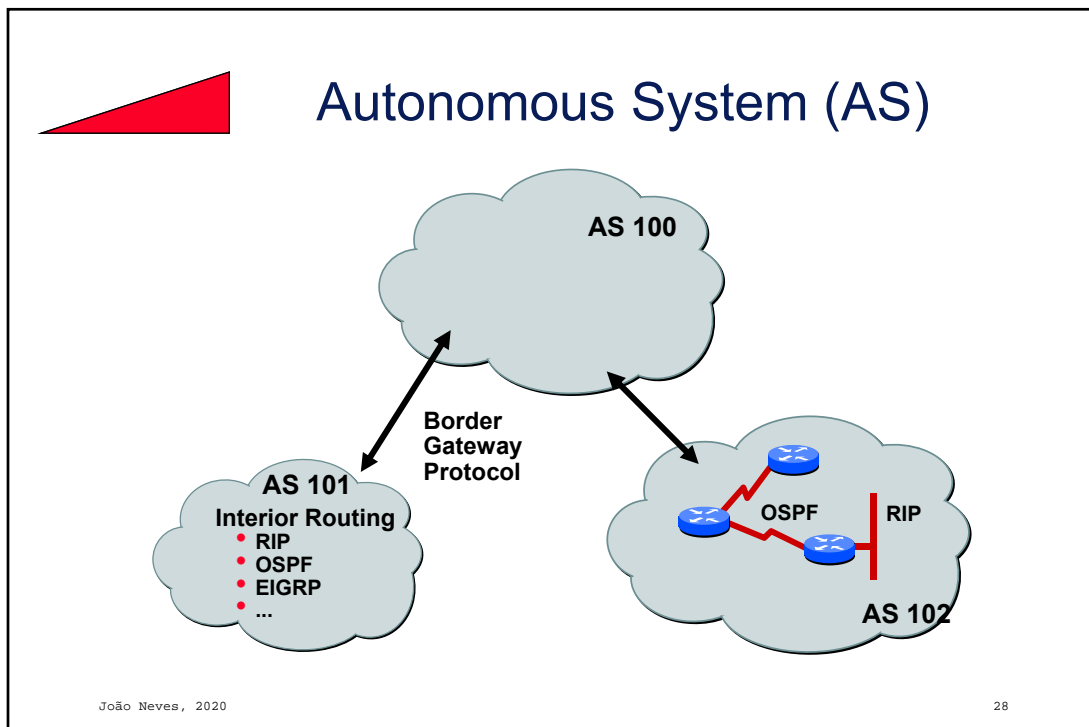
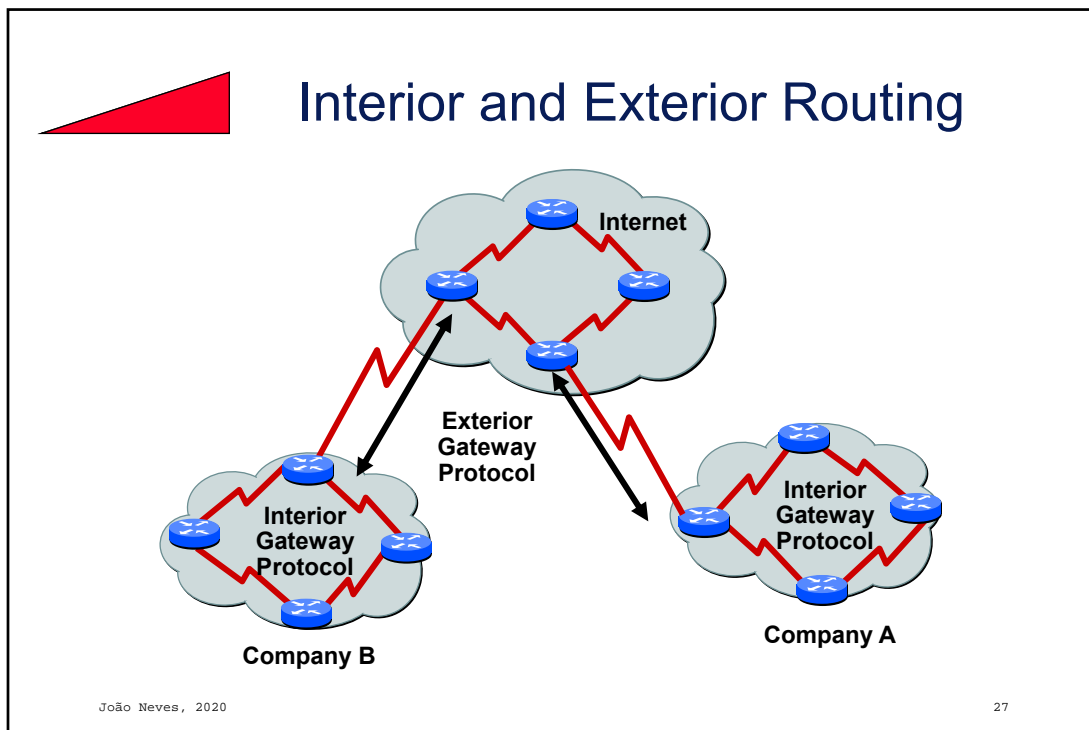
## The Next Hop...













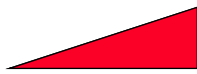
## Characteristics of an AS

- An AS is a set of networks subordinated to a single Technical Management and that share the same Routing policy (Unique Administrative Management);
- An AS# is a number in the range [1, 65535];
- AS# of the range [64512, 65535] are reserved for private use;
- Interior Gateway Protocol (IGP) operate within an AS to ensure IP connectivity within it;
- Exterior Gateway Protocol (EGP) operate between AS's to allow routing and policies between them.



## 32-bit Autonomous System Numbers

Number	Description	WHOIS	RDAP	Reference	Registration Date
0-65535	See Sub-registry 16-bit AS numbers			[RFC1930]	
65536-65551	Reserved for use in documentation and sample code			[RFC5398]	2008-12-03
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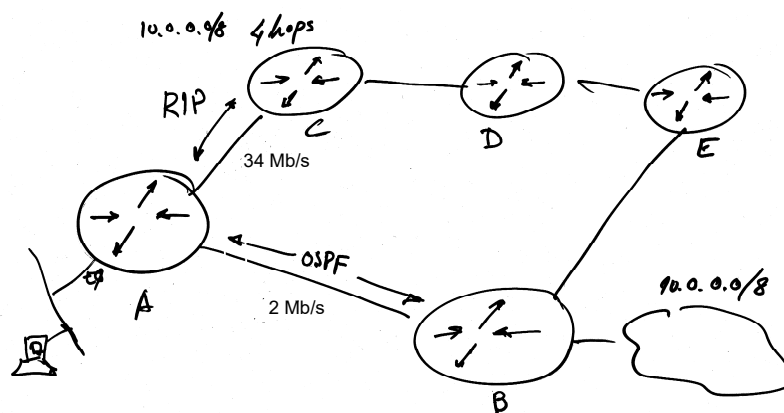


## Interior and Exterior Routing

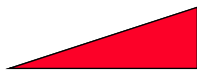
- One router may run one or more Interior Gateway Protocol (IGP) simultaneously;
- One router may run only one Exterior Gateway Protocol (EGP);
- One router may run one or more IGPs for exchanging routes within its AS, simultaneously may run one EGP for routes exchange with others AS.



## Route Redistribution







## Administrative Distance

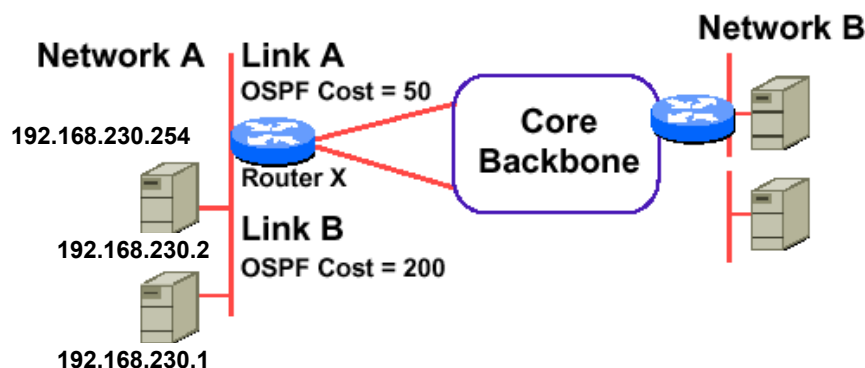
- Cisco routers use the routing concept of administrative distance;
- The administrative distance is a value  $\in [0, 255]$ ;
- When a router speaks multiple routing protocols, it will have a problem deciding the best path based on different metric structures and incompatible algorithms;
- Administrative distance rates the trustability of a routing protocol.

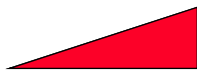
Route Source	Default Distance
Directly connected interface	0
Static route	1
EIGRP summary route	5
External BGP	20
Internal EIGRP	90
IGRP	100
OSPF	110
IS-IS (IP)	115
RIPv1, RIPv2	120
EGP	140
External EIGRP	170
Internal BGP	200
Unknown	255



## Policy-based Routing Example

- Router X has two E1 links
  - Link A was assigned a lower OSPF cost
  - Router X is forced to forward IP traffic on Link A





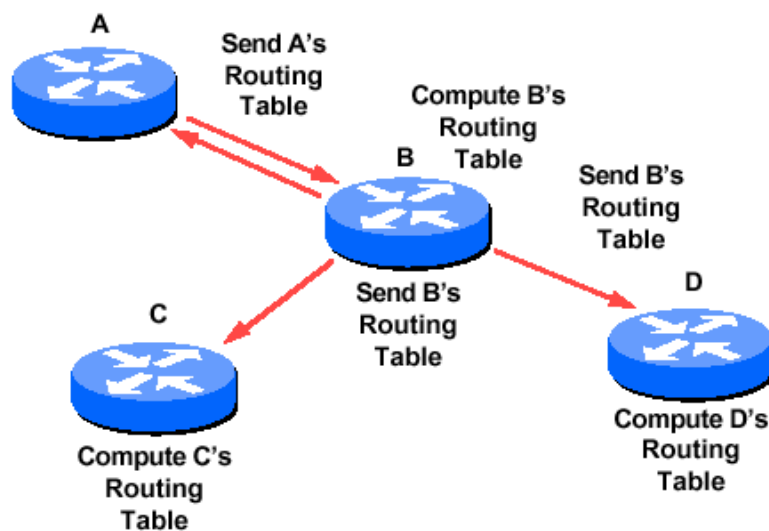
## Characterization of Routing Protocols

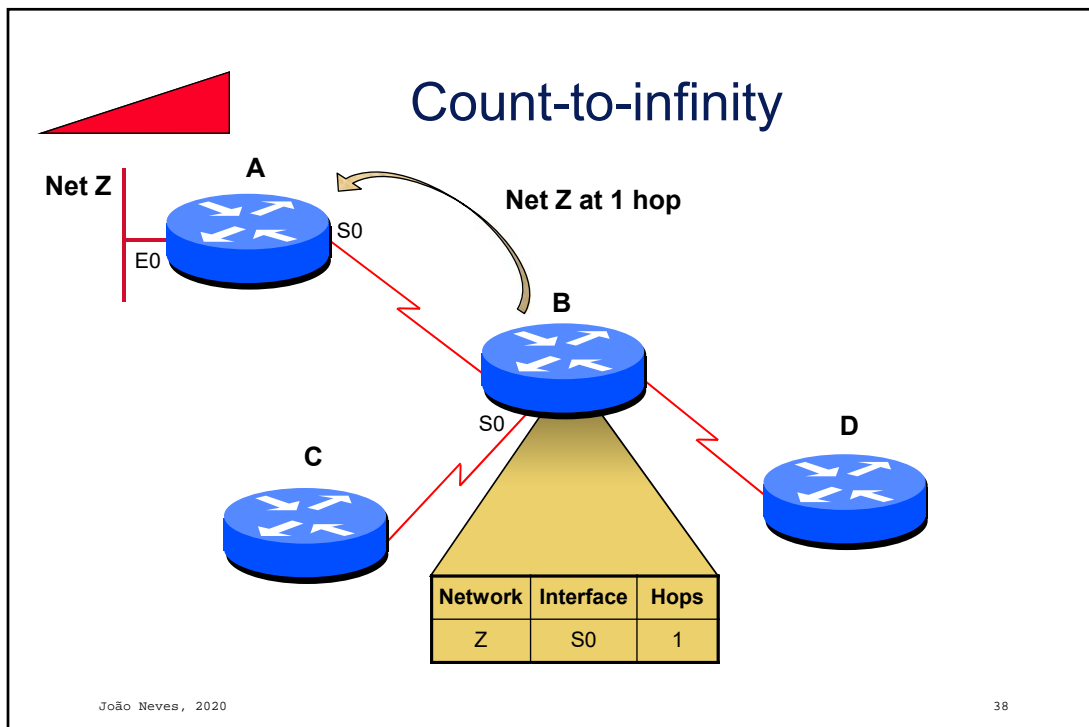
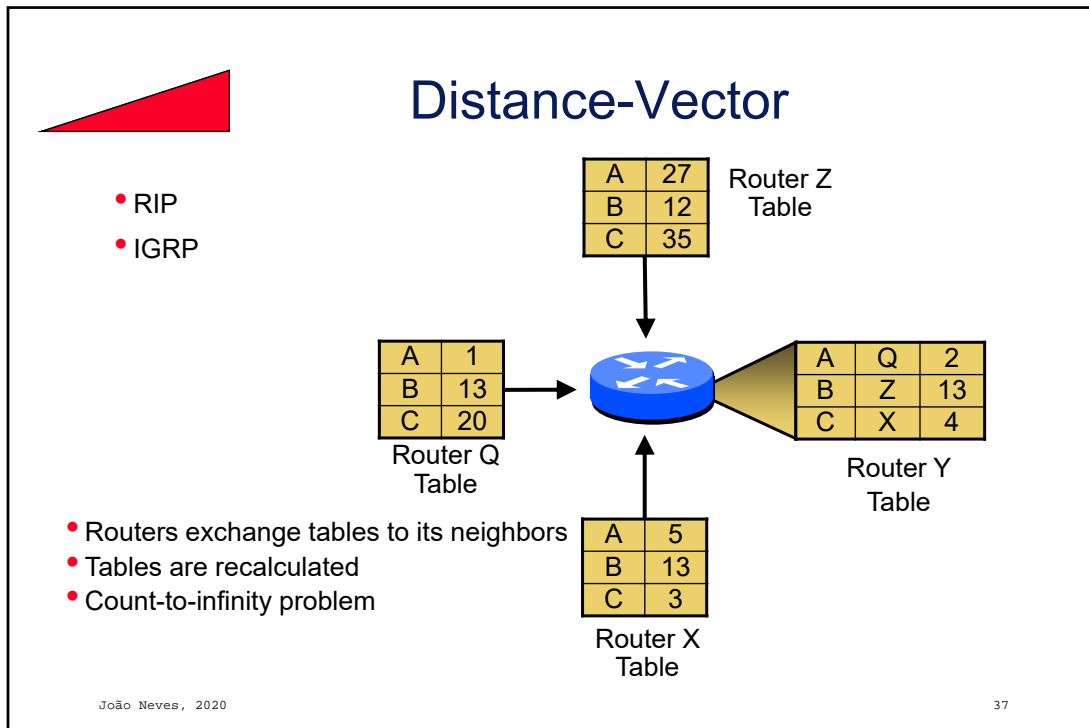
Which information is exchanged?

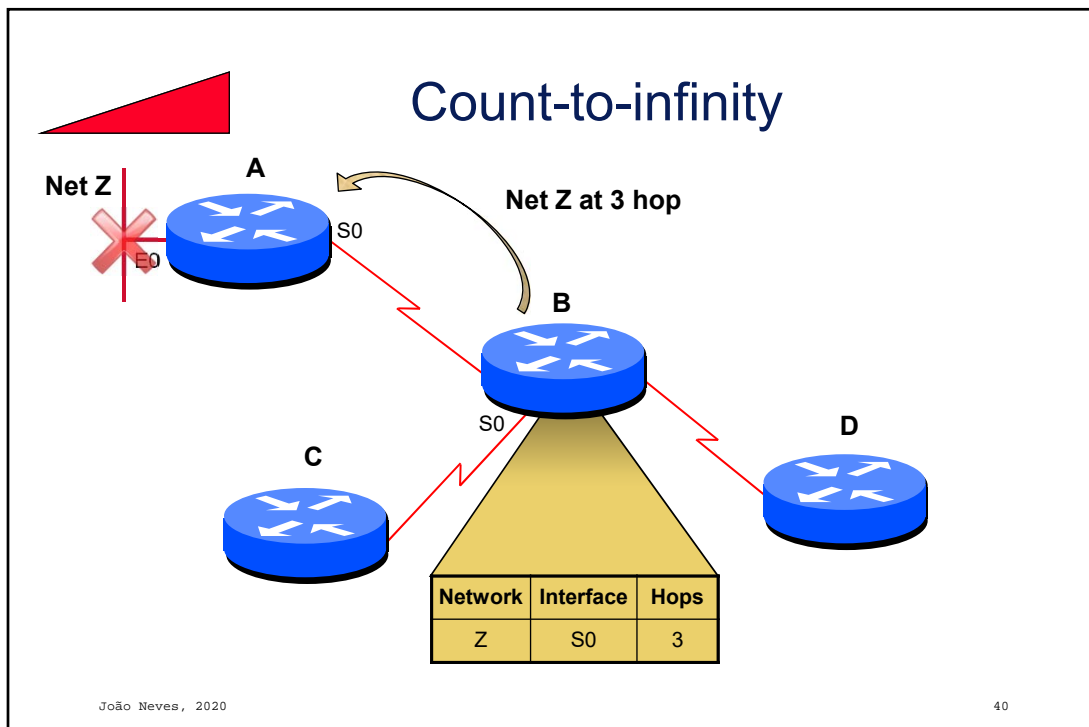
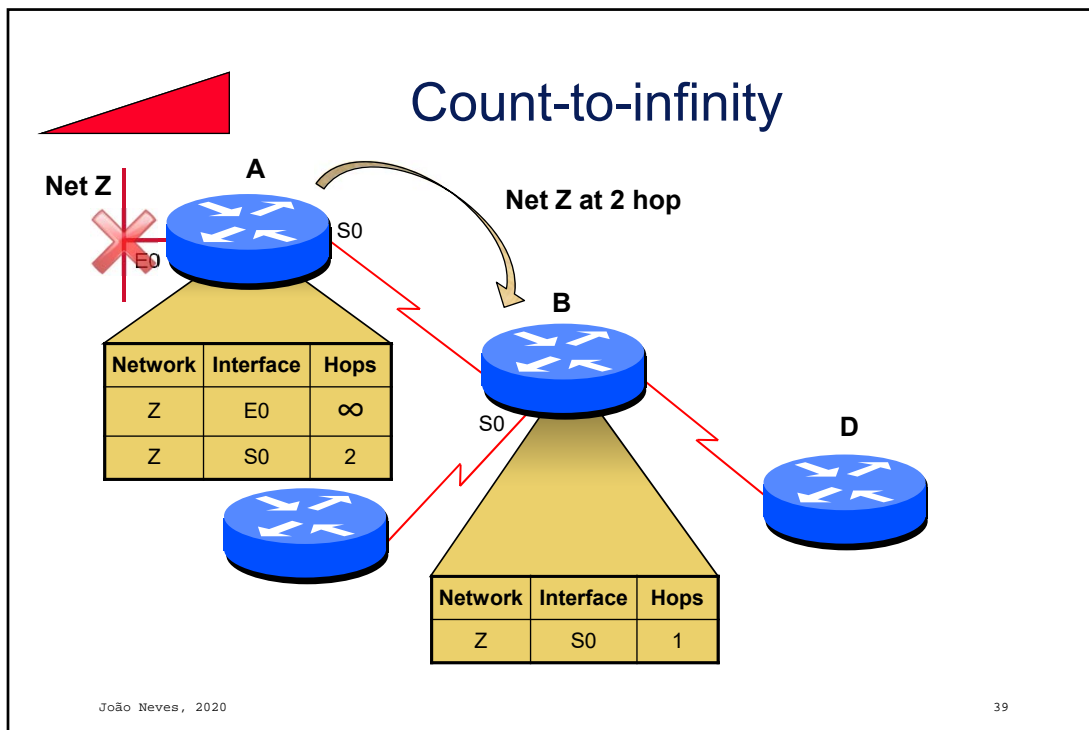
- **Distance-vector**  
Based on "rumors" (I heard that ...)
- **Path-vector**  
*Advertised de distance and the path to destination*
- **Link-state**  
Based on "advertising" (we only have exactly what you are looking for ...)

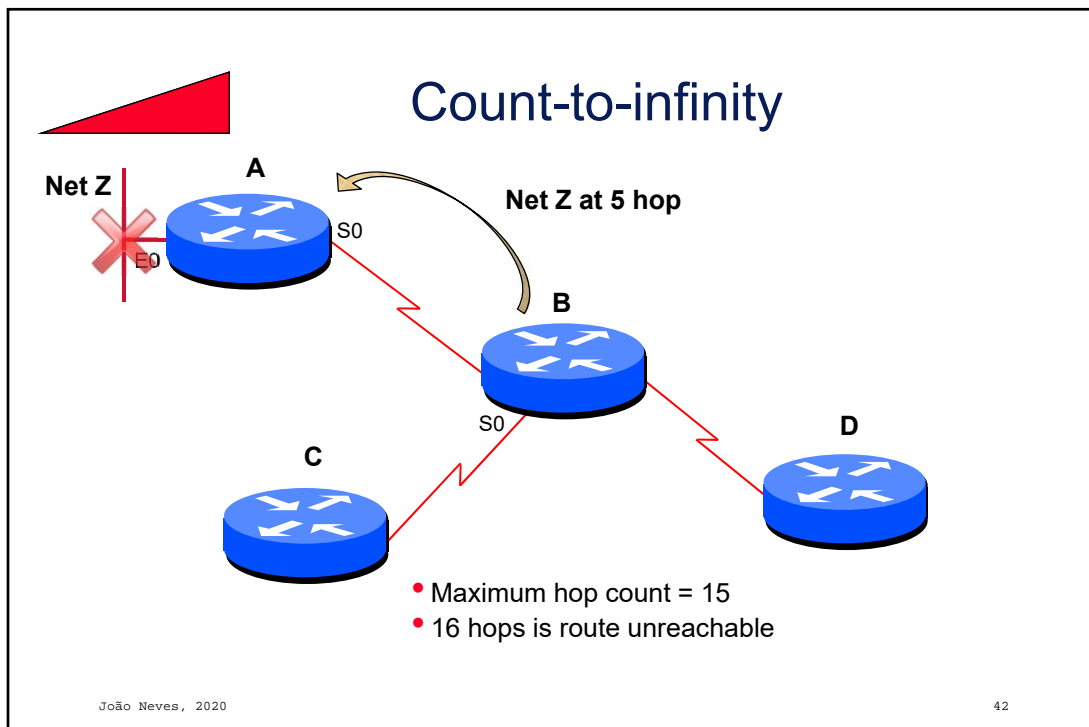
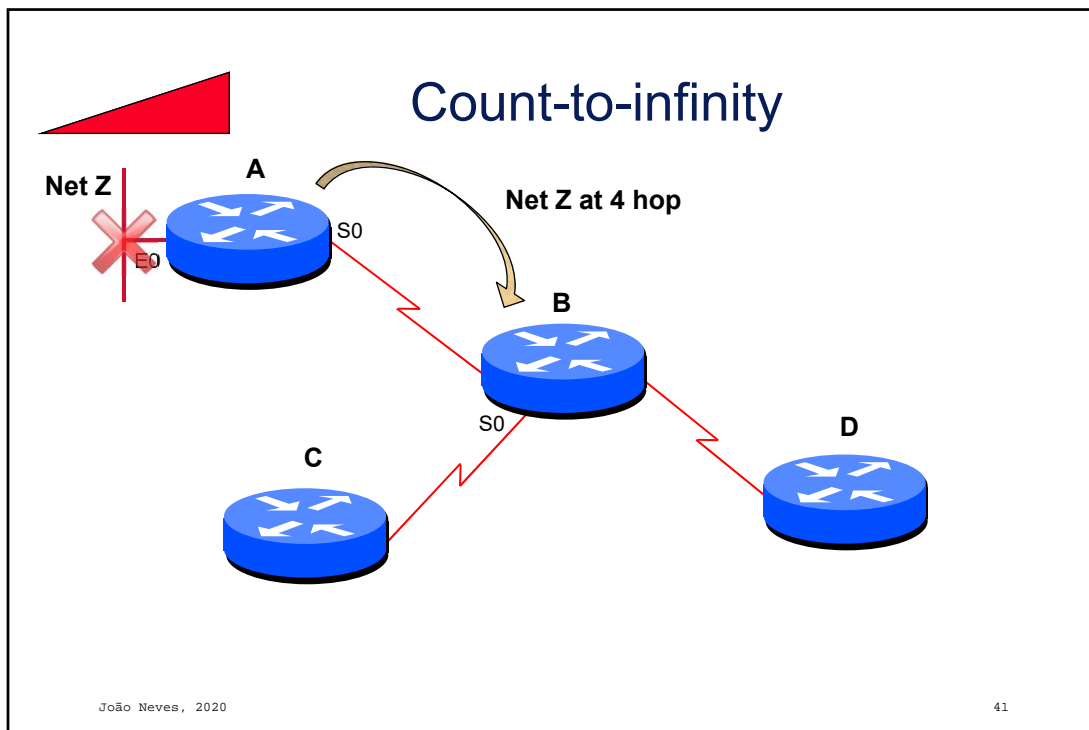


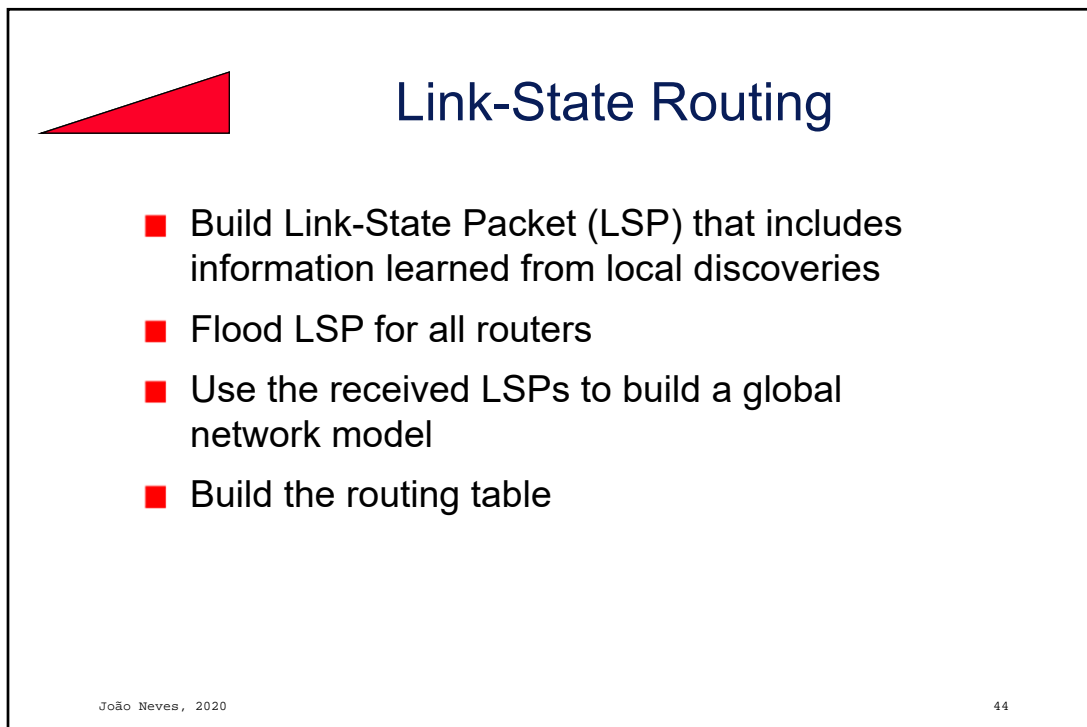
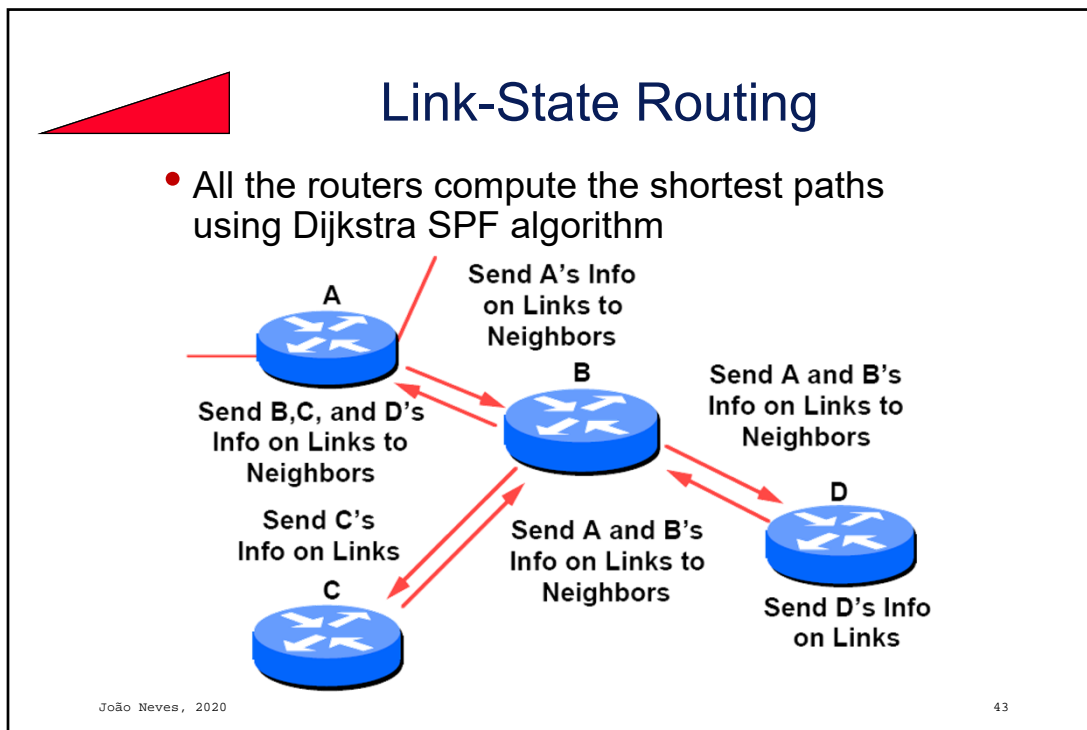
## Distance-Vector Routing

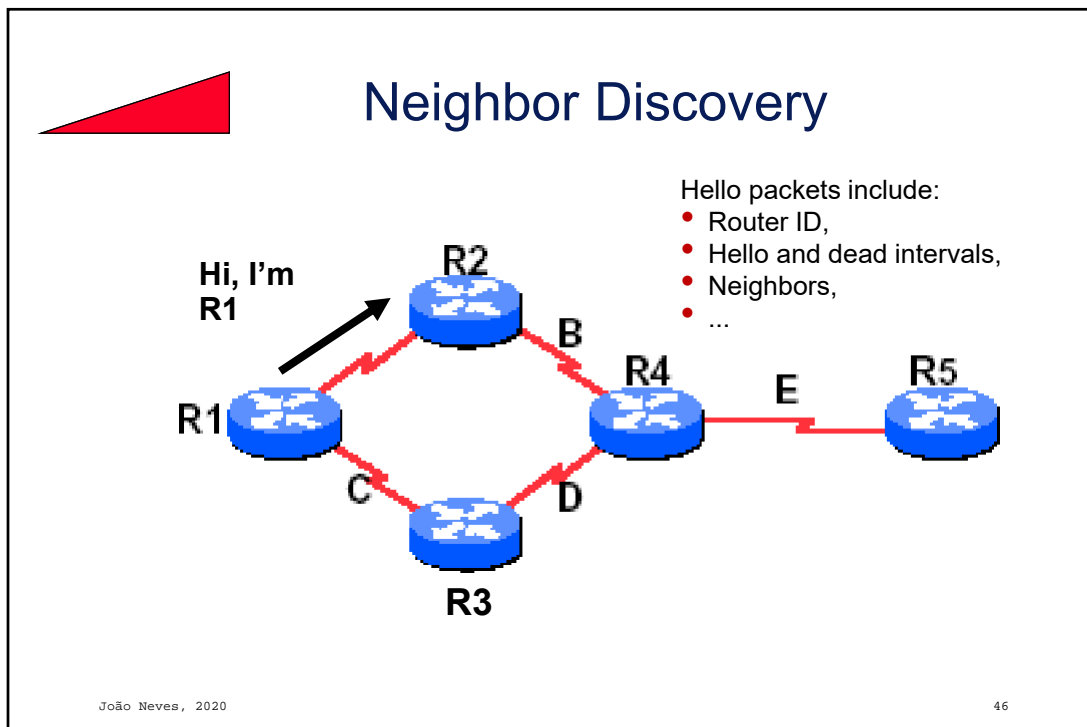
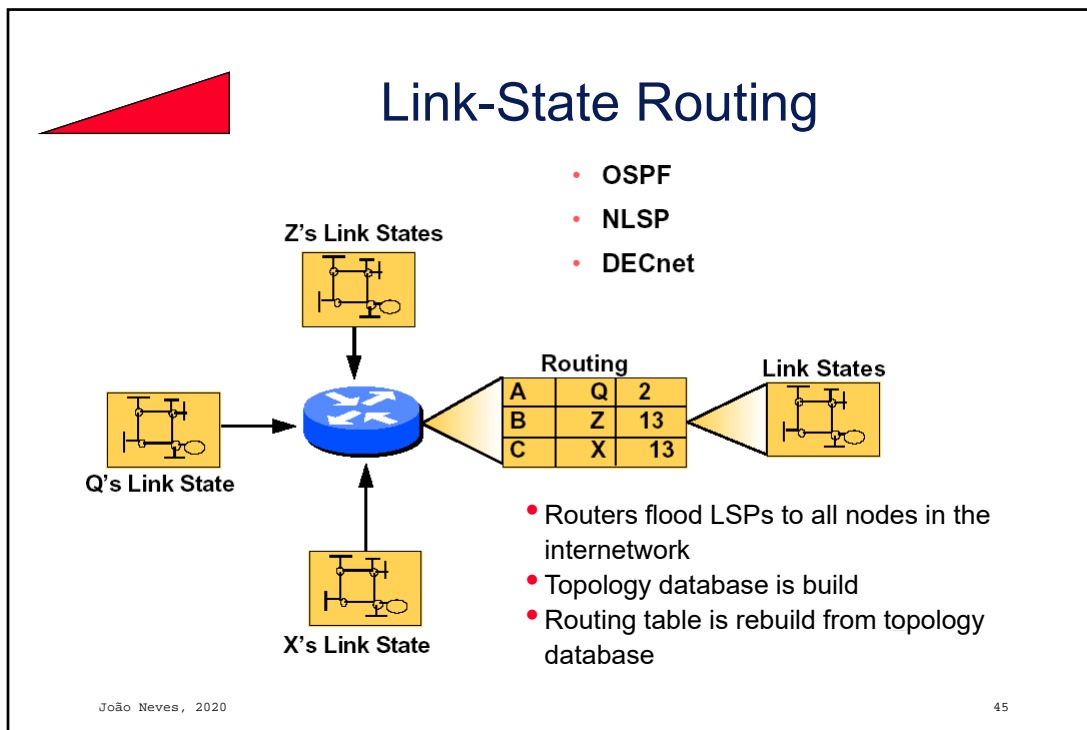


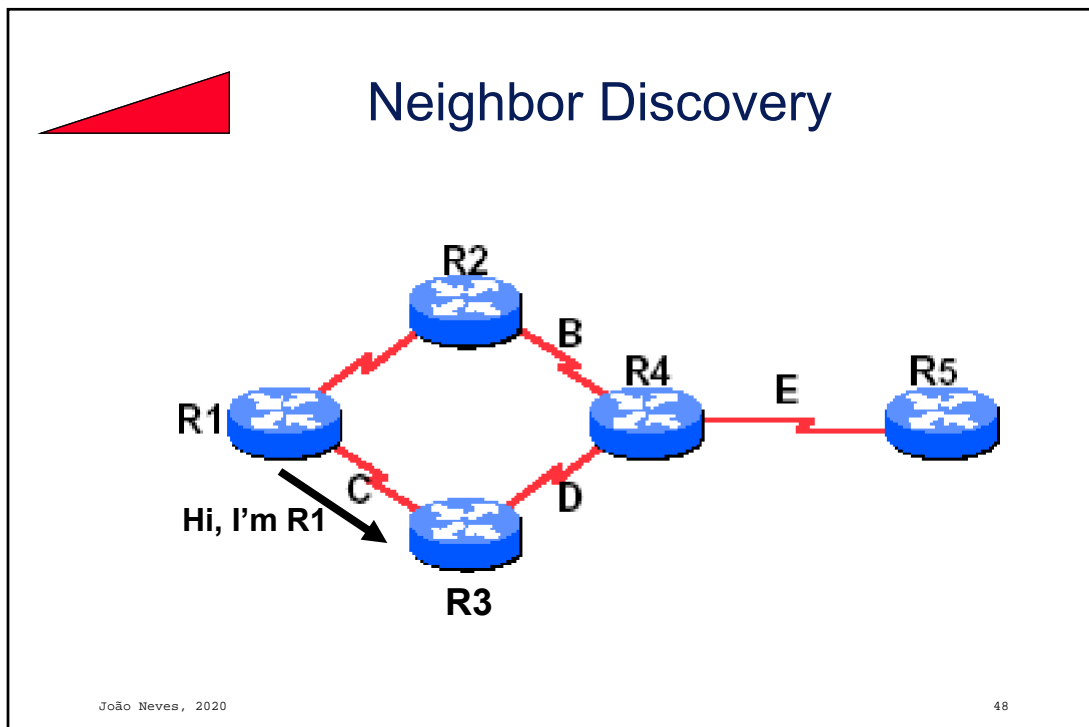
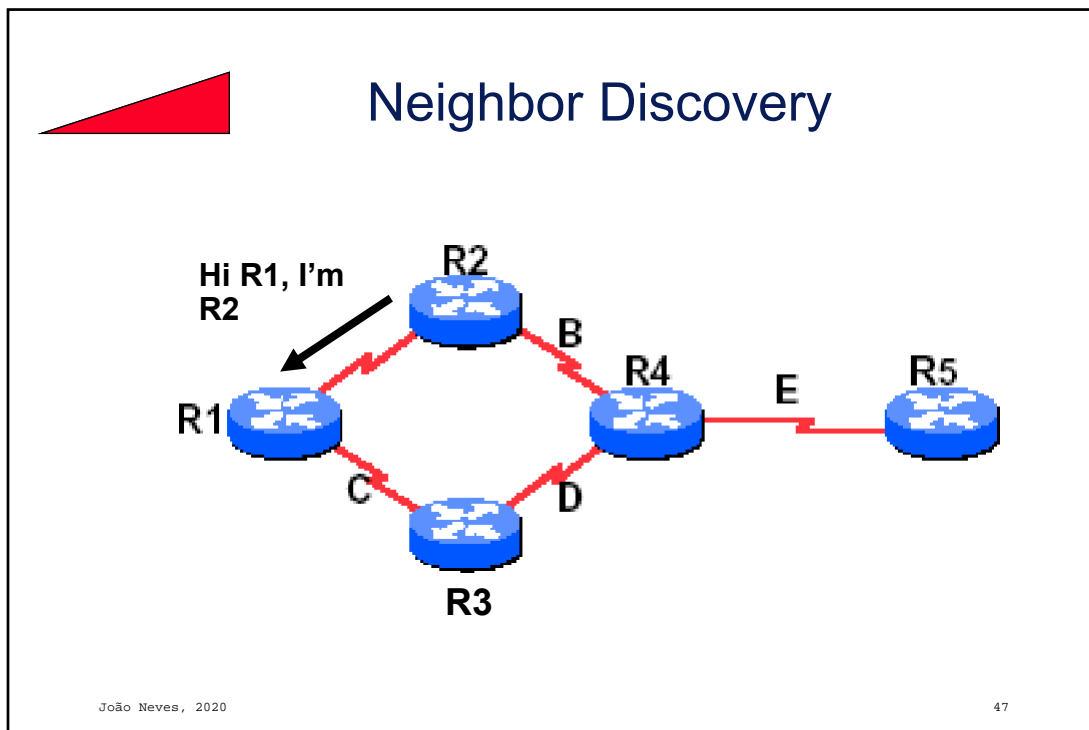




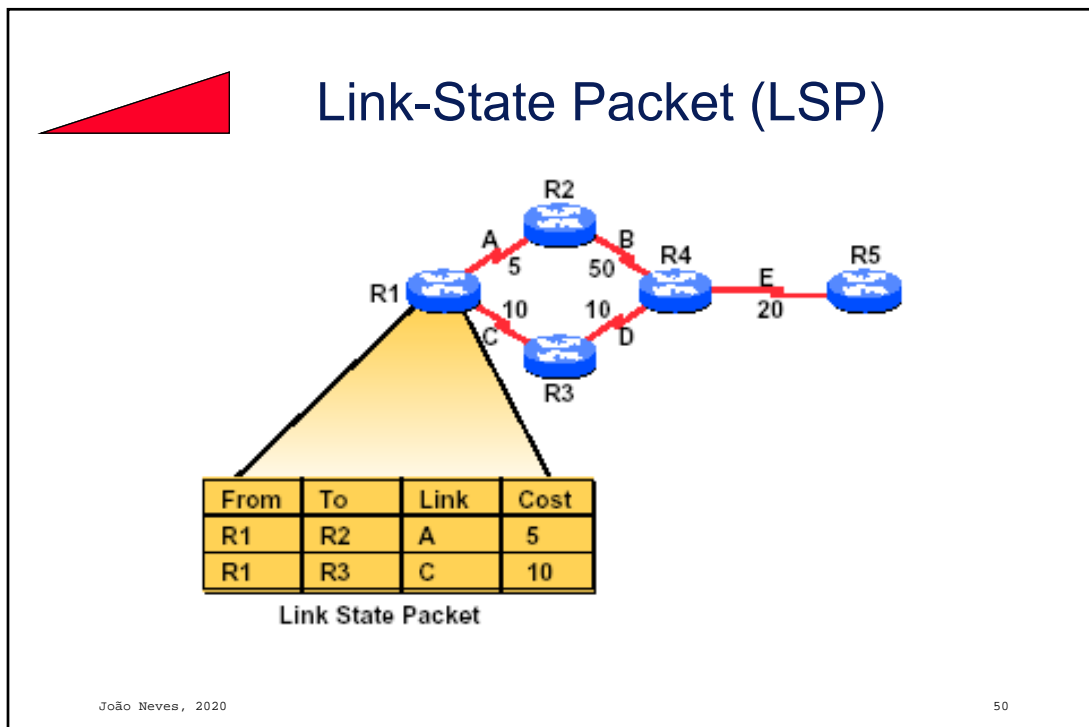
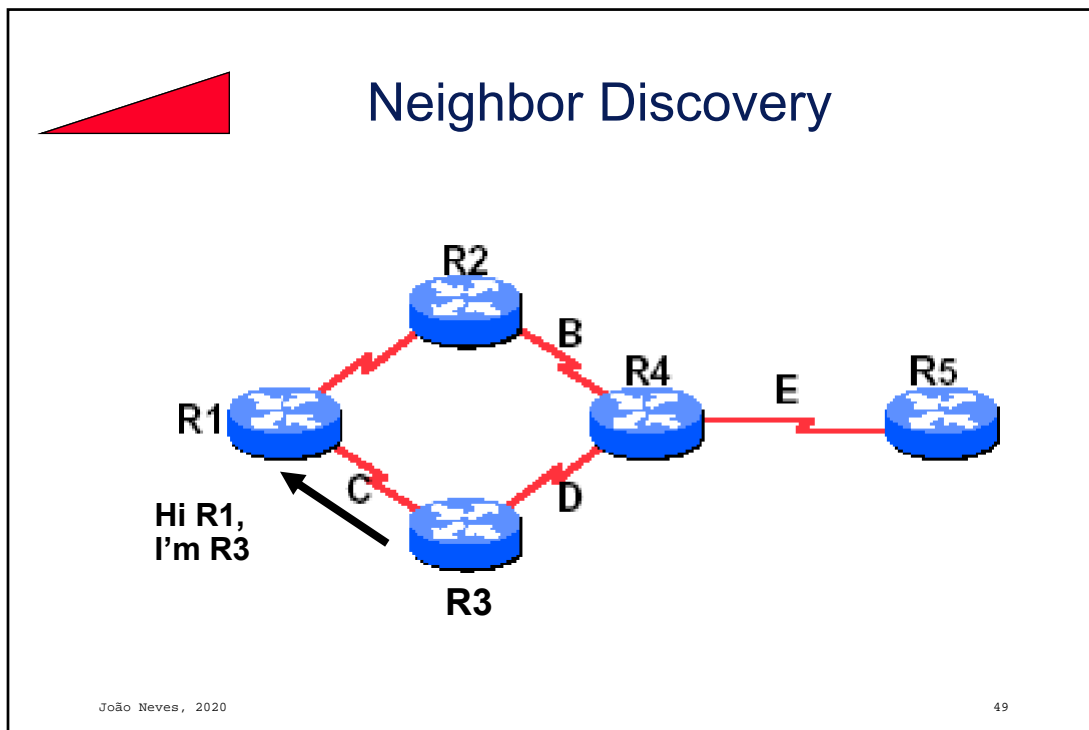


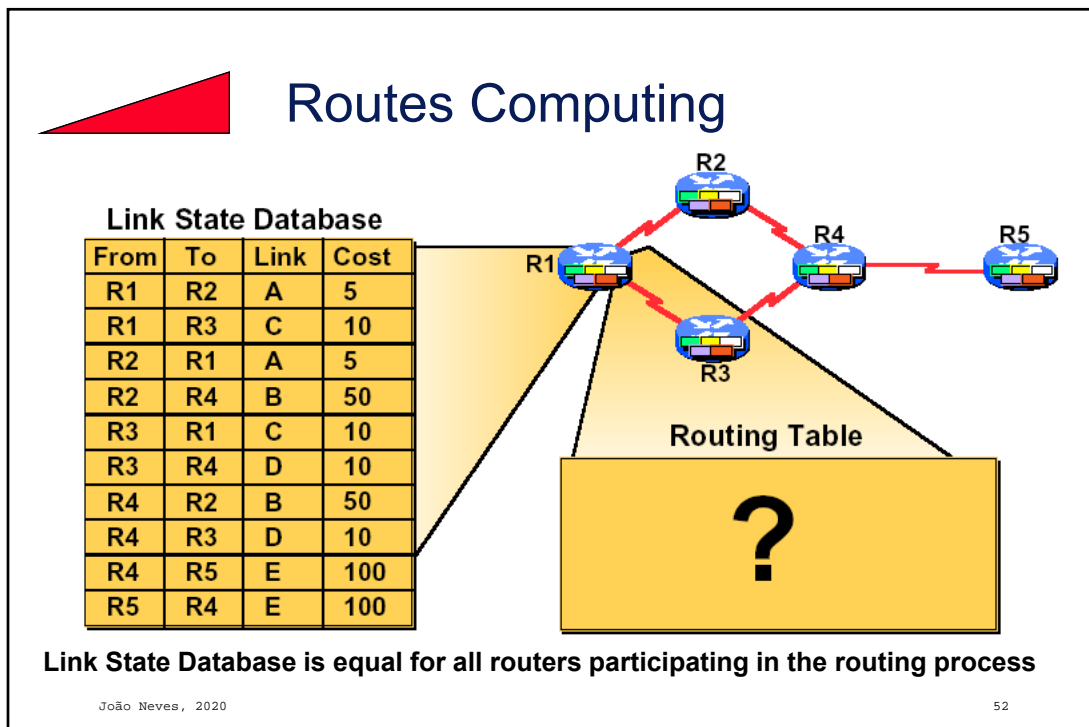
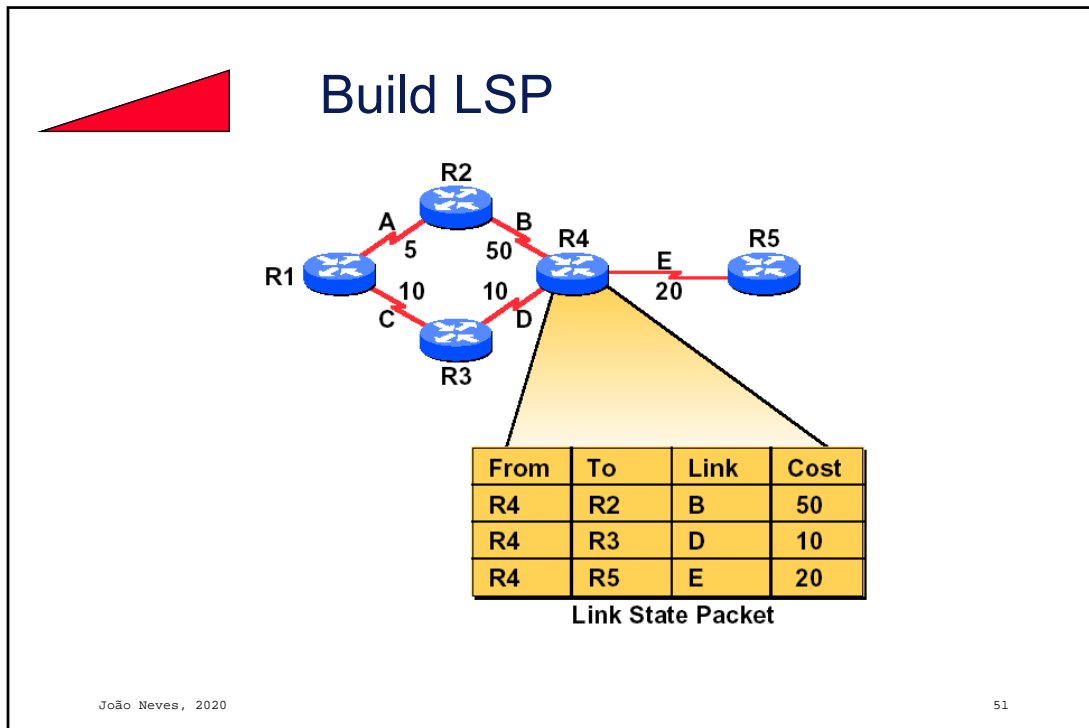














## Routing Protocols



## IP classless Routing Algorithm

Route\_IP\_Datagram(datagram, routing\_table):

Extract destination IP address,  $I_D$ , from datagram;

**If** prefix of  $I_D$  matches address of any directly connected network **then**

Send datagram to destination over that network

( $I_D$  is mapped to a physical address and the datagram is encapsulated in a frame.)

**else**

**foreach** routing table entry **do**

Let  $N$  be the bitwise-and of  $I_D$  and the net mask;

**if**  $N$  equals the network address field of the entry **then**

forward the datagram to the specified next hop

**end**

**If** the table contains a default route **then**

send datagram to the default router

**else**

return forwarding error;



## Routing Table

Network	Interface	Next Hop	Distance /Metric	Age	Status
194.117.30.0/24	Ethernet1	192.135.129.35	[90/307200]	02:03:50	D
198.113.178.0/24	Ethernet0	192.150.42.177	[110/20]	04:10:22	O
193.136.77.0/24	Ethernet0	192.150.42.177	[110/20]	03:36:50	O
193.136.32.0/21		192.150.42.178	[20/0]	1d20	B
192.135.129.160/30	Serial0				C
192.135.129.32/28	Ethernet1				C
192.150.42.0/24	Ethernet0				C
127.0.0.0/8	Null0				C
0.0.0.0/0		192.150.42.177	[1/0]		S
193.137.32.128/0		192.150.42.176	[1/0]		S

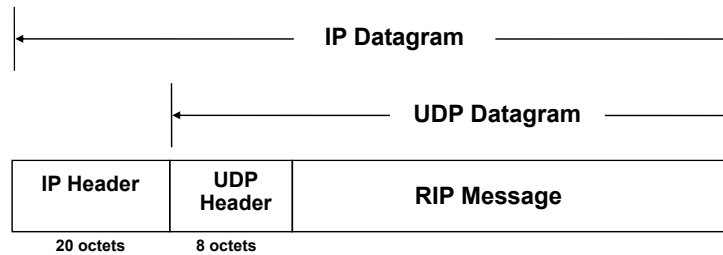


## Routing Information Protocol (RIP)

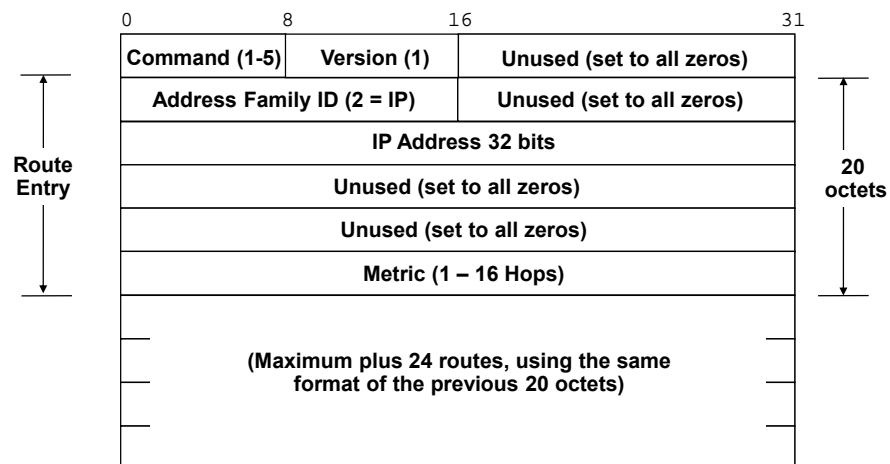
- RIP is a standard and the oldest IP routing protocol
- It's a Distance-Vector protocol
- Routers exchange full Routing tables
- Metric is Hop Count
- Mainly for it's simplicity still is widely used

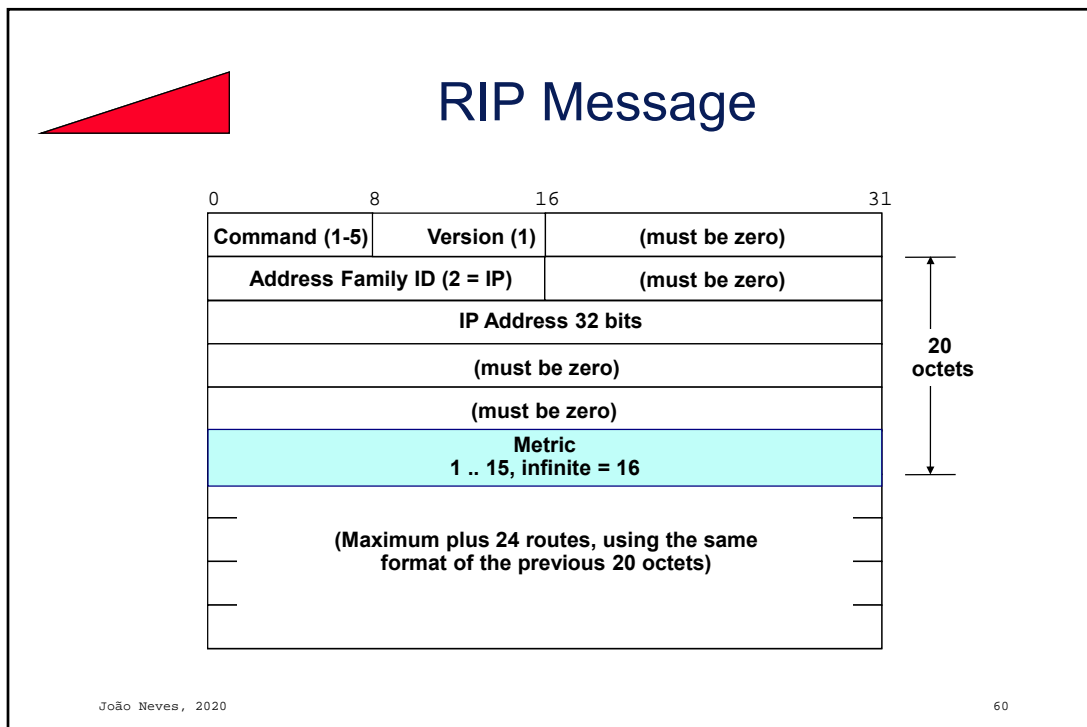
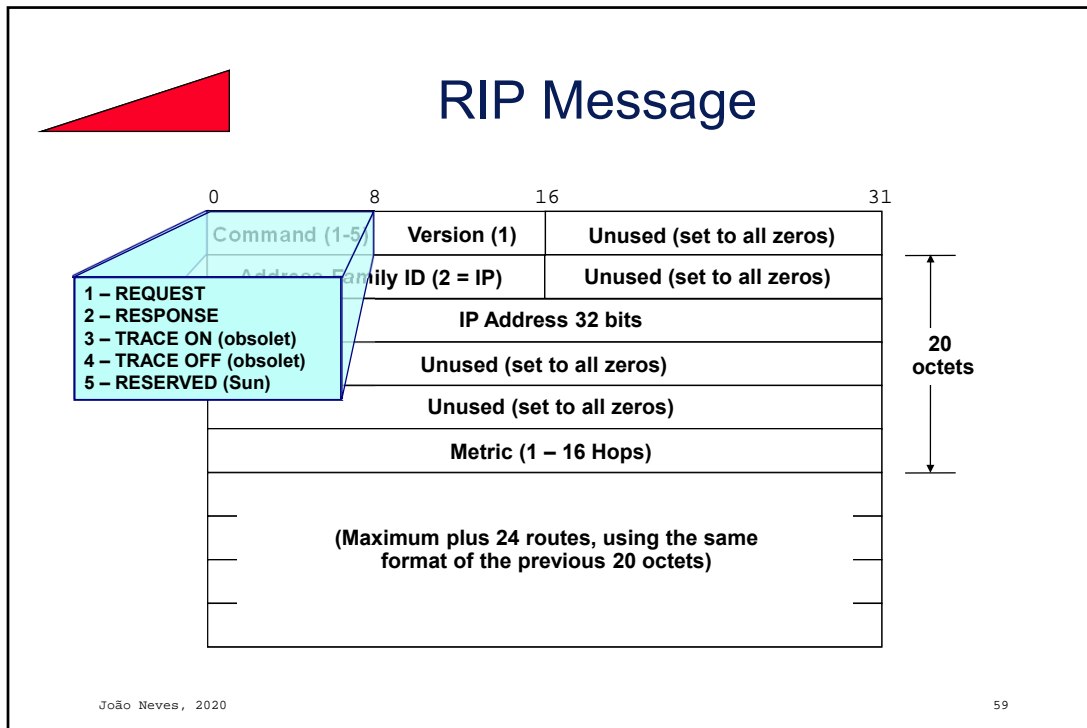


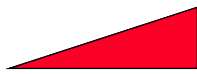
## RIP encapsulated in UDP



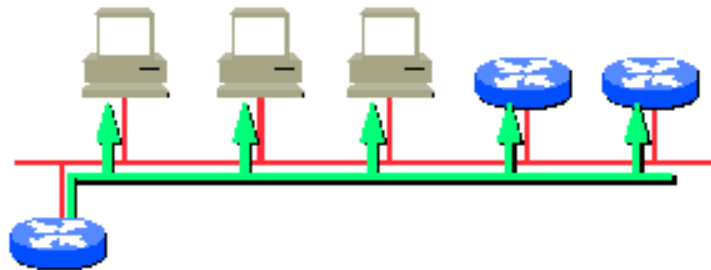
## RIP Message







## Broadcast Routing Updates



### • RIP V1

- The routing updates are broadcasted every 30 second

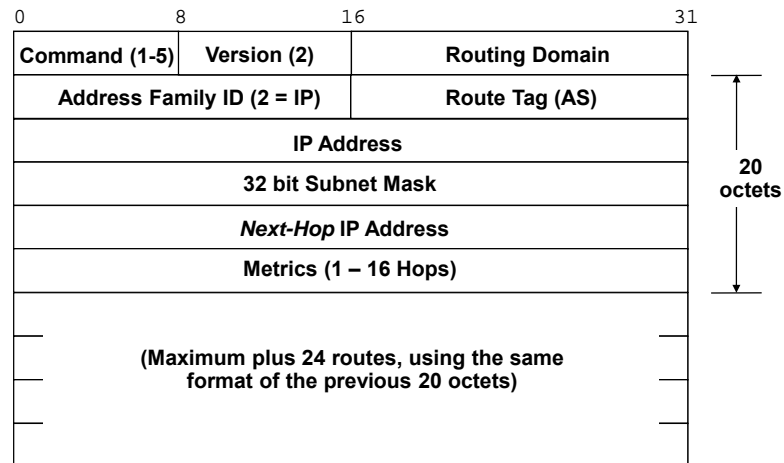


## RIP v2

- As RIPv1 is Distance-Vector
- Variable Length Subnet Mask
- Routing Updates by Multicast
- Additional Metrics (*throughput*)

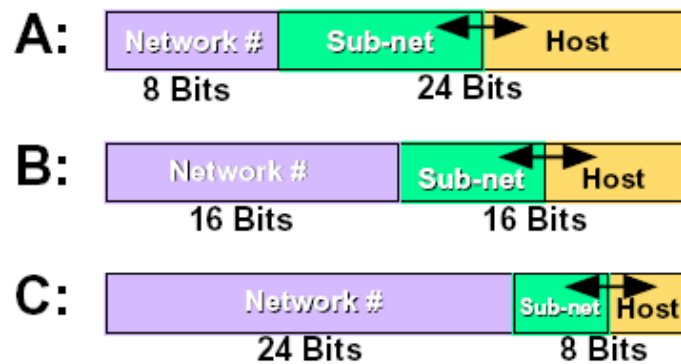


## RIPv2 Message



## Variable Mask

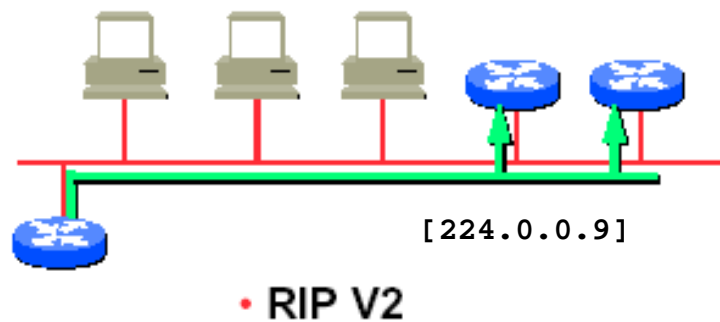
### Variable Length Subnet Mask (VLSM)



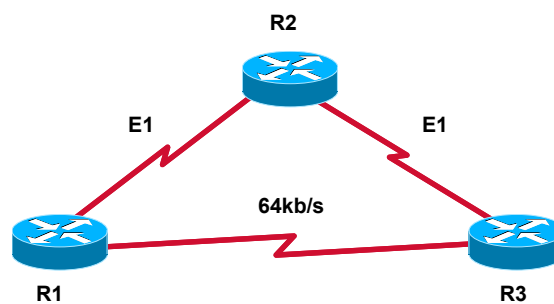




## RIPv2: Multicast Updates



## RIPv2: Better Metric



- Hop count
- Throughput



## IGRP

- Distance-Vector Protocol
- Powerful Metric – delay, bandwidth, reliability, load and administrative weight
- Load Balancing
- Cisco Systems proprietary
- Allows route redistribution
- Transported directly over IP (IP Protocol = 88)



## Enhanced IGRP

- Distance-Vector Protocol
- Fast convergence (< 1 sec)
- Variable Length Subnet Mask
- Partial Updates
- Updates contain five metrics: minimum bandwidth (of entire path), delay, load, reliability, and maximum transmission unit (MTU)
- Cisco Systems proprietary
- Interoperates with IGRP
- Originally allows routing of various protocols: IP, Novell, Appletalk

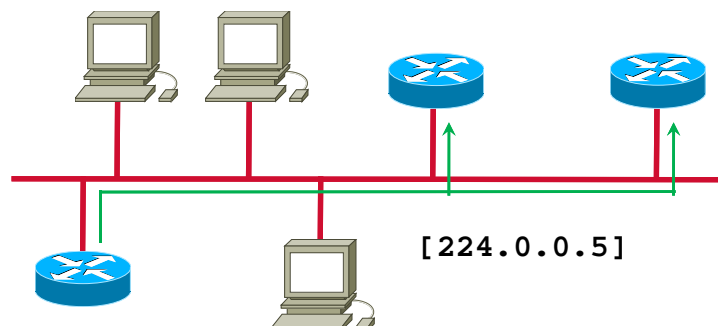


## OSPF

- IETF Standard
- Link-State Protocol
- Accepts VLSM
- Small overhead
- Load Sharing
- Fast convergence
- Recognize areas
- Transport is done directly over IP  
(IP Protocol = 89)

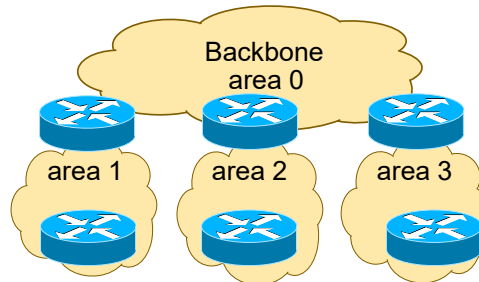


## Multicast Hello packets





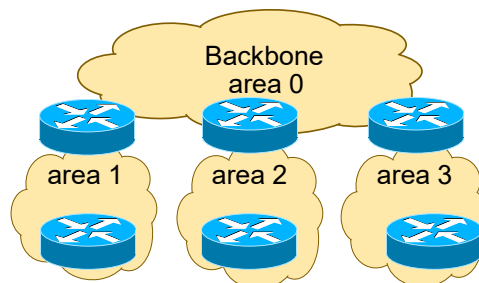
## OSPF Areas



- OSPF recognizes one or more areas
- At least the backbone (area 0) must be configured
- The router may have interfaces in different areas
- All areas must be connected to the backbone
- Backbone must be contiguous



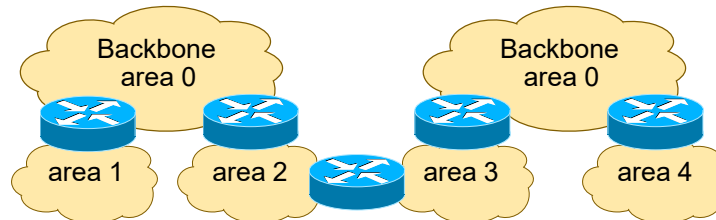
## OSPF Areas Characteristics



- Minimizes routing tables
- Topology of an area is invisible from outside
- Localizes impact of a topology change within an area
- Detailed LSA floods stops at the area boundary
- Hierarchical network design



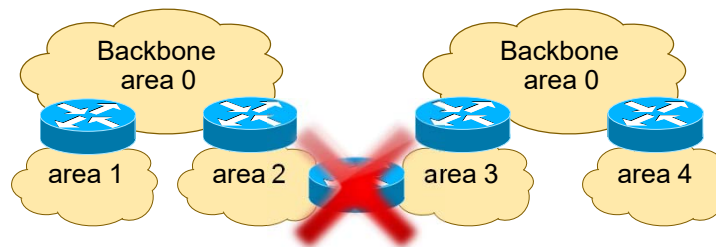
## OSPF Areas (cont.)



- How can we expand the areas coverage?



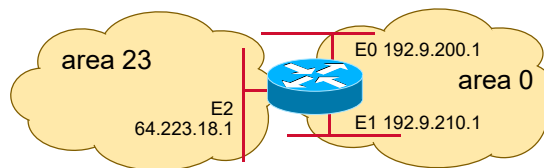
## OSPF Areas (cont.)



- The backbone must be contiguous!



## Example



```
Router#
interface Ethernet0
ip address 192.9.200.1 255.255.255.0

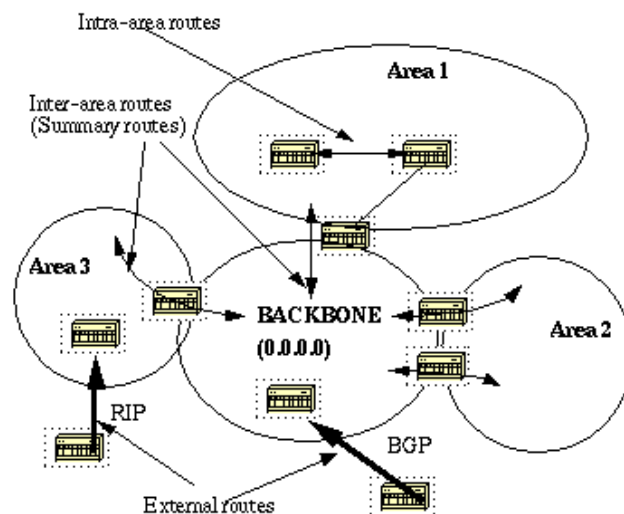
interface Ethernet1
ip address 192.9.210.1 255.255.255.0

interface Ethernet2
ip address 64.223.18.1 255.255.255.0

router ospf 100
network 192.9.0.0 0.0.255.255 area 0
network 64.223.18.1 0.0.0.0 area 23
```



## Area 0





## OSPF Cost

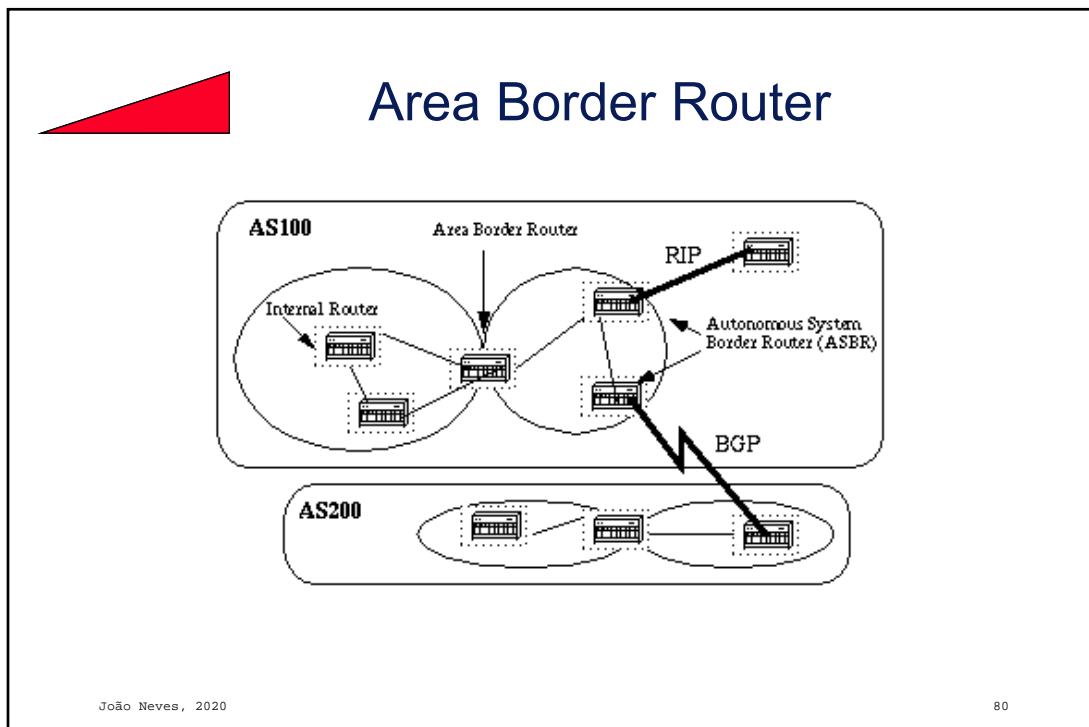
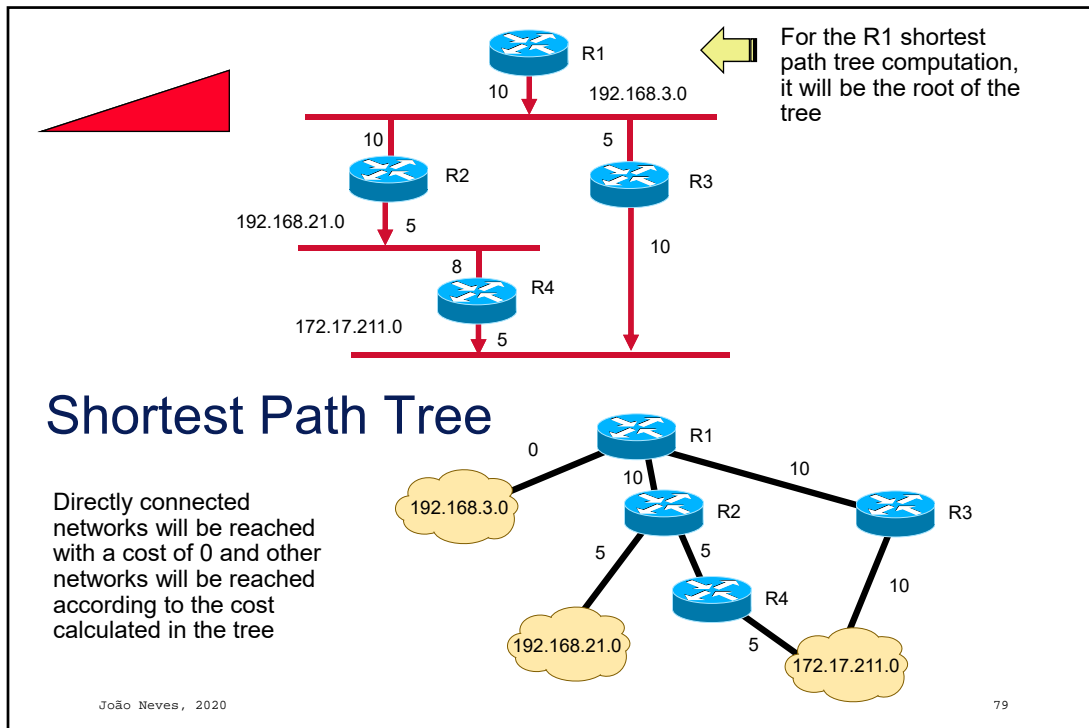
- The OSPF cost is a value of [0,65535];
- Cost is set up for each interface, as desired;
- The smaller cost means smaller distance;
- Some routers automatically add costs, depending on the line speed.



## OSPF Cost Calculation

Cost = reference bandwidth / interface bandwidth in bit/s

- Typical reference bandwidth is 100 000 000 ( $10^8$ )
- Different manufacturers use different reference bandwidths
- The reference bandwidth should be the same on all routers of the AS







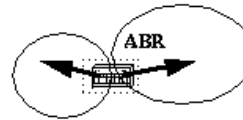
## Link-State Packets

### Router Links



Describe the state and cost of the router's links (interfaces) to the area (Intra-area).

### Summary Links



Originated by ABRs only. Describe networks in the AS but outside of an Area (Inter-area). Also describe the location of the ASBR.

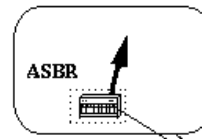
### Network Links

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Originated for multi-access segments with more than one attached router. Describe all routers attached to the specific segment. Originated by a Designated Router (discussed later on).

### External Links



Originated by an ASBR. Describe destinations external the autonomous system or a default route to the outside AS.



## Default Convergence Time

Routing Protocol	Time to Converge
• RIP	90s
• IGRP	270s
• EIGRP	~1s
• OSPF	~1s



## Interior Routing

Traditional  
Distance Vector

Link-State

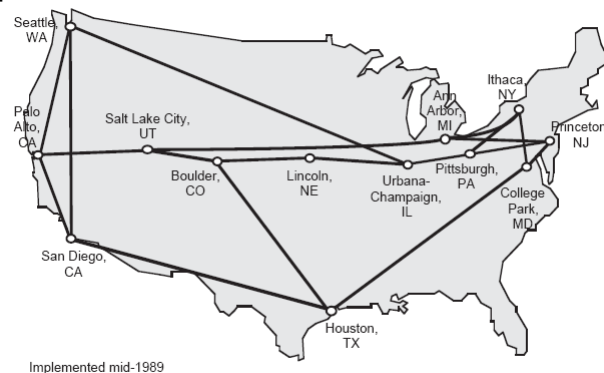
Advanced  
Distance Vector

<b>RIP</b> <b>IGRP</b>	<b>OSPF</b>	<b>EIGRP</b>
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## Exterior Routing

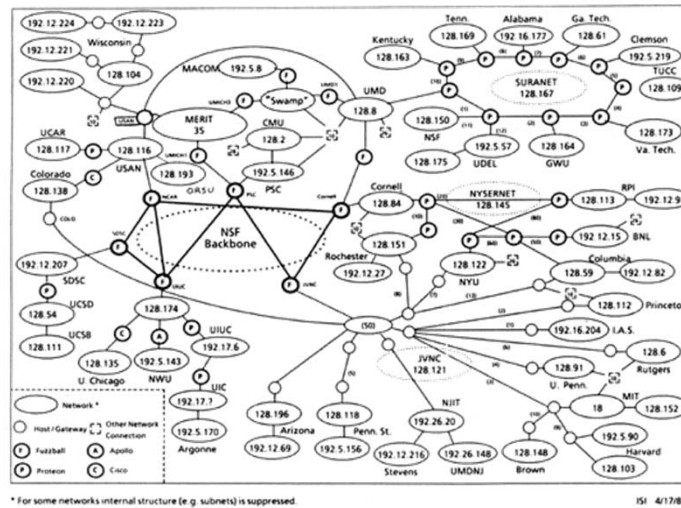
In 1990 the Internet was the National Science Foundation network (NSFNET) Backbone and connected networks [RFC1192]





## NSFNET Backbone in 1987

NSFNET Physical Connectivity -- April 87



[http://www.computerhistory.org/internet\\_history/internet\\_history\\_90s.shtml](http://www.computerhistory.org/internet_history/internet_history_90s.shtml)

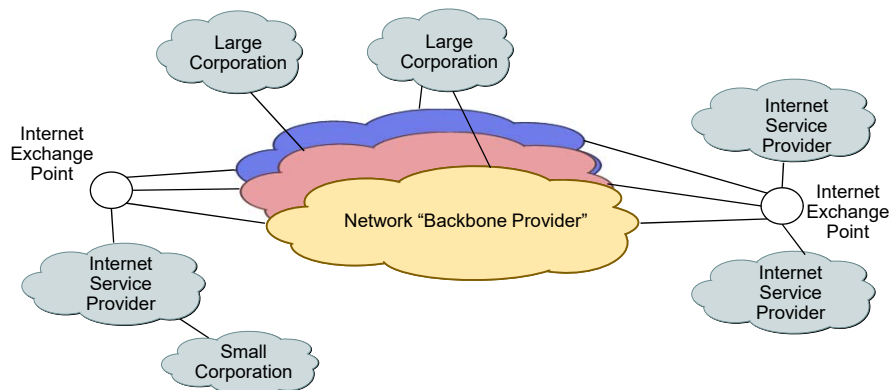
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## Exterior Routing

Today, the Internet "is" a group of Network Backbone Providers (NBP) and peers.



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## Backbone Provider AS174



Source: March 2019, <http://www.cogentco.com/en/network/network-map>

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## Hurricane Electric IP Transit service (AS6939)



Source: March 2019, <http://he.net/HurricaneElectricNetworkMap.pdf>

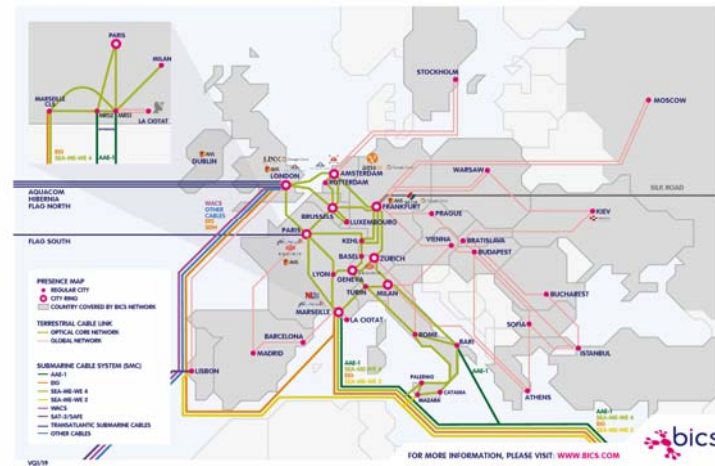
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## BICS - Belgacom International Carrier Services SA (AS6774)

BICS EUROPE PRESENCE MAP

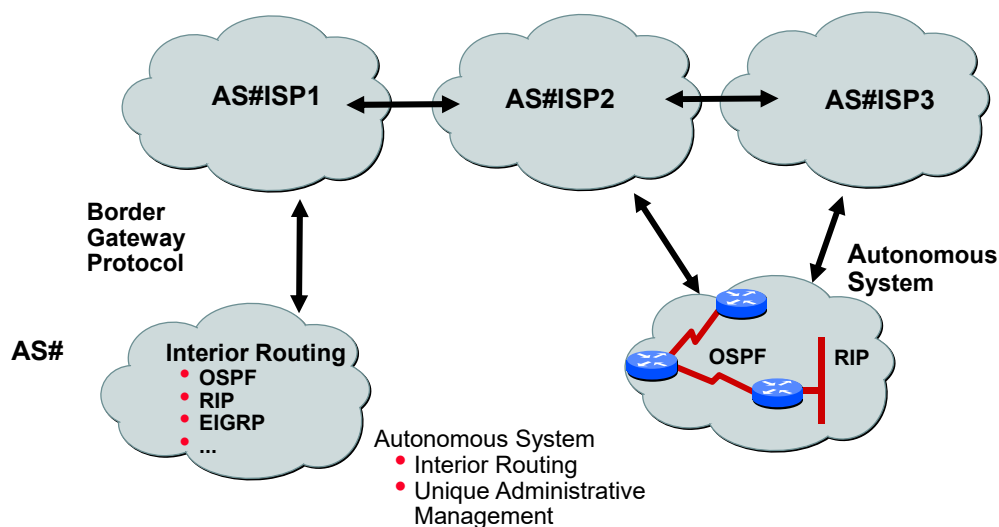


Source: <https://bics.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/BICS-Europe-Map-Feb2019.png>  
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## Border Gateway Protocol

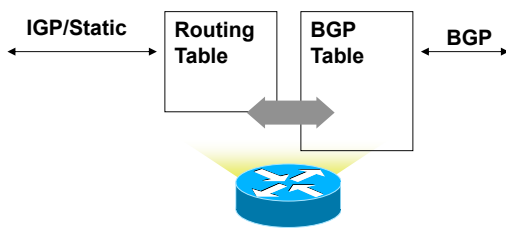


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## BGP and IP Routing Table



- The BGP process builds and manage a specific table, and the router uses the routing table for IP forwarding;
- The information from both tables may be redistributed, and usually is, but in a limited fashion;
- BGP selects a single best path to a destination, and inserts it in the IP routing table. IP forwarding decision is based on the routes in the IP table, NOT by the routes in the BGP table.

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## BGP4

- Path-Vector Protocol
- Inter-Autonomous System Communication
- Announces Reach ability Information
- Next Hop Paradigm
- Distributes routes information
- Supports Routing Politics
- Fast Convergence

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## BGP4 (cont.)

- Transport based on Transmission Control Protocol and sessions are established on port 179
- Incremental updates
- CIDR addresses
- Understands routes aggregation
- Authentication (is possible to verify who is sending routing updates)



## TCP and Timers

- All communications between BGP peers are based on TCP;
- An IP connection must be established between the peers before a relationship can be set up;
- eBGP is designed to run only between directly connected neighbors;
- eBGP normally sets the time to live (TTL) in all packets to 1;
- You can tell BGP to set the TTL to other value than 1 by declaring a multihop connection (**ebgp-multihop**);



## TCP and Timers

- Keepalive interval indicates the time between successive Keepalive messages, used to maintain the session established in the absence of Updates;
- Hold time indicates the time that a router will wait without receiving an Update or Keepalive and before declaring a neighbor down;
- Each BGP speaker advertises its Hold time;
- Each BGP speaker compares its locally configured Hold time with the Hold time it receives from its peer, and chooses the lower of these two values;
- Keepalive timer is always set to one third of the Hold time.



## Cisco BGP-4 Route selection criteria

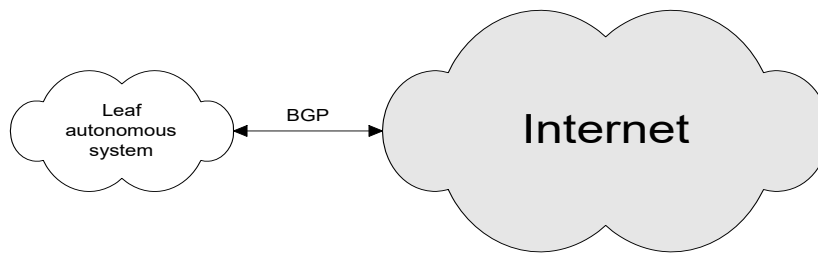
- 1. Prefer the path with the highest WEIGHT.**  
Note: WEIGHT is a Cisco-specific parameter. It is local to the router on which it is configured.
- 2. Prefer the path with the highest LOCAL\_PREF (global within AS).**
- 3. Prefer the path that was locally originated via a network or aggregate BGP subcommand or through redistribution from an IGP (next hop = 0.0.0.0).**
- 4. Prefer the path with the shortest AS\_PATH.**
- 5. Prefer the path with the lowest origin type (IGP < EGP < INCOMPLETE).**
- 6. Prefer the path with the lowest multi-exit discriminator (MED) – from other AS.**
- 7. Prefer eBGP over iBGP paths.**
- 8. Prefer the path with the lowest IGP metric to the BGP next hop (closest IGP neighbor).**
- 9. When both paths are external, prefer the path that was received first (the oldest one).**
- 10. Prefer the route that comes from the BGP router with the lowest router ID.**  
The router ID is the highest IP address on the router, with preference given to loopback addresses. Also, you can use the bgp router-id command to manually set the router ID.
- 11. Prefer the path that comes from the lowest neighbor address.**  
This address is the IP address that is used in the BGP neighbor configuration. The address corresponds to the remote peer that is used in the TCP connection with the local router.





## Example No.1

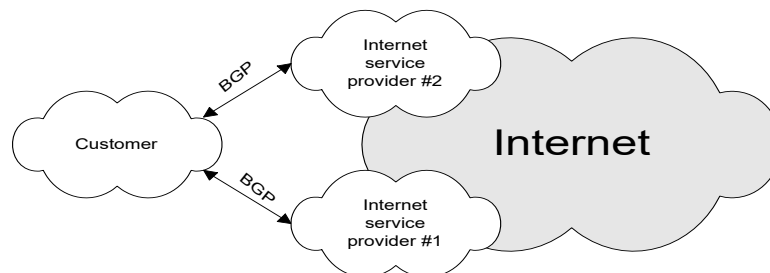
A large costumer or a small ISP connecting to the Internet



## Example No.2

Customer with connectivity to more than one ISP  
(*multi-homed customer*)

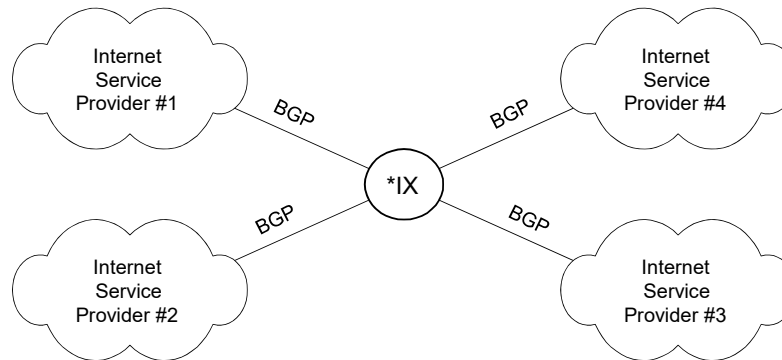
- The use of BGP is mandatory
- Customer needs a unique public AS#
- Customer address space is independent of an ISP
- Large BGP Routing tables → [https://twitter.com/bgp4\\_table](https://twitter.com/bgp4_table)





## Example No.3

ISPs' traffic exchange on an *Internet eXchange Point* (IXP)

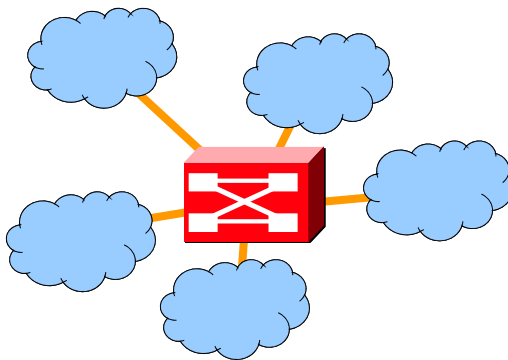


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## GigaPIX



- GigaPIX is a not-for-profit Portuguese Internet Exchange Point managed and operated by FCT/FCCN;
- GigaPIX is present in four locations: three in Lisbon (two of the rooms are inside the Campus of Laboratório Nacional de Engenharia Civil, and the other at Equinix, in Prior Velho) and one in Porto (in Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto);
- GigaPIX architecture covers the technical aspects of Physical and Data Link layers (layers 1 and 2);
- At the Physical Layer, GigaPIX provides each GigaPIX Member with a copper or fiber individual physical port;
- At the Data Link Layer the GigaPIX provides 100 Mbit/s, 1 Gbit/s and 10 Gbit/s Ethernet accesses.

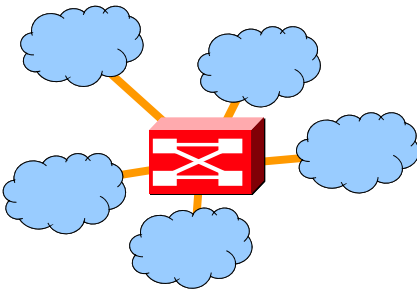
Source: <http://gigapix.pt>

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## Who is connected to GigaPIX...



Source: <https://gigapix.pt/en/members/>

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Name	AS	URL
Akamai	209401	<a href="https://www.akamai.com/">https://www.akamai.com/</a>
Angola Cables	37468	<a href="http://angolacables.co.ao/">http://angolacables.co.ao/</a>
AR Telecom	12926	<a href="http://www.artelecom.pt/">http://www.artelecom.pt/</a>
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Google	15169	<a href="https://www.google.com">https://www.google.com</a>
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NOS	2860	<a href="https://www.nos.pt/">https://www.nos.pt/</a>
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ONI	9186	<a href="http://www.oni.pt/">http://www.oni.pt/</a>
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Verizon	702	<a href="http://www.verizonbusiness.com">http://www.verizonbusiness.com</a>
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Vodafone	12353	<a href="https://www.vodafone.pt">https://www.vodafone.pt</a>

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## traceroute

```
# trace www.telepac.pt
Translating "www.telepac.pt"...domain server (193.136.192.40)
Translating "www.telepac.pt"...domain server (193.136.192.40) [OK]
Type escape sequence to abort.
Tracing the route to home.telepac.pt (194.65.62.76)

 1 ROUTER11.GE.Porto.fccn.pt (193.137.4.18) 0 msec
   ROUTER11.GE.Porto.fccn.pt (193.137.4.2) 0 msec
   ROUTER11.GE.Porto.fccn.pt (193.137.4.18) 0 msec
 2 ROUTER8.GE.Lambda.Lisboa.fccn.pt (193.137.1.241) 4 msec 8 msec 4 msec
 3 ROUTER1.GE0-2-0.5.Lisboa.fccn.pt (193.137.0.11) 8 msec 8 msec 4 msec
 4 ROUTER16.FE4-1.Lisboa.fccn.pt (193.137.0.21) 8 msec 8 msec 4 msec
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 6 halley.telepac.net (194.65.12.161) 8 msec 8 msec 8 msec
 7 lcatrt1.telepac.net (213.13.135.137) 12 msec 12 msec 12 msec
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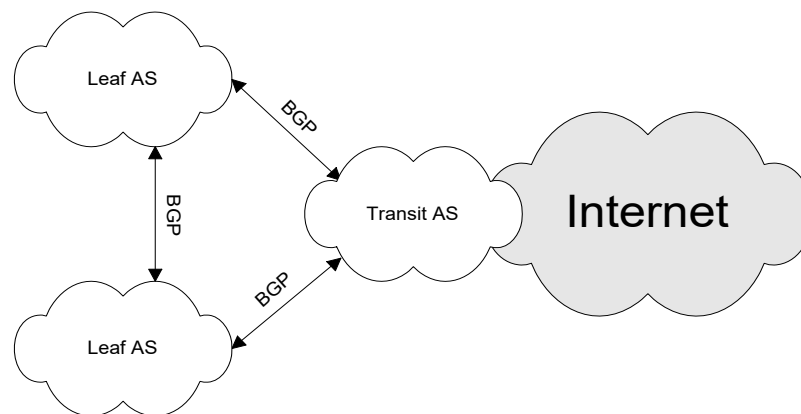
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## Example No.4

Use of an transit AS to transport traffic from other AS's



## BGP hijacks


- BGP hijacks take place when an ISP announces the wrong Internet route to a specific destination;
- In most cases, BGP hijacks are accidents, such as typos;
- But in some cases, malicious ISPs intentionally announce a wrong BGP route in order to hijack traffic meant for particular targets, such as critical DNS servers, financial services, government sites, etc...
- These malicious BGP hijacks make traffic to those targets to flow through the malicious ISP's network, where it can sniff its content or perform Man-in-the-Middle attacks;
- *Bitcanal (AS3266) was the biggest BGP hijack offender in recent years, earning the nickname of "BGP hijack factory".*




## BGP hijacks

Bitcanal (AS3266)  
aka  
Ebonyhorizon Telecomunicacoes S.A.  
(AS42229)  
Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal...

- BGP hijack of Internet routing information
- In most cases, the hijacker is a legitimate organization
- But in some cases, the hijacker is a malicious organization that uses a wrong BGP configuration to redirect traffic to its own servers, financial services, government sites, etc...
- These malicious BGP hijacks can cause traffic to those targets to flow through the malicious hijacker's network, where it can sniff its content or perform Man-in-the-Middle attacks;
- *Bitcanal (AS3266) was the largest BGP hijack offender in recent years, earning the nickname "BGP hijack factory".*



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## BGP hijack factory - Case Study

- Hijack Internet address ranges that have gone unused for periods of time and "unannounced";
- Announce to the Internet that their hosting facilities was the authorized location for those IP address blocks;
- After obtaining a chunk of IP addresses, Bitcanal would apparently sell or lease the space to spammers, who would then begin sending junk email from those addresses;
- Much of the hijacked address space routed by Bitcanal and used by its customers, was once assigned to business entities that no longer exist;
- But some were assigned to active organizations, such as the Texas State Attorney General's office, as well as addresses managed by the U.S. Department of Defense!...

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## BGP hijack factory - Case Study

- Hijack Internet address ranges that have gone unused for periods of time

• A large number of these hijacked addresses are used by the "Shutting down the BGP Hijack Factory"  
Doug Madory, ORACLE Dyn,  
Jul 10, 2018

<https://dyn.com/blog/shutting-down-the-bgp-hijack-factory/>

- Many of these hijacked addresses are used by business entities that have no connection to the hijacker
- But some were assigned to active organizations, such as the Texas State Attorney General's office, as well as addresses managed by the U.S. Department of Defense!...

## Routes Symmetry Validation

- To validate the symmetry of our traffic, in result of the routes propagation, the best approach is to consult a looking glass...





## Looking Glass Sites



- **Route Views Project**  
<http://www.routeviews.org/>
- **BGP4.net**  
<http://www.bgp4.net/rs>
- **CERN**  
<http://lg.cern.ch/>



## Route Views

- Telnet to the server and make queries using a CLI a /a IOS or query a Cisco box...



```
# telnet route-views2.routeviews.org
Trying 128.223.51.102...
Connected to route-views2.routeviews.org.
Escape character is '^]'.
```

```
Hello, this is zebra (version 0.95a).
Copyright 1996-2004 Kunihiro Ishiguro.
```

```
route-views2.routeviews.org> show ip bgp regexp AS#
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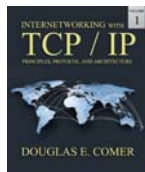


## Routing Protocols

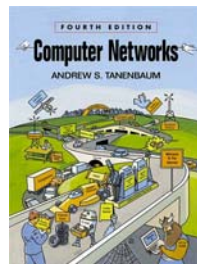
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Algorithm	DV	DV	DV	SPF	DUAL	SPF	DV	PV
Metric	Hop count	Delay	Speed	Arb.	Speed	Arb.	Policy	Policy
Convergence	Slow	Unstable	Medium	Fast	Fast	Fast	Slow	Fast
Standard	IETF	No	No	IETF	No	OSI	Hist.	IETF
Complex	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
VLSM	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes



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