# kathara lab(s)

#### ospf

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Description	A set of labs showing the operation of the ospf routing protocol in different scenarios – kathara version of an existing netkit lab

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# about ospf

- open shortest path first
- an interior gateway protocol

	specification	authentication confidentiality
version 2	rfc 2328	rfc 5709
version 3 (with ipv6 support)	rfc 5340	rfc 4552

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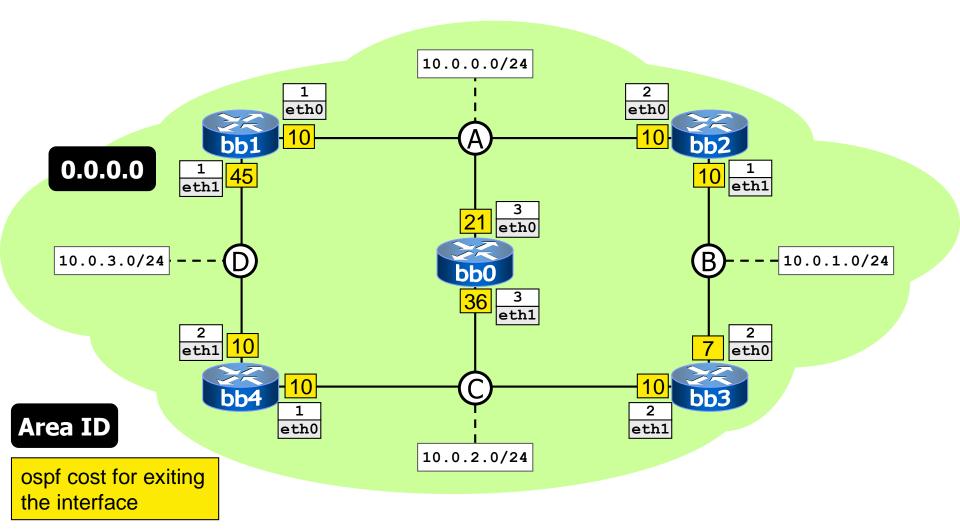
# ospf: overview

- each router floods its local state (usable interfaces, reachable neighbors) through the network, using link state advertisements (Isa)
- based on this information, each router builds and maintains a link state database (Isdb) describing the whole network topology
  - identical for (almost) all routers
  - each entry is a router's local state
- each router uses the lsdb to compute a shortest path tree rooted at itself
  - interfaces may be assigned costs
- note: designed to operate on broadcast networks, but has modes to operate on non-broadcast ones

# a simple ospf lab

single-area

# lab topology



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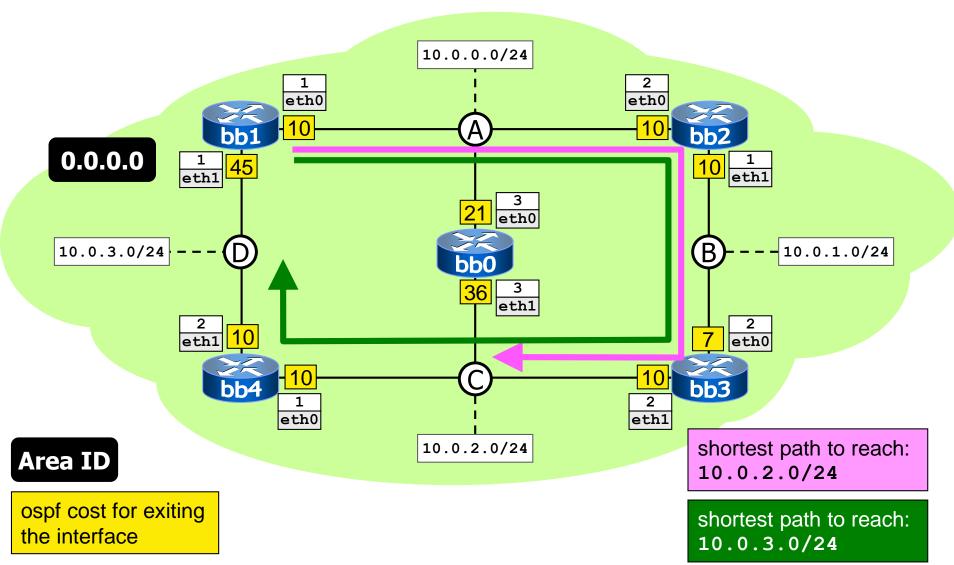
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# lab description

- single (backbone) area (0.0.0.0)
- each interface is assigned an ospf cost
  - default: 10
  - we have tweaked the costs to force paths taken by traffic
- to set interface costs:

```
interface eth1
ospf cost 45
```

# (some) shortest paths



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### experiments

- perform traceroutes from/to different interfaces
- perform a traceroute -I from bb1 to 10.0.2.1
  - what path is the traceroute expected to take?
  - what path are ICMP replies expected to take?
- perform a traceroute -I from bb1 to 10.0.3.2
  - what path is the traceroute expected to take?
  - observe the interplay between ospf routes and directly connected networks (i.e., perform a show ip route in zebra)
- try to alter the costs and observe the effect of the changes

### experiments

- access the ospfd cli on the various routers and issue the following commands:
  - show ip ospf database
  - show ip ospf neighbor
  - show ip ospf route
- check that the Isdb is exactly the same for all routers

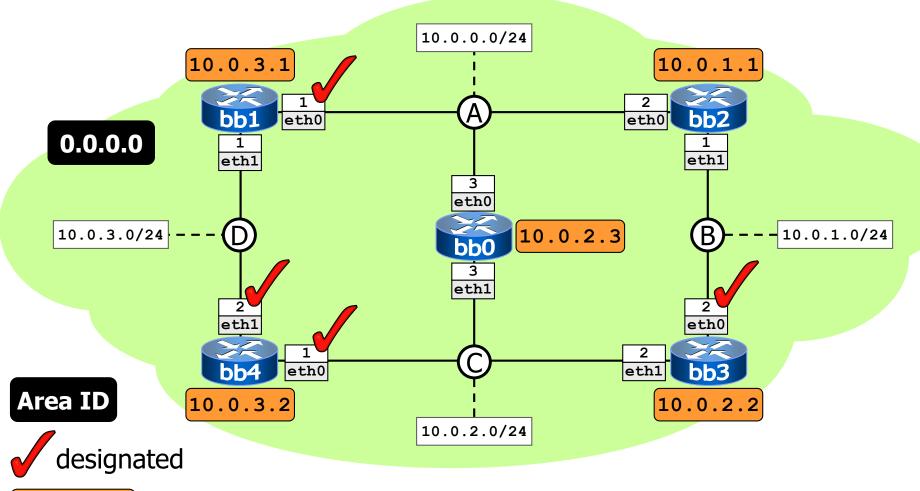
(router interfaces designated for each network)

- for each network, one of the interfaces attached to that network is elected as designated (dr)
- priority-based election, using hello packets
  - the router (interface) sending hello packets with highest piority wins the election
  - break ties on highest router id
    - by default, a router id is the address of one of its interfaces
  - priority∈[0,255] default priority: 1 priority=0 ⇒ never become a dr
- a backup dr (i.e., the one with second highest priority) is also elected, to quickly recover from dr failures

(router interfaces designated for each network)

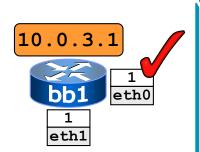
- a change of the dr is a change in ospf's topology model (new Isas are sent)
- for this reason, the dr is changed infrequently
  - if a router with high priority wakes up and finds that a dr already exists, it accepts that dr

(router interfaces designated for each network)

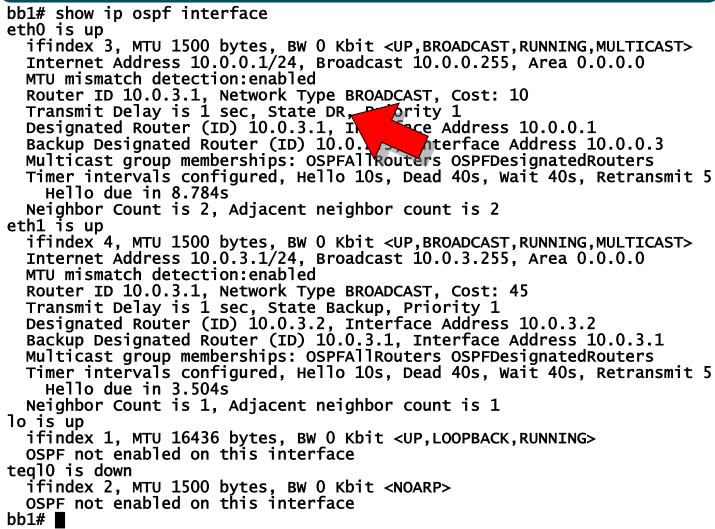


router id

#### (router interfaces designated for each network)



▼ bb1

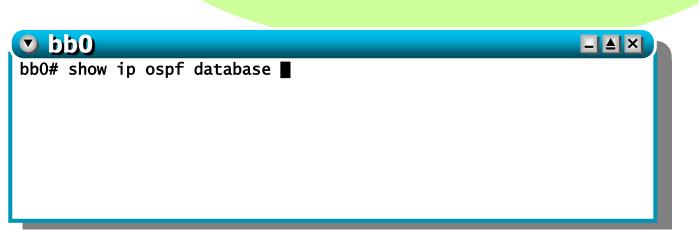


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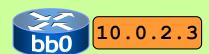
- by exchanging link state update packets, every router learns about the complete network topology, that is:
  - routers
  - subnets
  - adjacencies between routers and networks





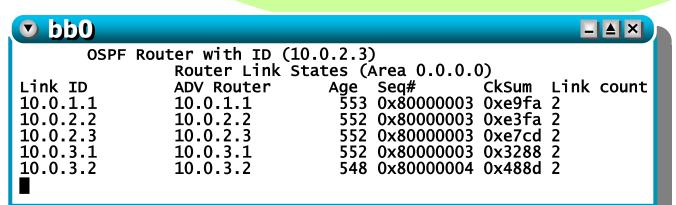


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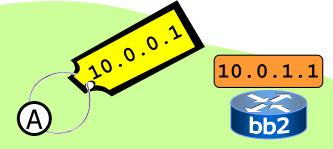






for router Isas, the Link ID is the router's id





#### 0.0.0.0









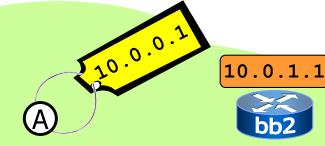


#### **⊘** bb0

Net Link States (Area 0.0.0.0) CkSum Link ID **ADV Router** Age Seg# 10.0.0.1 10.0.3.1 557 0x80000001 0x6ba8 559 0x80000001 0x69bb 10.0.1.2 10.0.2.2 10.0.2.1 10.0.3.2 553 0x80000002 0x729a 10.0.3.2 10.0.3.2 553 0x80000001 0x6bb3

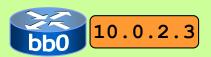
for network Isas, the Link ID is the dr's address





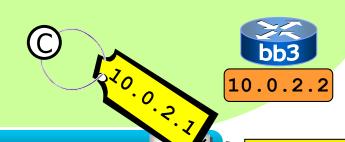
0.0.0.0











#### ♥ bb0

bb0# show ip ospf database router
Link State ID: 10.0.1.1
Number of Links: 2
Link connected to: a Transit Network
(Link ID) Designated Router address: 10.0.0.1
(Link Data) Router Interface address: 10.0.0.2
Link connected to: a Transit Network
(Link ID) Designated Router address: 10.0.1.2
(Link Data) Router Interface address: 10.0.1.1

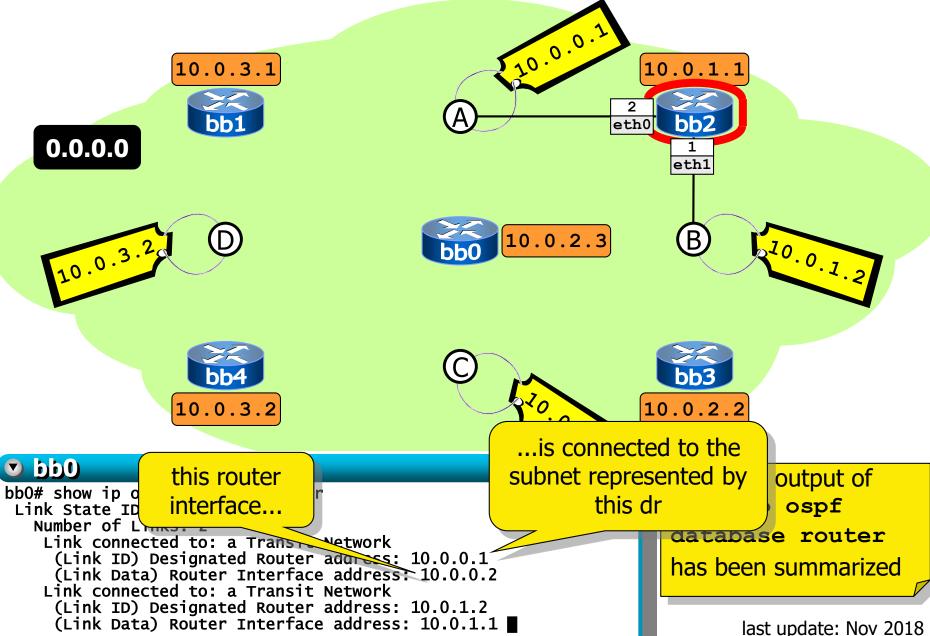
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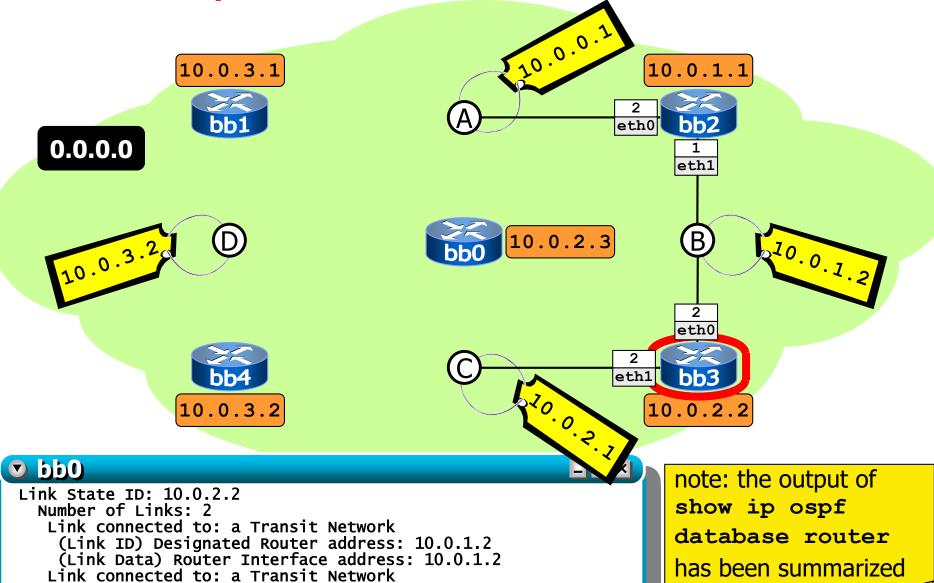


bb0# show ip ospf database racer
Link State ID: 10.0.1.1

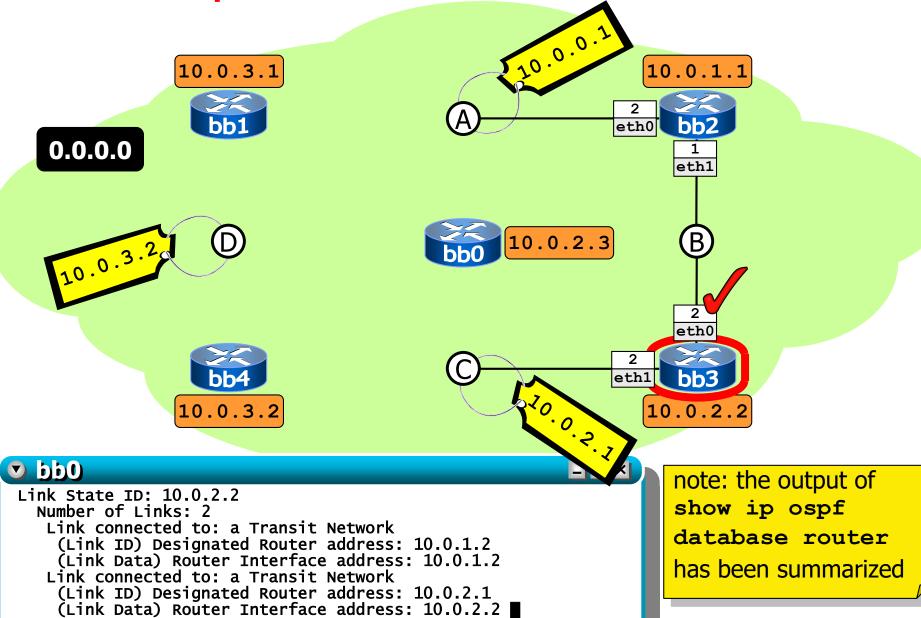
Number of Links: 2
Link connected to: a Transit Network
(Link ID) Designated Router address: 10.0.0.1
(Link Data) Router Interface address: 10.0.0.2
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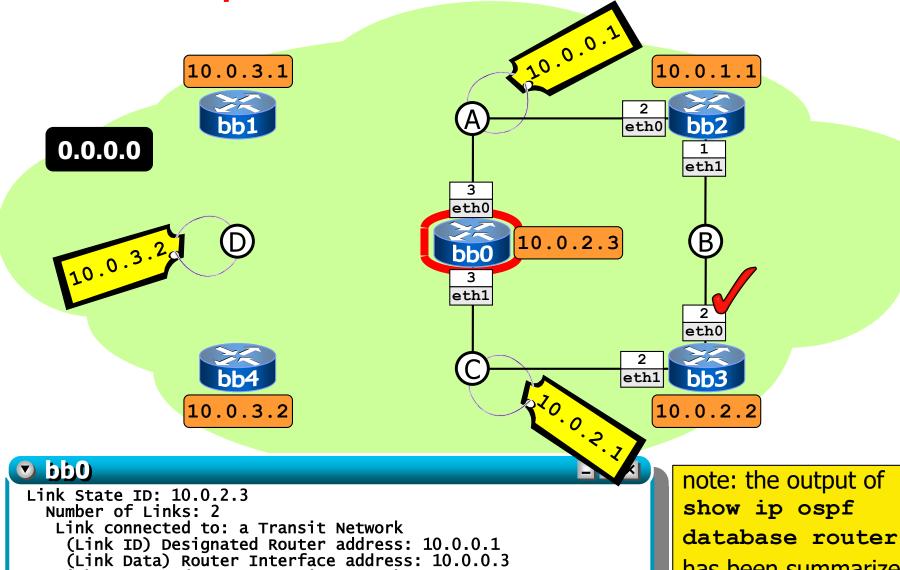
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(Link ID) Designated Router address: 10.0.2.1 (Link Data) Router Interface address: 10.0.2.2



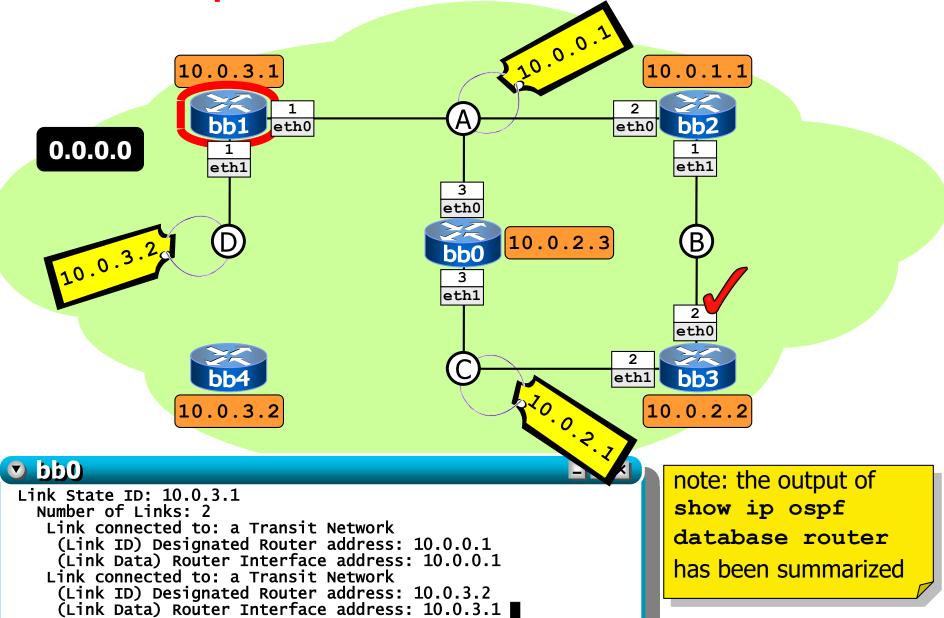


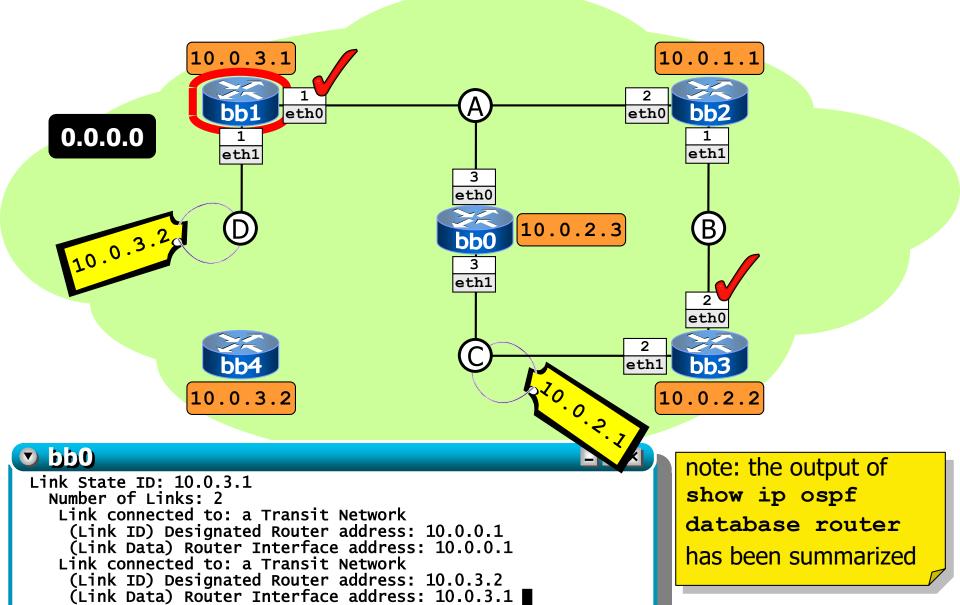
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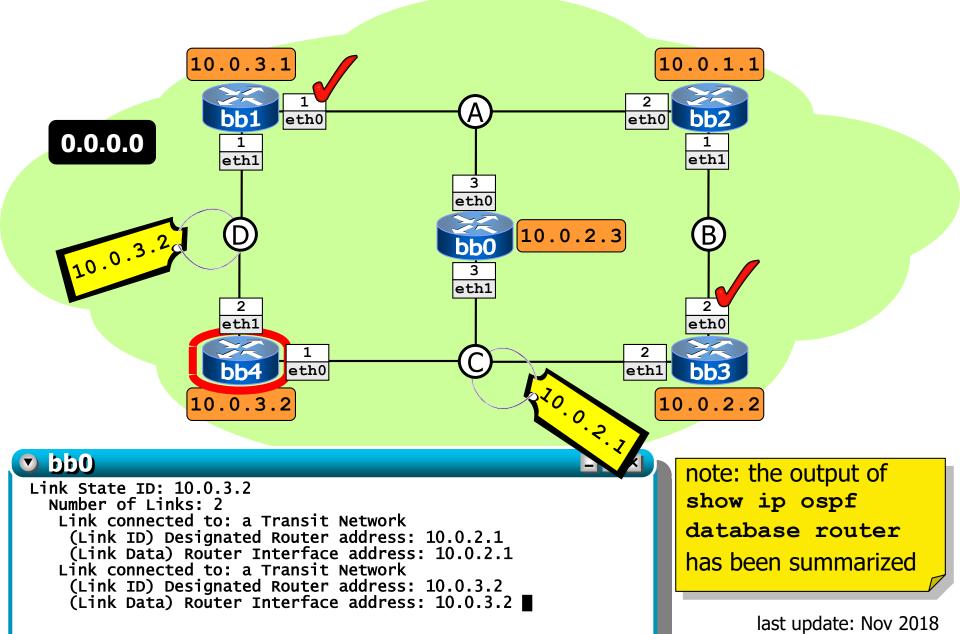
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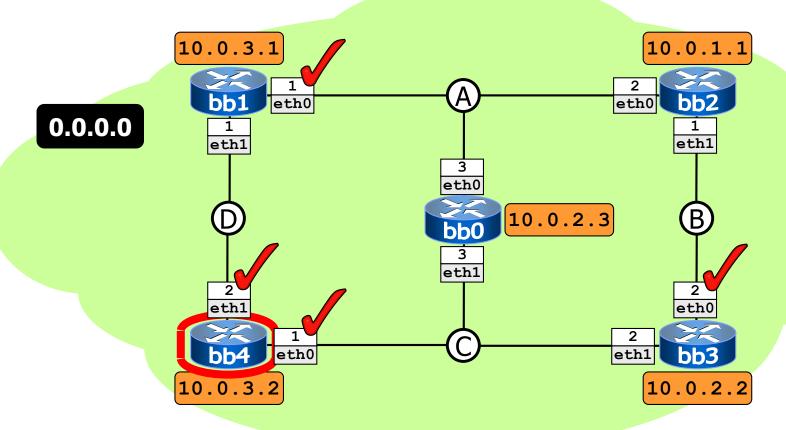
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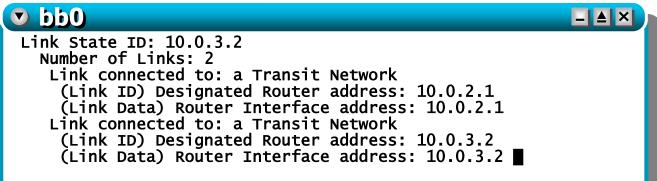
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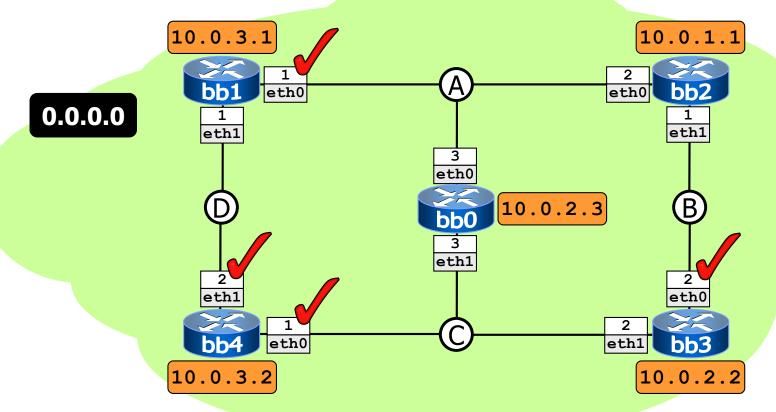


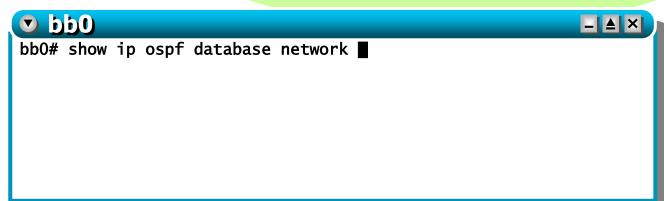


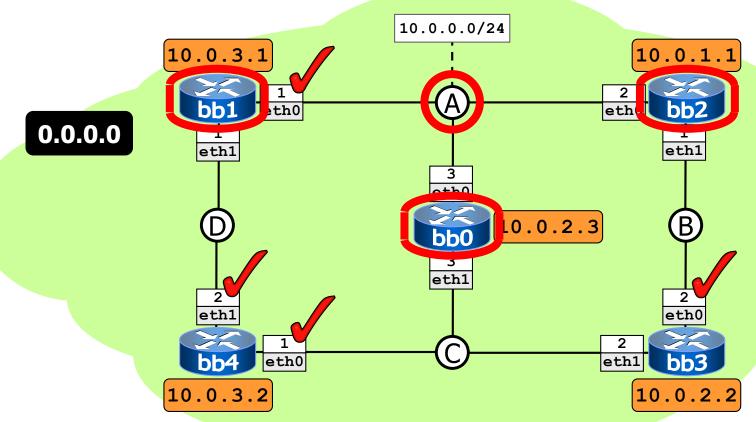


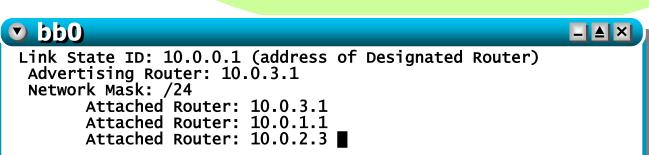


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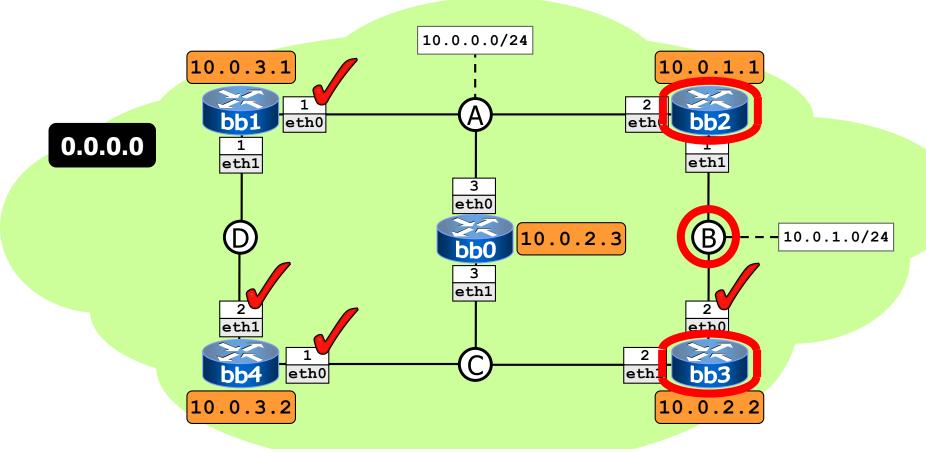








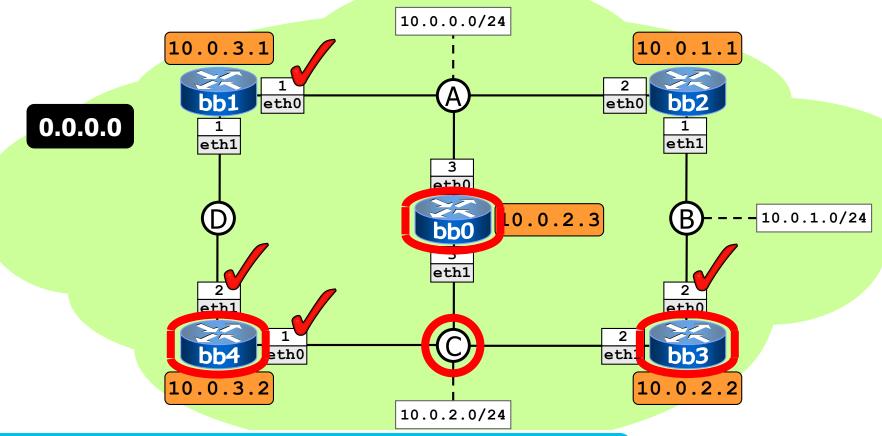
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# Link State ID: 10.0.1.2 (address of Designated Router) Advertising Router: 10.0.2.2 Network Mask: /24

Attached Router: 10.0.1.1 Attached Router: 10.0.2.2 ■

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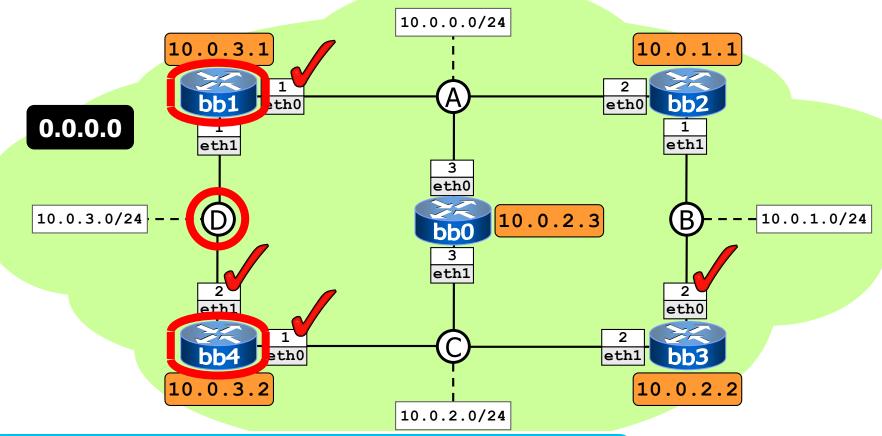
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Link State ID: 10.0.2.1 (address of Designated Router) Advertising Router: 10.0.3.2

Network Mask: /24

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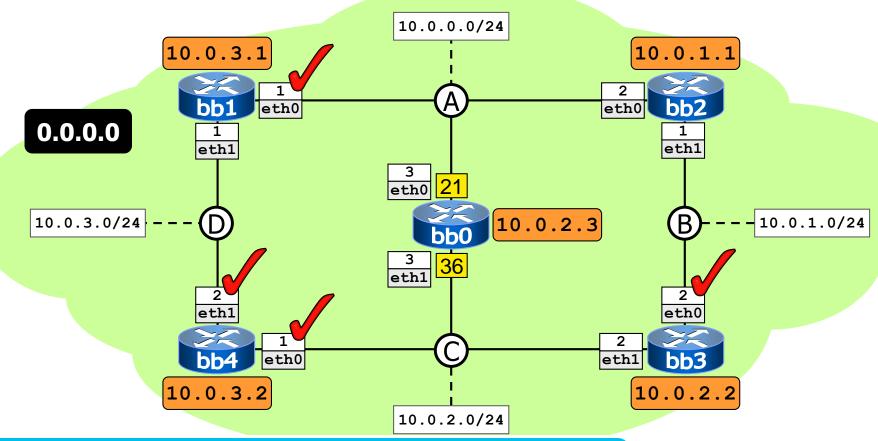
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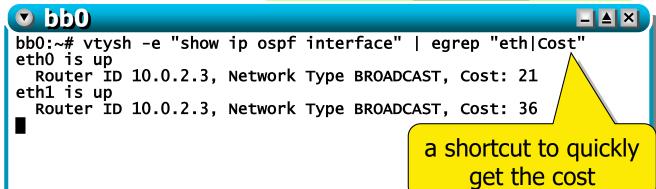


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Network Mask: /24

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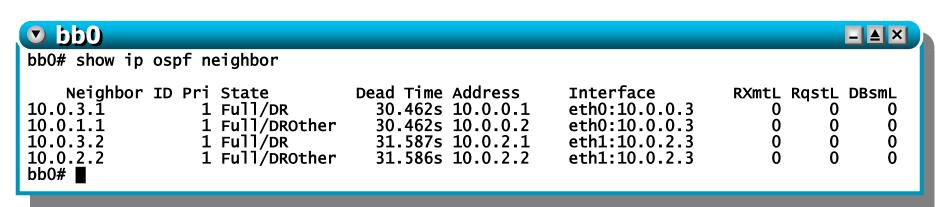




ospf interface costs can be queried on all routers

# neighborhood

- router neighbors can be shown by using the show ip ospf neighbor command
- note: Isas are only sent between neighbors in Full state (i.e., capable of a bidirectional exchange of information); reaching the Full state requires that:
  - neighbors have been discovered (using hello packets)
  - bidirectional communication is possible
  - a designated router has been elected
- once reached, routers immediately synchronize their lsdbs



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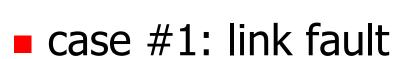
# ospf routing table

the ospf routing table can be dumped by using show ip ospf route

```
bb0
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              bb0# show ip ospf route
              ======= OSPF network routing table ========
                  10.0.0.0/24
                                        [21] area: 0.0.0.0
                                        directly attached to eth0
                  10.0.1.0/24
                                        [31] area: 0.0.0.0
                                        via 10.0.0.2, eth0
                  10.0.2.0/24
                                        [36] area: 0.0.0.0
                                        directly attached to eth1
                  10.0.3.0/24
                                        [46] area: 0.0.0.0
                                        via 10.0.2.1, eth1
                   ===== OSPF router routing table ========
                  10.0.1.1
                                        [21] area: 0.0.0.0, ASBR
                                        via 10.0.0.2, eth0
                  10.0.2.2
                                        [31] area: 0.0.0.0, ASBR
                                        via 10.0.0.2, eth0
                  10.0.3.1
                                        [21] area: 0.0.0.0, ASBR
                                        via 10.0.0.1, eth0
                  10.0.3.2
                                        [36] area: 0.0.0.0, ASBR
                                        via 10.0.2.1, eth1
route
              ======== OSPF external routing table ===
cost
             bb0# ■
```

- issue the show ip ospf database and show ip ospf neighbor commands on different routers
- capture and look at exchanged ospf packets using tcpdump

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- bring down a single network interface using ifconfig
  - the change is immediately propagated by the router inside Isa packets
  - routing tables are immediately updated
    (show ip ospf route)



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- bring down a single network interface using ifconfig
  - the change is immediately propagated by the router inside Isa packets
  - routing tables are immediately updated
    (show ip ospf route)
  - the Isdb is handled a little differently...

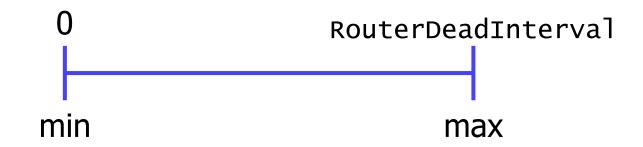


- bring down a single network interface using ifconfig
  - if this brings down a dr, the information is immediately flushed from the lsdb(s)...
    - ...and eventually reannounced when a dr is re-elected
  - otherwise, ospf waits expiry of the RouterDeadInterval timer (default: 40s) before removing the adjacency from the lsdb (show ip ospf database network)
    - note: networks that are connected to one router only, called stub networks, are only visible using show ip ospf database router



bring down a single network interface using ifconfig

overall reaction time (estimated)



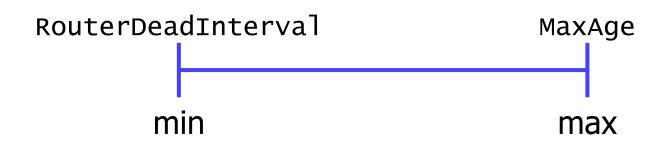
- case #2: router fault
  - bring down a router (by crashing it or by shutting down all its interfaces simultaneously)
  - the router has no chance to propagate Isas
    - the change cannot be immediately propagated
    - neighboring routers can only realize it (and update routing tables) after expiry of the RouterDeadInterval timer

- case #2: router fault
  - bring down a router (by crashing it or by shutting down all its interfaces simultaneously)
  - after the change has been propagated...
    - ...Isdb information about networks for which the failed router was not dr is immediately flushed from other routers' Isdbs
      - the dr takes care of sending appropriate Isas
    - ...Isdb information about networks for which the failed router was dr (including those where a dr will be re-elected) and about routers is more "tough"
      - ospf waits for the Isa to expire (expiration happens when the age of the Isa reaches the MaxAge value of 1 hour) before taking any actions



 bring down a router (by crashing it or by shutting down all its interfaces simultaneously)

overall reaction time (estimated)



### lab: ospf-multiarea

### ospf areas

- an abstraction that simplifies administration and improves scalability
  - the topology of an area is invisible from the outside
  - routers internal to a given area don't see the detailed external topology
- each area runs a separate instance of the link state routing algorithm
  - all routers in an area construct the same Isdb
  - each router keeps a distinct Isdb for each area it belongs to

#### ospf areas

- identified by a 32-bit number,
   often in dotted decimal notation (1.2.3.4)
  - different interfaces of the same router can be assigned to different areas
  - each
    - router interface...
    - network...
    - router adjacency...
    - ...is associated with a single area

#### area types



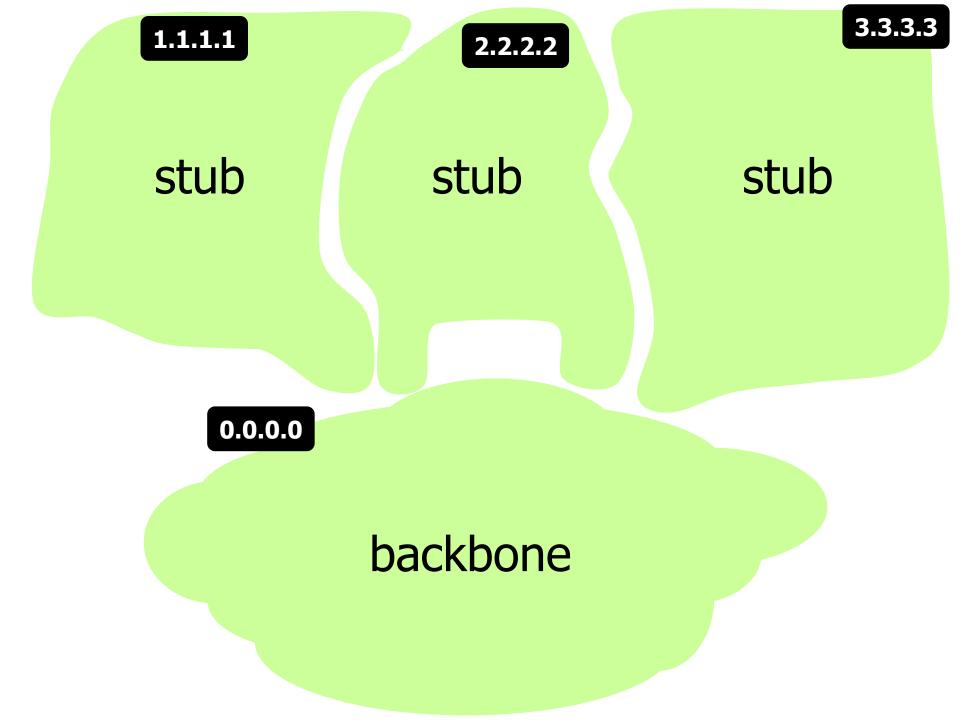
- backbone (0.0.0.0)
  - must be (virtually) connected
  - all other areas are connected to it
  - contains all the area border routers

#### stub

- does not receive advertisements of external routes
- internal nodes are offered a default route
- cannot contain autonomous system boundary routers
- the backbone can't be a stub area

#### transit

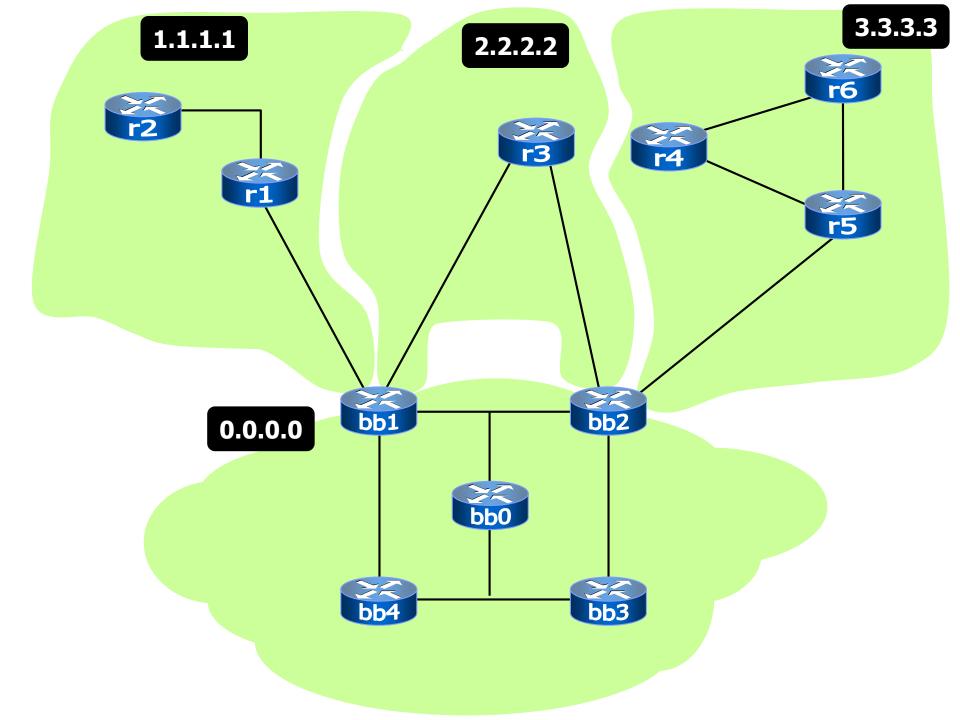
 used to pass traffic from one adjacent area to another, via virtual links

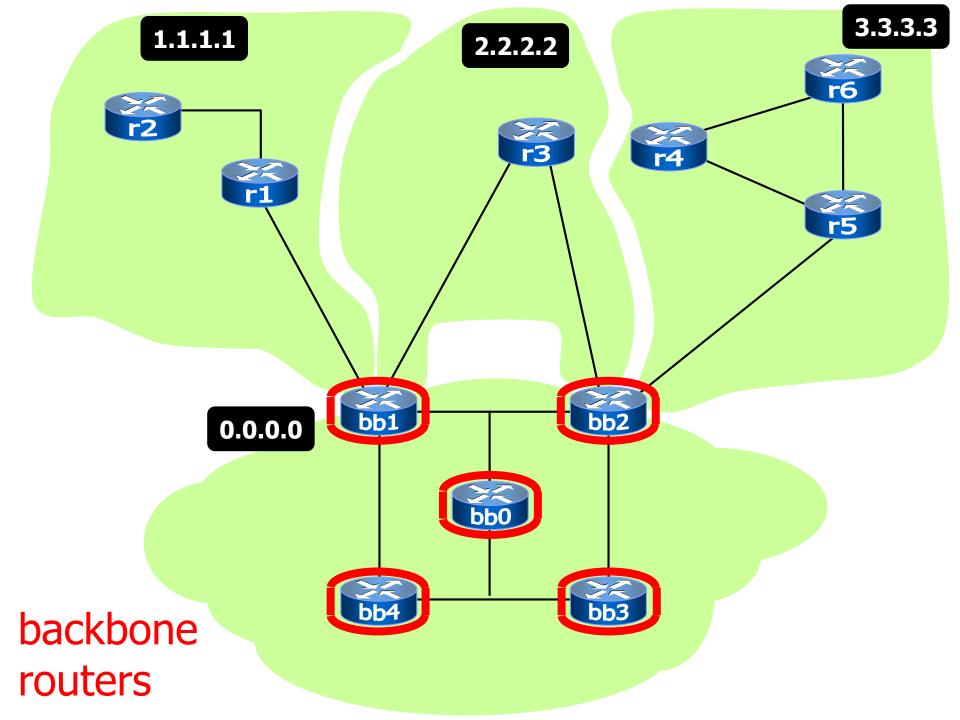


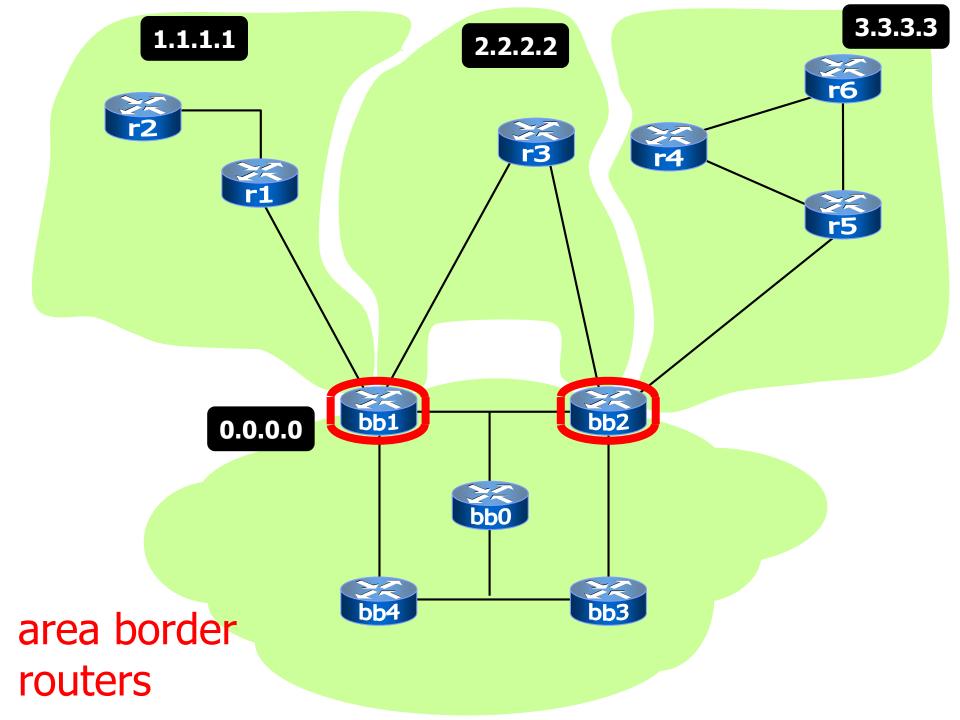
#### router types

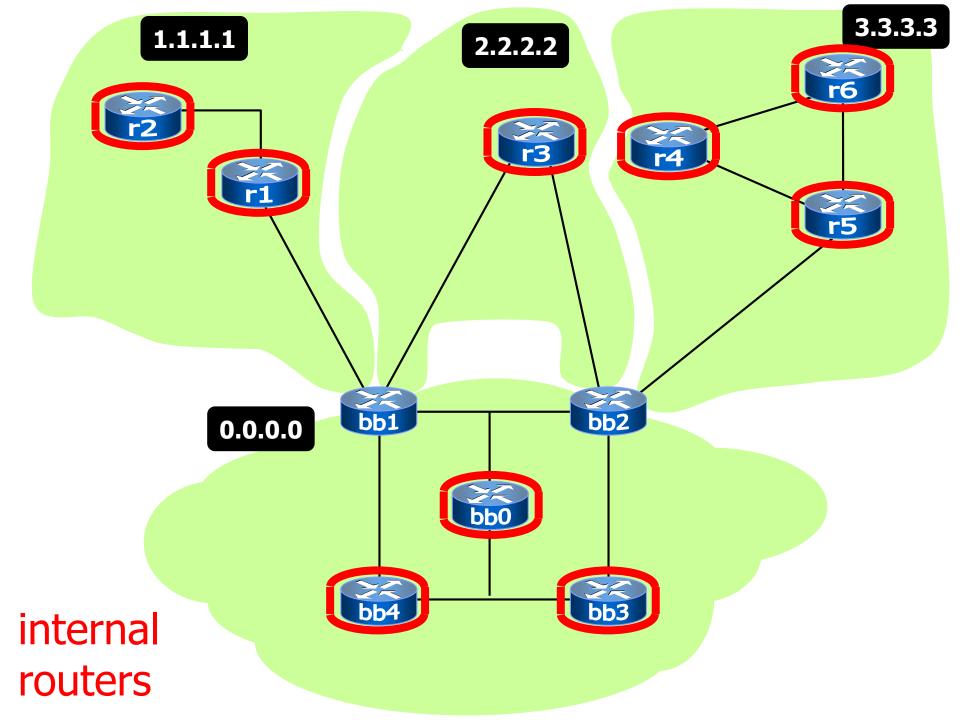


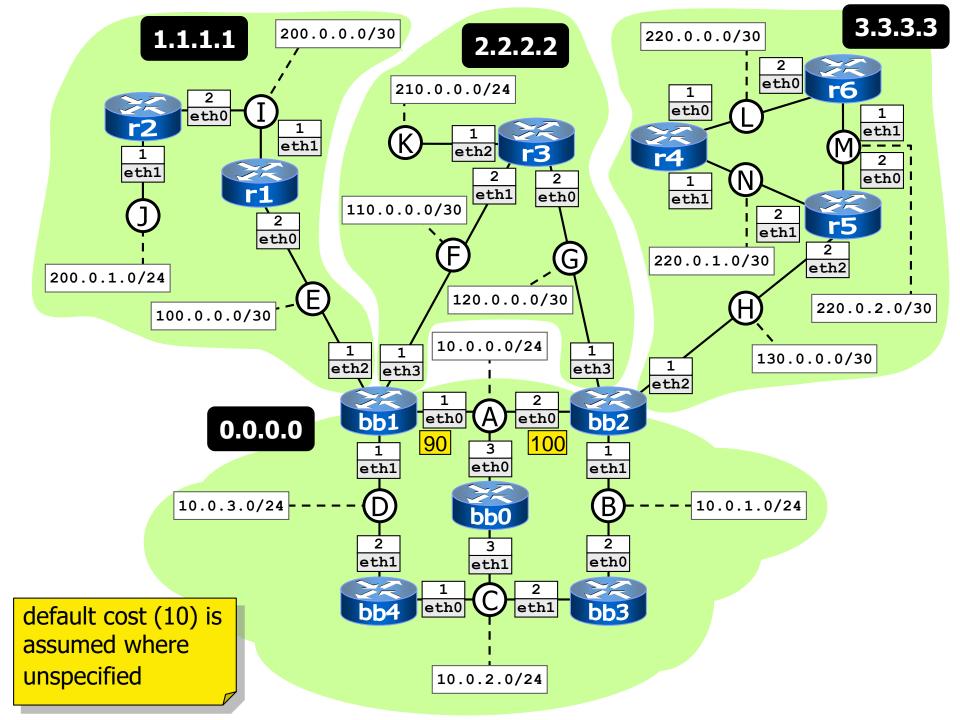
- internal router
  - all interfaces belong to the same area
- area border router (abr)
  - connects one or more areas to the backbone
  - keeps multiple lsdbs, one for each area
- backbone router
  - has at least one interface connected to the backbone
  - an abr is always a backbone router
- autonomous system boundary router (asbr)
  - imports and floods routing information from other routing protocols (typically, bgp)
- note: a router can be of more than one type











#### area configuration

- area information is found in two places
  - when enabling ospf on router interfaces network 200.0.0.0/16 area 1.1.1.1
  - when specifying the area type (not required for the backbone)

area 1.1.1.1 stub

- there are 4 path types
  - 1.intra-area
  - 2.inter-area
  - 3.external type 1
  - 4.external type 2
- types can coexist in the same network
- each type is preferred over the following ones



- intra-area paths
  - calculated using the shortest-path tree



- inter-area paths
  - abrs inject summary information inside each area, to make it aware of available destinations in other areas
    - such information includes the cost of the shortest path from the abr to the destination
    - if multiple subnets are summarized into a single network, the route cost will be the maximum cost to any of the component subnets
  - an inter-area path is always composed of:
    - an intra-area path from the source to the abr
    - a backbone path between the source and destination areas
    - an intra-area path to the destination



 external paths are learned from other routing protocols (e.g., bgp)



- type 1: the cost is expressed in terms of
  - the external (bgp) route cost\* +
  - the ospf cost to the asbr

example with bgp cost=495, ospf cost=10:

```
N E1 50.0.0/16 [505] tag: 0
via 10.0.1.2, eth1
```

\* cost used when redistributing the protocol (bgp) into ospf; default for bgp=20; configurable by using redistribute bgp metric *value* 

- external paths are learned from other routing protocols (e.g., bgp)
- type 1: the cost is expressed in terms of
  - the external (bgp) route cost\* +
  - the ospf cost to the asbr
- type 2: the cost is expressed in terms of
  - the external (bgp) route cost\* only (distance to the asbr is only used to break ties) example with bgp cost=495, ospf cost=10:

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N E2 50.0.0/16 [10/495] tag: 0
via 10.0.1.2, eth1
```

- external paths are learned from other routing protocols (e.g., bgp)
- type 1: the cost is expressed in terms of
  - the external (bgp) route cost\* +
  - the ospf cost to the asbr
- type 2: the cost is expressed in terms of
  - the external (bgp) route cost\* only (distance to the asbr is only used to break ties)
- metric type is user-configurable redistribute bgp metric-type 2 metric 495

check that routers know detailed topology information only about their own area

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r2# show ip ospf neighbor
    Neighbor ID Pri State Dead Time Address Interface RXmtL RqstL DBsmL 0.0.1 1 Full/Backup 34.184s 200.0.0.1 eth0:200.0.0.2 0 0
200.0.0.1
r2# show ip ospf database router
       OSPF Router with ID (200.0.1.1)
                Router Link States (Area 1.1.1.1 [Stub])
  Link State ID: 110.0.0.1
   Number of Links: 1
    Link connected to: a Transit Network
     (Link ID) Designated Router address: 100.0.0.2
     (Link Data) Router Interface address: 100.0.0.1
  Link State ID: 200.0.0.1
   Number of Links: 2
    Link connected to: a Transit Network
     (Link ID) Designated Router address: 100.0.0.2
     (Link Data) Router Interface address: 100.0.0.2
    Link connected to: a Transit Network
                                                                     note: the output has
     (Link ID) Designated Router address: 200.0.0.2
     (Link Data) Router Interface address: 200.0.0.1
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  Link State ID: 200.0.1.1
   Number of Links: 2
    Link connected to: a Transit Network
     (Link ID) Designated Router address: 200.0.0.2
     (Link Data) Router Interface address: 200.0.0.2
    Link connected to: Stub Network
     (Link ID) Net: 200.0.1.0
     (Link Data) Network Mask: 255.255.255.0 ■
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check that routers know detailed topology information only about their own area

```
v r2
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r2# show ip ospf database network
      OSPF Router with ID (200.0.1.1)
               Net Link States (Area 1.1.1.1 [Stub])
 LS age: 448
 Options: 0x0 : *|-|-|-|-|*
 LS Flags: 0x6
 LS Type: network-LSA
 Link State ID: 100.0.0.2 (address of Designated Router)
 Advertising Router: 200.0.0.1
 LS Seg Number: 80000002
 Checksum: 0x07ed
 Length: 32
 Network Mask: /30
       Attached Router: 110.0.0.1
       Attached Router: 200.0.0.1
 LS age: 452
 Options: 0x0 : *|-|-|-|-|*
 LS Flags: 0x1
 LS Type: network-LSA
 Link State ID: 200.0.0.2 (address of Designated Router)
 Advertising Router: 200.0.1.1
 LS Seg Number: 80000002
 Checksum: 0x6cc7
 Length: 32
 Network Mask: /30
       Attached Router: 200.0.0.1
       Attached Router: 200.0.1.1
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- check what routers know about the outside of the area, using the show ip ospf database summary command
  - in particular, check the Metric values, that show how far away the destination is from the advertising abr
- check that routers in stub areas are offered a default route, whereas routers in the backbone are not
  - also check what Metric is assigned to the default route

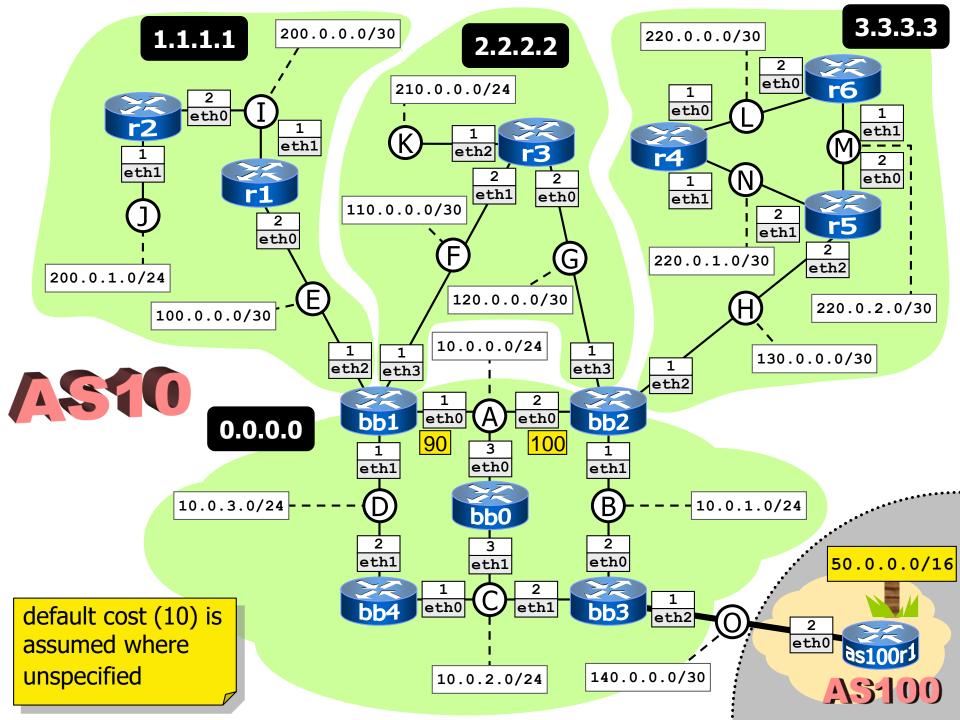
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    - now bring bb1's eth3 down using ifconfig, wait a few seconds and check how the routing is changed
    - bring bb1's eth3 back up and check again how the routing is changed

### lab: ospf-complex

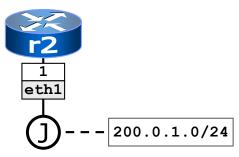


#### lab description

- same as multiarea + some information is injected via bgp from an external as
  - also, abrs are configured to just inject the default route
    - area 1.1.1.1 stub no-summary
- perform the same experiments as for the multiarea lab
  - in addition, check asbr information using show ip ospf database asbr-summary
  - also check that such information is not propagated inside stub areas

#### a quick note about stub networks

- "stub" = not used for transit
- three possible situations:



ospf is enabled also the stub network is interface uselessly but on the stub network's then advertised in the sends hello packets interface entire ospf domain the stub network is advertised as an ASospf is not enabled on the stub network is then the stub network's but external route (hence, advertised interface only through the backbone) ospf is enabled on the stub network's the stub network is but N/A then advertised in the interface, which is configured as entire ospf domain passive-interface