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Lab 4 – LSA Types and Stub Networks

Part 1: Identifying Different Types of LSAs

In an OSPF network, a type of communication called LSA, or Link State Advertisement, is distributed throughout the router's local topology, within the same area. OSPF is a link-state routing protocol that allows communication between devices within the same autonomous system. In this LSA is a link-state ID which There are 11 types of LSA and 4 main types of OSPF Stub networks:

Type 1 LSA: Also known as the Router LSA, this type of LSA is flooded across a routers or networks in the same area with the same metrics. The link-state ID is the router-id of the router sending out LSA 1.

Type 2 LSA: This LSA is also known as the network LSA and is flooded across the same area in which the originating router is in. The DR, or Designated Router, announces which routers are adjacent to the broadcast segment. The link-state ID is the IP interface of the DR.

Type 3 LSA: For this type of LSA, an Area Board Router, ABR, sends out a summary of the information it collected and removes detailed topology information in the process. The link-state ID is the network number of the destination that the LSA is going to.

Type 4 LSA: Also known as the ASBR Summary LSA, this LSA presents next-hop information that Type 5 LSAs do not. An ABR, or Area Border Router, sends information to the origin of the Type 5 LSA that was sent out. The link-state ID is the router-id of the ASBR (for type 4 LSAs).

Type 5 LSA: Also known as the External LSA, this LSA floods information from other routing processes into OSPF. An external metric is shown in the routing table. Usually, this type of LSA does not show up in Stubby or Not-So-Stubby networks.

Type 6 LSA: Also known as the Group Membership LSA, this LSA supports Multicast extensions to MOSPF, or Multicast OSPF. This LSA is obsolete since OSPF v3 has replaced MOSPF. Only a few Routers are able to support this type of LSA.

Type 7 LSA: This type of LSA is responsible for sending external routing information to ABRs. Typically, these LSAs are only sent out in NSSA, since in NSSA networks, only information

regarding redistribution of external routes is permitted to be sent throughout the network. Therefore, Type 7 LSAs are translated into Type 5 LSAs when flooded into the rest of the OSPF network.

Type 8 LSA: This LSA is a link-local for OSPFv3. It provides a list of IPv6 addresses as well as information about link-local addresses.

Type 9 LSA: This LSA is a link-local "opaque" LSA in OSPFv2 and an Intra-Area-Prefix LSA in OSPFv3. In the link-state ID of the latter are prefixes for stub networks.

Type 10 LSA: This LSA is a link local "opaque" LSA that contains information flooded by other Routers. It floods additional information like link bandwidth and color which are beyond its metric.

Type 11 LSA: This type of LSA is flooded to all non-stubby areas. It is also known as an "opaque" LSA, which type is the same as a Type 5 external LSA.

As "opaque LSAs," Types 9, 10, and 11 LSAs flood information about bandwidth and link color.

All LSAs have 20-byte headers, and one of them consist of the link-state ID.

Part 2: Configuring different Stub Areas and identifying the different types of LSAs present in them.

Purpose

The purpose of this lab was to identify different types of LSAs that are present in each Stub area, to learn how to configure different Stub networks, and to verify that such networks have been established.

Background Information on Lab Concepts

Stub networks: Networks that send most of its traffic through a single path, that path often being the default-route to other networks.

Regular Area: A non-stubby area in which types 1, 2, 3, and 5 LSAs are present; such LSA types are present since there are no restrictions of being a Stubby area.

Stubby Area: An area that receives traffic from other areas except from external routes in which a default route is noted. This area will have types 1, 2, and 3 LSAs.

Totally Stubby Area: A Stubby area that has a default route to connect to the rest of the networks. This area will have types 1, 2, and 3 LSAs; however, there is only one type 3 LSA since there is a summary route (not configured manually, but automatically) to the backbone area.

Not-So-Stubby Area: A stubby area that can forward external routes. This area converts type 7 LSAs into type 5 LSAs and will send them to the backbone area. This area does not have type 3 LSAs since it is not summarizing its routes for the rest of the network. However, it has types 1 and 2 LSAs.

Lab Summary

To know what kinds of LSAs are present in different stub areas, I created a topology consisting of seven Routers and four Switches. Four of routers each made separate areas in which LSAs went through. Another Router was connected to the NSSA Network to test if Type 7 LSAs were being sent out properly when the area has an external route. Each of the areas represented a stubby network, a totally stubby network, a not-so-stubby network, and a regular OSPF (not stubby) network. There were also two border routers in this topology that were incorporated in the backbone area (area 0).

Initially, I configured IP addresses of all devices. I then set up OSPF on Six different routers for connectivity. Finally, I set up RIP on Router 7 in order to receive Type 7 LSAs.

Since OSPF and RIP are different routing protocols, I had to redistribute routes from both networks to each other to ensure connectivity throughout the entire topology.

After the initial set up was completed, I configured each area with commands necessary for establishing its type of area. Each area had its unique command that distinguished each other. I also had to configure border routers so that the network is aware of the stub networks that were configured on the four individual Routers (see commands in Lab Commands).

I verified that the network had full connectivity by pinging from one host to another issuing the command *Router* (config)# show ip route on all routers. I realized that a router marked N2 was present in the border router connecting the nssa area to the rest of the network was present, to denote the presence of an external router in the nssa area. The hosts were able to successfully ping each other.

Finally, I had to check different kinds of LSAs in different networks using Wireshark. However, I did not receive any LSAs initially when I started my capture. After going through the hassle of researching, I discovered that the interfaces connecting to the ABRs had to be shut down and then turned back on by issuing the command no shutdown.

By connecting to each of the areas, I realized that Stubby areas and Standard (Regular) areas had Type 1, 2, 3, and 5 LSAs. Totally Stubby areas had Types 1, 2, 3 LSAs, but there was only 1 Type 3 LSA that represented a default route to the network (the default route was not configured; it was automatically there). The NSSA area did not have type 3 LSAs; instead, they had type 7 LSAs that showed that NSSA has RIP and OSPF concurrently.

Lab Commands

Before configuring a Stub network, OSPF must be enabled throughout the entire network. To do so, issue the commands Router (config)# router ospf 1 and Router (config-router)# network [network number] [wild card mask] area [number]. All IP addresses must be set up initially.

For Router 7, configure RIP using the commands Router (config-router)# version 2 and Router (config-router)# network [network number].

As mentioned earlier, redistribute RIP and OSPF using the command for RIP Router (configrouter)# redistribute ospf 1 metric 5 and Router (configrouter)# redistribute rip subnets for OSPF.

Regular Networks

To configure a regular area, no other commands besides commands setting up OSPF are required.

Stubby Networks

To configure a stubby area, the command *area* [number] stub must be issued in the Router (config-router)# mode. This command allows a certain area to be a stubby network. Then, issue the same command in the border router connecting the Router.

Totally Stubby Networks

To configure a totally stubby area, issue the command *area* [number] stub no-summary in the Router (config-router)# mode. This command allows a certain area (or network) to become a Totally Stubby network.

Not-So-Stubby Networks

To configure a not-so-stubby area, issue the command area [number] nssa in the Router (config)# mode. This command allows a certain area to become not-so-stubby and to send out LSAs incorporating external routes. Issue this command in the border router connecting the Router in the Not-so-stubby network.

Verify the connectivity of the entire network by *show ip route* and by pinging from one host to another.

To capture LSAs using Wireshark, type the command Router (config-if)# shutdown and Router (config-if)# no shutdown

Network Diagram with IPs

Configurations

Show run on Routers and Switches

```
R1
                                               R2#sh run
                                               Building configuration...
R1#sh run
Building configuration...
                                               Current configuration: 554 bytes
Current configuration: 543 bytes
                                               !
                                               version 12.4
version 12.4
                                               no service timestamps log datetime msec
                                               no service timestamps debug datetime
no service timestamps log datetime msec
no service timestamps debug datetime
                                               msec
                                               no service password-encryption
no service password-encryption
                                               hostname R2
hostname R1
                                               interface FastEthernet0/0
                                                ip address 10.0.1.3 255.255.255.0
interface g0/0
                                                duplex auto
ip address 10.0.0.3 255.255.255.0
                                                speed auto
duplex auto
speed auto
                                                no shutdown
no shutdown
                                               interface FastEthernet0/1
                                                no ip address
interface g0/1
                                                duplex auto
no ip address
                                                speed auto
duplex auto
speed auto
                                                shutdown
shutdown
                                               interface Vlan1
!
                                                no ip address
interface Vlan1
                                                shutdown
no ip address
shutdown
                                               router ospf 1
                                                log-adjacency-changes
router ospf 1
                                                area 1 stub no-summary
log-adjacency-changes
                                                network 10.0.1.0 0.0.0.255 area 1
area 4 stub
network 10.0.0.0 0.0.0.255 area 4
                                               ip classless
ip classless
                                               line con 0
!
                                               line vty 0 4
1
                                                login
                                               1
line con 0
                                               end
line vty 0 4
                                               R3
login
!
                                               R3#sh run
!
                                               Building configuration...
!
end
                                               Current configuration: 554 bytes
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R2

version 12.4

no service timestamps log datetime msec

no service timestamps debug datetime	!
msec	interface g0/0
no service password-encryption	ip address 10.0.2.3 255.255.255.0
!	duplex auto
hostname R3	speed auto
!	no shutdown
!	!
!	interface g0/1
!	ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.0
!	duplex auto
<pre>interface FastEthernet0/0</pre>	speed auto
ip address 10.0.3.3 255.255.255.0	no shutdown
duplex auto	!
speed auto	interface Vlan1
no shutdown	no ip address
!	shutdown
<pre>interface FastEthernet0/1</pre>	!
no ip address	router ospf 1
duplex auto	log-adjacency-changes
speed auto	area 2 nssa
shutdown	red rip sub
!	network 10.0.2.0 0.0.0.255 area 2
interface Vlan1	!
no ip address	router rip
shutdown	version 2
I	network 192.168.1.0
router ospf 1	red ospf 1 metric 5
log-adjacency-changes	I
network 10.0.3.0 0.0.0.255 area 3	ip classless
1	ip classiess
in alagaloga	:
ip classless	:
•	: line con 0
•	
1: 0	line vty 0 4
line con 0	login
line vty 0 4	!
login	!
	!
!	end
!	R5
end	R5#sh run
	Building configuration
R4	
	Current configuration : 802 bytes
R4#sh run	!
Building configuration	version 12.4
	no service timestamps log datetime msec
Current configuration : 543 bytes	no service timestamps debug datetime
!	msec
version 12.4	no service password-encryption
no service timestamps log datetime msec	i
no service timestamps debug datetime	hostname R5
msec	!
no service password-encryption	•
The pervice bassmora_eneryberon	: interface g0/0
: hogtname DA	
hostname R4	ip address 10.0.1.1 255.255.255.0
1	duplex auto
!	speed auto

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interface FastEthernet0/0
no shutdown
                                                ip address 10.0.3.1 255.255.255.0
interface g0/1
                                                duplex auto
ip address 10.0.0.1 255.255.255.0
                                                speed auto
duplex auto
                                                no shutdown
speed auto
no shutdown
                                               interface FastEthernet0/1
                                                ip address 10.0.2.1 255.255.255.0
interface Serial0/0/0
                                                duplex auto
no ip address
                                                speed auto
shutdown
                                                no shutdown
interface Serial0/0/1
                                               interface Serial0/0/0
ip address 10.0.4.1 255.255.255.252
                                               no ip address
clock rate 64000
                                                shutdown
no shutdown
                                               interface Serial0/0/1
                                                ip address 10.0.4.2 255.255.255.252
interface Vlan1
                                                no shutdown
no ip address
shutdown
                                               interface Vlan1
                                               no ip address
router ospf 1
                                                shutdown
log-adjacency-changes
area 1 stub no-summary
                                               router ospf 1
area 4 stub
                                               log-adjacency-changes
network 10.0.4.0 0.0.0.3 area 0
                                               area 2 nssa
network 10.0.1.0 0.0.0.255 area 1
                                               network 10.0.3.0 0.0.0.255 area 3
network 10.0.0.0 0.0.0.255 area 4
                                               network 10.0.2.0 0.0.0.255 area 2
                                               network 10.0.4.0 0.0.0.3 area 0
ip classless
                                               ip classless
!
line con 0
line vty 0 4
login
1
                                               line con 0
!
                                               line vty 0 4
end
                                                login
R6#sh run
Building configuration...
                                               end
                                               R7
Current configuration: 819 bytes
!
                                               R7#show run
version 12.4
                                               Building configuration...
no service timestamps log datetime msec
                                               Current configuration: 1283 bytes
no service timestamps debug datetime
no service password-encryption
                                               ! No configuration change since last
                                               restart
hostname R6
                                               version 15.1
                                               service timestamps debug datetime msec
!
                                               service timestamps log datetime msec
                                               no service password-encryption
```

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Current configuration: 986 bytes
hostname R7
                                               version 12.1
boot-start-marker
                                               no service timestamps log datetime msec
boot-end-marker
                                               no service timestamps debug datetime
                                               no service password-encryption
no aaa new-model
memory-size iomem 10
                                               hostname S0
no ipv6 cef
ip source-route
ip cef
                                               interface FastEthernet0/1
1
                                               interface FastEthernet0/2
interface fa0/0
                                               interface FastEthernet0/3
ip address 192.168.1.2 255.255.255.0
duplex auto
                                               interface FastEthernet0/4
speed auto
no shutdown
                                               interface FastEthernet0/5
interface fa0/1
                                               interface FastEthernet0/6
no ip address
shutdown
                                               interface FastEthernet0/7
duplex auto
                                               interface FastEthernet0/8
speed auto
router rip
                                               interface FastEthernet0/9
version 2
redistribute ospf 1 metric 5
                                               interface FastEthernet0/10
network 192.168.1.0
                                               interface FastEthernet0/11
ip forward-protocol nd
                                               interface FastEthernet0/12
no ip http server
no ip http secure-server
                                               interface FastEthernet0/13
                                               interface FastEthernet0/14
                                               interface FastEthernet0/15
control-plane
                                               interface FastEthernet0/16
1
                                               interface FastEthernet0/17
line con 0
                                               interface FastEthernet0/18
line aux 0
line vty 0 4
                                               interface FastEthernet0/19
login
transport input all
                                               interface FastEthernet0/20
scheduler allocate 20000 1000
                                               interface FastEthernet0/21
end
                                               interface FastEthernet0/22
SO
S0#sh run
                                               interface FastEthernet0/23
Building configuration...
```

!	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/14</pre>
interface FastEthernet0/24	!
!	interface FastEthernet0/15
interface Vlan1	!
ip address 10.0.0.2 255.255.255.0	interface FastEthernet0/16
no shutdown	! !
! line con 0	interface FastEthernet0/17
!	: interface FastEthernet0/18
line vty 0 4	Interface rastmenneto, io
login	interface FastEthernet0/19
line vty 5 15	!
login	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/20</pre>
!	!
!	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/21</pre>
end	!
S1	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/22</pre>
S1#show run	!
Building configuration	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/23</pre>
	!
Current configuration : 953 bytes	interface FastEthernet0/24
!	!
version 12.1	interface Vlan1
no service timestamps log datetime msec	ip address 10.0.1.2 255.255.255.0 no shutdown
no service timestamps debug datetime	no snutdown
msec	:
no service password-encryption	: line con 0
!	I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I
hostname S1	line vty 0 4
!	login
!	line vty 5 15
: interface FastEthernet0/1	login
Interface rastrumentelo/i	!
interface FastEthernet0/2	!
!	end
interface FastEthernet0/3	S2
!	S2#show run
interface FastEthernet0/4	Building configuration
!	
interface FastEthernet0/5	Current configuration : 953 bytes
: interface FastEthernet0/6	version 12.1
Interface rastmenheto, o	no service timestamps log datetime msec
: interface FastEthernet0/7	no service timestamps debug datetime msec
1	msec
interface FastEthernet0/8	no service password-encryption
!	!
interface FastEthernet0/9	hostname S2
!	!
interface FastEthernet0/10	!
!	!
interface FastEthernet0/11	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/1</pre>
!	!
interface FastEthernet0/12	interface FastEthernet0/2
!	!
interface FastEthernet0/13	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/3</pre>
!	!

interface FastEthernet0/4	Building configuration
: interface FastEthernet0/5	Current configuration : 953 bytes
: interface FastEthernet0/6 !	version 12.1 no service timestamps log datetime msec
interface FastEthernet0/7 !	no service timestamps debug datetime msec
interface FastEthernet0/8	no service password-encryption !
interface FastEthernet0/9	hostname S3
interface FastEthernet0/10 !	! !
interface FastEthernet0/11 !	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/1 !</pre>
interface FastEthernet0/12 !	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/2 !</pre>
<pre>interface FastEthernet0/13 !</pre>	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/3 !</pre>
<pre>interface FastEthernet0/14 !</pre>	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/4 !</pre>
interface FastEthernet0/15 !	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/5 !</pre>
interface FastEthernet0/16 !	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/6 !</pre>
interface FastEthernet0/17 !	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/7 !</pre>
interface FastEthernet0/18 !	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/8 !</pre>
<pre>interface FastEthernet0/19 !</pre>	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/9 !</pre>
<pre>interface FastEthernet0/20 !</pre>	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/10 !</pre>
<pre>interface FastEthernet0/21 !</pre>	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/11 !</pre>
interface FastEthernet0/22	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/12 !</pre>
interface FastEthernet0/23 !	interface FastEthernet0/13 !
interface FastEthernet0/24 !	interface FastEthernet0/14 !
<pre>interface Vlan1 ip address 10.0.3.2 255.255.255.0 no shutdown</pre>	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/15 ! interface FastEthernet0/16</pre>
!	! interface FastEthernet0/17
line con 0	! interface FastEthernet0/18
line vty 0 4 login	! interface FastEthernet0/19
line vty 5 15 login	! interface FastEthernet0/20
! !	! interface FastEthernet0/21
end S3	! interface FastEthernet0/22
S3#sh run	!

Show IP Route on Routers and Switches

R1 and R2

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Rish ip route

Codes: L - local, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP

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R3 and R4

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R3sh ip route
Codes: C - connected, S - static, R - RIF, M - mobile, B - BGF
D - EIGRF, EX - EIGRF external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF severnal type 2
E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
O - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route

Gateway of last resort is not set

10.0.0.0/8 is variably subnetted, 5 subnets, 2 masks
O IA 10.0.2.0/24 [110/62] via 10.0.3.1, 00:05:41, FastEthernet0/0
C 10.0.3.0/24 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0
O IA 10.0.1.0/24 [110/66] via 10.0.3.1, 00:08:05, FastEthernet0/0
O IA 10.0.1.0/24 [110/66] via 10.0.3.1, 00:08:05, FastEthernet0/0
O IA 10.0.4.0/30 [110/65] via 10.0.3.1, 00:08:05, FastEthernet0/0
O E2 192.168.1.0/24 [10/20] via 10.0.3.1, 00:08:05, FastEthernet0/0
R8*
R8*
R8*
R8*
R8*
Codes: I - local, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF, NSA external type 2
E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
I - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
O - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route, * - replicated route

Gateway of last resort is not set

10.0.0.0/8 is variably subnetted, 6 subnets, 3 masks
O IA 10.0.1.0/24 [110/66] via 10.0.2.1, 00:02:05, GigabitEthernet0/0
C 10.2.3/32 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0
C 10.0.2.3/32 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0
IA 10.0.1.0/24 [110/66] via 10.0.2.1, 00:02:05, GigabitEthernet0/0
IA 10.0.1.0/24 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/1
L 10.0.2.3/32 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/1
L 192.168.1.0/24 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/1
L 192.168.1.0/24 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/1
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R5 and R6

```
RS##N 1p route
Codes: D = EIGRP, EX = EIGRP external; O = OSPF, IA = OSPF inter area

N1 = OSPF NSSA external type 1; N2 = OSPF NSSA external type 2

11 = ISS = INTERP | INTERPRETATION | INTERP
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COM1-PuTTY

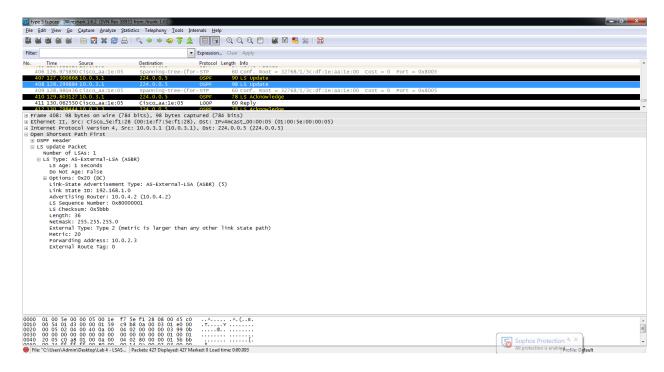
C 10.0.4.0/30 is directly connected, Serial0/0/1
L 10.0.4.2/32 is directly connected, Serial0/0/1
O N2 192.168.1.0/24 [110/20] via 10.0.2.3, 00:03:04, FastEthernet0/1
R6#
R7>ena
R7#sh ip route
Codes: C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
O - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route

Gateway of last resort is not set

R 10.0.0.0/8 [120/5] via 192.168.1.1, 00:00:13, FastEthernet0/0
C 192.168.1.0/24 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0
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Wireshark Captures

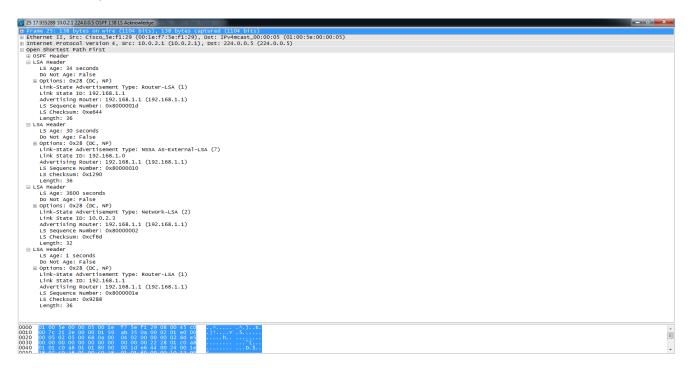
Regular networks



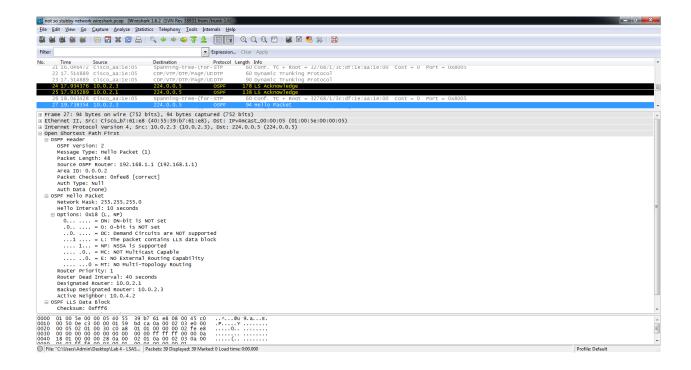
Stubby networks

Totally Stubby networks

Not-so-stubby networks



The screenshot below shows that NSSA is supported in the OSPF header.



Problems

Researching which areas had which LSAs was particularly difficult. Although I established full connectivity throughout the network, I did not get the LSAs that I wanted initially. Type 3 LSAs were entirely missing in the regular area, the Stubby area, and the Totally Stubby area, despite the presence of all routes in the routing table. I spent more time than I had expected on searching for the right interfaces to use the *shutdown* and *no shutdown* commands in order to receive the right LSAs.

In addition, I had difficulty getting all the routes that were needed. After copy-pasting my commands, I realized that interfaces were shutdown, and therefore, routes were not present in the routing table. I spent a great amount of time trying to comprehend why the network did not have full connectivity unlike the network that had full connectivity the day before. Redistribution also played a role in the absence of some of my routes; RIP and OSPF did not redistribute their respective routes easily since I often did not ensure that all the routes in their respective networks were present. In other words, some commands required for running both routing protocols, like *Router (config-router)# version 2* and *Router (config-router)# no auto-summary* were not issued. Redistribution also took a while to be present in the routing tables so after hastily judging that my commands were incorrect, I had to troubleshoot the topology quite a few times.

Conclusion

Despite the numerous difficulties that I had to undergo, the overall result of this lab was satisfactory. I was able to establish full connectivity between devices in the network, and to identify which types of LSAs were present in each stub network, using Wireshark. I also learned the different commands that helped me configure a certain area into a Stubby, Totally Stubby, or a Not-so-stubby area, a skill that will be essential to a network engineer when having to configure Stub networks.