

Welcome!

APNIC Members Training Course

*Internet Routing Registry  
Concept*

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## Introduction

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## Objectives

### • To provide an introduction to the APNIC Routing Registry

- Explain basic concepts of the global RR
- Outline the benefits of the APNIC Routing Registry

### • NOT to:

- Teach basic routing
- Explain Internet resource policy and procedures
- Provide advise on network configuration

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## Assumptions

- The audience
  - Knowledgeable about BGP routing
  - Familiar with basic APNIC database operations
  - Curious about Internet Routing Registry usage (IRR)
  - But not yet familiar with Routing Policy Specification Language (RPSL) and IRR

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## Schedule and house keeping matter

1. APNIC DB recap
2. What is an IRR
3. Why use an IRR
4. APNIC DB and the IRR
5. IRR ToolSet overview
6. Benefit of using APNIC IRR
7. RPSL

House keeping matter



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## APNIC database recap

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## APNIC database

- Public network management database
  - APNIC whois database contains:
    - Internet resource information and contact details
  - APNIC Routing Registry (RR) contains:
    - routing information
- APNIC RR is part of IRR
  - Distributed databases that mirror each other

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## Database object

- An object is a set of attributes and values
  - Each attribute of an object...
    - Has a value
    - Has a specific syntax
    - Is mandatory or optional
    - Is single- or multi-valued
  - Some attributes ...
    - Are primary (unique) keys
    - Are lookup keys for queries
    - Are inverse keys for queries
- Object “templates” illustrate this structure

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## Person object example

– Person objects contain contact information

Attributes		Values
<b>person:</b>		Ky Xander
address:		ExampleNet Service Provider
address:		2 Pandora St Boxville
address:		Wallis and Futuna Islands
country:		WF
phone:		+680-368-0844
fax-no:		+680-367-1797
e-mail:		kxander@example.com
nic-hdl:		KX17-AP
mnt-by:		MAINT-ENET-WF
changed:		kxander@example.com 20020731
source:		APNIC

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### Querying whois db

- Unix
  - Whois -h whois.apnic.net <lookup key>
    - E.g. whois -h whois.apnic.net whois AS2000
- Whois web interface
  - <http://www.apnic.net/apnic-bin/whois.pl>
- Keys for querying
  - Primary key, other lookup keys
    - E.g. whois EX91-AP
  - Inverse key "-i {attribute} {value}"
    - E.g. whois -i mnt-by MAINT-EXAMPLE-AP
- APNIC whois db query options:
  - <http://www.apnic.net/db/search/all-options.html>

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### Advanced database queries

- Flags used for inetnum queries
- None find exact match
- l find one level less specific matches
  - L find all less specific matches
  - m find first level more specific matches
  - M find all More specific matches
  - x find exact match (if no match, nothing)
  - d enables use of flags for reverse domains
  - r turn off recursive lookups

Please see "APNIC Whois Database queries" card for more details in your folder.

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### Database update process

- Update transactions
  - Create a new object
  - Change an object
  - Delete an object
- Updates are submitted by email
  - E-mail to
- Email message contains template representing new or updated object



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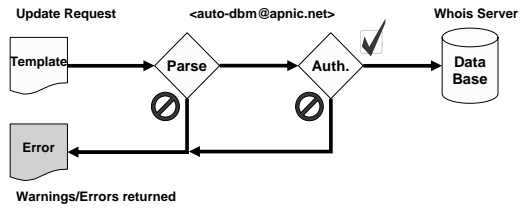
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### Database update process

- Email requests to <auto-dbm@apnic.net>
- Each request contains an object template



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### Database protection

- Authorisation
  - “mnt-by” references a mntner object
    - Can be found in all database objects
    - “mnt-by” should be used with every object!
- Authentication
  - Updates to an object must pass authentication rule specified by its maintainer object

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### Authentication methods

- ‘auth’ attribute
  - Crypt-PW
    - Crypt (Unix) password encryption
    - Use web page to create your maintainer
  - PGP – GNUPG
    - Strong authentication
    - Requires PGP keys
  - MD5
    - Available

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## Hierarchical authorisation

- 'mnt-by' attribute
  - Can be used to protect any object
  - Changes to protected object must satisfy authentication rules of 'mntner' object.
- 'mnt-lower' attribute
  - Also references mntner object
  - Hierarchical authorisation for inetnum & domain objects
  - The creation of child objects must satisfy this mntner
  - Protects against unauthorised updates to an allocated range - highly recommended!

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## Prerequisite for updating objects

- Create person objects for contacts
  - To provide contact info in other objects
- Create a mntner object
  - To provide protection of objects
- Protect your person object

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## What is an IRR?

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## What is a Routing Registry?

- A repository (database) of Internet routing policy information
  - ASes exchanges routing information via BGP
  - Exterior routing decisions are based on policy based rules
  - However BGP does not provides a mechanism to publish/communicate the policies themselves
  - RR provides this functionality
- Routing policy information is expressed in a series of objects

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## Routing registry objects

- Route, aut-num, inet-rtr, peering-set, AS-set, rtr-set, filter-set
  - Each object has its own purpose
  - Together express routing policies
- More details covered later

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## What is a Routing Registry?

- Global Internet Routing Registry database
  - <http://www.irr.net/>
    - Uses RPSL
  - Established in 1995
- Stability and consistency of routing
  - network operators share information
- Both public and private databases
  - These databases are independent
    - but some exchange data
    - only register your data in one database

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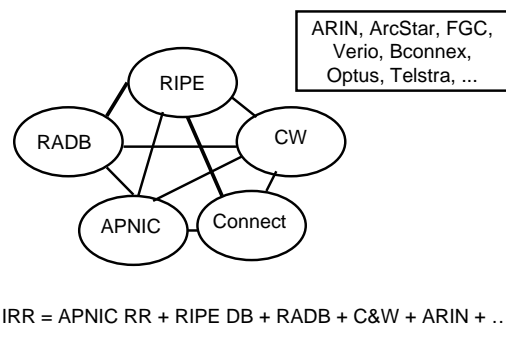
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### What is a Routing Registry?



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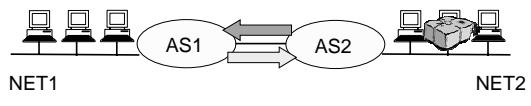
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### Representation of routing policy



In order for traffic to flow from NET2 to NET1 between AS1 and AS2:  
AS1 has to announce NET1 to AS2 via BGP  
And AS2 has to accept this information and use it  
Resulting in packet flow from NET2 to NET1

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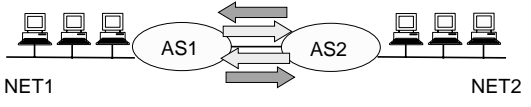
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### Representation of routing policy (cont.)



In order for traffic to flow towards from NET1 to NET2:  
AS2 must announce NET2 to AS1  
And AS1 has to accept this information and use it  
Resulting in packet flow from NET 1 to NET2

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### What is routing policy?

- Description of the routing relationship between autonomous systems
  - Who are my BGP peers?
    - Customer, peers, upstream
  - What routes are:
    - Originated by each neighbour?
    - Imported from each neighbour?
    - Exported to each neighbour?
    - Preferred when multiple routes exist?
  - What to do if no route exists?
  - What routes to aggregate?

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### Why use an IRR?

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### Information to share

- Routes and AS objects give an abstract specification of the policy of an AS
  - Provides device independent view of routing policy
  - Neighbouring ASes can lookup, verify and understand the other party's policy
  - Provides a clear picture where this AS fits into the Internet

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### Information to share (cont.)

- Information – if every AS registers its policy and routes....
  - a global view of routing policy could be mapped
    - This global picture has the ability to improve the integrity of global Internet routing
  - Provides LIR/ISP with a mechanism to find all possible paths between any two points in the Internet
- Provides a high level of abstraction

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### Network planning

- Network planning
  - Simulation
    - Changes in policies can be simulated first by changing the registry but not the routers
      - To understand effects of policy changes to the existing networks
      - To make better network planning
      - To make it easier to adjust policies to maximise the performance of the network
  - Route filtering
    - Peering networks
    - A provider and its customer

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### Router configuration and network troubleshooting

- Router configuration
  - By using IRRToolSet
    - [ftp.ripe.net/tools/IRRToolSet](http://ftp.ripe.net/tools/IRRToolSet)
    - Extract information from IRR to create a router readable configuration file
    - Vendor independent
    - Protect against inaccurate routing info distribution
    - Verification of Internet routing
- Network troubleshooting
  - Easier to locate routing problems outside your network

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### APNIC database and the IRR

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### APNIC Database & the IRR

- APNIC whois Database
  - Two databases in one
- Public Network Management Database
  - “whois” info about networks & contact persons
    - IP addresses, AS numbers etc
- Routing Registry
  - contains routing information
    - routing policy, routes, filters, peers etc.
  - APNIC RR is part of the global IRR

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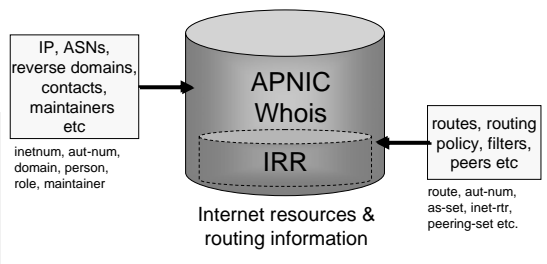
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### Integration of Whois and IRR

- Integrated APNIC Whois Database & Internet Routing Registry



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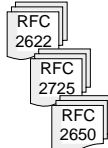
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## RPSL

- Routing Policy Specification Language
  - Object oriented language
    - Based on RIPE-181
  - Structured whois objects
- Higher level of abstraction than access lists
- Describes things interesting to routing policy:
  - Routes, AS Numbers ...
  - Relationships between BGP peers
  - Management responsibility
- Relevant RFCs
  - Routing Policy Specification Language
  - Routing Policy System Security
  - Using RPSL in Practice




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## IRR objects

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| • <b>route</b>   | • <b>route-set</b>                                       |
| - Specifies interAS routes                                   | - Defines a set of routes                                |
| • <b>aut-num</b>   | • <b>as-set</b>  |
| - Represents an AS. Used to describe external routing policy | - Defines a set of <b>aut-num</b> objects                |
| • <b>inet-rtr</b>  | • <b>rtr-set</b>   |
| - Represents a router  | - Defines a set of routers                               |
| • <b>peering-set</b>   | • <b>filter-set</b>                                      |
| - Defines a set of peerings                                  | - Defines a set of routes that are matched by its filter |

[www.apnic.net/db/ref/db-objects.html](http://www.apnic.net/db/ref/db-objects.html)

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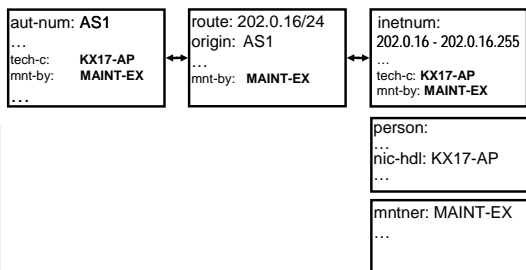
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## Inter-related IRR objects




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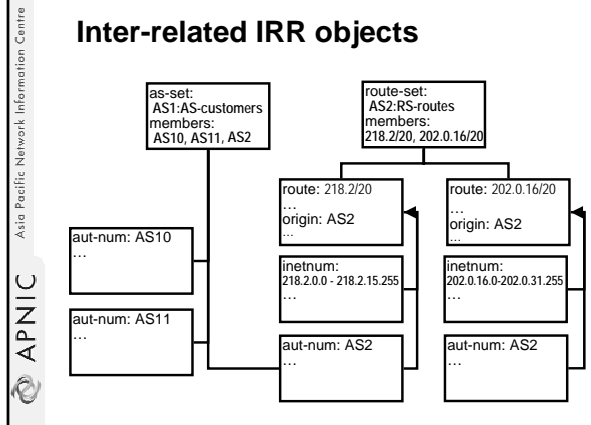
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### Hierarchical authorisation

- **mnt-routes**
  - authenticates **creation** of route objects
    - creation of route objects must pass authentication of mntner referenced in the mnt-routes attribute
  - Format:
    - mnt-routes: <mntner>

In:

inetnum, aut-num and route objects

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### Authorisation mechanism

```

inetnum: 202.137.181.0 - 202.137.196.255
netname: SPARKYNET-WF
descr: SparkyNet Service Provider
...
mnt-by: APNIC-HM
mnt-lower: MAINT-SPARKYNET1-WF
mnt-routes: MAINT-SPARKYNET2-WF
  
```

- This object can only be modified by APNIC
- Creation of more specific objects (assignments) within this range has to pass the authentication of MAINT-SPARKYNET
- Creation of route objects matching/within this range has to pass the authentication of MAINT-SPARKYNET-WF

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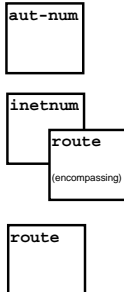
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## Creating route objects

- Multiple authentication checks:
  - Originating ASN
    - mntner in the mnt-routes is checked
    - If no mnt-routes, mnt-lower is checked
    - If no mnt-lower, mnt-by is checked
  - AND the address space
    - Exact match & less specific route
      - mnt-routes etc
    - Exact match & less specific inetnum
      - mnt-routes etc
  - AND the route object mntner itself
    - The mntner in the mnt-by attribute




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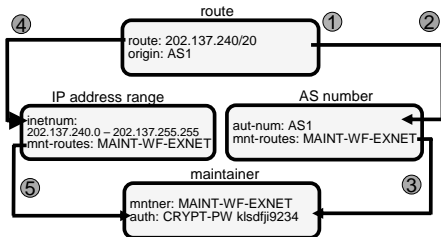
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## Creating route objects



1. Create route object and submit to APNIC RR database
2. Db checks aut-num obj corresponding to the ASN in route obj
3. Route obj creation must pass auth of mntner specified in aut-num *mnt-routes* attribute.
4. Db checks inetnum obj matching/encompassing IP range in route obj
5. Route obj creation must pass auth of mntner specified in inetnum *mnt-routes* attribute.

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## Using the Routing Registry

Overview of the IRRToolSet

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## IRRToolSet

- Set of tools developed for using the Internet Routing Registry
  - Started as RAToolSet
- Now maintained by RIPE NCC:
  - <http://www.ripe.net/db/irrtoolset/>
  - Download:  
<ftp://ftp.ripe.net/tools/IRRToolSet/>
    - Installation needs: lex, yacc and C++ compiler

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## Use of RPSL - RtConfig

- RtConfig v4
  - part of IRRToolSet
- Reads policy from IRR (aut-num, route & -set objects) and generates router configuration
  - vendor specific:
    - Cisco, Bay's BCC, Juniper's Junos and Gated/RSd
  - Creates route-map and AS path filters
  - Can also create ingress / egress filters
    - (documentation says Cisco only)

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## Why use IRR and RtConfig?

- Benefits of RtConfig
  - Avoid filter errors (typos)
  - Expertise encoded in the tools that generate the policy rather than engineer configuring peering session
  - Filters consistent with documented policy
    - (need to get policy correct though)
  - Engineers don't need to understand filter rules
    - it just works :-)

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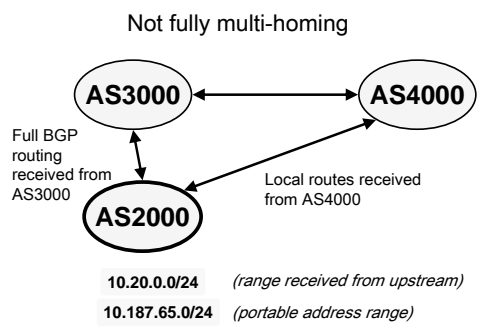
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### Using RtConfig - Case scenario




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### Using RtConfig – IRR objects

```

aut-num: AS2000
import: from AS3000 accept ANY ← full BGP routing
export: to AS3000 announce AS2000
import: from AS4000 accept AS4000 ← local routes
export: to AS4000 announce AS2000
[...]

route: 10.20.0.0/24
origin: AS2000
[...]

route: 10.187.65.0/24
origin: AS2000
[...]
  
```

RtConfig commands

```

@RtConfig set cisco_map_name = "AS%d-IMPORT"
@RtConfig import AS2000 10.20.0.3 AS3000 10.3.15.2
!
@RtConfig set cisco_map_name = "AS%d-IMPORT"
@RtConfig import AS2000 10.20.0.4 AS4000 10.4.192.2
!
  
```

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### RtConfig output (import)

```

route-map AS3000-IMPORT permit 1
match ip address prefix-list pl100
!
router bgp 2000
neighbor 10.3.15.2 route-map AS3000-IMPORT in
!
!
no ip prefix-list pl101
ip prefix-list pl101 permit 10.4.192.0/19
ip prefix-list pl101 deny 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
!
no route-map AS4000-IMPORT
!
route-map AS4000-IMPORT permit 1
match ip address prefix-list pl101
!
router bgp 2000
neighbor 10.4.192.2 route-map AS4000-IMPORT in
  
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## RtConfig – web prototype

The screenshot shows the RtConfig web interface with the following callouts:

- Source AS & Router**: Points to the 'Source AS' and 'Router' input fields.
- Peer AS & Router**: Points to the 'Peer AS' and 'Router' input fields.
- Export / Import**: Points to the 'Command' dropdown menu.
- Config format**: Points to the 'Configuration file format' radio buttons.
- Cisco prefix-lists**: Points to the 'Generate Cisco prefix-lists' checkbox.

URL: <http://www.ripe.net/cgi-bin/RtConfig.cgi>

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## RtConfig - web prototype

- Let's try the same command we tried in the previous slide:
- ```
@RtConfig import AS2000 10.20.0.3
AS3000 10.3.15.2
```
- You can select different configuration format depends on a vendor
    - Select "Cisco"
    - Select "Bay"
    - Select "Junos"

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## Benefit of using IRR

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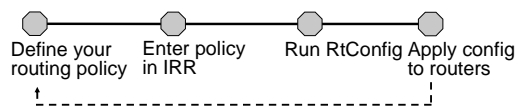
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## Using the Routing Registry



| Costs                                                                                                                                                                          | Benefits                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires some initial planning</li> <li>Takes some time to define &amp; register policy</li> <li>Need to maintain data in RR</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You have a clear idea of your routing policy</li> <li>Consistent config over the whole network</li> <li>Less manual maintenance in the long run</li> </ul> |

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## Benefits of APNIC RR

- Single maintainer
  - Use same mntner to manage
    - internet resources
    - reverse DNS
    - routing policy
    - contact info
    - etc




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## Benefits of APNIC RR

- APNIC able to assert resources for a registered route within APNIC ranges.

```

inetnum: 221.0.0.0 - 221.3.127.255
netname: CNCGROUP-SD
descr: CNCGROUP Shandong province network
country: CN
admin-c: CH455-AP
tech-c: XZ14-AP
mnt-by: APNIC-HM
mnt-lower: MAINT-CNCGROUP-SD
changed: hm-chnaged@apnic.net 20021224
status: ALLOCATED PORTABLE
source: APNIC
    
```

Allocation objects maintained by APNIC

```

mntner: APNIC-HM
descr: APNIC Hostmaster - Maintainer
...
    
```

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### APNIC RR service scope

- Routing Queries
  - Regular whois clients
  - APNIC whois web interface
  - Special purpose programs such as IRRToolSet
    - <ftp://ftp.ripe.net/tools/IRRToolSet>
- Routing Registration and Maintenance
  - Similar to registration of Internet resources

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### APNIC RR service scope

- Support
  - APNIC Helpdesk support

<helpdesk@apnic.net>
- Training
  - IRR workshop under development
- Mirroring
  - APNIC mirrors IRRs within Asia Pacific and major IRRs outside of the region.

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### Questions ?

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## RPSL

Objects, syntax and semantics

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## Overview

- Review of some of RR objects
- Useful queries
- Action specification
- Seven rp-attributes
- Syntax of policy actions and filters

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## RPSL

- Purpose of RPSL
  - Allows you to specify your routing configuration in the public IRR
    - Allows you to check “Consistency” of policies and announcements
  - Gives the opportunity to consider the policies and configuration of others
  - There are required syntax and semantics which need to be understood before using RPSL

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## RR objects review

- Aut-num object

| Attribute | Value                 | Type                                |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| aut-num   | <as-number>           | mandatory, single-valued, class key |
| as-name   | <object-name>         | mandatory, single-valued            |
| member-of | List of <as-set-name> | optional, multi-value               |
| import    | see next slide        | optional, multi-value               |
| export    | see next slide        | optional, multi-value               |

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## Aut-num object import attribute

- Each import policy expression is specified using an import attribute
- Syntax

```

import: from <peering-1> [action <action-1>]
      . . .
      from <peering-N> [action <action-N>]
      accept <filter>
  
```

The action specification is optional.

- Semantics
  - the set of routes that are matched by <filter> are imported from all the peers in <peerings>
  - importing routes at <peering-M>, <action-M> is executed

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## Aut-num object export attribute

- Each export policy expression is specified using an export attribute
- Syntax

```

export: to <peering-1> [action <action-1>]
      . . .
      to <peering-N> [action <action-N>]
      announce <filter>
  
```

The action specification is optional

- Semantics
  - the set of routes that are matched by <filter> are exported to all the peers specified in <peerings>
  - exporting routes at <peering-M>, <action-M> is executed

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## RR objects review

- route object

| Attribute  | Value                            | Type                                |
|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| route      | Prefix of the InterAS route      | mandatory, single-valued, class key |
| origin     | <AS-number> originates the route | mandatory, single-valued            |
| member-of  | List of <route-set-name>         | optional, multi-value               |
| mnt-routes | see slide# 40                    | optional, multi-value               |

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## RR object review

- As-set object

| Attribute   | Value                                  | Type                                |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| as-set      | <object-name>                          | mandatory, single-valued, class key |
| members     | List of <as-numbers> or <as-set-names> | optional, multi-value               |
| Mbrs-by-ref | List of <mntner-names>                 | optional, multi-value               |

- As-set attribute starts with "as-"

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## RR object review

- Route-set object

| Attribute   | Value                                                              | Type                                |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| route-set   | <object-name>                                                      | mandatory, single-valued, class key |
| members     | List of <address-prefix-range> or <route-set-name><range-operator> | optional, multi-value               |
| Mbrs-by-ref | List of <mntner-names>                                             | optional, multi-value               |

- Route-set attribute starts with "rs-"

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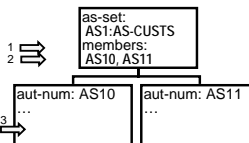
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## 'Set-' objects and their members

- Two ways of referencing members

### members

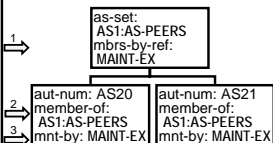
- members specified in the 'set-' object



1. 'members' specifies members of the set
2. Members added in the 'set-' object
3. No need to modify the member object when adding members

### mbrs-by-ref

- 'set' specified in the member objects



1. 'mbrs-by-ref' specifies the maintainer of the members.
2. Members reference the 'set-' object in the 'member-of' attribute
3. Members are maintained by the maintainer specified in the 'set-'

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## Useful IRR queries

- *What routes are originating from my AS?*
  - whois -i origin <ASN>
    - route objects with matching origin
- *What other objects are members of this 'set object'?*
  - whois -i member-of <set name>
    - Objects with a matching member-of
      - provided the membership claim is validated by the mbrs-by-ref of the set.
- *What objects are protecting "route space" with my maintainer?*
  - whois -i mnt-routes <mntner>
    - aut-num, inetnum & route objects with matching mnt-routes

*(always specify host. e.g. 'whois -h whois.apnic.net')*

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## Action specification

- Routing policy attributes (rp-attributes)
    - Specified in the RPSL dictionary
    - Each action in RPSL is terminated by “,”
    - Possible to form composite policy actions
    - Actions are executed left to right
- Sample:

```

aut-num: AS1
import: from AS2
       action pref = 10; med = 0;
       community.append (10250, 3561:10);
       accept { 128.9.0.0/16 }
  
```

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### Seven rp-attributes

|           |                                                                           |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| pref      | To assign local preference to the routes accepted                         |
| med       | To assign a value to the Multi-Exit-Discriminator BGP attribute           |
| dpa       | To assign a value to the DPA BGP attribute                                |
| aspath    | To prepend a value to the AS_PATH BGP attribute                           |
| community | To assign a value to or to check the value of the community BGP attribute |
| next-hop  | To assign next hop routers to static routes                               |
| cost      | To assign a cost to static routes                                         |

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### Syntax of policy actions and filters

- pref
  - Can be assigned a positive integer
  - Smaller values represent higher preference
    - Note: Larger values represent higher preference in BGP local pref attribute
  - Sample:
    - pref = 10;
    - pref = 80;

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### Syntax of policy actions and filters (cont.)

- med
  - BGP multi exit discriminator
  - Can be assigned either:
    - a positive integer
      - To set med to a number
    - or the word "igp\_cost"
      - To set med to the IGP metric
  - Sample
    - med = 10;
    - med = igp\_cost;

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### Syntax of policy actions and filters (cont.)

- dpa
  - BGP destination preference attribute
  - Can be assigned a positive integer
  - Sample:
    - dpa = 100;

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### Syntax of policy actions and filters (cont.)

- community
  - BGP community attribute
  - Can be assigned either:
    - A 4 byte (32 bits) integer
      - Can be specified using two 2 byte integers separated by `..`
        - » First 2 bytes (16 bits) can represent ASN
        - » Last 2 bytes (16 bits) can represent a semantics of its choice
    - Or keywords
      - Internet, no\_export, no\_advertise
  - Sample
    - community .={100};
    - community .={NO\_EXPORT};
    - community .={3561:10};

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## Practical usage of the IRR

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## Overview

- How to put into daily practice all the things learned by now

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## Usage: preliminary work for your AS

- Enter in the APNIC RR
  - Or in your own RR database
- Create person and mntner objects
- Describe policy in your aut-num object
- Identify IP prefixes associated with your AS
  - Create **route** objects in the database
  - Create **route-set** objects
- Create various as-set objects, to group different categories of neighbours
- Create RtConfig template files
- Run RtConfig periodically to produce (parts of) router configuration file

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### Usage: adding a new neighbour

- Your neighbour needs to:
  - Obtain and register an ASN
  - Create route objects for the new AS
- Automating the process:
  - Add the new AS to (one of) your as-set object(s)
  - Add a set of commands to your master RtConfig template file
  - Run again your scripts/program
    - E.g. Use Make to rebuild RtConfig template file(s)

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### Usage: simulating policy change

- To avoid the impact of the policy change
  - Simulation before publishing your aut-num is available
    1. Copy the aut-num object into a txt file
    2. Modify the aut-num and save it in the file
    3. Run RtConfig with the flag "-f"
      - E.g. "rt -f my\_new+asn.txt < rt-template > new\_route\_config"
    4. Compare new router config output with the old
      - Or check if the result describes desired behaviour

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## RtConfig

Case studies

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### Overview

- RtConfig commands
- Alias and template file
- Case studies

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### Create an alias

- Create bashrc alias  

```
# alias rt='RtConfig -h testwhois.apnic.net -
p 43 -s RRTEST -protocol ripe'
```

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### Template file usage

- RtConfig can be fed from the "template file"
  - Easy way to type in all the commands (per router) once
  - Listing of commands that translate IRR policy into router configuration
  - Lines NOT starting with "@RtConfig" will be printed out as-is
    - Allows to specify additional specific router-config commands
    - Comments (to Cisco configuration) start with "!"

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### Template file usage (cont.)

- Create a template file as a txt file
  - e.g. case1-rt-file.txt

```
@RtConfig import AS2000 10.20.0.3 AS3000 10.3.15.2
```

- Use the following command line (alias is handy)
  - rt < case1-rt-file.txt > output-case1.txt
- RtConfig output can be stored into the specified file name

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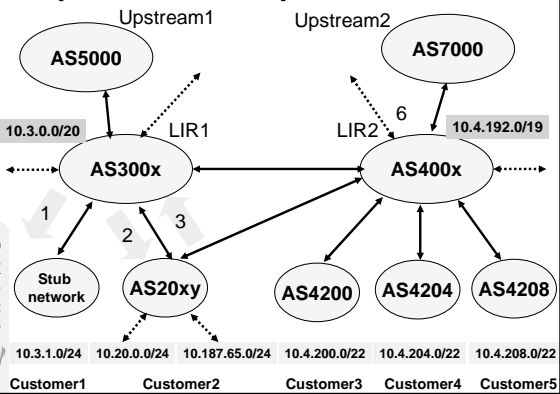
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### Experimental Setup: AS Relations




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### Case Studies Overview

- AS3000 has a number of routing requirements:
  - Static routes injected at customer edge
  - BGP peering with customers
  - BGP peering with peers
  - BGP peering with upstream providers
- Learning objectives
  - how to express routing policies via RPSL
  - how to extract information from IRR by using RtConfig

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### Case study overview (cont.)

- Case 1: Provider inserting static routes
- Case 2: Provider setup for various BGP customers
- Case 3: Multi-homed customer set-up

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### Case study overview (cont.)

- AS “families” used in the examples
  - AS300x = {AS3000, AS3001, AS3007, ...}
  - Similar “position”, policies of different complexity
    - Enables keeping track of changes throughout the course
- Neighbour = customer, peer, upstream...

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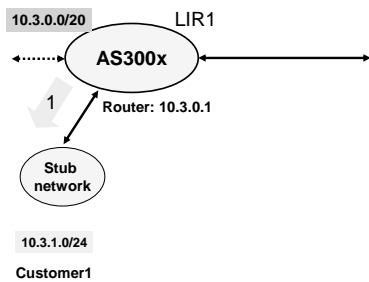
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### Case 1: Static route importation into BGP



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### Case 1: Static Route Importation into BGP

- Use policy to filter static routes into BGP
  - Allows for martian/bogon filtering
  - AS path pre-pending, setting the value of “pref”, tagging routes with special communities, etc.
- Simplest option:

```

aut-num: AS3000
import: protocol STATIC into BGP4
      from AS3000 accept {10.3.1.0/24}
  
```

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### Case 1: RtConfig command

RtConfig> @RtConfig static2bgp AS3000 10.3.0.1

```

!
no ip prefix-list pl100 ← Default value
ip prefix-list pl100 permit 10.3.1.0/24
ip prefix-list pl100 deny 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
!
no route-map MyMap_3000_1
!
route-map MyMap_3000_1 permit 1
  match ip address prefix-list pl100
!
router bgp 3000
  Redistribute static route-map My_Map_3000_1
  
```

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### Case 1: Summary

- Static route import
  - aut-num
    - import: protocol STATIC into BGP4 from <ASN> accept <filter>
  - RtConfig command
    - Static2bgp <ASN> <rtr-IP>

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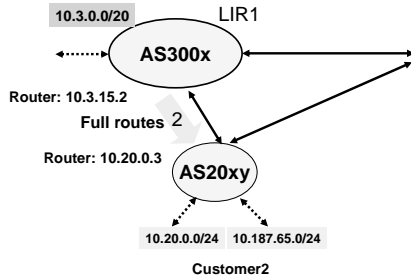
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### Case 2: Provider set-up for BGP customers



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### Case 2: Review customer aut-num object

```
aut-num: AS2000
import: from AS3000 accept ANY
export: to AS3000 announce AS2000
[...]
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### Case 2: Review provider aut-num object

```
aut-num: AS3000
import: from AS2000 accept AS2000
export: to AS2000 announce ANY
[...]
```

- The simplest policy is strict customer/provider relationship
  - Customer sends it routes to provider
  - Customer accepts everything the provider sends

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### Case 2: Review route objects

- whois -i origin AS3000

```
route: 10.3.0.0/20
descr: Route for AS3000
origin: AS3000
[...]
```

- whois -i origin AS2000

```
route: 10.20.0.0/24
descr: Route for AS2000
origin: AS2000
[...]
```

```
route: 10.187.65.0/24
descr: Route for AS2000
origin: AS2000
[...]
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### Case 2: RtConfig template file for AS3000

```
# cat case-2.1-rt-file.txt
!
@RtConfig set cisco_map_name = (AS%d)-IMPORT
@RtConfig import AS3000 10.3.15.2 AS2000 10.20.0.3
!
@RtConfig set cisco_map_name = (AS%d)-EXPORT
@RtConfig export AS3000 10.3.15.2 AS2000 10.20.0.3
```

“%d” gets replaced with the peer-ASN

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### Case 2: RtConfig output

```
no ip prefix-list pl100
ip prefix-list pl100 permit 10.20.0.0/24
ip prefix-list pl100 permit 10.187.65.0/24
ip prefix-list pl100 deny 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
!
no route-map AS2000-IMPORT
!
route-map AS2000-IMPORT permit 1
match ip address prefix-list pl100
!
router bgp 3000
neighbour 10.20.0.3 route-map AS2000-IMPORT in
!
no route-map AS2000-EXPORT
!
route-map AS2000-EXPORT permit 1
!
router bgp 3000
neighbour 10.20.0.3 route-map AS2000-EXPORT out
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### Case 2: Summary

- aut-num contains policy specifications
  - In import and export attributes
- RtConfig commands per neighbour
  - set cisco\_map\_name = "AS%d-IMPORT"
  - import <ASN1> <rtr1> <ASN2> <rtr2>
  - set cisco\_map\_name = "AS%d-EXPORT"
  - Export <ASN1> <rtr1> <ASN2> <rtr2>
- Use RtConfig template file for efficiency

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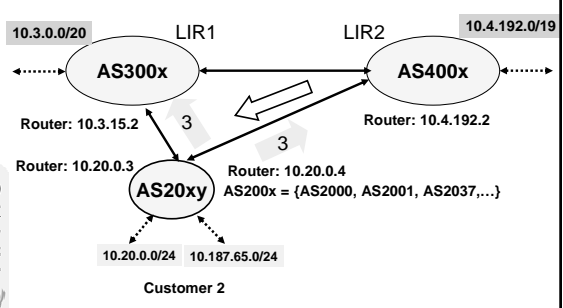
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### Case 3: Multihomed customer setup




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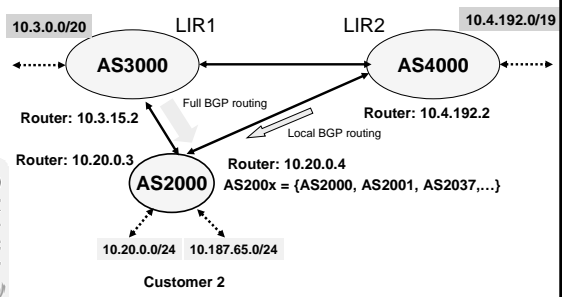
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### Case 3.1: "Partial" multihoming




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### Case 3.1: "Partial" multihoming, review customer's IRR objects

```
aut-num: AS2000
import: from AS3000 accept ANY
export: to AS3000 announce AS2000
import: from AS4000 accept AS4000
export: to AS4000 announce AS2000
[...]
```

```
route: 10.20.0.0/24
origin: AS2000
[...]
```

```
route: 10.187.65.0/24
origin: AS2000
[...]
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### Case 3.1: RtConfig template file for AS2000

```
# cat case-3.1-rt-file.txt
!
RtConfig set cisco_map_name = "AS%d-IMPORT"
RtConfig import AS2000 10.20.0.3 AS3000 10.3.15.2
!
RtConfig set cisco_map_name = "AS%d-IMPORT"
RtConfig import AS2000 10.20.0.4 AS4000 10.4.192.2
!
RtConfig set cisco_map_name = "AS%d-EXPORT"
RtConfig export AS2000 10.20.0.3 AS3000 10.3.15.2
!
RtConfig set cisco_map_name = "AS%d-EXPORT"
RtConfig export AS2000 10.20.0.4 AS4000 10.4.192.2
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### Case 3.1: RtConfig output

```
!
no ip prefix-list pl100
ip prefix-list pl100 permit 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
!
no route-map AS3000-IMPORT
!
route-map AS3000-IMPORT permit 1
match ip address prefix-list pl100
!
router bgp 2000
neighbor 10.3.15.2 route-map AS3000-IMPORT in
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### Case 3.1: RtConfig output (cont.)

```
!  
no ip prefix-list pl101  
ip prefix-list pl101 permit 10.4.192.0/19  
ip prefix-list pl101 deny 0.0.0.0/0 le 32  
!  
no route-map AS4000-IMPORT  
!  
route-map AS4000-IMPORT permit 1  
match ip address prefix-list pl101  
!  
router bgp 2000  
neighbor 10.4.192.2 route-map AS4000-IMPORT in
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### Case 3.1: RtConfig output (cont.)

```
!  
no ip prefix-list pl102  
ip prefix-list pl102 permit 10.20.0.0/24  
ip prefix-list pl102 permit 10.187.65.0/24  
ip prefix-list pl102 deny 0.0.0.0/0 le 32  
!  
no route-map AS3000-EXPORT  
!  
route-map AS3000-EXPORT permit 1  
match ip address prefix-list pl102  
!  
router bgp 2000  
neighbor 10.3.15.2 route-map AS3000-EXPORT out
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### Case 3.1: RtConfig output (cont.)

```
!  
no route-map AS4000-EXPORT  
!  
route-map AS4000-EXPORT permit 1  
match ip address prefix-list pl102  
!  
router bgp 2000  
neighbor 10.4.192.2 route-map AS4000-EXPORT out
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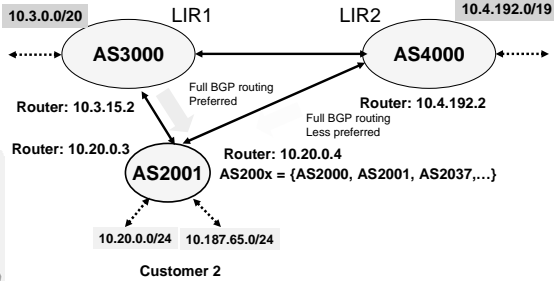
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## Case 3.2: "Full" multihoming – controlling outbound traffic




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## Case 3.2: "Full" multihoming, review customer's IRR objects

```

aut-num: AS2001
import: from AS3000 action pref=50; accept ANY
export: to AS3000 announce AS2001
import: from AS4000 action pref=100; accept ANY
export: to AS4000 announce AS2001
[...]
    
```

```

route: 10.20.0.0/24
origin: AS2001
[...]
    
```

```

route: 10.187.65.0/24
origin: AS2001
[...]
    
```

- Lower the "pref", the more preferred the route
- Controlling outbound traffic

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## Case 3.2: RtConfig template file for AS2001

```

!
! Setting max pref to 100
@RtConfig set cisco_max_preference = 100
!
!
@RtConfig set cisco_map_name = "AS%d-IMPORT"
@RtConfig import AS2001 10.20.0.3 AS3000 10.3.15.2
!
@RtConfig set cisco_map_name = "AS%d-IMPORT"
@RtConfig import AS2001 10.20.0.4 AS4000 10.4.192.2
!
@RtConfig set cisco_map_name = "AS%d-EXPORT"
@RtConfig export AS2001 10.20.0.3 AS3000 10.3.15.2
!
@RtConfig set cisco_map_name = "AS%d-EXPORT"
@RtConfig export AS2001 10.20.0.4 AS4000 10.4.192.2
    
```

Note: See slide #7 "RtConfig Cisco specific commands"

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### Case 3.2: RtConfig output

```
!  
! Setting max pref to 100  
!  
!  
no ip prefix-list pl100  
ip prefix-list pl100 permit 0.0.0.0/0 le 32  
!  
no route-map AS3000-IMPORT  
!  
route-map AS3000-IMPORT permit 1  
match ip address prefix-list pl100  
set local-preference 50  
!  
router bgp 2001  
neighbor 10.3.15.2 route-map AS3000-IMPORT in  
!
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### Case 3.2: RtConfig output (cont.)

```
!  
no route-map AS4000-IMPORT  
!  
route-map AS4000-IMPORT permit 1  
match ip address prefix-list pl100  
set local-preference 0  
!  
router bgp 2001  
neighbor 10.4.192.2 route-map AS4000-IMPORT in  
!
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### Case 3.2: RtConfig output (cont.)

```
!  
no ip prefix-list pl101  
ip prefix-list pl101 permit 10.20.0.0/24  
ip prefix-list pl101 permit 10.187.65.0/24  
ip prefix-list pl101 deny 0.0.0.0/0 le 32  
!  
no route-map AS3000-EXPORT  
!  
route-map AS3000-EXPORT permit 1  
match ip address prefix-list pl101  
!  
router bgp 2001  
neighbor 10.3.15.2 route-map AS3000-EXPORT out  
!
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### Case 3.2: RtConfig output (cont.)

```

!
no route-map AS4000-EXPORT
!
route-map AS4000-EXPORT permit 1
match ip address prefix-list pl101
!
router bgp 2001
neighbor 10.4.192.2 route-map AS4000-EXPORT out
    
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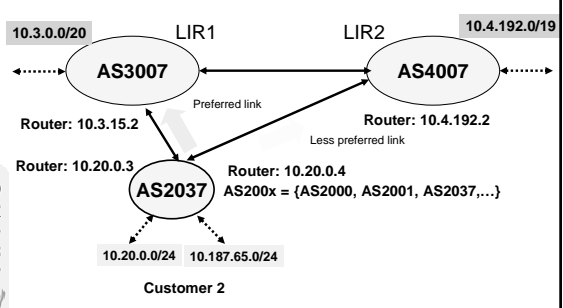
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### Case 3.3: Controlling inbound traffic




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### Case 3.3: Controlling inbound traffic

- Prepending your ASN on the less preferred link, in the “export” attribute
  - E.g. AS2037 connected to AS3007 and AS4007

```

aut-num: AS2037
Remarks: More preferred link to A3007;
export: to AS4007 action aspath.prepend
        (AS2037, AS2037); announce
        AS2037
export: to AS3007 announce as2037
    
```

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### Case 3.3: RtConfig template file for AS2037

```
!  
! The Export Policy - THIS IS the only IMPORTANT bit! -  
!  
@RtConfig set cisco_map_name = "AS%d-EXPORT"  
@RtConfig export AS2037 10.20.0.3 AS3007 10.3.15.2  
!  
@RtConfig set cisco_map_name = "AS%d-EXPORT"  
@RtConfig export AS2037 10.20.0.4 AS4007 10.4.192.2
```

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### Case 3.3: RtConfig output

```
!  
! The Export Policy - THIS IS the only IMPORTANT bit! -  
!  
no route-map AS3007-EXPORT  
!  
route-map AS3007-EXPORT permit 1  
!  
router bgp 2037  
neighbor 10.3.15.2 route-map AS3007-EXPORT out  
!  
no route-map AS4007-EXPORT  
!  
route-map AS4007-EXPORT permit 1  
set as-path prepend 2037 2037  
!  
router bgp 2037  
neighbor 10.4.192.2 route-map AS4007-EXPORT out
```

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### Case 3: Summary

- Policy expressions to achieve/control multihoming
  - Outbound traffic
    - Set the value of local preference
      - "action pref=NN" in the "import" attribute of aut-num object
  - Inbound traffic
    - Modify as-path length
      - "action aspath.prepend (ASN)" in the "export" attribute of aut-num object
- RtConfig template file has to contain a set of commands for each neighbour

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### Summary of morning and afternoon modules

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### Summary: Why use an IRR?

- Information to share
  - Provides device independent view of routing policy
  - Provides the integrity of global Internet routing
- Network planning
  - Simulation
  - Route filtering
- Router configuration
  - Use of IRRToolSet
    - RtConfig
- Network troubleshooting
  - Easy to locate routing problems outside your network

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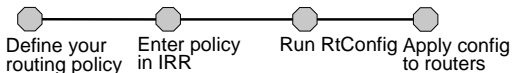
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### Summary: Using the Routing Registry



| Costs                                                                                                                                                                                | Benefits                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires some initial planning</li> <li>• Takes some time to define &amp; register policy</li> <li>• Need to maintain data in RR</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have a clear idea of your routing policy</li> <li>• Consistent config over the whole network</li> <li>• Less manual maintenance in the long run</li> </ul> |

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### Summary: Benefits of APNIC RR

- Single maintainer to protect various objects
- APNIC able to assert resources for a registered route within APNIC ranges
  - Allocated objects are maintained by APNIC
- Support is available via APNIC helpdesk
- No charge for members
- Training
- Mirroring
  - APNIC mirrors IRRs within Asia Pacific and major IRRs outside of the region

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### Questions ?

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### Introduction to next session

- Presentation about IRRd
  - By Gaurab Raj Upadhaya
    - CEO/Tech Chair, Nepal Internet Exchange
- If you are interested in creating your own RR
  - You can use IRRd (Internet Routing Registry Daemon)
- How can you create/use your own RR?
  - Let's see Gaurab's presentation

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**Thank you!**

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**Reference, extra information  
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  - <ftp://ftp.rfc-editor.org/in-notes/rfc1998.txt>
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- Examples used during the training course (created by RIPE NCC)
  - <http://www.ripe.net/training/rr/material/examples/>

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### Extra: Useful IRR queries

- *What ‘-set objects’ are the objects protected by this maintainer a member of?*
  - `whois -i mbrs-by-ref <mntner>`
    - set objects (as-set, route-set and rtr-set) with matching mbrs-by-ref
- *What routers does my AS operate?*
  - `whois -i local-as <ASN>`
    - inet-rtr objects with a matching local-as

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### Extra: Initialise Cisco list parameters

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$ RtConfig -cisco_use_prefix_lists -
  cisco_empty_lists

>RtConfig

{ @RtConfig set cisco_map_first_no = 10
  @RtConfig set cisco_map_increment_by = 10
  @RtConfig set cisco_prefix_acl_no = 130
  @RtConfig set cisco_aspath_acl_no = 130
  @RtConfig set cisco_pktfilter_acl_no = 130
  @RtConfig set cisco_community_acl_no = 30
  @RtConfig set cisco_max_preference = 100 }
  
```

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### Extra: Juniper - "Martians" Filter Access List

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$ RtConfig -protocol ripe -config junos
RtConfig> @RtConfig access_list filter AS4000

policy-statement prefix-list-100 {
  term prefixes {
    from {
      route-filter 10.4.192.0/19 exact
    }
    accept;
  }
  term catch-rest {
    then reject;
  }
}
  
```

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### Extra: BGP Path Selection Algorithm

- Ignore the path if there is no route to the next hop
- Prefer the route with the highest weight
  - Local to the router; Cisco specific
- Prefer the route with the highest local preference
  - AS-wide
- Prefer locally originated route
- Prefer the route with the shortest AS path
- Prefer the route with the lowest origin type/code
  - BGP < EGP < incomplete
- Prefer the route with the lowest MED
  - Default: only if the paths are from the same AS
    - Can change with "bgp-always-compare-med"
- Prefer eBGP over iBGP
- Prefer lowest IGP metric to next hop
- Prefer the route with the lowest router ID (if multipath not enabled)
  - Lowest neighbour address

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### Extra: BGP Route Attributes Summary

- AS-path (mandatory, transitive)
- Next hop (mandatory, non-transitive)
- Local preference (optional, non-transitive)
- Multi-exit Discriminator (mandatory, non-transitive)
- Community (optional, transitive)
  - Well-known: no-export, no-advertise, local-AS

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### Extra: Registering Your RR in the IRR

<http://www.irr.net/docs/list.html>

This list of Routing Registries was designed for the Internet Community. It enables users to coordinate their Routing Registry efforts by providing mirroring and contact information.

If you wish to join this list, please fill out this form and send it to <db-admin@radb.net>.

-----  
 Registry Name (Source):  
 IP address or DNS name:  
 Ftp site:  
 Databases Mirrored:  
 Mirror Port and Info:  
 Whois Location:  
 Type of DB (RPSL?):  
 Type of Primary Data:  
 Contact Info:  
 NOC Info:

Have the RADB be a mirror for this database? (Y/N)  
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### Extra: RPSLng

- Language extension to include IPv6 and multicast
- Prototype server available:
  - rpslng.ripe.net, port 53001 (RIPE DB snapshot)
  - Updates: rpslng-auto@ripe.net
  - Implementing old draft specs: draft-damas-rpslng-00.txt
- New draft: <http://www.radb.net/rpslng.html>
- More info: <http://www.ripe.net/db/rpslng>
- Mailing list:
  - Archives: <http://www.ripe.net/ripe/mail-archives/rpslng/>
  - Info: <http://www.ripe.net/mailman/listinfo/rpslng>

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### Extra: The rest of the IRRToolSet

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### Prtraceroute

- Prints the route packets take – including policy information (as registered in IRR)
  - Requires root privileges and access to RR
- Used as diagnostics tool
- Reports in 3 parts:
  - [ASN] inaddr-name (IP) time
  - Traversed ASNs
  - If the hop was within AS, external, preferred (1) or backup (2)

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### Aoe (Aut-num object editor)

- Displays the aut-num object for the specified AS
- Given a BGP dump from a router inside the AS
  - aoe parses the AS\_Path attributes
  - determines the peer ASes
    - By taking the first AS number in the AS\_PATH
  - takes the import policies for each peer AS
    - by taking the last AS number in the AS\_PATHs that start with the peer's AS number
- Command line options:
  - aoe -h <host> -p 43 -s <source> -protocol ripe <ASN>

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### Roe (Route object editor)

- GUI lists the routes & dependencies, can add / delete specified routes
- Displays and compares routes registered:
  - by an AS in the IRR (RR)
  - in a BGP routing table
    - NotRtd (not routed) and NotReg (not registered)
- Creates the “route” object for you, based on:
  - BGP dump (local to your ASN)
  - policy in aut-num objects of your peers

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### Peval

- (Lightweight) policy evaluation tool
- Transforms policy expressions in the matching set of routes (e.g. expands AS numbers)
  - may require connection to RR server
- Handy to compose and check your RPSL filter before putting in into RR server
  - Can be used to write router configuration generators
- Web interface:
  - <http://www.ripe.net/cgi-bin/peval.cgi>

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### IRRTolSet: The rest

- prpath – enumerates possible paths between two AS-s, as registered in RR
- CIDRAdvisor – suggests safe aggregates per AS
  - Practical usage:
    - <http://www.cidr-report.org/>
- rpslcheck – syntax checks objects for IRR
  - RIPE DB has additional restrictions (e.g. hierarchical authorisation)

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