

OSPF (Open Shortest Path First)

- ❑ “open”: publicly available
- ❑ Uses Link State algorithm
 - LS packet dissemination
 - Topology map at each node
 - Route computation using Dijkstra's algorithm
- ❑ OSPF advertisement carries one entry per neighbor router
- ❑ Advertisements disseminated to **entire** AS (via flooding)
 - Carried in OSPF messages directly over IP (rather than TCP or UDP)

OSPF "advanced" features (not in RIP)

- ❑ **Security**: all OSPF messages authenticated (to prevent malicious intrusion)
- ❑ **Multiple** same-cost **paths** allowed (only one path in RIP)
- ❑ For each link, multiple cost metrics for different **TOS** (e.g., satellite link cost set "low" for best effort; high for real time)
- ❑ Integrated uni- and **multicast** support:
 - Multicast OSPF (MOSPF) uses same topology data base as OSPF
- ❑ **Hierarchical** OSPF in large domains.

Hierarchical OSPF

- ❑ **Two-level hierarchy:** local area, backbone.
 - Link-state advertisements only in area
 - each nodes has detailed area topology; only know direction (shortest path) to nets in other areas.
- ❑ **Area border routers:** “summarize” distances to nets in own area, advertise to other Area Border routers.
- ❑ **Backbone routers:** run OSPF routing limited to backbone.
- ❑ **Boundary routers:** connect to other AS's.

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