Service Provider Multihoming

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- Previous examples dealt with loadsharing inbound traffic
 - Of primary concern at Internet edge
 - What about outbound traffic?
- Transit ISPs strive to balance traffic flows in both directions
 - Balance link utilisation
 - Try and keep most traffic flows symmetric
 - Some edge ISPs try and do this too
- The original "Traffic Engineering"

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- Balancing outbound traffic requires inbound routing information
 - Common solution is "full routing table"
 - Rarely necessary
 - Why use the "routing mallet" to try solve loadsharing problems?
 - "Keep It Simple" is often easier (and \$\$\$
 cheaper) than carrying N-copies of the full
 routing table

Service Provider Multihoming MYTHS!!

Common MYTHS

- 1. You need the full routing table to multihome
 - People who sell router memory would like you to believe this
 - Only true if you are a transit provider
 - Full routing table can be a significant hindrance to multihoming
- You need a BIG router to multihome
 - Router size is related to data rates, not running BGP
 - In reality, to multihome, your router needs to:
 - Have two interfaces,
 - Be able to talk BGP to at least two peers,
 - Be able to handle BGP attributes,
 - Handle at least one prefix
- 3. BGP is complex
 - In the wrong hands, yes it can be! Keep it Simple!

Service Provider Multihoming: Some Strategies

- Take the prefixes you need to aid traffic engineering
 - Look at NetFlow data for popular sites
- Prefixes originated by your immediate neighbours and their neighbours will do more to aid load balancing than prefixes from ASNs many hops away
 - Concentrate on local destinations
- Use default routing as much as possible
 - Or use the full routing table with care

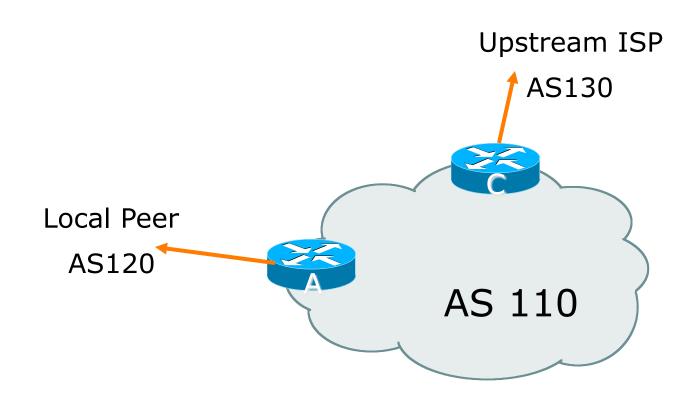
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- Examples
 - One upstream, one local peer
 - One upstream, local exchange point
 - Two upstreams, one local peer
 - Three upstreams, unequal link bandwidths
- Require BGP and a public ASN
- Examples assume that the local network has their own /19 address block

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One upstream, one local peer

- Very common situation in many regions of the Internet
- Connect to upstream transit provider to see the "Internet"
- Connect to the local competition so that local traffic stays local
 - Saves spending valuable \$ on upstream transit costs for local traffic



- Announce /19 aggregate on each link
- Accept default route only from upstream
 - Either 0.0.0.0/0 or a network which can be used as default
- Accept all routes the local peer originates

Router A Configuration

```
inbound
router bgp 110
 network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
 neighbor 122.102.10.2 remote-as 120
 neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list my-block out,
 neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list AS120-peer in
ip prefix-list AS120-peer permit 122.5.16.0/19
ip prefix-list AS120-peer permit 121.240.0.0/20
ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0 250
```

Prefix filters

Router A – Alternative Configuration

```
router bgp 110
                                        AS Path filters -
 network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
                                        more "trusting"
 neighbor 122.102.10.2 remote-as 120
 neighbor 122.102.10.2 prefix-list my-block/out
 neighbor 122.102.10.2 filter-list 10 in
ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(120 )+$
ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
```

Router C Configuration

```
router bgp 110
network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 130
neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default in
neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list my-block out
ip prefix-list my-block 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 configurations possible for Router A
 - Filter-lists assume peer knows what they are doing
 - Prefix-list higher maintenance, but safer
 - Some ISPs use both
- Local traffic goes to and from local peer, everything else goes to upstream

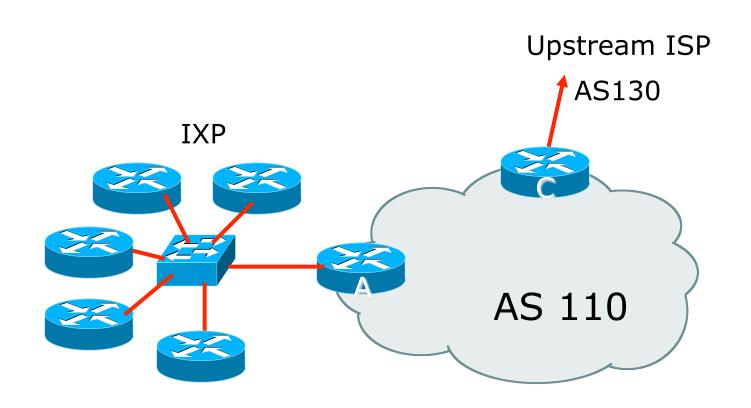
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Configuration Recommendations

- □ Private Peers
 - The peering ISPs exchange prefixes they originate
 - Sometimes they exchange prefixes from neighbouring ASNs too
- Be aware that the private peer eBGP router should carry only the prefixes you want the private peer to receive
 - Otherwise they could point a default route to you and unintentionally transit your backbone

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- Very common situation in many regions of the Internet
- Connect to upstream transit provider to see the "Internet"
- Connect to the local Internet Exchange Point so that local traffic stays local
 - Saves spending valuable \$ on upstream transit costs for local traffic
- This example is a scaled up version of the previous one



- Announce /19 aggregate to every neighbouring AS
- Accept default route only from upstream
 - Either 0.0.0.0/0 or a network which can be used as default
- Accept all routes originated by IXP peers

Router A Configuration interface fastethernet 0/0 description Exchange Point LAN ip address 120.5.10.1 mask 255.255.255.224 router bqp 110 neighbor ixp-peers peer-group neighbor ixp-peers prefix-list my-block out neighbor ixp-peers remove-private-AS neighbor ixp-peers send-community neighbor ixp-peers route-map set-local-pref in ...next slide

```
neighbor 120.5.10.2 remote-as 100
 neighbor 120.5.10.2 peer-group ixp-peers
neighbor 120.5.10.2 prefix-list peer100 in
neighbor 120.5.10.3 remote-as 101
neighbor 120.5.10.3 peer-group ixp-peers
neighbor 120.5.10.3 prefix-list peer101 in
 neighbor 120.5.10.4 remote-as 102
neighbor 120.5.10.4 peer-group ixp-peers
neighbor 120.5.10.4 prefix-list peer102 in
 neighbor 120.5.10.5 remote-as 103
neighbor 120.5.10.5 peer-group ixp-peers
 neighbor 120.5.10.5 prefix-list peer103 in
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```

```
ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list peer100 permit 122.0.0.0/19
ip prefix-list peer101 permit 122.30.0.0/19
ip prefix-list peer102 permit 122.12.0.0/19
ip prefix-list peer103 permit 122.18.128.0/19
route-map set-local-pref permit 10
 set local-preference 150
```

- Note that Router A does not generate the aggregate for AS110
 - If Router A becomes disconnected from backbone, then the aggregate is no longer announced to the IX
 - BGP failover works as expected
- Note the inbound route-map which sets the local preference higher than the default
 - This is a visual reminder that BGP Best Path for local traffic will be across the IXP

Router C Configuration

```
router bgp 110
network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 130
neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default in
neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list my-block out
ip prefix-list my-block 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
```

- Note Router A configuration
 - Prefix-list higher maintenance, but safer
 - No generation of AS110 aggregate
- IXP traffic goes to and from local IXP, everything else goes to upstream

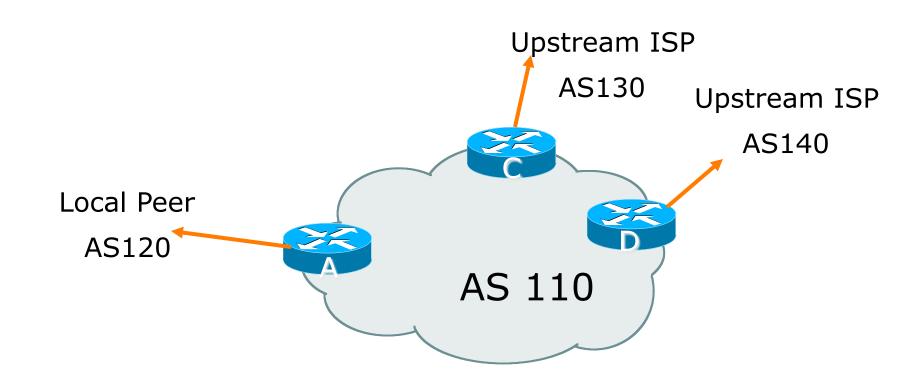
IXP Configuration Recommendations

- IXP peers
 - The peering ISPs at the IXP exchange prefixes they originate
 - Sometimes they exchange prefixes from neighbouring ASNs too
- Be aware that the IXP border router should carry only the prefixes you want the IXP peers to receive and the destinations you want them to be able to reach
 - Otherwise they could point a default route to you and unintentionally transit your backbone
- If IXP router is at IX, and distant from your backbone
 - Don't originate your address block at your IXP router

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Two upstreams, one local peer

- Connect to both upstream transit providers to see the "Internet"
 - Provides external redundancy and diversity the reason to multihome
- Connect to the local peer so that local traffic stays local
 - Saves spending valuable \$ on upstream transit costs for local traffic



- Announce /19 aggregate on each link
- Accept default route only from upstreams
 - Either 0.0.0.0/0 or a network which can be used as default
- Accept all routes originated by local peer
- Note separation of Router C and D
 - Single edge router means no redundancy
- Router A
 - Same routing configuration as in example with one upstream and one local peer

Router C Configuration

```
router bgp 110
network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 130
neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default in
neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list my-block out
ip prefix-list my-block 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
```

Router D Configuration

```
router bgp 110
 network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
 neighbor 122.102.10.5 remote-as 140
 neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list default in
 neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list my-block out
ip prefix-list my-block 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
```

- This is the simple configuration for Router C and D
- Traffic out to the two upstreams will take nearest exit
 - Inexpensive routers required
 - This is not useful in practice especially for international links
 - Loadsharing needs to be better

- Better configuration options:
 - Accept full routing from both upstreams
 - Expensive & unnecessary!
 - Accept default from one upstream and some routes from the other upstream
 - The way to go!

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer Full Routes

Allow all prefixes in Router C Configuration apart from RFC1918 and friends router bgp 110 network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0 neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 130 neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list rfc1918-deny in neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list my-block out neighbor 122.102.10.1 route-map AS130-loadshare in ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19 ! See www.cymru.com/Documents/bogon-list.html ...for "RFC1918 and friends" list ...next slide

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer Full Routes

```
ip route 121.10.0.0 255.255.224.0 null0
ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(130)+$
ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(130 )+ [0-9]+$
route-map AS130-loadshare permit 10
match ip as-path 10
 set local-preference 120
route-map AS130-loadshare permit 20
 set local-preference 80
```

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer Full Routes

Allow all prefixes in Router D Configuration apart from RFC1918 and friends router bgp 110 network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0 neighbor 122.102.10.5 remote-as 140 neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list rfc1918-deny in neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list my-block out ip prefix-list my-block permit 121.10.0.0/19 ! See www.cymru.com/Documents/bogon-list.html ! ...for "RFC1918 and friends" list

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer Full Routes

- Router C configuration:
 - Accept full routes from AS130
 - Tag prefixes originated by AS130 and AS130's neighbouring ASes with local preference 120
 - Traffic to those ASes will go over AS130 link
 - Remaining prefixes tagged with local preference of 80
 - □ Traffic to other all other ASes will go over the link to AS140
- Router D configuration same as Router C without the route-map

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer Full Routes

- □ Full routes from upstreams
 - Expensive needs lots of memory and CPU
 - Need to play preference games
 - Previous example is only an example real life will need improved fine-tuning!
 - Previous example doesn't consider inbound traffic – see earlier in presentation for examples

Two Upstreams, One Local Peer Partial Routes: Strategy

- Ask one upstream for a default route
 - Easy to originate default towards a BGP neighbour
- Ask other upstream for a full routing table
 - Then filter this routing table based on neighbouring ASN
 - E.g. want traffic to their neighbours to go over the link to that ASN
 - Most of what upstream sends is thrown away
 - Easier than asking the upstream to set up custom BGP filters for you

Router C Configuration

```
RFC1918 and friends
router bgp 110
 network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote-as 130
neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list rfc1918-nodef-deny in
neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list my-block out
neighbor 122.102.10.1 filter-list 10 in
neighbor 122.102.10.1 route-map tag-default-low in
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                                AS filter list filters
                                prefixes based on
```

origin ASN

Allow all prefixes and

default in; deny

```
ip prefix-list my-block 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
ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(130)+$
ip as-path access-list 10 permit ^(130 )+ [0-9]+$
route-map tag-default-low permit 10
match ip address prefix-list default
 set local-preference 80
route-map tag-default-low permit 20
```

Router D Configuration

```
router bgp 110
network 121.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 122.102.10.5 remote-as 140
neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list default in
neighbor 122.102.10.5 prefix-list my-block out
ip prefix-list my-block 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
```

- Router C configuration:
 - Accept full routes from AS130
 - (or get them to send less)
 - Filter ASNs so only AS130 and AS130's neighbouring ASes are accepted
 - Allow default, and set it to local preference 80
 - Traffic to those ASes will go over AS130 link
 - Traffic to other all other ASes will go over the link to AS140
 - If AS140 link fails, backup via AS130 and vice-versa

Router C IGP Configuration router ospf 110 default-information originate metric 30 passive-interface Serial 0/0 ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 serial 0/0 254 Router D IGP Configuration router ospf 110 default-information originate metric 10 passive-interface Serial 0/0 ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 serial 0/0 254

- Partial routes from upstreams
 - Use OSPF to determine outbound path
 - Router D default has metric 10 primary outbound path
 - Router C default has metric 30 backup outbound path
 - Serial interface goes down, static default is removed from routing table, OSPF default withdrawn

- Partial routes from upstreams
 - Not expensive only carry the routes necessary for loadsharing
 - Need to filter on AS paths
 - Previous example is only an example real life will need improved fine-tuning!
 - Previous example doesn't consider inbound traffic – see earlier in presentation for examples

Aside:

Configuration Recommendation

- When distributing internal default by iBGP or OSPF/ISIS
 - Make sure that routers connecting to private peers or to IXPs do NOT carry the default route
 - Otherwise they could point a default route to you and unintentionally transit your backbone
 - Simple fix for Private Peer/IXP routers:

```
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 null0
```

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Three upstreams, unequal bandwidths

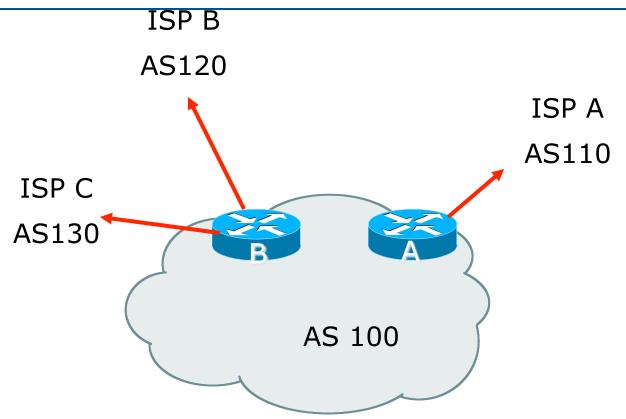
Three upstreams, unequal bandwidths

- Autonomous System has three upstreams
 - 16Mbps to ISP A
 - 8Mbps to ISP B
 - 4Mbps to ISP C
- What is the strategy here?
 - One option is full table from each
 - □ 3x 400k prefixes \Rightarrow 1200k paths
 - Other option is partial table and defaults from each
 - How??

Strategy

- Two external routers (gives router redundancy)
 - Do NOT need three routers for this
- Connect biggest bandwidth to one router
 - Most of inbound and outbound traffic will go here
- Connect the other two links to the second router
 - Provides maximum backup capacity if primary link fails
- Use the biggest link as default
 - Most of the inbound and outbound traffic will go here
- Do the traffic engineering on the two smaller links
 - Focus on regional traffic needs

Diagram



- Router A has 16Mbps circuit to ISP A
- Router B has 8Mbps and 4Mbps circuits to ISPs B&C

- Available BGP feeds from Transit providers:
 - Full table
 - Customer prefixes and default
 - Default Route
- These are the common options on Internet today
 - Very rare for any provider to offer anything different
 - Very rare for any provider to customise BGP feed for a customer

- Accept only a default route from the provider with the largest connectivity, ISP A
 - Because most of the traffic is going to use this link
- If ISP A won't provide a default:
 - Still run BGP with them, but discard all prefixes
 - Point static default route to the upstream link
 - Distribute the default in the IGP
- Request the full table from ISP B & C
 - Most of this will be thrown away
 - ("Default plus customers" is not enough)

- How to decide what to keep and what to discard from ISPs B & C?
 - Most traffic will use ISP A link so we need to find a good/useful subset
- Discard prefixes transiting the global transit ISPs
 - Global transit ISPs generally appear in most non-local or regional AS-PATHs
- Discard prefixes with ISP A's ASN in the path
 - Makes more sense for traffic to those destinations to go via the link to ISP A

Global Transit ISPs include:

209	CenturyLink	3549	Level 3
701	VerizonBusiness	3356	Level 3
1239	Sprint	3561	Savvis
1668	AOL TDN	7018	AT&T
2914	NTT America		

ISP B peering Inbound AS-PATH filter

```
ip as-path access-list 1 deny 209
ip as-path access-list 1 deny 701
ip as-path access-list 1 deny 1239
ip as-path access-list 1 deny 3356
ip as-path access-list 1 deny 3549
ip as-path access-list 1 deny 3561
ip as-path access-list 1 deny 2914
ip as-path access-list 1 deny 7018
                                       Don't need ISPA and
                                       ISPC prefixes via ISPB
ip as-path access-list 1 deny ISPA ←
ip as-path access-list 1 deny ISPC
ip as-path access-list 1 permit ISPB$
ip as-path access-list 1 permit ISPB [0-9]+$
ip as-path access-list 1 permit ISPB [0-9]+ [0-9]+$
ip as-path access-list 1 permit ISPB [0-9]+[0-9]+[0-9]+
ip as-path access-list 1 deny
                                                        57
```

Outbound load-balancing strategy: ISP B peering configuration

- Part 1: Dropping Global Transit ISP prefixes
 - This can be fine-tuned if traffic volume is not sufficient
 - (More prefixes in = more traffic out)
- Part 2: Dropping prefixes transiting ISP A & C network
- Part 3: Permitting prefixes from ISP B, their BGP neighbours, and their neighbours, and their neighbours
 - More AS_PATH permit clauses, the more prefixes allowed in, the more egress traffic
 - Too many prefixes in will mean more outbound traffic than the link to ISP B can handle

- Similar AS-PATH filter can be built for the ISP C BGP peering
- If the same prefixes are heard from both ISP B and C, then establish proximity of their origin ASN to ISP B or C
 - e.g. ISP B might be in Japan, with the neighbouring ASN in Europe, yet ISP C might be in Europe
 - Transit to the ASN via ISP C makes more sense in this case

- The largest outbound link should announce just the aggregate
- The other links should announce:
 - a) The aggregate with AS-PATH prepend
 - b) Subprefixes of the aggregate, chosen according to traffic volumes to those subprefixes, and according to the services on those subprefixes

Example:

- Link to ISP B could be used just for Broadband/Dial customers — so number all such customers out of one contiguous subprefix
- Link to ISP C could be used just for commercial leased line customers — so number all such customers out of one contiguous subprefix

Router A: eBGP Configuration Example

```
router bgp 100
network 100.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
neighbor 122.102.10.1 remote 110
neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list default in
neighbor 122.102.10.1 prefix-list aggregate out
!
ip prefix-list default permit 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 100.10.0.0/19
!
```

Router B: eBGP Configuration Example

```
router bqp 100
 network 100.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
 neighbor 120.103.1.1 remote 120
 neighbor 120.103.1.1 filter-list 1 in
 neighbor 120.103.1.1 prefix-list ISP-B out
 neighbor 120.103.1.1 route-map to-ISP-B out
 neighbor 121.105.2.1 remote 130
 neighbor 121.105.2.1 filter-list 2 in
 neighbor 121.105.2.1 prefix-list ISP-C out
 neighbor 121.105.2.1 route-map to-ISP-C out
ip prefix-list aggregate permit 100.10.0.0/19
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```

Router B: eBGP Configuration Example

```
ip prefix-list ISP-B permit 100.10.0.0/19
                                                /21 to ISP B
ip prefix-list ISP-B permit 100.10.0.0/21
                                                "dial customers"
ip prefix-list ISP-C permit 100.10.0.0/19
ip prefix-list ISP-C permit 100.10.28.0/22
                                                /22 to ISP C
                                                "biz customers"
route-map to-ISP-B permit 10
match ip address prefix-list aggregate
                                                e.g. Single
 set as-path prepend 100
                                                prepend on ISP B
                                                link
route-map to-ISP-B permit 20
route-map to-ISP-C permit 10
                                                e.g. Dual prepend
match ip address prefix-list aggregate
                                                on ISP C link
 set as-path prepend 100 100
                                                          63
route-map to-ISP-C permit 20
```

What about outbound backup?

- We have:
 - Default route from ISP A by eBGP
 - Mostly discarded full table from ISPs B&C
- Strategy:
 - Originate default route by OSPF on Router A (with metric 10) — link to ISP A
 - Originate default route by OSPF on Router B (with metric 30) — links to ISPs B & C
 - Plus on Router B:
 - Static default route to ISP B with distance 240
 - Static default route to ISP C with distance 245
 - When link goes down, static route is withdrawn

Outbound backup: steady state

- Steady state (all links up and active):
 - Default route is to Router A OSPF metric 10
 - (Because default learned by eBGP ⇒ default is in RIB ⇒ OSPF will originate default)
 - Backup default is to Router B OSPF metric
 20
 - eBGP prefixes learned from upstreams distributed by iBGP throughout backbone
 - (Default can be filtered in iBGP to avoid "RIB failure error")

Outbound backup: failure examples

- □ Link to ISP A down, to ISPs B&C up:
 - Default route is to Router B OSPF metric 20
 - (eBGP default gone from RIB, so OSPF on Router A withdraws the default)
- Above is true if link to B or C is down as well
- Link to ISPs B & C down, link to ISP A is up:
 - Default route is to Router A OSPF metric 10
 - (static defaults on Router B removed from RIB, so OSPF on Router B withdraws the default)

Other considerations

- Default route should not be propagated to devices terminating non-transit peers and customers
- Rarely any need to carry default in iBGP
 - Best to filter out default in iBGP mesh peerings
- Still carry other eBGP prefixes across iBGP mesh
 - Otherwise routers will follow default route rules resulting in suboptimal traffic flow
 - Not a big issue because not carrying full table

Router A: iBGP Configuration Example

```
router bgp 100
 network 100.10.0.0 mask 255.255.224.0
 neighbor ibgp-peers peer-group
 neighbor ibgp-peers remote-as 100
 neighbor ibgp-peers prefix-list ibgp-filter out
 neighbor 100.10.0.2 peer-group ibgp-peers
 neighbor 100.10.0.3 peer-group ibgp-peers
ip prefix-list ibgp-filter deny 0.0.0.0/0
ip prefix-list ibgp-filter permit 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
```

Three upstreams, unequal bandwidths: Summary

- Example based on many deployed working multihoming/loadbalancing topologies
- Many variations possible this one is:
 - Easy to tune
 - Light on border router resources
 - Light on backbone router infrastructure
 - Sparse BGP table ⇒ faster convergence

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