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# BGP made easy

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# What is BGP?

- Snarky answer: RFC-4271
- BGP is an Exterior gateway protocol, the only one used on the public Internet and is used for inter-Autonomous System routing. (IE between discrete networks)
- BGP distributes (signals) the path to every destination on the Internet, the core of major providers typically don't contain a default route, they contain the paths to every prefix on the Internet.
- BGP learns multiple paths to a given route and selects the best path, only best path is sent between routers.

# What is an Autonomous System?

Typical traits:

- Usually a network of one or more routers redundantly interconnected, but could be a single router.
- Controlled by a single administrative domain (one company could have several ASNs but a given ASN is typically controlled by a specific group)
- Common routing policy
- Identified by a globally unique AS Number (ASN)

# Typical rationales for running BGP

- Multihoming / Provider redundancy
- Equipment / Port redundancy
- Peering (typically larger ASes)
- Connectivity quality (better paths)

# Types of peering relationships

- Transit (routes that cost money to send traffic across)
- Peering (typically free, you see my customers, I see yours without charge) - peers across NWAX would be a good example of this type of relationship
- Customer (routes that are sourced from paying customers)
- Typically type of relationship dictates local-preference setting (50, 95 and 110 in this example)

## Enforcing relationships across peers

- Typical problem: I don't want to send routes received from my transit to someone who does not pay me.
  - Common solution: AS-path filtering, prefixes lists or a combination at **egress**.
  - Best solution: add in community strings as tags, filter on **ingress**.

## Filtering tools for BGP routes (cisco)

- Prefix lists can be applied directly to BGP peer configuration
- Route maps can match various things, the most important for BGP are:
  - prefix lists
  - As-path access lists
  - Community lists
  - Metric

# Communities, tags for routes!

- Community strings allow routes to be tagged at ingress with to tell the rest of the AS what to do with them so that all egress filtering is automatic and shifts with policy applied at ingress.
- Filtering only at ingress works for very small ASNs and very large ASNs alike, future proof the network!
- Allows for large ASes with lots of customer routes to scale by only filtering on customer sessions, no master prefix list, etc.
- Egress filter policy can be setup to deny by default (IE no community of the right type attached to route means the route is not exported). Typos less often result in leaks!
- Allows easy filtering to prevent internal routes from being sent to customers .

# Examples of community assignments from AS11404

Communities used in examples:

11404:991 announce to customers

11404:992 announce to peers and customers

11404:993 announce to transit, peers and customers

11404:1000 All transit routes

11404:2000 All Peer routes

<http://as11404.net> has more of a list if you want a broader example. There are some guides online for most major networks.

# Filtering in action (towards a customer)

Cisco example, showing basic portions of the BGP filtering configuration

```
neighbor 192.0.2.2 remote-as 54858  
neighbor 192.0.2.2 prefix-list as54858-in in  
neighbor 192.0.2.2 route-map as54858-in in  
neighbor 192.0.2.2 route-map full-tables-out out  
neighbor 192.0.2.2 maximum-prefix 20
```

Always place a max prefix limit  
on customers and peers (protection  
from route leaks)

```
ip prefix-list as54858-in seq 5 permit 64.187.160.0/20  
ip prefix-list as54858-in seq 10 permit 198.244.96.0/20
```

Inbound prefix list applied twice  
(not required, but nice to protect from typos)

```
route-map as54858-in permit 500  
match ip address prefix-list as54858-in  
set local-preference 110  
set community 11404:993 11404:3000 11404:3010
```

An as-path filter could be  
applied here too

```
route-map full-tables-out permit 1000  
match community full-tables-out
```

Outbound route filtering  
(internal routes not sent to customers)

```
ip community-list standard full-tables-out permit 11404:993  
ip community-list standard full-tables-out permit 11404:992  
ip community-list standard full-tables-out permit 11404:991  
ip community-list standard full-tables-out permit 11404:1000  
ip community-list standard full-tables-out permit 11404:2000
```

# Filtering in action (towards a transit)

Cisco example, showing basic portions of the BGP filtering configuration

```
neighbor 207.8.14.109 remote-as 2828  
neighbor 207.8.14.109 description XO Transit  
neighbor 207.8.14.109 route-map as2828-in in  
neighbor 207.8.14.109 route-map as2828-out out
```

There is more configuration than this, this is just the community specific part

```
route-map as2828-in permit 100  
set metric 0  
set local-preference 50  
set community 11404:1000 11404:1070 11404:1270 additive
```

Ignore meds, force network to use nearest exit

Lower local-pref than default (we pay for this route)

```
route-map as2828-out permit 1000  
match community as2828-out  
set metric-type internal
```

Send MEDs based on IGP **COST** (make the carrier haul to nearest ingress point)

```
ip community-list standard as2828-out permit 11404:993  
ip community-list standard as2828-out permit 11404:9937
```

Outbound route filtering (match only routes tagged to announce to transit, validity of routes with this tag was assured at ingress)

# Real world examples of communities and local pref (AS11404)

```
cr1-pdx>show ip bgp 64.187.160.0/20
BGP routing table entry for 64.187.160.0/20, version 221286214
Paths: (2 available, best #1, table Default-IP-Routing-Table)
Multipath: eBGP iBGP
Advertised to update-groups:
 1   2   3   5   6   7
54858
208.76.153.113 (metric 517) from 208.76.153.76 (208.76.153.76)
Origin IGP, metric 0, localpref 110, valid, internal, best
Community: 11404:993 11404:3000 11404:3010
Originator: 208.76.153.113, Cluster list: 208.76.153.76
```

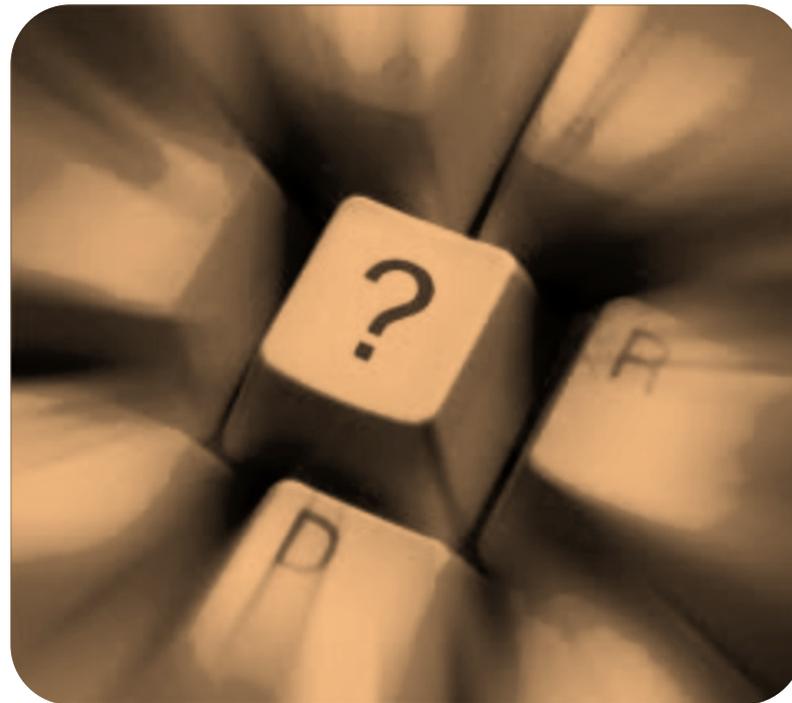
Loopback address of ingress router

IGP (OSPF) metric (towards 208.76.153.113)

Loopback address of route refelctor

- Higher than default localpref (110)
- Tagged as customer route (11404:3000) from Seattle (11404:3010)
- Tagged to announce to transit (11404:993)

# Q&A



# More info?

Check the relevant NANOG presentations:

Philip Smith NANOG 50:

<http://www.nanog.org/meetings/nanog50/presentations/Sunday/NANOG50.Talk33.NANOG50-BGP-Techniques.pdf>

Jason Schiller at NANOG 53:

<http://www.nanog.org/meetings/nanog53/presentations/Sunday/bgp-101-NANOG53.pdf>

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