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## EIGRP P1

**EIGRP: Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol:** Distance vector: Cisco: Features found in link-state protocols

- Lots of diff topologies
- Scalable
- Quick convergence times

**Features:** Released 1992: Proprietary Cisco: 2013 Open standard to IETF (other vendors can use)

- Things like EIGRP stub: Needed for DMVPN (Dynamic Multipoint VPN) wasn't released to other vendors
- Has both link-state/distance vector features
- Info about rest of network learned from directly connected neighbors
- Advanced distance vector

**DUAL: Diffusing Update Algorithm:** Center of protocol: Guarantees loop-free/backup paths through routing domain

- DUAL stores all avail backup routes for dest: Can quickly adapt alt routes when necessary

**Neighbor Adjacencies:** Establishes adjacencies w/directly connected routers: Used to track neighbor status

**RTP: Reliable Transport Protocol:** Unique/provides delivery of EIGRP packets to neighbors: Tracks neighbor adj. for DUAL

**Partial/Bounded Updates:**

- Partial/bounded: Updates
- Unlike RIP: Doesn't send period updates/route entries don't age out

**Partial:** Update only includes info about route changes (Example: new link avail/unavail)

**Bound:** Propagation of partial updates: Sent only to routers changes affect: Min's BW required to send EIGRP updates

**Equal/Unequal Cost Load Balancing:** Allows admins to distribute better traffic flow: EIGRP NOT hybrid bet dist vector/link-state

**Protocol Dependent Modules:** EIGRP can route 7 diff protocols like IPv4/IPv6 using PDMs (protocol-dependent modules):

- Obsolete now but EIGRP PDMs: Route Novell's IPX/Apple AppleTalk network layer protocols

**PDMs:** Responsible for network layer protocol-specific tasks

Example: Module responsible for sending/receiving EIGRP packets encapsulated in IPv4

- Also responsible for parsing EIGRP packets/informing DUAL of new info received
- EIGRP asks DUAL to make routing decisions: Results stored in IPv4 table

**Specific tasks for each network layer protocol:**

- Maintaining neighbor/topology tables of EIGRP routers that belong to protocol suite
- Building/translating protocol-specific packets for DUAL
- Interfacing DUAL to protocol-specific table
- Computing metric/passing info to DUAL
- Implementing filtering/access lists
- Performing redistribution functions to/from other protocols
- Redistributing routes learned by other protocols

**When router discovers new neighbor:** Records neighbor's address/ints as entry in table

- 1 neighbor table exists for each PDM (like IPv4)
- Maintains a topology table: Contains all destinations advertised by neighbors
- Separate topology table for each PDM

**Reliable Transport Protocol:** EIGRP uses RTP for delivery/reception of EIGRP packets

- EIGRP designed as network layer independent protocol
- **Can't use TCP/UDP:** Used for protocols other than TCP/IP suite (like IPX/AppleTalk)
- RTP includes both reliable/unreliable delivery of EIGRP packets (like TCP/UDP)

- RTP can send EIGRP packets as unicast/multicast

**Reliable RTP:** Ack returned by receiver/sender

**Unreliable RTP:** Packet doesn't require an ack

Example: EIGRP update packet sent reliably over RTP: Requires ack

EIGRP Hello packet also sent over RTP unreliably doesn't need ack

**Authentication:** Can be config for authentication

- RIPv2/EIGRP/OSPF/IS-IS/BGP can each be config to auth routing info
- Ensures routers only accept info from other routers that have been config w/same pass/auth info
- EIGRP routing updates aren't encrypted

**EIGRP Packet Types: AKA: EIGRP Packet Formats: AKA: EIGRP Messages**

Packet Type	Description
<b>Hello</b>	Discover other EIGRP routers in network
<b>Acknowledgement</b>	Receipt of EIGRP packet
<b>Update</b>	Convey routing info to known destinations
<b>Query</b>	Request specific info from neighbor
<b>Reply</b>	Respond to query

- Uses 5 diff packet types: Some in pairs
- Packets sent using RTP (reliable/unreliable)
- Sent as unicast/multicast/both
- Hello packets: Neighbor discovery/maintain adjacencies
  - Unreliable delivery
  - Multicast
- Update packets: Propagates routing info to EIGRP neighbors
  - Reliable delivery
  - Unicast/Multicast
- Acknowledgment packets: Receipt of EIGRP msg sent using reliable delivery
  - Unreliable delivery
  - Unicast
- Query packets: Query routes from neighbors
  - Reliable delivery
  - Unicast/multicast
- Reply packets: Response to EIGRP query
  - Reliable delivery
  - Unicast

**EIGRP msgs typically encapsulated in IPv4/IPv6 packets:**

**IPv4 msg:** As network layer protocol: Protocol field uses 88 to indicate data portion of packet is EIGRP

**IPv6 msg:** Encapsulated using header field of 88: Next header field indicates type of data carried

**Hello Packets:** Discover other EIGRP-enabled routers on directly connected links

- Used by routers to form EIGRP neighbor adjacencies
- Sent as IPv4/IPv6 multicasts: RTP unreliable delivery (Receiver doesn't reply w/ack packet)

**Reserved multicast IPv4: 224.0.0.10**

**Reserved multicast IPv6: FF02::A**

- Discover neighbors/establish adjacencies w/neighbor routers
- Multicast every 5 sec

**Multipoint/NBMA Nonbroadcast multiple access (X.25/Frame Relay/ATM: Async Transfer Mode):** Ints w/access links T1/slower:

- Unicast every 60 sec

**Hello packets maintain established adjacencies:** EIGRP router assumes as long as receives Hello's from neighbor: Viable

**Hold Timers:** Determines max time router should wait to receive next Hello before declaring neighbor unreachable

- **Default:** Hold time is 3x Hello interval
  - 15 sec most networks
  - 180 sec on low-speed NBMA networks

**If hold time expires:** EIGRP declares route down: DUAL searches for new path by sending out queries

**Update Packets:** Sends Update packets to propagate routing info: Sent only when necessary

- Updates contain only routing info needed
- Only sent to routers that require it

**Unlike RIP:** EIGRP doesn't send periodic updates/route entries don't age out

- EIGRP sends incremental updates only when state of destination changes
- May include new network becomes avail/existing network becomes unavail/change occurs in metric for existing network
- Min BW required to send EIGRP updates
- Reliable delivery as a multicast when required by multiple routers/unicast when required by single router

**Acknowledgment Packets:** ACK packets when reliable delivery used

- Ack is Hello packet w/out any data
- RTP uses reliable delivery for EIGRP update/query/reply packets
- Ack packets always sent as unreliable unicast

**Query Packets:** DUAL uses query/reply packets when searching for networks/other tasks

- Queries/replies: Reliable delivery
- Multicast/unicast: Replies always unicast

**Reply Packets:** Neighbors must send reply: Whether/not they have route to downed network

**Encapsulating EIGRP Messages:** Data portion of EIGRP msg encapsulated in packet: **TLV:**

**Time/Length Value**

- EIGRP header included w/every packet: Regardless of type
- EIGRP header/TLV encapsulated in an IPv4 packet
- **Protocol field set to 88:** Indicates EIGRP/IPv4 destination address set to **multicast 224.0.0.10**
- **Packet encapsulated in eth0 frame?** Dest MAC also **multicast 01-00-5E-00-00-0A**

Data Link Frame Header	IP Packet Header	EIGRP Packet Header	TLV Types
<b>MAC source</b> = Addr of sending int <b>MAC dest</b> = Multicast 01-00-5E-00-00-0A	Source addr = Addr of sending int Dest addr = Multicast 224.0.0.10 Protocol = 88: EIGRP	Opcode for EIGRP packet type Autonomous Sys #	0x0001 EIGRP Params 0x0102 Internal routes 0x0102 External routes

**EIGRP: IPv6: Similar encapsulation:**

- Destination addr multicast FF02::A
- Header field also 88

**Opcode field/Autonomous System Number:** Opcode specifies EIGRP packet type as follows:

1. Update
2. Query
3. Reply
4. Hello

**Autonomous system number:** Specifies EIGRP routing process:

- Multiple instances of EIGRP can run on network (unlike RIP)
- The ASN is used to track each running EIGRP process

**EIGRP Packet Header**

**EIGRP's TLV params:** Includes metric weights

**Default:** BW/Delay: **Both weighted equally:** K1/K3 both set to 1 | **Other K:** 0

**Hold Time:** Amt of time EIGRP neighbor receiving msg should wait before considering router down

**IP Internal Routes TLV:** IP internal msg used to advertise EIGRP routes w/in autonomous sys

**Impt fields:**

- Metric fields (delay/BW)
- Subnet mask field (prefix length)
- Dest field

**Delay:** Sum of delays from source to destination in units of 10 microseconds

**Bandwidth:** Lowest config BW of any int along route

**Subnet Mask:** Prefix length/# of network bits in mask: Example: 255.255.255.0 /24: 24 # of network bits

**Destination field:** Stores address of dest. network

- Based on value of network portion of 32-bit address

Example: 10.1.0.0/16 is 10.1: Destination field stores 1st 16 bits

- Min length of field 24 bits: Remainder padded w/0's
- Longer than 24 bits? Dest field extended another 32 bits (total 56 bits)/unused bits padded w/0's

**IP External Routes TLV:** Used when external routes imported into EIGRP process

- All fields used by Internal TLV

**MTU: Max transmission Unit:** Not metric used by EIGRP: Included in updates/not to determine metric  
**Autonomous System Numbers:** Config not associated w/IANA globally assigned ASN's used by external protocols

**Diff bet IANA globally assigned ASN/EIGRP ASN?**

**IANA:** Collection of networks under admin control of single entity that presents common routing policy to Internet

- **RIR: Regional Internet Registry (RIR):** Responsible for assigning ASN to entity from block of assigned ASN's

**ISPs:** Backbone providers/large institutions connecting to other entities require ASN

- **Exterior Gateway Routing Protocol:** BGP: Border Gateway Protocol: To propagate r-info
- BGP: Only protocol that uses an actual ASN in config

**Companies w/IP networks don't need ASN:** Controlled by larger entity (ISP)

- **Interior Gateway Protocols:** RIP/EIGRP/OSPF/IS-IS: To route packets w/in their networks

**ASN used for EIGRP only significant to EIGRP routing domain:**

- Functions as PID to help routers keep track of many instances of EIGRP
- Possible to have more than 1 instance of EIGRP on network
- Each instance can be config to support/exchange updates for diff networks

**Router EIGRP:**

**R1(config)# router [global config]** Used to begin config of any dynamic routing protocol

**R1(config)# router ? [global config]** Lists all avail routing protocols supported by that ver of IOS

**R1(config)# router eigrp autonomous-system [global config]** Enter router config mode for EIGRP/Start process

- **autonomous-system** Can be assigned any 16-bit value bet 1-65,535: All routers w/in EIGRP domain must use same ASN

**R1(config)# router eigrp 1 [global config]** 1 ID's particular EIGRP process

**R1(config-router)#**

**R2(config)# router eigrp 1**

**R3(config)# router eigrp 1**

- **To establish adjacencies:** All routers in same domain use same ASN

**R1(config)# no router eigrp autonomous-system [global config]** Remove EIGRP routing process from device

**EIGRP Router ID:** Determining RID: Used to ID each router in EIGRP domain: Used in both EIGRP/OSPF

**IPv4:** Uses 32-bit r-ID to ID originating router for redistribution of external routes: More relevant for IPv6

**Cisco: RID on 3 criteria in order:**

1. IPv4 addr config **eigrp router-id [router config]**
2. **RID not config:** Router chooses highest IPv4 addr of loopback ints
3. **No loopback ints config:** Router chooses highest active IPv4 addr of physical ints

**R1(router-config)# eigrp router-id [router config]** Config router ID

Some ver of IOS:

**R1(router-config)# router-id**

- Can be config w/any IPv4 address w/2 exceptions: 0.0.0.0 | 255.255.255.255

**Loopback Used as RID:** Another option to specify r-ID is to use an IPv4 loopback

**Advantage:** It can't fail/no actual cables/devices the int depends on to be in an up state

**Enable/config loopback int:**

**Router(config)# int <loopback number>**

**Router(config-if)# ip address <address mask>**

**Verify EIGRP:**

**show ip protocols** Displays params/current state of any active routing protocol process EIGRP/OSPF

- Diff types of output specific to each r-protocol

**Network Command/Wildcard Mask:**

**network [router config]** Enable EIGRP on int: Classful address for each directly connected network:

Same function in IGP r-protocols

- Enables any int on router that matches network address to send/receive updates
- Network of ints included in routing updates

**R1(config-router)# network <ipv4-address>**

**R1(config-router)# eigrp log-neighbor-changes [router config]** Display any changes in EIGRP neighbor adjacencies

- Help verify neighbor adjacencies during config

- Advise admin when adjacencies removed

**R1(config-router)# network network-address [wildcard-mask]** | Config EIGRP to advertise specific subnets only

- Wildcard mask: Inverse of subnet mask: Inverse of mask 255.255.255.252 is 0.0.0.3
- **Calc:** Subtract subnet mask from 255

**Passive Interface:** As soon as a new int enabled w/in EIGRP: It attempts to form adjacency w/neighbors to send/receive updates

May need to include a directly connected network to EIGRP update: But not allow adjacencies off of int to form

- **Passive-interface** can be used to prevent neighbor adjacencies

**2 reasons for enabling passive-int:**

1. suppress unnecessary update traffic
2. Prevents the exchange of routes on int

**R1(config-router)# passive-int [router config]** Disables transmission/receipt of Hello packets on these ints

**R2(config)# router eigrp as-number**

**R2(config-router)# passive-interface int-type int-number**

**R2(config-router)# passive-interface [router config]** Config all ints as passive

**Verify EIGRP: Examine Neighbors**

**show ip eigrp neighbors** View neighbor table/verify EIGRP established adjacency w/neighbors

- For each router: Should see address of adjacent router/int it uses to reach neighbor

**Output:**

<b>H column</b>	Lists neighbors in order learned
<b>Address</b>	Address of neighbor
<b>Int</b>	Local int Hello packet received on
<b>Hold</b>	Hello received: Value reset to max hold for int: Then counts down to 0: If 0 neighbor considered down
<b>Uptime</b>	Amt of time since neighbor was added to table
<b>SRTT/RTO</b>	<b>Smooth Round Trip Timer/Retransmission Timeout:</b> Used by RTP to manage reliable EIGRP packets
<b>Queue Count</b>	Should always be 0: If more: EIGRP packets wait to be sent
<b>Sequence Number</b>	Track updates/queries/reply packets

**show ip protocols** Displays params/other info about current state of any active IPv4 routing protocol processes config

- Displays diff output for each protocol

**EIGRP parameters, including:**

1. autonomous system number
2. EIGRP router ID
3. administrative distances: internal: 90 | external: 170 (default)
4. does not auto summarize networks. Subnets included in updates
5. neighbor adjacencies with other routers used to receive updates

**show ip route** Verifies routes received by EIGRP neighbors installed in table

**R1(config-router)# no auto-summary**

**Neighbor Adjacency:** Before any update packets exchanged: Must discover neighbors/routers on directly connected networks

- Hello packets establish/maintain neighbor adjacencies
- For two EIGRP routers to become neighbors: 7 params bet them must match
- Each EIGRP router maintains neighbor table: Contains list of routers on shared links that have an adjacency w/
- Used to track status of neighbors

**Topology Table:** Updates contain networks reachable from router sending them:

- As updates exchange bet neighbors: Receiving router adds these entries to its topology table
- Table includes route entries for every destination router learns from directly connected neighbors

**Composite Metric:** Default: EIGRP uses the following in its composite metric to calc preferred path:

<b>BW</b>	Slowest BW among all outgoing ints along path from source to dest
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<b>Delay</b>	Sum of all int delays along path
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The following can be used: Not recommended: Frequent recalcs

<b>Reliability</b>	Worse reliability bet source/dest.: Based on keepalives
<b>Load</b>	Worse load on a link bet source/dest.: Computed based on packet rate/config BW of int

**Formula consists of values K1-K5: EIGRP metric weights**

- K1/K3: BW/delay
- K2: Load
- K4/K5: Reliability
- Default: K1/K3 are set to 1
- K2/K4/K5 set to 0
- Only the BW/delay values are used in default composite metric computation
- K values/EIGRP ASN must match: If not: No adjacency

**K values can be changed:**

**R1(config-router)# metric weights tos k1 k2 k3 k4 k5**

**Verify k Values: show ip protocols | show interfaces**

**Examining Metric Values**

<b>BW</b>	BW of int: Kb/s
<b>DLT</b>	Delay of int: Microseconds
<b>Reliability</b>	Int as fraction of 255 (255/255 is 100% reliability): Calc as exponential avg over 5 min
<b>Txload/Rxload</b>	Transmit/Receive load on int as a fraction of 255 (255/255 completely saturated): • Calc as exponential avg over 5 min

**BW Metric:** A static value used by some protocols (EIGRP/OSPF) to calc routing metric

- Displayed in Kb/s
- Most serial ints use default BW value: 1544 kb/s | 1,544,000 b/s (1.544 Mb/s) (T1)

**Most serial links:** BW metric defaults to 1544 kb/s | **show int** to check BW metrics

- B/C EIGRP/OSPF use BW in default metric calc, correct value for BW super impt

**Mod BW metric:**

**R1(config-if)# bandwidth kilobits-bandwidth-value**

**no bandwidth** Restore default value

**Delay Metric:** The measure of time it takes for a packet to traverse a route

- Static value based on type of link int is connected to
- Expressed in microseconds
- Not measured dynamically: Router doesn't actually track how long packets take to get to dest
- Delay value: Is a default value that can be changed
- Sum of all int delays along path measured in tens of microseconds

**Calc EIGRP Metric**

1. Determine link w/slowest BW: Use that value to calc BW (10,000,000)
2. Determine delay value for each outgoing int on way to dest
3. Add delay values/divide by 10 (sum of delay/10)
4. Composite metric produces 24-bit value: EIGRP uses 32-bit value. Multiply 24-bit value w/256 extends into 32 bits
  1. Add computed values for BW/delay/multiply sum by 256 to obtain EIGRP metric