

# Simple Multihoming



ISP Training Workshops

# Why Multihome?

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## □ Redundancy

- One connection to internet means the network is dependent on:
  - Local router (configuration, software, hardware)
  - WAN media (physical failure, carrier failure)
  - Upstream Service Provider (configuration, software, hardware)

# Why Multihome?

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## □ Reliability

- Business critical applications demand continuous availability
- Lack of redundancy implies lack of reliability  
implies loss of revenue

# Why Multihome?

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## □ Supplier Diversity

- Many businesses demand supplier diversity as a matter of course
- Internet connection from two or more suppliers
  - With two or more diverse WAN paths
  - With two or more exit points
  - With two or more international connections
  - **Two of everything**

# Why Multihome?

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- ❑ Not really a reason, but oft quoted...
- ❑ Leverage:
  - Playing one ISP off against the other for:
    - ❑ Service Quality
    - ❑ Service Offerings
    - ❑ Availability

# Why Multihome?

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## □ Summary:

- Multihoming is easy to demand as requirement of any operation
- But what does it really mean:
  - In real life?
  - For the network?
  - For the Internet?
- And how do we do it?

# Multihoming Definition

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- More than one link external to the local network
  - two or more links to the same ISP
  - two or more links to different ISPs
- Usually **two** external facing routers
  - one router gives link and provider redundancy only

# Multihoming

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- ❑ The scenarios described here apply equally well to end sites being customers of ISPs and ISPs being customers of other ISPs
- ❑ Implementation detail may be different
  - end site → ISP      ISP controls config
  - ISP1 → ISP2      ISPs share config



# Autonomous System Number (ASN)

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- ❑ Two ranges

- 0-65535 (original 16-bit range)
- 65536-4294967295 (32-bit range - RFC4893)

- ❑ Usage:

- 0 and 65535 (reserved)
- 1-64495 (public Internet)
- 64496-64511 (documentation - RFC5398)
- 64512-65534 (private use only)
- 23456 (represent 32-bit range in 16-bit world)
- 65536-65551 (documentation - RFC5398)
- 65552-4294967295 (public Internet)

- ❑ 32-bit range representation specified in RFC5396

- Defines "asplain" (traditional format) as standard notation

# Autonomous System Number (ASN)

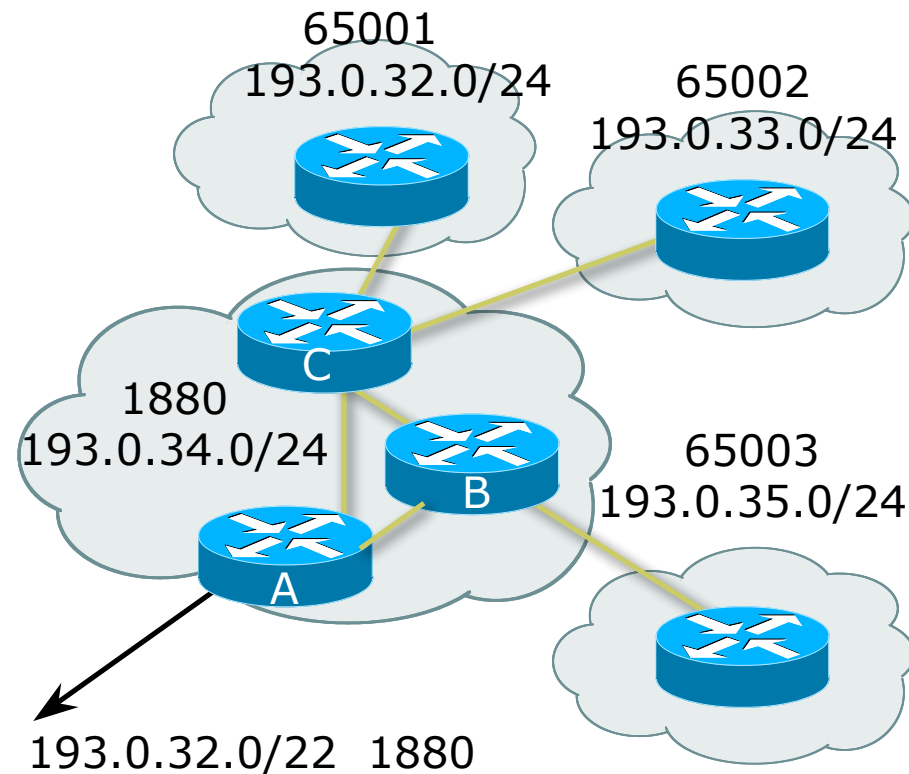
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- ❑ ASNs are distributed by the Regional Internet Registries
  - They are also available from upstream ISPs who are members of one of the RIRs
- ❑ Current 16-bit ASN allocations up to 58367 have been made to the RIRs
  - Around 38000 are visible on the Internet
- ❑ The RIRs also have received blocks of 32-bit ASNs
  - Out of 1500 allocations, around 1200 are visible on the Internet
- ❑ See [www.iana.org/assignments/as-numbers](http://www.iana.org/assignments/as-numbers)

# Private-AS – Application

## ■ Applications

- An ISP with customers multihomed on their backbone (RFC2270)  
-or-
- A corporate network with several regions but connections to the Internet only in the core  
-or-
- Within a BGP Confederation



# Private-AS – Removal

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- ❑ Private ASNs MUST be removed from all prefixes announced to the public Internet
  - Include configuration to remove private ASNs in the eBGP template
- ❑ As with RFC1918 address space, private ASNs are intended for internal use
  - They should not be leaked to the public Internet
- ❑ Cisco IOS

```
neighbor x.x.x.x remove-private-AS
```

# Configuring Policy

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- ❑ Assumptions:
  - prefix-lists are used throughout
  - easier/better/faster than access-lists
- ❑ Three BASIC Principles
  - **prefix-lists** to filter **prefixes**
  - **filter-lists** to filter **ASNs**
  - **route-maps** to apply **policy**
- ❑ Route-maps can be used for filtering, but this is more “advanced” configuration

# Policy Tools

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- Local preference
  - outbound traffic flows
- Metric (MED)
  - inbound traffic flows (local scope)
- AS-PATH prepend
  - inbound traffic flows (Internet scope)
- Communities
  - specific inter-provider peering

# Originating Prefixes: Assumptions

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- ❑ MUST announce assigned address block to Internet
- ❑ MAY also announce subprefixes – reachability is not guaranteed
- ❑ Current minimum allocation is from /20 to /24 depending on the RIR
  - Several ISPs filter RIR blocks on this boundary
  - Several ISPs filter the rest of address space according to the IANA assignments
  - This activity is called “Net Police” by some

# Originating Prefixes

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- ❑ The RIRs publish their minimum allocation sizes per /8 address block
  - AfriNIC: [www.afrinic.net/docs/policies/afpol-v4200407-000.htm](http://www.afrinic.net/docs/policies/afpol-v4200407-000.htm)
  - APNIC: [www.apnic.net/db/min-alloc.html](http://www.apnic.net/db/min-alloc.html)
  - ARIN: [www.arin.net/reference/ip\\_blocks.html](http://www.arin.net/reference/ip_blocks.html)
  - LACNIC: [lacnic.net/en/registro/index.html](http://lacnic.net/en/registro/index.html)
  - RIPE NCC: [www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/smallest-alloc-sizes.html](http://www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/smallest-alloc-sizes.html)
  - Note that AfriNIC only publishes its current minimum allocation size, not the allocation size for its address blocks
- ❑ IANA publishes the address space it has assigned to end-sites and allocated to the RIRs:  
[www.iana.org/assignments/ipv4-address-space](http://www.iana.org/assignments/ipv4-address-space)
- ❑ Several ISPs use this published information to filter prefixes on:
  - What should be routed (from IANA)
  - The minimum allocation size from the RIRs



# “Net Police” prefix list issues

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- ❑ Meant to “punish” ISPs who pollute the routing table with specifics rather than announcing aggregates
- ❑ Impacts legitimate multihoming especially at the Internet’s edge
- ❑ Impacts regions where domestic backbone is unavailable or costs \$\$\$ compared with international bandwidth
- ❑ Hard to maintain – requires updating when RIRs start allocating from new address blocks
- ❑ Don’t do it unless consequences understood and you are prepared to keep the list current
  - Consider using the Team Cymru or other reputable bogon BGP feed:
  - [www.team-cymru.org/Services/Bogons/routeserver.html](http://www.team-cymru.org/Services/Bogons/routeserver.html)

# Multihoming Options

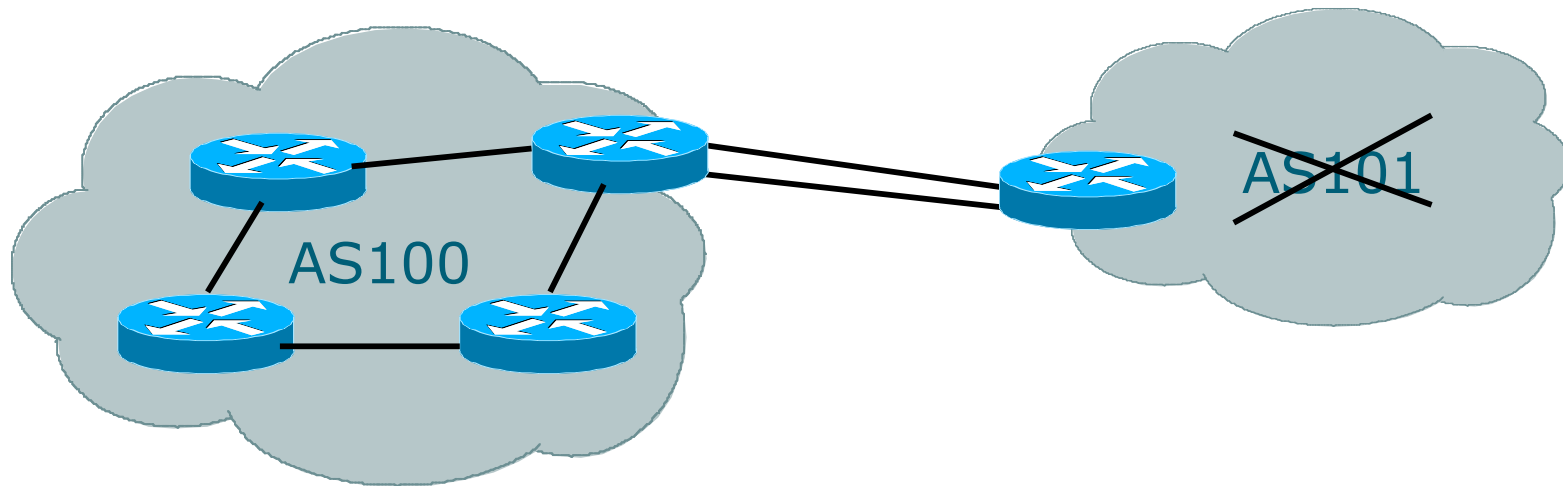


# Multihoming Scenarios

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- ❑ Stub network
- ❑ Multi-homed stub network
- ❑ Multi-homed network
- ❑ Configuration Options

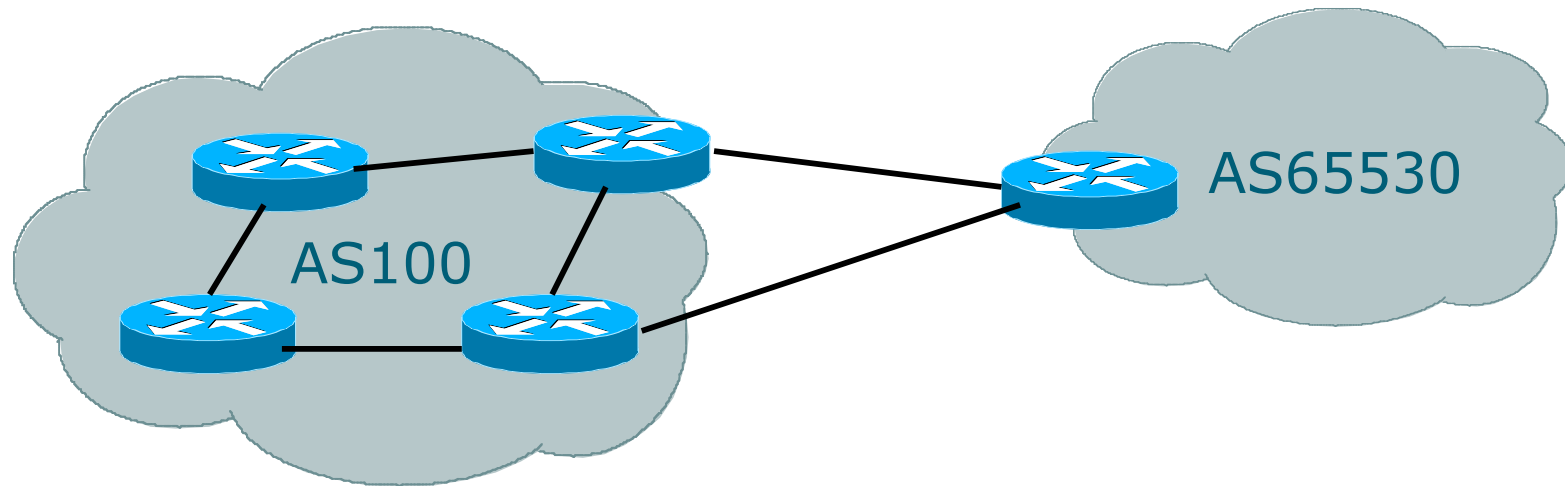
# Stub Network



- ❑ No need for BGP
- ❑ Point static default to upstream ISP
- ❑ Upstream ISP advertises stub network
- ❑ Policy confined within upstream ISP's policy

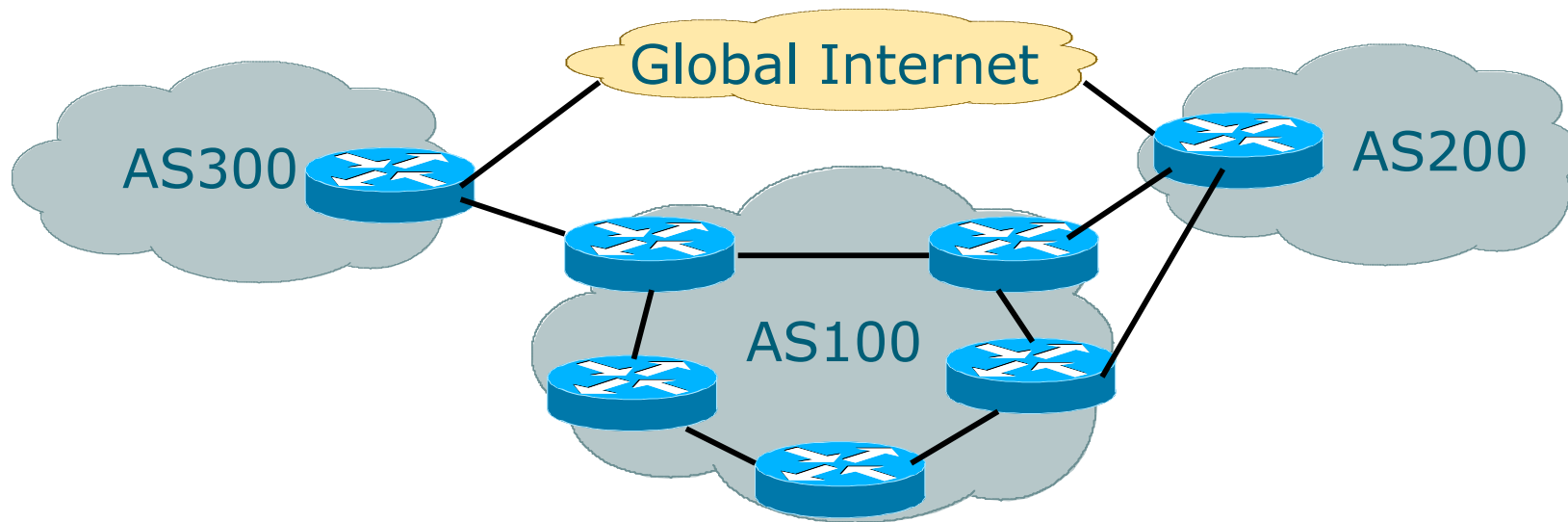
# Multi-homed Stub Network

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- Use BGP (not IGP or static) to loadshare
- Use private AS (ASN > 64511)
- Upstream ISP advertises stub network
- Policy confined within upstream ISP's policy

# Multi-homed Network

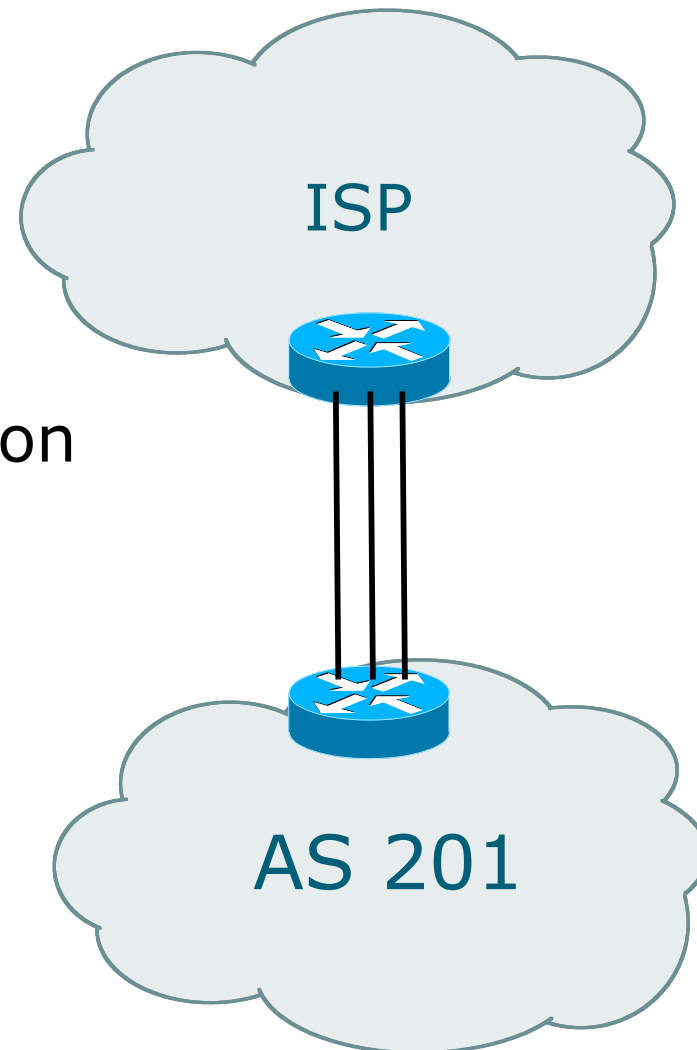


- ❑ Many situations possible
  - multiple sessions to same ISP
  - secondary for backup only
  - load-share between primary and secondary
  - selectively use different ISPs

# Multiple Sessions to an ISP

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- ❑ Several options
  - ebgp multihop
  - bgp multipath
  - cef loadsharing
  - bgp attribute manipulation



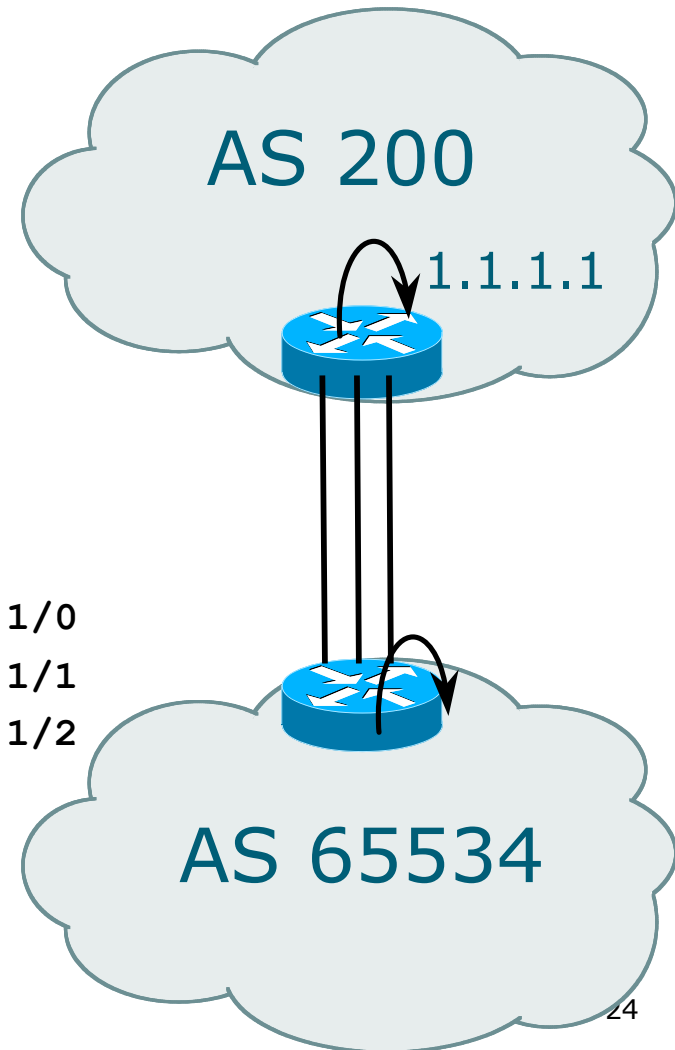
# Multiple Sessions to an ISP

## – Example One

- ❑ Use eBGP multihop
  - eBGP to loopback addresses
  - eBGP prefixes learned with loopback address as next hop

- ❑ Cisco IOS

```
router bgp 65534
  neighbor 1.1.1.1 remote-as 200
  neighbor 1.1.1.1 ebgp-multihop 2
!
ip route 1.1.1.1 255.255.255.255 serial 1/0
ip route 1.1.1.1 255.255.255.255 serial 1/1
ip route 1.1.1.1 255.255.255.255 serial 1/2
```



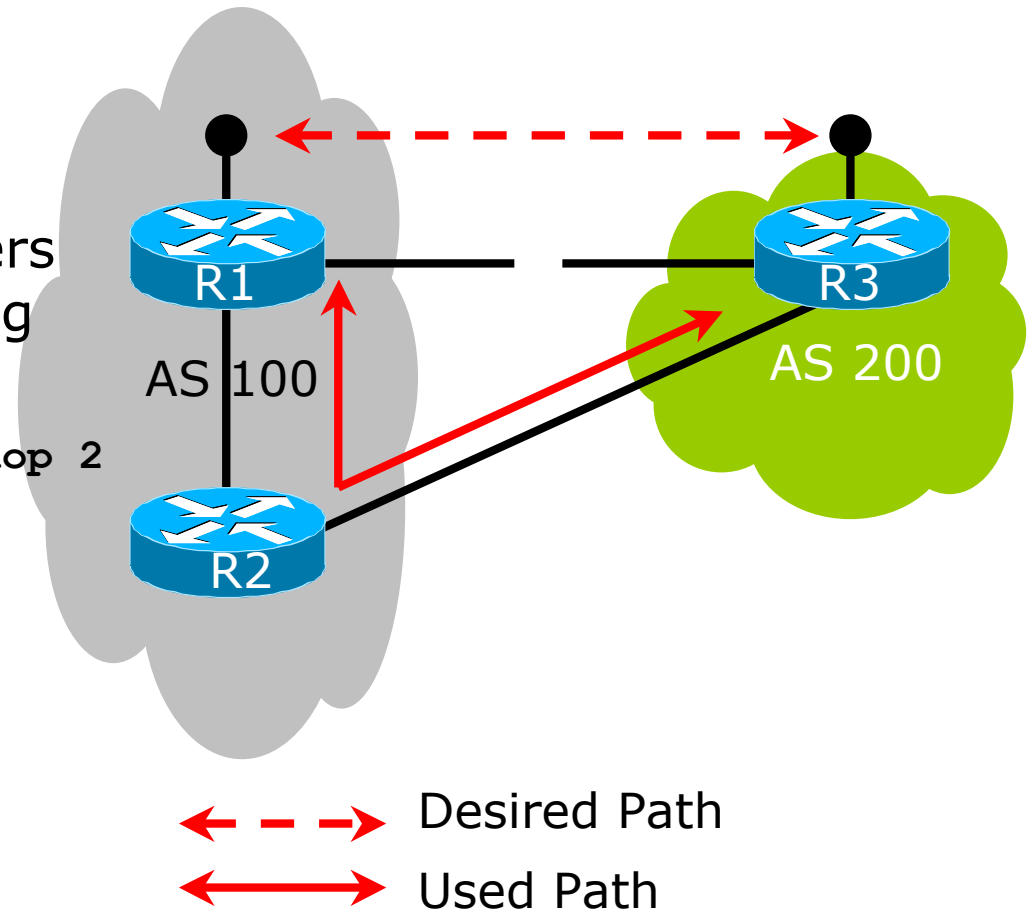


# Multiple Sessions to an ISP

## – Example One

### ❑ One eBGP-multihop gotcha:

- R1 and R3 are eBGP peers that are loopback peering
- Configured with:  
`neighbor x.x.x.x ebgp-multihop 2`
- If the R1 to R3 link goes down the session could establish via R2



# Multiple Sessions to an ISP

## – Example One

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- ❑ Try and avoid use of ebgp-multihop unless:
  - It's absolutely necessary –or–
  - Loadsharing across multiple links
- ❑ Many ISPs discourage its use, for example:

We will run eBGP multihop, but do not support it as a standard offering because customers generally have a hard time managing it due to:

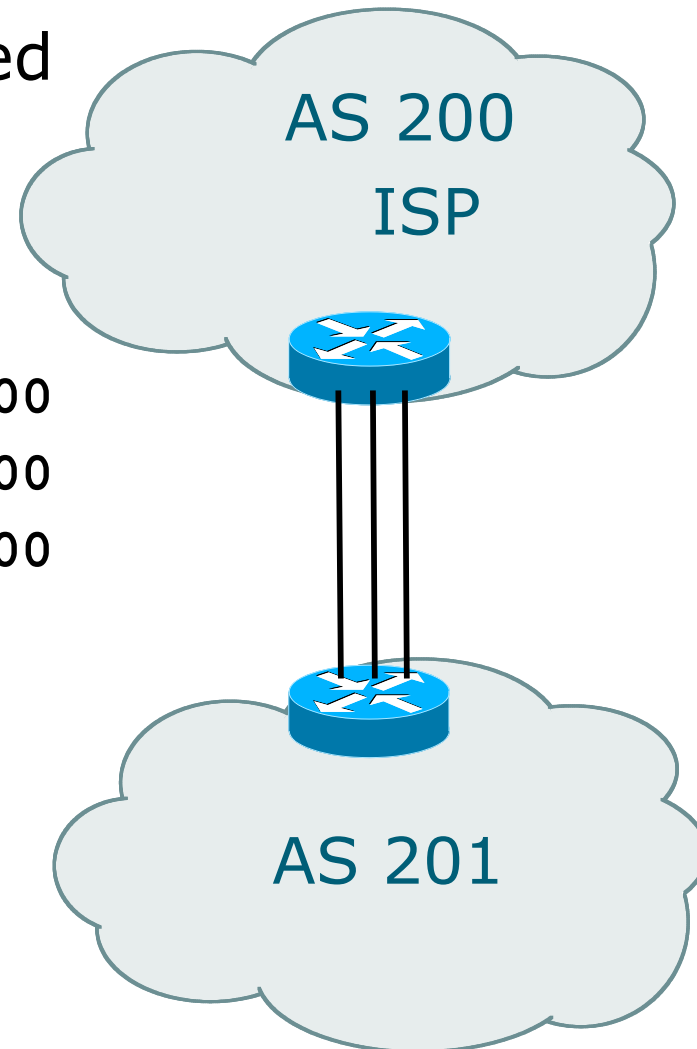
- routing loops
- failure to realise that BGP session stability problems are usually due connectivity problems between their CPE and their BGP speaker

# Multiple Sessions to an ISP

## bgp multi path

- ❑ Three BGP sessions required
- ❑ limit of 6 parallel paths

```
router bgp 201
  neighbor 1.1.2.1 remote-as 200
  neighbor 1.1.2.5 remote-as 200
  neighbor 1.1.2.9 remote-as 200
  maximum-paths 3
```



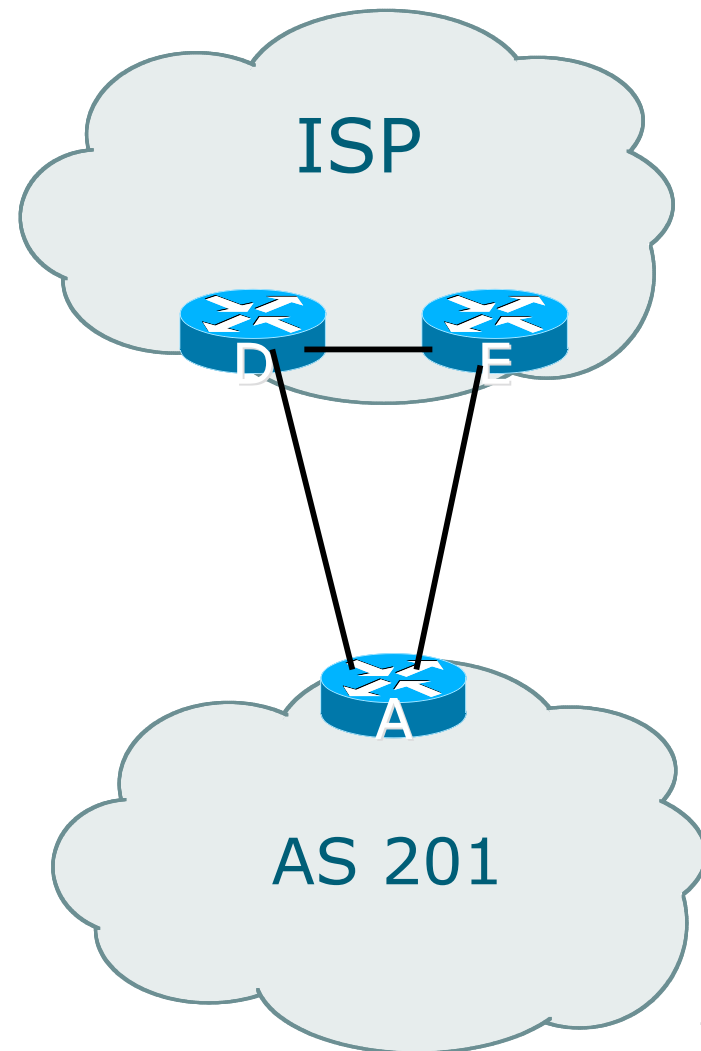
# Multiple Sessions to an ISP

- ❑ Use eBGP multi-path to install multiple paths in IP table

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router bgp 201
```

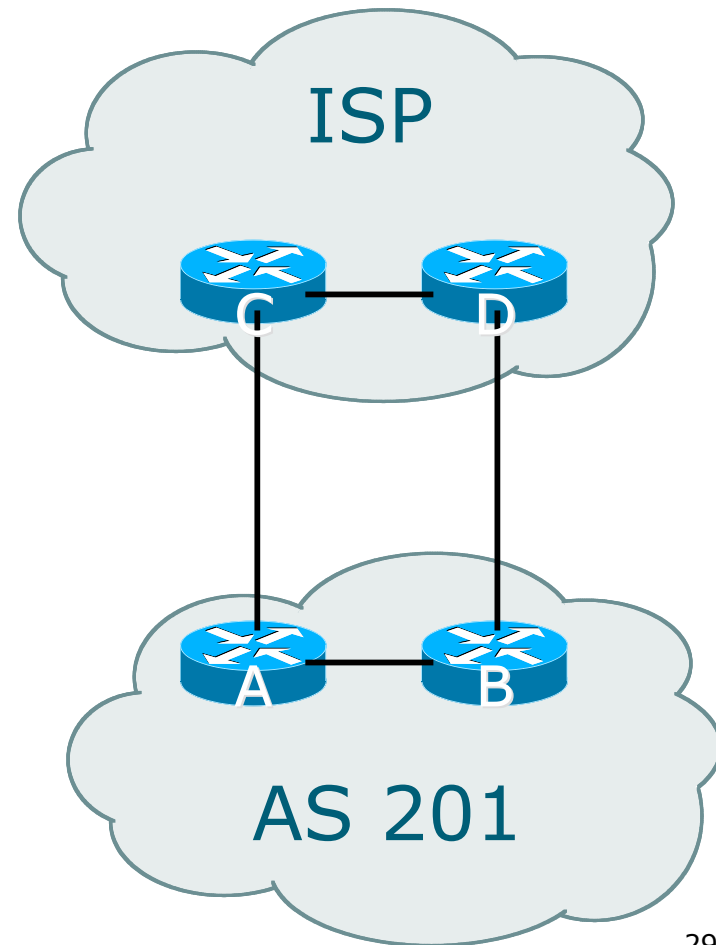
```
maximum-path <1-6>
```

- ❑ Load share over the alternate paths
  - per destination loadsharing



# Multiple Sessions to an ISP

- ❑ Simplest scheme is to use defaults
- ❑ Learn/advertise prefixes for better control
- ❑ Planning and some work required to achieve loadsharing
  - Point default towards one ISP
  - Learn selected prefixes from second ISP
  - Modify the number of prefixes learnt to achieve acceptable load sharing
- ❑ No magic solution



# Preparing the network



Before we begin...

# Preparing the Network

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- ❑ We will deploy BGP across the network before we try and multihome
- ❑ BGP will be used therefore an ASN is required
- ❑ If multihoming to different ISPs, public ASN needed:
  - Either go to upstream ISP who is a registry member  
or
  - Apply to the RIR yourself for a one off assignment  
or
  - Ask an ISP who is a registry member  
or
  - **Join the RIR and get your own IP address allocation too**  
(this option strongly recommended)!

# Preparing the Network

## Initial Assumptions

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- The network is not running any BGP at the moment
  - single statically routed connection to upstream ISP
- The network is not running any IGP at all
  - Static default and routes through the network to do “routing”



# Preparing the Network

## First Step: IGP

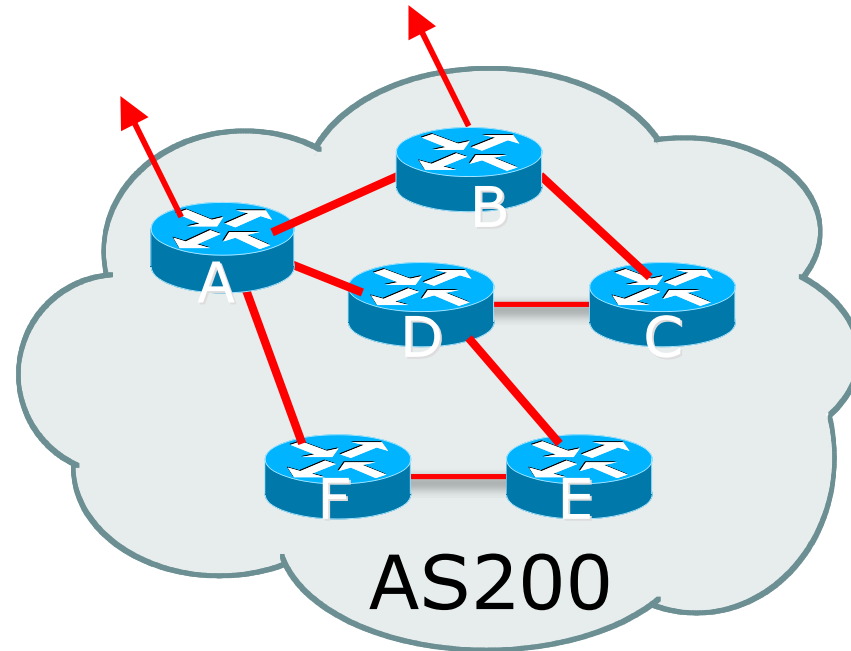
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- ❑ Decide on IGP: OSPF or ISIS ☺
- ❑ Assign loopback interfaces and /32 addresses to each router which will run the IGP
  - Loopback is OSPF and BGP router id
  - Used for iBGP and route origination
- ❑ Deploy IGP (e.g. OSPF)
  - IGP can be deployed with NO IMPACT on the existing static routing
    - ❑ OSPF distance is 110, static distance is 1
    - ❑ **Smallest distance wins**

# Preparing the Network

## Second Step: iBGP

- ❑ Second step is to configure the local network to use iBGP
- ❑ iBGP can run on
  - all routers, or
  - a subset of routers, or
  - just on the upstream edge
- ❑ iBGP must run on all routers which are in the transit path between external connections

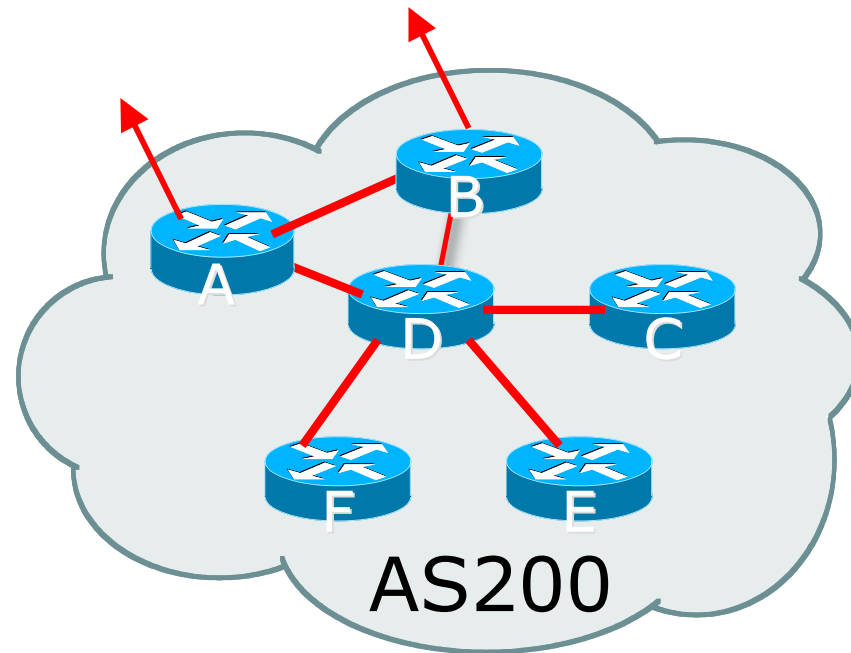


# Preparing the Network

## Second Step: iBGP (Transit Path)

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- ❑ iBGP must run on all routers which are in the transit path between external connections
- ❑ Routers C, E and F are not in the transit path
  - Static routes or IGP will suffice
- ❑ Router D is in the transit path
  - Will need to be in iBGP mesh, otherwise routing loops will result



# Preparing the Network Layers

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- Typical SP networks have three layers:
  - Core – the backbone, usually the transit path
  - Distribution – the middle, PoP aggregation layer
  - Aggregation – the edge, the devices connecting customers

# Preparing the Network

## Aggregation Layer

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- ❑ iBGP is optional
  - Many ISPs run iBGP here, either partial routing (more common) or full routing (less common)
  - Full routing is not needed unless customers want full table
  - Partial routing is cheaper/easier, might usually consist of internal prefixes and, optionally, external prefixes to aid external load balancing
    - ❑ Communities and peer-groups make this administratively easy
- ❑ Many aggregation devices can't run iBGP
  - Static routes from distribution devices for address pools
  - IGP for best exit

# Preparing the Network Distribution Layer

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- ❑ Usually runs iBGP
  - Partial or full routing (as with aggregation layer)
- ❑ But does not have to run iBGP
  - IGP is then used to carry customer prefixes (does not scale)
  - IGP is used to determine nearest exit
- ❑ Networks which plan to grow large should deploy iBGP from day one
  - Migration at a later date is extra work
  - No extra overhead in deploying iBGP, indeed IGP benefits

# Preparing the Network

## Core Layer

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- Core of network is usually the transit path
- iBGP necessary between core devices
  - Full routes or partial routes:
    - Transit ISPs carry full routes in core
    - Edge ISPs carry partial routes only
- Core layer includes AS border routers

# Preparing the Network

## iBGP Implementation

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Decide on:

- Best iBGP policy
  - Will it be full routes everywhere, or partial, or some mix?
- iBGP scaling technique
  - Community policy?
  - Route-reflectors?
  - Techniques such as peer groups and peer templates?



# Preparing the Network

## iBGP Implementation

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### □ Then deploy iBGP:

- Step 1: Introduce iBGP mesh on chosen routers
  - make sure that iBGP distance is greater than IGP distance (it usually is)
- Step 2: Install “customer” prefixes into iBGP  
**Check!** Does the network still work?
- Step 3: Carefully remove the static routing for the prefixes now in IGP and iBGP  
**Check!** Does the network still work?
- Step 4: Deployment of eBGP follows

# Preparing the Network

## iBGP Implementation

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### ***Install "customer" prefixes into iBGP?***

- ❑ Customer assigned address space
  - Network statement/static route combination
  - Use unique community to identify customer assignments
- ❑ Customer facing point-to-point links
  - Redistribute connected through filters which only permit point-to-point link addresses to enter iBGP
  - Use a unique community to identify point-to-point link addresses (these are only required for your monitoring system)
- ❑ Dynamic assignment pools & local LANs
  - Simple network statement will do this
  - Use unique community to identify these networks

# Preparing the Network

## iBGP Implementation

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### ***Carefully remove static routes?***

- ❑ Work on one router at a time:
  - Check that static route for a particular destination is also learned by the iBGP
  - If so, remove it
  - If not, establish why and fix the problem
  - (Remember to look in the RIB, not the FIB!)
- ❑ Then the next router, until the whole PoP is done
- ❑ Then the next PoP, and so on until the network is now dependent on the IGP and iBGP you have deployed

# Preparing the Network Completion

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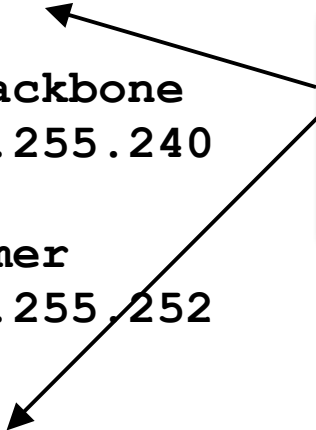
- Previous steps are NOT flag day steps
  - Each can be carried out during different maintenance periods, for example:
  - Step One on Week One
  - Step Two on Week Two
  - Step Three on Week Three
  - And so on
  - And with proper planning will have NO customer visible impact at all

# Preparing the Network Configuration – Before BGP

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```
interface loopback 0
  ip address 121.10.255.1 255.255.255.255
!
interface ethernet 0/0 ! ISP backbone
  ip address 121.10.1.1 255.255.255.240
!
interface serial 0/0 ! Customer
  ip address 121.10.0.1 255.255.255.252
!
router ospf 100
  network 121.10.255.1 0.0.0.0 area 0
  network 121.10.1.0 0.0.0.15 area 0
  passive-interface default
  no passive-interface ethernet 0/0
!
ip route 121.10.24.0 255.255.252.0 serial 0/0
```

Add loopback configuration if not already there



# Preparing the Network

## Configuration – Steps 1 & 2

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```
! interface and OSPF configuration unchanged
```

```
!
```

```
router bgp 100
```

```
  redistribute connected subnets route-map point-to-point
```

```
  neighbor 121.10.1.2 remote-as 100
```

```
  neighbor 121.10.1.2 next-hop-self
```

```
  ...
```

```
  network 121.10.24.0 mask 255.255.252.0
```

```
  distance bgp 200 200 200
```

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!
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ip route 121.10.24.0 255.255.252.0 serial 0/0
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!
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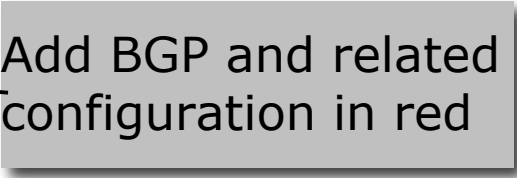
```
route-map point-to-point permit 5
```

```
  match ip address 1
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  set community 100:1
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!
```

```
access-list 1 permit 121.10.0.0 0.0.255.255
```



Add BGP and related configuration in red

# Preparing the Network

## Configuration Summary

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- Customer networks are now in iBGP
  - iBGP deployed over the backbone
  - Full or Partial or Upstream Edge only
- BGP distance is greater than any IGP
- Now ready to deploy eBGP

# Basic Principles of Multihoming



Let's learn to walk before we try  
running...



# The Basic Principles

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- ❑ Announcing address space attracts traffic
  - (Unless policy in upstream providers interferes)
- ❑ Announcing the ISP aggregate out a link will result in traffic for that aggregate coming in that link
- ❑ Announcing a subprefix of an aggregate out a link means that all traffic for that subprefix will come in that link, even if the aggregate is announced somewhere else
  - The most specific announcement wins!

# The Basic Principles

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- ❑ To split traffic between two links:
  - Announce the aggregate on both links - ensures redundancy
  - Announce one half of the address space on each link
  - (This is the first step, all things being equal)
- ❑ Results in:
  - Traffic for first half of address space comes in first link
  - Traffic for second half of address space comes in second link
  - If either link fails, the fact that the aggregate is announced ensures there is a backup path

# The Basic Principles

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- ❑ The keys to successful multihoming configuration:
  - Keeping traffic engineering prefix announcements independent of customer iBGP
  - Understanding how to announce aggregates
  - Understanding the purpose of announcing subprefixes of aggregates
  - Understanding how to manipulate BGP attributes
  - Too many upstreams/external paths makes multihoming harder (2 or 3 is enough!)

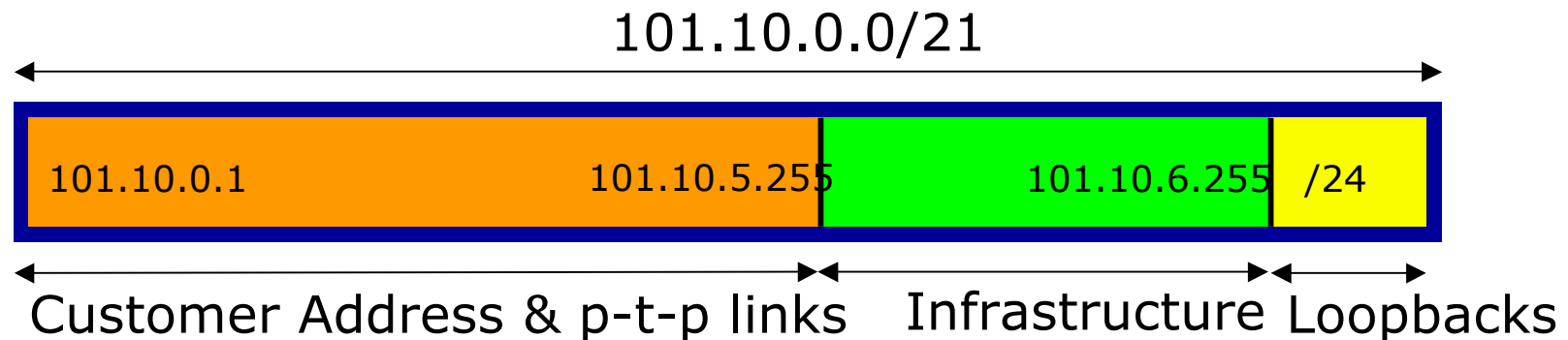
# IP Addressing & Multihoming



How Good IP Address Plans  
assist with Multihoming

# IP Addressing & Multihoming

- ❑ IP Address planning is an important part of Multihoming
- ❑ Previously have discussed separating:
  - Customer address space
  - Customer p-t-p link address space
  - Infrastructure p-t-p link address space
  - Loopback address space



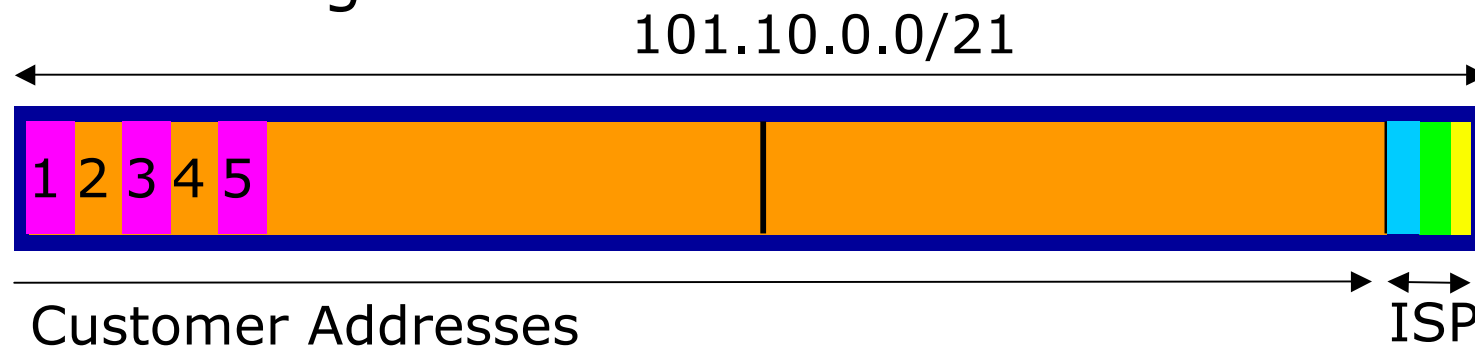
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- ❑ ISP Router loopbacks and backbone point to point links make up a small part of total address space
  - And they don't attract traffic, unlike customer address space
- ❑ Links from ISP Aggregation edge to customer router needs one /30
  - Small requirements compared with total address space
  - Some ISPs use IP unnumbered
- ❑ Planning customer assignments is a very important part of multihoming
  - Traffic engineering involves subdividing aggregate into pieces until load balancing works

# Unplanned IP addressing

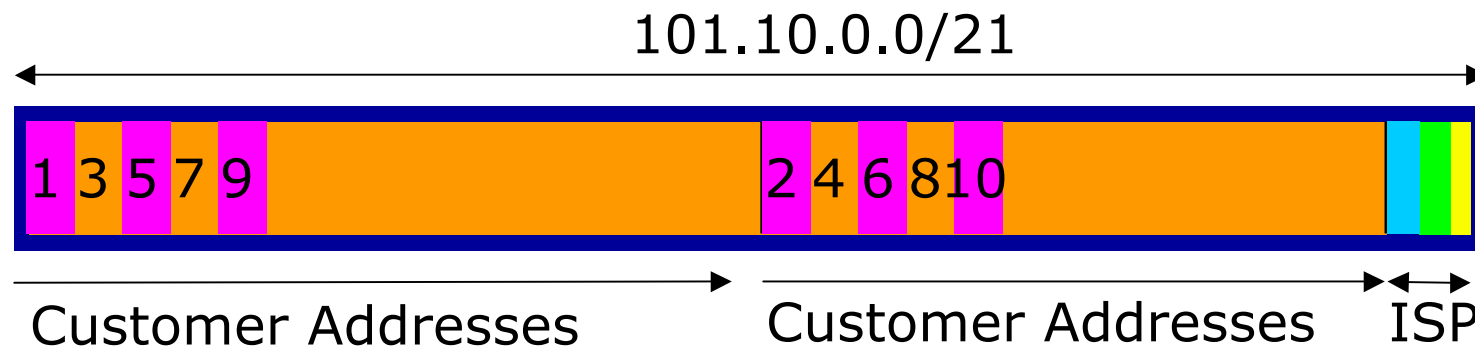
- ❑ ISP fills up customer IP addressing from one end of the range:



- ❑ Customers generate traffic
  - Dividing the range into two pieces will result in one /22 with all the customers, and one /22 with just the ISP infrastructure the addresses
  - No loadbalancing as all traffic will come in the first /22
  - Means further subdivision of the first /22 = harder work

# Planned IP addressing

- If ISP fills up customer addressing from both ends of the range:



- Scheme then is:
  - First customer from first /22, second customer from second /22, third from first /22, etc
- This works also for residential versus commercial customers:
  - Residential from first /22
  - Commercial from second /22



# Planned IP Addressing

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- ❑ This works fine for multihoming between two upstream links (same or different providers)
- ❑ Can also subdivide address space to suit more than two upstreams
  - Follow a similar scheme for populating each portion of the address space
- ❑ Don't forget to always announce an aggregate out of each link

# Basic Multihoming



Let's try some simple worked examples...

# Basic Multihoming

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- No frills multihoming
- Will look at two cases:
  - Multihoming with the same ISP
  - Multihoming to different ISPs
- Will keep the examples easy
  - Understanding easy concepts will make the more complex scenarios easier to comprehend
  - Assume that the network which is multihoming has a /19 address block

# Basic Multihoming

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- ❑ This type is most commonplace at the edge of the Internet
  - Networks here are usually concerned with inbound traffic flows
  - Outbound traffic flows being “nearest exit” is usually sufficient
- ❑ Can apply to the leaf ISP as well as Enterprise networks

# Two links to the same ISP



Basic – No Redundancy

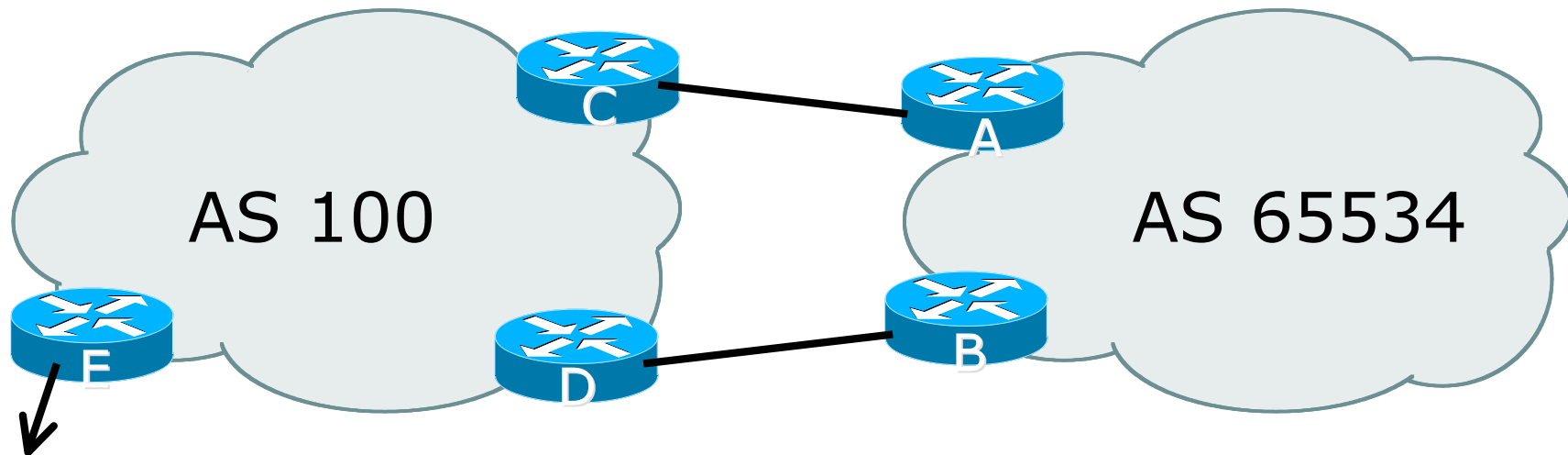
# Two links to the same ISP

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- ❑ Can use BGP for this to aid loadsharing
  - use a private AS (ASNs in range 64512 to 65534)
- ❑ upstream ISP proxy aggregates
  - in other words, announces only your address block to the Internet (as would be done if you had one statically routed connection)

# Two links to the same ISP

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- ▣ AS100 proxy aggregates for AS 65534

# Two links to the same ISP

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- ❑ Split /19 and announce as two /20s, one on each link
  - basic inbound loadsharing
- ❑ Example has no practical use, but demonstrates the principles



# Two links to the same ISP

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## ❑ Router A Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  network 121.10.16.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list routerC out
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list routerC permit 121.10.0.0/20
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.240.0 null0
ip route 121.10.16.0 255.255.240.0 null0
```

# Two links to the same ISP

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## ❑ Router B Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  network 121.10.16.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 prefix-list routerD out
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list routerD permit 121.10.16.0/20
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.240.0 null0
ip route 121.10.16.0 255.255.240.0 null0
```

# Two links to the same ISP

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## ❑ Router C Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 65534
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 default-originate
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list Customer in
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default out
!
ip prefix-list Customer permit 121.10.0.0/20
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

# Two links to the same ISP

---

## ❑ Router D Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 remote-as 65534
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 default-originate
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list Customer in
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list default out
!
ip prefix-list Customer permit 121.10.16.0/20
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

# Two links to the same ISP

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- Router E is AS100 border router
  - removes prefixes in the private AS from external announcements
  - implements the proxy aggregation for the customer prefixes

# Two links to the same ISP

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## ❑ Router E Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.17 remote-as 110
  neighbor 122.102.10.17 filter-list 1 out
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
!
ip as-path access-list 1 deny ^65534$
ip as-path access-list 1 permit ^$
```

## ❑ Private AS still visible inside AS100

# Two links to the same ISP

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- **Big Problem:**

- no backup in case of link failure

- /19 address block not announced

- AS Path filtering “awkward”

- easier to use bgp command

- `neighbor x.x.x.x remove-private-AS`

# Two links to the same ISP



One link primary, the other link  
backup only

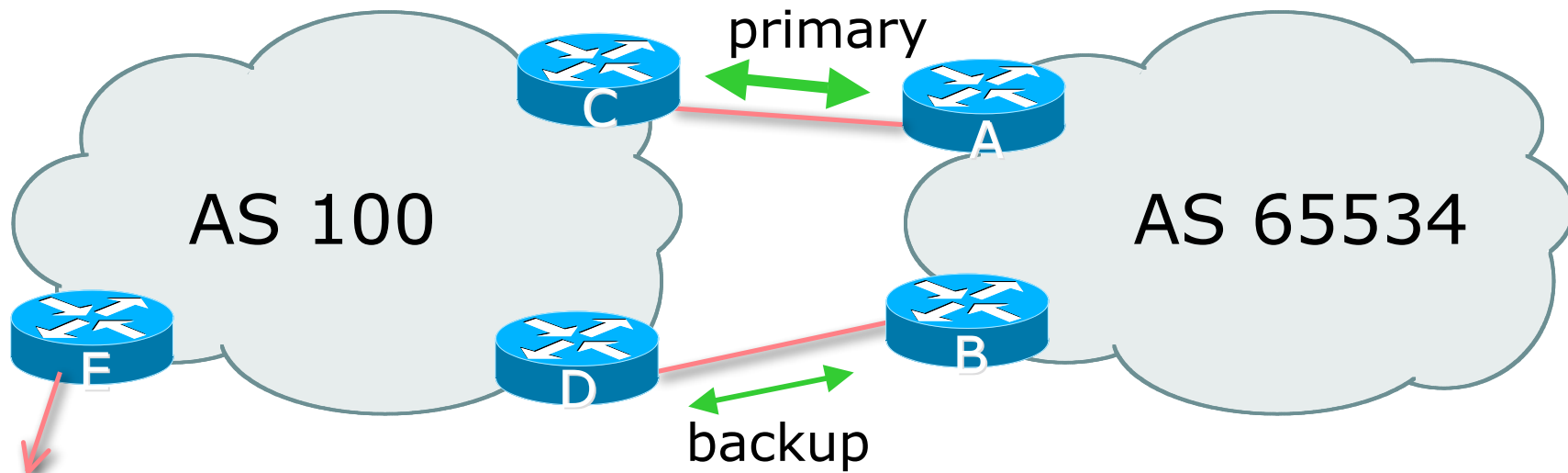


# Two links to the same ISP (one as backup only)

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- Applies when end-site has bought a large primary WAN link to their upstream a small secondary WAN link as the backup
  - For example, primary path might be an E1, backup might be 64kbps

# Two links to the same ISP (one as backup only)



- ❑ AS100 removes private AS and any customer subprefixes from Internet announcement

# Two links to the same ISP (one as backup only)

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- ❑ Announce /19 aggregate on each link
  - primary link:
    - ❑ Outbound – announce /19 unaltered
    - ❑ Inbound – receive default route
  - backup link:
    - ❑ Outbound – announce /19 with increased metric
    - ❑ Inbound – received default, and reduce local preference
- ❑ When one link fails, the announcement of the /19 aggregate via the other link ensures continued connectivity

# Two links to the same ISP (one as backup only)

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## ❑ Router A Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 description RouterC
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list aggregate out
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

# Two links to the same ISP (one as backup only)

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## ❑ Router B Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 description RouterD
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 prefix-list aggregate out
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 route-map routerD-out out
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 prefix-list default in
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 route-map routerD-in in
!
```

..next slide

# Two links to the same ISP (one as backup only)

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```
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
!
route-map routerD-out permit 10
  set metric 10
!
route-map routerD-in permit 10
  set local-preference 90
!
```

# Two links to the same ISP (one as backup only)

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## ❑ Router C Configuration (main link)

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 65534
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 default-originate
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list Customer in
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default out
!
ip prefix-list Customer permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

# Two links to the same ISP (one as backup only)

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## ❑ Router D Configuration (backup link)

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 remote-as 65534
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 default-originate
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list Customer in
  neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list default out
!
ip prefix-list Customer permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
```



# Two links to the same ISP (one as backup only)

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## ❑ Router E Configuration

```
router bgp 100
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.17 remote-as 110
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.17 remove-private-AS
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.17 prefix-list Customer out
```

```
!
```

```
ip prefix-list Customer permit 121.10.0.0/19
```

- ❑ Router E removes the private AS and customer's subprefixes from external announcements
- ❑ Private AS still visible inside AS100

# Two links to the same ISP



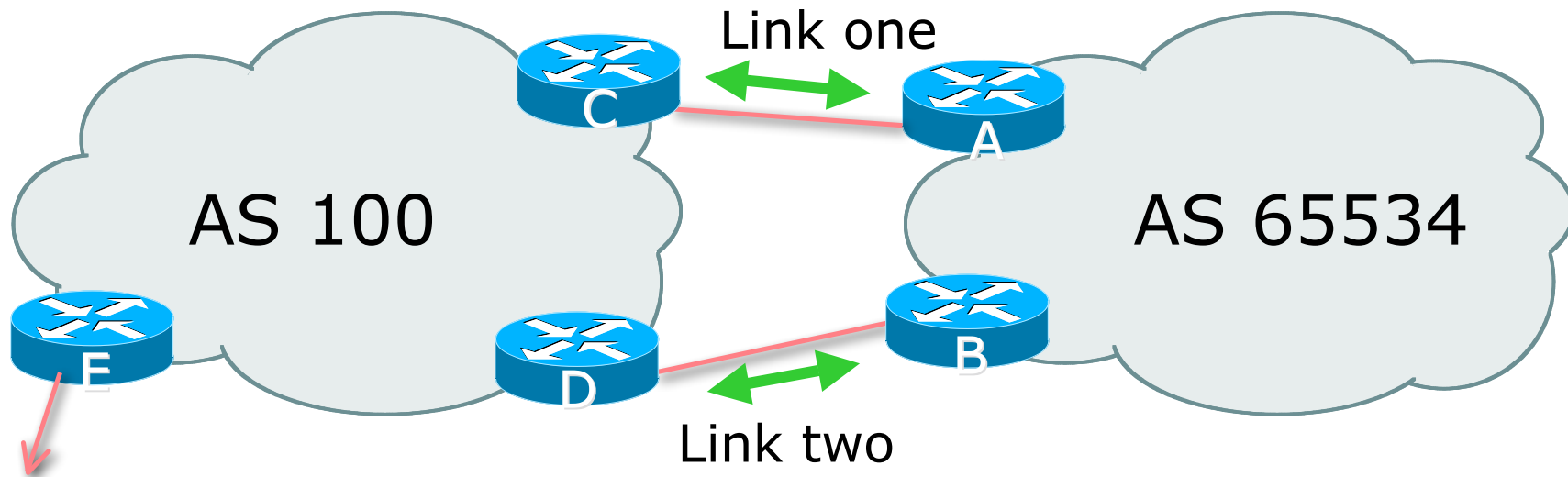
With Redundancy and  
Loadsharing

# Loadsharing to the same ISP

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- More common case
- End sites tend not to buy circuits and leave them idle, only used for backup as in previous example
- This example assumes equal capacity circuits
  - Unequal capacity circuits requires more refinement – see later

# Loadsharing to the same ISP



- ❑ Border router E in AS100 removes private AS and any customer subprefixes from Internet announcement

# Loadsharing to the same ISP (with redundancy)

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- ❑ Announce /19 aggregate on each link
- ❑ Split /19 and announce as two /20s, one on each link
  - basic inbound loadsharing
  - assumes equal circuit capacity and even spread of traffic across address block
- ❑ Vary the split until “perfect” loadsharing achieved
- ❑ Accept the default from upstream
  - basic outbound loadsharing by nearest exit
  - okay in first approx as most ISP and end-site traffic is inbound

# Loadsharing to the same ISP (with redundancy)

---

## ❑ Router A Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list routerC out
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list routerC permit 121.10.0.0/20
ip prefix-list routerC permit 121.10.0.0/19
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.240.0 null0
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

# Loadsharing to the same ISP (with redundancy)

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## ❑ Router B Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  network 121.10.16.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 prefix-list routerD out
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list routerD permit 121.10.16.0/20
ip prefix-list routerD permit 121.10.0.0/19
!
ip route 121.10.16.0 255.255.240.0 null0
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

# Loadsharing to the same ISP (with redundancy)

---

## ❑ Router C Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 65534
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 default-originate
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list Customer in
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default out
!
ip prefix-list Customer permit 121.10.0.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

- ❑ Router C only allows in /19 and /20 prefixes from customer block
- ❑ Router D configuration is identical



# Loadsharing to the same ISP (with redundancy)

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## ❑ Router E Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.17 remote-as 110
  neighbor 122.102.10.17 remove-private-AS
  neighbor 122.102.10.17 prefix-list Customer out
  !
  ip prefix-list Customer permit 121.10.0.0/19
```

## ❑ Private AS still visible inside AS100

# Loadsharing to the same ISP (with redundancy)

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- ❑ Default route for outbound traffic?
  - Use default-information originate for the IGP and rely on IGP metrics for nearest exit
  - e.g. on router A:

```
router ospf 65534
  default-information originate metric 2 metric-type 1
```

# Loadsharing to the same ISP (with redundancy)

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- ❑ Loadsharing configuration is only on customer router
- ❑ Upstream ISP has to
  - remove customer subprefixes from external announcements
  - remove private AS from external announcements
- ❑ Could also use BGP communities

# Two links to the same ISP



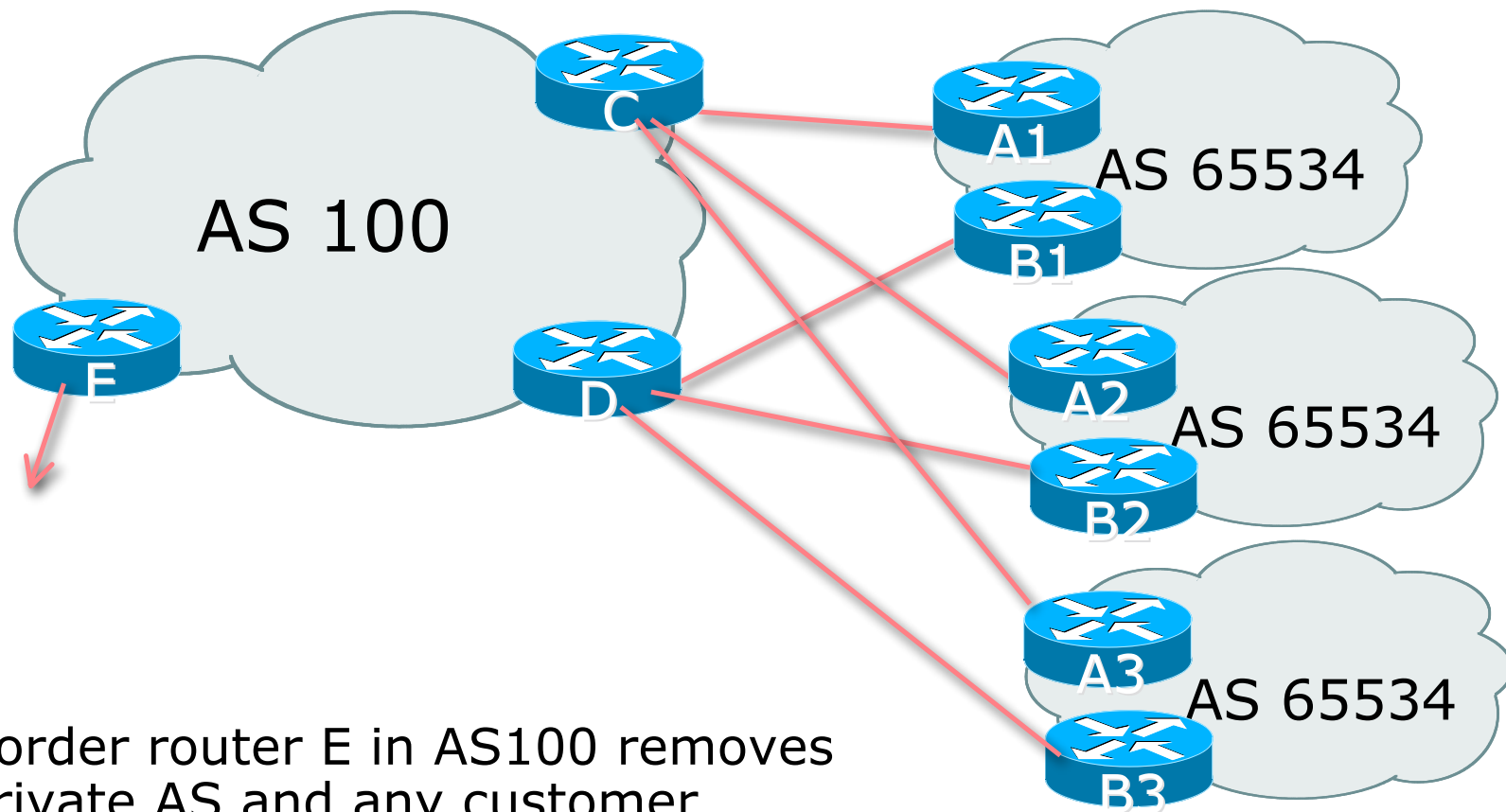
Multiple Dualhomed Customers  
(RFC2270)

# Multiple Dualhomed Customers (RFC2270)

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- ❑ Unusual for an ISP just to have one dualhomed customer
  - Valid/valuable service offering for an ISP with multiple PoPs
  - Better for ISP than having customer multihome with another provider!
- ❑ Look at scaling the configuration
  - ⇒ Simplifying the configuration
  - Using templates, peer-groups, etc
  - Every customer has the same configuration (basically)

# Multiple Dualhomed Customers (RFC2270)



- Border router E in AS100 removes private AS and any customer subprefixes from Internet announcement

# Multiple Dualhomed Customers (RFC2270)

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- ❑ Customer announcements as per previous example
- ❑ Use the same private AS for each customer
  - documented in RFC2270
  - address space is not overlapping
  - each customer hears default only
- ❑ Router An and Bn configuration same as Router A and B previously

# Multiple Dualhomed Customers (RFC2270)

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## ❑ Router A1 Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list routerC out
  neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list routerC permit 121.10.0.0/20
ip prefix-list routerC permit 121.10.0.0/19
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.240.0 null0
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```



# Multiple Dualhomed Customers (RFC2270)

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## ❑ Router B1 Configuration

```
router bgp 65534
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  network 121.10.16.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 prefix-list routerD out
  neighbor 122.102.10.6 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list routerD permit 121.10.16.0/20
ip prefix-list routerD permit 121.10.0.0/19
!
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
ip route 121.10.16.0 255.255.240.0 null0
```

# Multiple Dualhomed Customers (RFC2270)

---

## ❑ Router C Configuration

```
router bgp 100
```

```
neighbor bgp-customers peer-group
```

```
neighbor bgp-customers remote-as 65534
```

```
neighbor bgp-customers default-originate
```

```
neighbor bgp-customers prefix-list default out
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.1 peer-group bgp-customers
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.1 description Customer One
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list Customer1 in
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.9 peer-group bgp-customers
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.9 description Customer Two
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.9 prefix-list Customer2 in
```

# Multiple Dualhomed Customers (RFC2270)

---

```
neighbor 122.102.10.17 peer-group bgp-customers
neighbor 122.102.10.17 description Customer Three
neighbor 122.102.10.17 prefix-list Customer3 in
!
ip prefix-list Customer1 permit 121.10.0.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list Customer2 permit 121.16.64.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list Customer3 permit 121.14.192.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

- ❑ Router C only allows in /19 and /20 prefixes from customer block

# Multiple Dualhomed Customers (RFC2270)

---

## ❑ Router D Configuration

```
router bgp 100
```

```
neighbor bgp-customers peer-group
```

```
neighbor bgp-customers remote-as 65534
```

```
neighbor bgp-customers default-originate
```

```
neighbor bgp-customers prefix-list default out
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.5 peer-group bgp-customers
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.5 description Customer One
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list Customer1 in
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.13 peer-group bgp-customers
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.13 description Customer Two
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.13 prefix-list Customer2 in
```

# Multiple Dualhomed Customers (RFC2270)

---

```
neighbor 122.102.10.21 peer-group bgp-customers
neighbor 122.102.10.21 description Customer Three
neighbor 122.102.10.21 prefix-list Customer3 in
!
ip prefix-list Customer1 permit 121.10.0.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list Customer2 permit 121.16.64.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list Customer3 permit 121.14.192.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
```

- ❑ Router D only allows in /19 and /20 prefixes from customer block

# Multiple Dualhomed Customers (RFC2270)

---

## ❑ Router E Configuration

- assumes customer address space is not part of upstream's address block

```
router bgp 100
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.17 remote-as 110
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.17 remove-private-AS
```

```
neighbor 122.102.10.17 prefix-list Customers out
```

```
!
```

```
ip prefix-list Customers permit 121.10.0.0/19
```

```
ip prefix-list Customers permit 121.16.64.0/19
```

```
ip prefix-list Customers permit 121.14.192.0/19
```

## ❑ Private AS still visible inside AS100

# Multiple Dualhomed Customers (RFC2270)

---

- ❑ If customers' prefixes come from ISP's address block
  - do **NOT** announce them to the Internet
  - announce ISP aggregate only
- ❑ Router E configuration:

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.17 remote-as 110
  neighbor 122.102.10.17 prefix-list my-aggregate out
!
ip prefix-list my-aggregate permit 121.8.0.0/13
```

# Multihoming Summary

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- ❑ Use private AS for multihoming to upstream
- ❑ Leak subprefixes to upstream only to aid loadsharing
- ❑ Upstream router E configuration is identical across all situations



# Basic Multihoming



Multihoming to Different ISPs

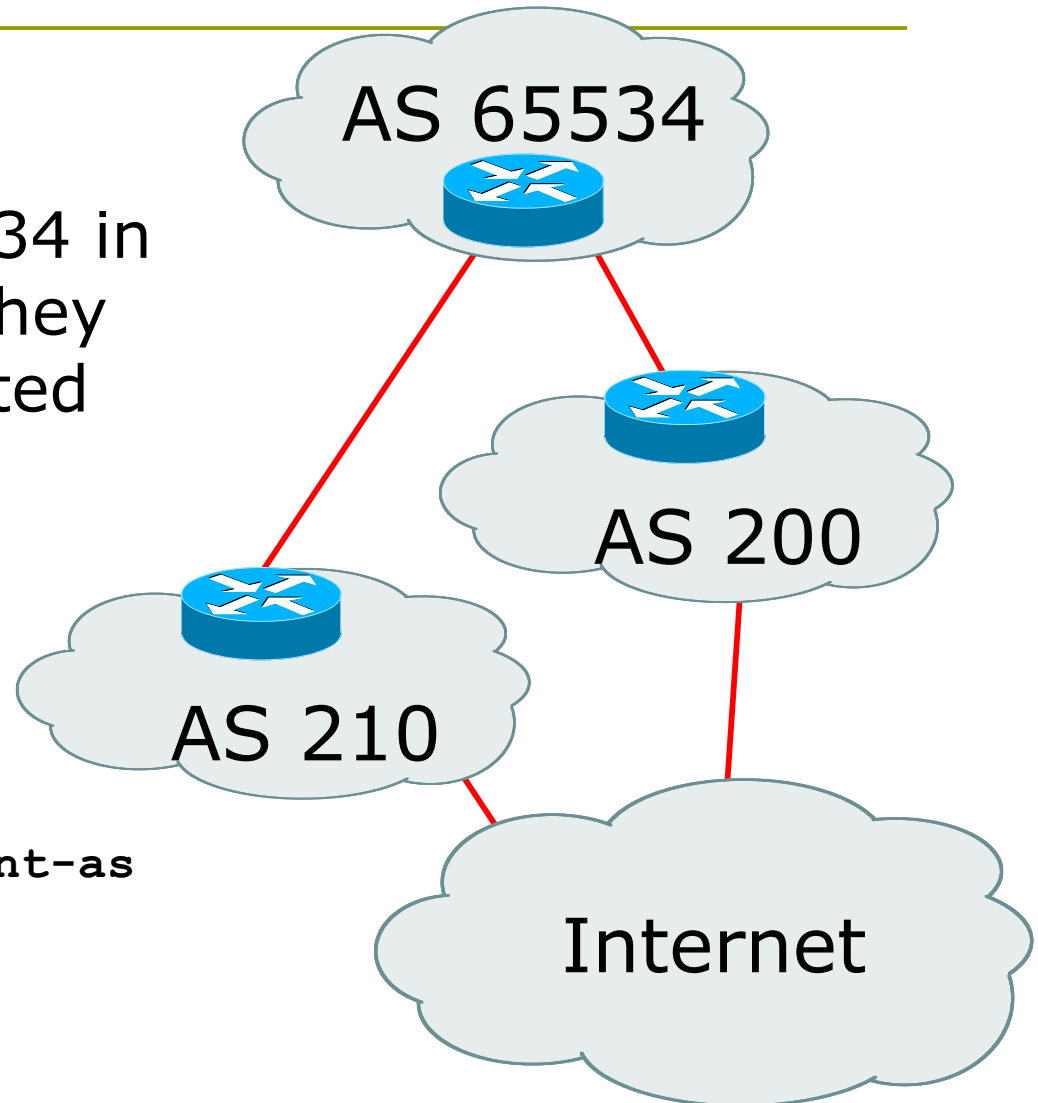
# Two links to different ISPs

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- Use a Public AS
  - Or use private AS if agreed with the other ISP
  - But some people don't like the "inconsistent-AS" which results from use of a private-AS
- Address space comes from
  - both upstreams or
  - Regional Internet Registry
- Configuration concepts very similar

# Inconsistent-AS?

- ❑ Viewing the prefixes originated by AS65534 in the Internet shows they appear to be originated by both AS210 and AS200
  - This is NOT bad
  - Nor is it illegal
- ❑ IOS command is  
`show ip bgp inconsistent-as`



# Two links to different ISPs



Basic – No Redundancy

# Two links to different ISPs (no redundancy)

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- ❑ Example for PI space
  - ISP network, or large enterprise site
- ❑ Split /19 and announce as two /20s, one on each link
  - basic inbound loadsharing



# Two links to different ISPs (no redundancy)

---

## ❑ Router A Configuration

```
router bgp 130
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list routerC out
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list routerC permit 121.10.0.0/20
```

# Two links to different ISPs (no redundancy)

---

## ❑ Router B Configuration

```
router bgp 130
  network 121.10.16.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 remote-as 120
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 prefix-list routerD out
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list routerD permit 121.10.16.0/20
```



# Two links to different ISPs (no redundancy)

---

## ❑ Router C Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 121.10.1.1 remote-as 130
  neighbor 121.10.1.1 default-originate
  neighbor 121.10.1.1 prefix-list AS130cust in
  neighbor 121.10.1.1 prefix-list default-out out
!
```

- ❑ Router C only announces default to AS 130
- ❑ Router C only accepts AS130's prefix block

# Two links to different ISPs (no redundancy)

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## ❑ Router D Configuration

```
router bgp 120
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 remote-as 130
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 default-originate
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 prefix-list AS130cust in
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 prefix-list default-out out
!
```

- ❑ Router D only announces default to AS 130
- ❑ Router D only accepts AS130's prefix block

# Two links to different ISPs (no redundancy)

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- **Big Problem:**

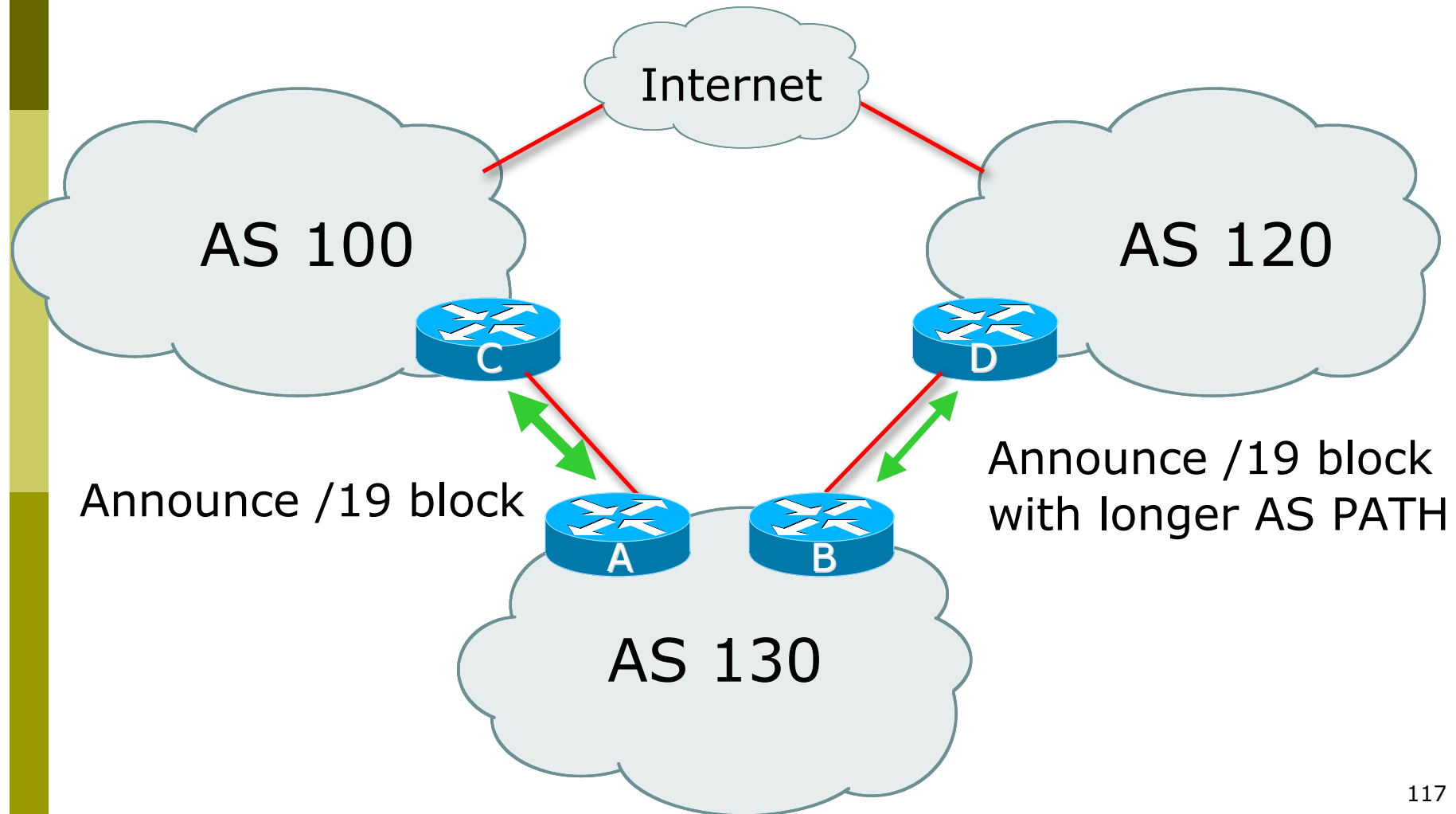
- no backup in case of link failure
- /19 address block not announced

# Two links to different ISPs



One link primary, the other link  
backup only

# Two links to different ISPs (one as backup only)



# Two links to different ISPs (one as backup only)

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- ❑ Announce /19 aggregate on each link
  - primary link makes standard announcement
  - backup link lengthens the AS PATH by using AS PATH prepend
- ❑ When one link fails, the announcement of the /19 aggregate via the other link ensures continued connectivity

# Two links to different ISPs (one as backup only)

---

## ❑ Router A Configuration

```
router bgp 130
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list aggregate out
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default in
  !
  ip prefix-list aggregate permit 121.10.0.0/19
  ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
  !
  ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

# Two links to different ISPs (one as backup only)

---

## ❑ Router B Configuration

```
router bgp 130
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 remote-as 120
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 prefix-list aggregate out
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 route-map routerD-out out
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 prefix-list default in
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 route-map routerD-in in
!
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
route-map routerD-out permit 10
  set as-path prepend 130 130 130
!
route-map routerD-in permit 10
  set local-preference 80
```



# Two links to different ISPs (one as backup only)

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- ❑ Not a common situation as most sites tend to prefer using whatever capacity they have
  - (Useful when two competing ISPs agree to provide mutual backup to each other)
- ❑ But it shows the basic concepts of using local-prefs and AS-path prepends for engineering traffic in the chosen direction

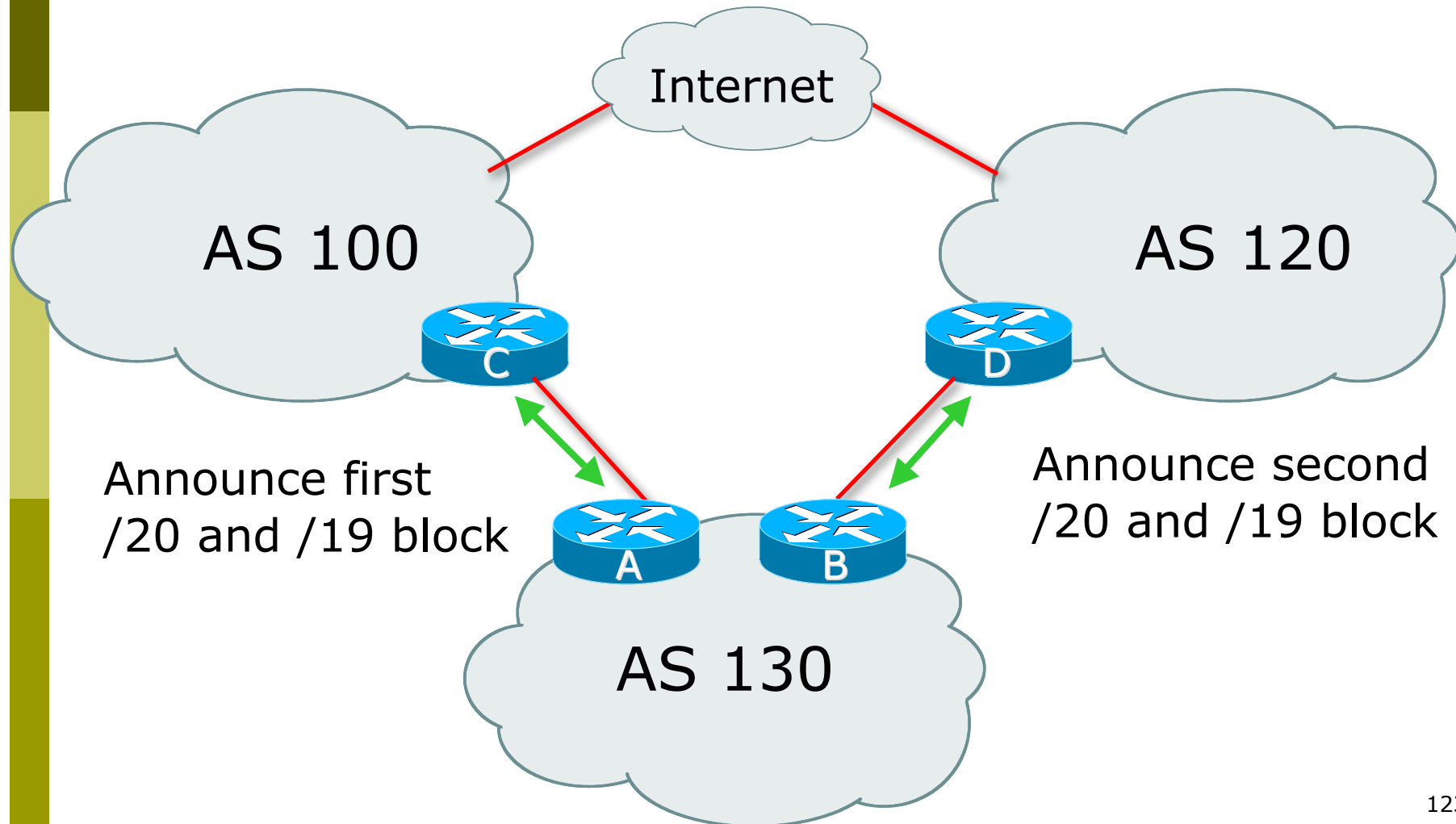
# Two links to different ISPs



With Redundancy and  
Loadsharing

# Two links to different ISPs (with loadsharing)

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# Two links to different ISPs (with loadsharing)

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- ❑ Announce /19 aggregate on each link
- ❑ Split /19 and announce as two /20s, one on each link
  - basic inbound loadsharing
- ❑ When one link fails, the announcement of the /19 aggregate via the other ISP ensures continued connectivity

# Two links to different ISPs (with loadsharing)

---

## ❑ Router A Configuration

```
router bgp 130
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list firstblock out
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default in
!
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
!
ip prefix-list firstblock permit 121.10.0.0/20
ip prefix-list firstblock permit 121.10.0.0/19
```

# Two links to different ISPs (with loadsharing)

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## ❑ Router B Configuration

```
router bgp 130
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  network 121.10.16.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 remote-as 120
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 prefix-list secondblock out
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 prefix-list default in
  !
  ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
  !
  ip prefix-list secondblock permit 121.10.16.0/20
  ip prefix-list secondblock permit 121.10.0.0/19
```

# Two links to different ISPs (with loadsharing)

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- Loadsharing in this case is very basic
- But shows the first steps in designing a load sharing solution
  - Start with a simple concept
  - And build on it...!

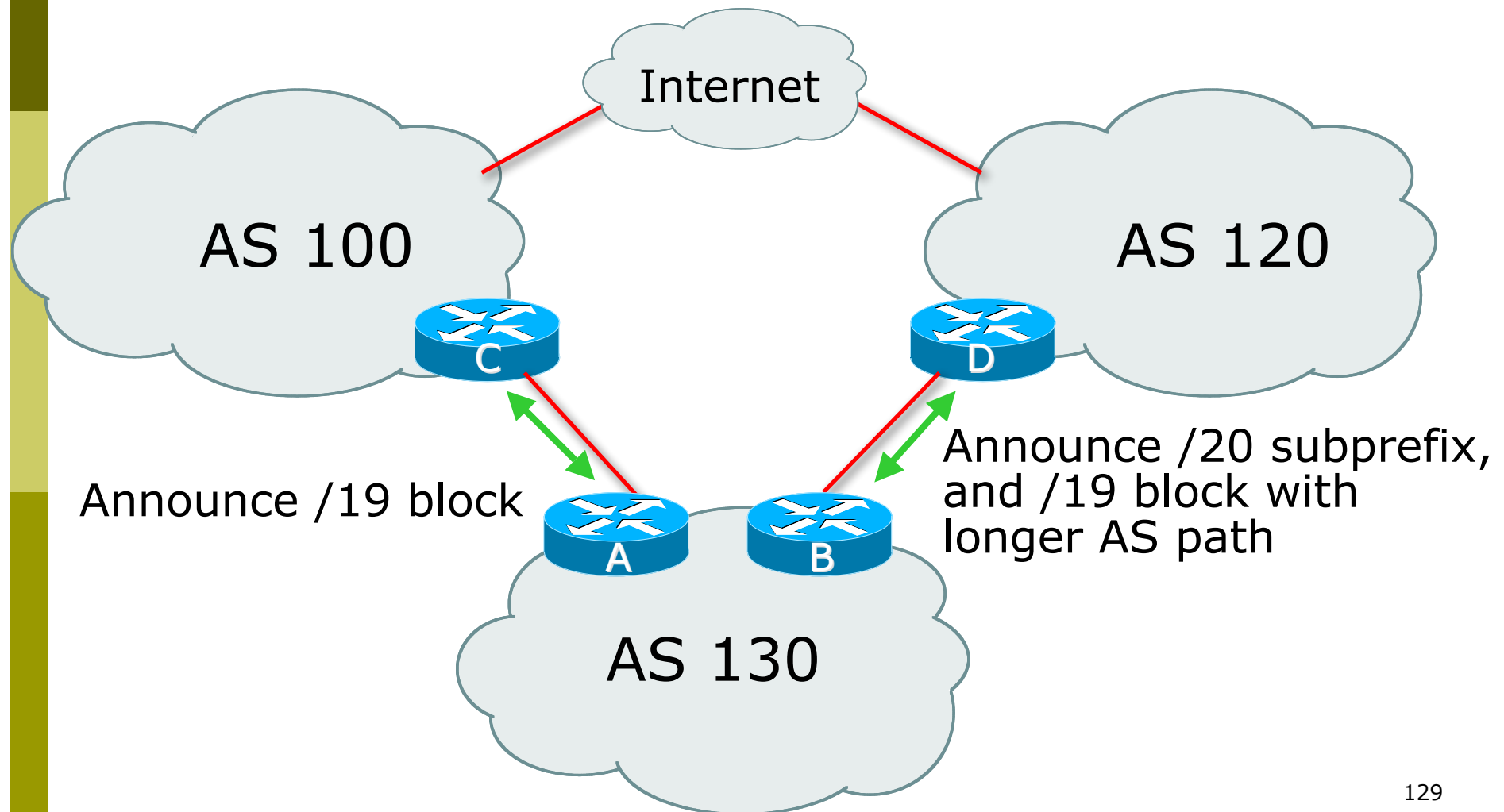
# Two links to different ISPs



More Controlled Loadsharing



# Loadsharing with different ISPs



# Loadsharing with different ISPs

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- ❑ Announce /19 aggregate on each link
  - On first link, announce /19 as normal
  - On second link, announce /19 with longer AS PATH, and announce one /20 subprefix
    - ❑ controls loadsharing between upstreams and the Internet
- ❑ Vary the subprefix size and AS PATH length until “perfect” loadsharing achieved
- ❑ Still require redundancy!

# Loadsharing with different ISPs

---

## ❑ Router A Configuration

```
router bgp 130
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 100
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default in
  neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list aggregate out
  !
  ip prefix-list aggregate permit 121.10.0.0/19
  ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
  !
  ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

# Loadsharing with different ISPs

---

## ❑ Router B Configuration

```
router bgp 130
  network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
  network 121.10.16.0 mask 255.255.240.0
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 remote-as 120
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 prefix-list default in
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 prefix-list subblocks out
  neighbor 120.1.5.1 route-map routerD out
!
route-map routerD permit 10
  match ip address prefix-list aggregate
  set as-path prepend 130 130
route-map routerD permit 20
!
ip prefix-list subblocks permit 121.10.0.0/19 le 20
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 121.10.0.0/19
```

# Loadsharing with different ISPs

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- ❑ This example is more commonplace
- ❑ Shows how ISPs and end-sites subdivide address space frugally, as well as use the AS-PATH prepend concept to optimise the load sharing between different ISPs
- ❑ Notice that the /19 aggregate block is ALWAYS announced

# Summary



# Summary

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- Previous examples dealt with simple case
- Load balancing inbound traffic flow
  - Achieved by modifying outbound routing announcements
  - Aggregate is always announced
- We have not looked at outbound traffic flow
  - For now this is left as “nearest exit”

# Simple Multihoming



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