

# Advanced Computer Networks

#### Internal Routing - Link State protocols

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## Link State Routing

- § Principles
	- routers know their "local state"
		- links with neighbors bandwidth, delay, cost (fixed by administrator)
	- build a packet with the metrics of all neighbors
	- § flood to all routers
	- compute the shortest path to all destinations (Dijkstra)
	- § update if modification of topology
- Used in OSPF (Open Shortest Path First) and IS-IS

Topology Database **Synchronization** 

- Neighbouring nodes synchronize before starting any relationship
	- Hello protocol; keep alive
	- initial synchronization of database
	- description of all links (no information yet)
- Once synchronized, a node accepts link state advertisements
	- contain a sequence number, stored with record in the database
	- only messages with new sequence number are accepted
	- accepted messages are flooded to all neighbours
	- § sequence number prevents anomalies (loops or blackholes)

#### Example network

■ Each router knows directly connected networks



#### Initial routing tables



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## **Flooding**

- The local metric information is flooded to all routers
	- § remember packet, forward to outgoing
	- if receiving packet again, drop
- **After convergence, all routers have the same** information



## LSA Flooding

- LSA-Updates are distributed to all other routers via **Reliable Flooding**
- **Example:** Flooding of LSA from 10.10.10.1



## Topology graph

■ Arrows to nets with a given metric

 $\blacksquare$  transit net - from nets to routers, metric = 0



## Simplified graph

- Only links with metrics between routers
- Execute the SPF (Shortest Path First Dijkstra) algorithm on the graph



## SPF at A

- 1. Initialization
	- 1. PATH variable: router A (the best path to destination)
	- 2. TENT variable: empty (tentative paths)
- 2. For each router N in PATH
	- 1. for each neighbor  $M$  of  $N$

1.  $c(A, M) = c(A, N) + c(N, M)$ 

- 2. if M is not in PATH nor in TENT with a better cost, insert M with N in TFNT
- 3. If TENT is empty, end. Otherwise take the entry with the best cost from TENT, insert it into PATH and go to 2.
- At the end PATH contains the tree of best paths to all destinations



**Before: TENT: A-B(100), A-C(10), A-F(10) PATH: A**

**After: TENT: A-B(100), A-F(10)** 

**PATH: A-C(10)**



**Before: TENT: A-B(100), A-F(10), C-D(110)**

- **PATH: A-C(10)**
- **After: TENT: A-B(100), C-D(110)**

**PATH: A-C(10), A-F(10)**



**Before: TENT: A-B(100), C-D(110), F-E(20) PATH: A-C(10), A-F(10)**

**After: TENT: A-B(100), C-D(110) PATH: A-C(10), A-F(10), F-E(20)**



**PATH: A-C(10), A-F(10), F-E(20), E-D(30)**









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#### Routing table of A



## Routing table of A



- ECMP Equal-Cost Multi-Path
	- send to all next-hops with equal probability per flow
	- hash  $h(m)$ ,  $m$  flow id

#### Equal Cost Multi-Path



- Three packets arrive at  $R_1$  for destination  $R_4$
- $P_1$ : IP dst= $R_4$ , TCP dst port=22
- $P_2$ : IP dst= $R_4$ , TCP dst port=80
- $P_1$ : IP dst= $R_4$ , TCP dst port=80

#### Routing table of A



## Towards OSPF

- OSPF (Open Shortest Path First)
	- § Link State protocol
	- § Link State information: LSA (Link State Advertisement)
	- § different sub-protocols: Hello, Database Description, Link State flooding
- It allows to
	- consider different types of networks
		- § transit, stub, point-to-point (PPP)
	- divide large networks into several areas
	- independent route computing in each area

## Link description

- Link should be described in the DB
	- link of the form of a broadcast network (Ethernet)
		- § IP address of the subnetwork (stub network)
		- § e.g. **n3** identified by **128.88.38/24**
	- link to a neighbor router
		- § IP address of the neighbor router
		- § e.g. **n2** identified by **176.44.23.254**
		- no IP address assigned to the interface
			- interface index



#### Designated routers



- Number of neighbors (adjacencies)
	- if *n* routers,  $n(n-1)/2$  neighbors
- **Election of a designated router on a LAN** 
	- priority/RID(highest),  $n-1$  neighbors
	- § Routers
		- § advertise LSA (LS Update and ACK) to **224.0.0.6** (AllDRouters - all designated routers)
	- § DRs
		- § flood LSA (LS Update and ACK) to **224.0.0.5** (AllSPFRouters - all routers)
	- back-up designated router
		- listens to advertisements, but does not flood
		- failure of the designated router detected by Hello
			- back-up becomes designated router









- LAN represented as a virtual network
	- less entries in the DB
	- § real cost to **n1**, zero to routers
- DR generates LSA for the transit network



## Divide large networks

- Why divide large networks?
- Cost of computing routing tables
	- update when topology changes
	- SPF algorithm
		- $n$  routers,  $k$  links
		- complexity  $O(n*k)$
	- size of DB, update messages grows with the network size
- Limit the scope of updates and computational overhead
	- divide the network into several areas
	- independent route computing in each area
	- inject aggregated information on routes into other areas

## Hierarchical Routing

- A large OSPF domain can be configured into *areas* 
	- one *backbone area* (area 0)
	- non backbone areas (areas numbered other than 0)
- All inter-area traffic goes through area 0
	- strict hierarchy
- Inside one area: link state routing as seen earlier
	- one topology database per area



## **Principles**

- Routing method used in the higher level:
	- distance vector
	- no problem with loops one backbone area
- Mapping of higher level nodes to lower level nodes
	- area border routers (inter-area routers) belong to two areas
- Inter-level routing information
	- § summary link state advertisements (LSA) from other areas are injected into the local topology databases



§ Assume networks **n1** and **n2** become visible at time 0. Show the topology databases at all routers



## **Solution**



## **Explanations**

- All routers in area 2 propagate the existence of n1 and n2, directly attached to B1 (resp. B2).
- Area border routers X4 and X6 belong to area 2, thus they can compute their distances to n1 and n2
- Area border routers X4 and X6 inject their distances to n1 and n2 into the area 0 topology database (item 3 of the principle). The corresponding summary LSA is propagated to all routers of area 0.
- All routers in area 0 can now compute their distance to n1 and n2, using their distances to X4 and X6, and using the principle of distance vector (item 1 of the principle).

## **Comments**

- Distance vector computation causes none of the RIP problems
	- strict hierarchy: no loop between areas
- External and summary LSA for all reachable networks are present in all topology databases of all areas
	- most I SAs are external
	- can be avoided in configuring some areas as terminal: use **default** entry to the backbone
- Area partitions require specific support

## Problems - link failure





- Link A1-A2 fails, Area 1 is partitioned
	- X3 has a route to A1, X5 to A2
	- one cannot pass to X5 a packet to A1 and to X3 a packet to A2
- Solution
	- § X3 and X5 will advertise only routes to connected networks (X3 advertizes A1, X5 advertizes A2)

## Problems - partitioned backbone



- No connectivity between areas via backbone
	- $\cdot$  e.g. X2 to A2
- There is a route through Area 2
- Virtual link
	- X4 and X6 configure a virtual link through Area 2
	- 35  $\bullet\;$  virtual link entered into the database, metric = sum of links

## Stub area

- Many networks are connected only via one router
- Stub area
	- § all external networks aggregated into **default** route
	- § e.g. route to **n1**, **n2** or any other network in Area 0 and 2 goes through X3


## Classification of routers

- **•** Internal routers
	- a router with all directly connected networks belonging to the same area
- § Area border routers
	- attached to multiple areas
	- § condense LSA of their attached areas for distribution to the backbone
- Backbone routers
	- a router that has an interface to the backbone area
- AS boundary routers
	- exchange routing information with routers belonging to other AS

#### Classification of routers



# OSPF protocol

- On top of IP (protocol type  $= 89$ )
- Multicast
	- § **224.0.0.5** all routers of a link
	- § **224.0.0.6** all designated and backup routers
- Sub-protocols
	- § **Hello** to identify neighbors, elect a designated and a backup router
	- **Database description** to diffuse the topology between adjacent routers
	- § **Link State** to request, update, and ack the information on a link (LSA - Link State Advertisement)
- § LSA
	- tagged with the router Id and checksum
	- § 5 different types

# OSPF protocol PDUs

- OSPF protocol type  $= 1$ 
	- § Hello
- $\blacksquare$  OSPF protocol type = 2
	- Database description
- $\blacksquare$  OSPF protocol type = 3
	- § Link State Request
- OSPF protocol type  $= 4$ 
	- Link State Update
- OSPF protocol type  $= 5$ 
	- § Link State Ack

# Common OSPF header



- § Type
	- Hello, DB-desc, LS-request, LS-update, LS-ack
- Router Id (RID)
	- § IP address of loopback or the largest IP address of a router
- § Area Id
	- chosen by administrator (4 bytes),  $(0 = \text{backbone})$
- **•** Authentication
	- § same as RIP v2 (password or MD5)

# Hello protocol



- Hello interval
	- § 10 sec
- Options (router capability)
	- bit E set if the attached area capable of processing ASexternal LSAs (E=0 in a stub area)
- **Router dead interval** 
	- § 40 sec

# Hello protocol



- Router priority
	- used during election, the greater the better
	- if equal priority, the router with larger RID wins,
	- if 0, the router does not participate in election
- Designated/backup router
	- § **0.0.0.0** if not known
- **Neighbors known by the sender**



**OSPFv2-hello 44:**

**area 0.0.0.1 E mask 255.255.255.0 int 10 pri 5 dead 40 dr 10.1.1.1 nbrs**

- § **224.0.0.5** to all routers of a link
- § Router **10.1.1.1** with priority 5, prefix **10.1.1.0/24**
- Area 1, not stub area (bit E), interval 10 sec, dead interval 40, it proposes itself as designated router, no neighbors



**OSPFv2-hello 44:**

**area 0.0.0.1 E mask 255.255.255.0 int 10 pri 4 dead 40 nbrs**

- § Router **10.1.1.2** with priority 4, prefix **10.1.1.0/24**
- Area 1, not stub area (bit E), interval 10 sec, dead interval 40, no neighbors



**OSPFv2-hello 44:**

**area 0.0.0.1 E mask 255.255.255.0 int 10 pri 5 dead 40 dr 10.1.1.1 nbrs 10.1.1.2**

- Router 10.1.1.1 becomes designated
- Router 10.1.1.2 appears as a neighbor
	- bi-directional connectivity
	- can start synchronizing LS databases

## Database Description protocol



- **Interface MTU** 
	- max size on interface
- Options (router capability)
	- bit E set if the attached area capable of processing  $\blacksquare$ AS-external LSAs
- § Flags
	- § I: Init bit first description packet
	- § M More bit
	- § MS Master/Slave bit, Master if 1
- DD sequence no
	- § chosen, incremented only by master
- 47 ■ List of link state DB pieces

### Database Description protocol

- Unicast packets between a router and its neighbor
- Master/slave relationship election of the Master
	- router with larger Id becomes Master
- Master sends packets to slave (polls)
- Slave acknowledges by echoing the sequence number
- **•** If lost packet, master retransmits
- **Exchange finished when bit M=0 sent by both routers**

#### DD protocol



§ **r2** is designated router (priority), **r2** has larger router RID than **r1**

# LSA header

 $31$  0



#### § LS age

- time in sec since the LSA was originated (<MaxAge)
- Options (router capability)
	- bit E set if the attached area capable of processing ASexternal LSAs
- § LS type
	- § type of LSA
	- see below

# LSA header



- Link state Id (depends on LSA type, see later)
	- identifies the portion of the network described by the LSA
- **Advertising router** 
	- router that originates the LSA
- LS sequence no
	- identifies an advertisement, detects old or duplicates
	- § from -N+1 to N-1, starts with **x80000001**, incremented
	- § when attains **x7FFFFFFF**, LSA is aged (sent with age=MaxAge)

#### LSA types

Type Description

1. **router-LSA** Originated by all routers. Describes the collected states of the router's interfaces to an area. Flooded throughout a single area only.

2. **network-LSA** Originated for broadcast and NBMA networks by the Designated Router. Contains the list of routers connected to the network  $(m=0)$ . Flooded throughout a single area only.



### LSA types

#### Type Description

3. **summary-LSA** Originated by area border routers. Describes a route to a destination outside the area, yet still inside the AS (i.e., an inter-area route). Type 3 summary-LSAs describe routes to networks. Flooded through out the LSA's associated area. 4. **summary-LSA** Type 4 summary-LSAs describe routes to AS boundary routers. 5. **AS-external-LSA** Originated by AS boundary routers. Describes a route to a destination in another Autonomous System. Default routes for the AS can also be described by AS-external-LSAs. Flooded through-out the AS.

## LS Id, Advertising Router









**10.1.1.2: OSPFv2-dd 32: area 0.0.0.1 E I/M/MS S B 10.1.1.1: OSPFv2-dd 32: area 0.0.0.1 E I/M/MS S 1973**

- § **10.1.1.2** has seq. no. B
- § **10.1.1.1** has seq. no. 1973
- First packet, more to follow, want to be master
- **10.1.1.2** wins (larger RID)



**10.1.1.1: OSPFv2-dd 112: area 0.0.0.1 E M S B {E S 80000002 age 3:09 rtr 10.1.1.1} TYPE 1 {E S 80000001 age 2:49 sum 10.1.2.0 abr 10.1.1.1} TYPE 3 {E S 80000003 age 2:44 sum 10.1.100.0 abr 10.1.1.1} TYPE 3 {E S 80000001 age 2:59 abr 10.1.1.1 rtr 10.1.1.1} TYPE 4**

- § Database of **10.1.1.1**
	- type 1 router-LSA
	- type 3 summary-LSA networks outside the area
	- type 4 summary-LSA route to AS boundary router



**10.1.1.2: OSPFv2-dd 52: area 0.0.0.1 E MS S C {S 80000002 age 5 rtr 10.1.1.2} TYPE 1**

- Ack of the previous message
	- increment of seq. no. (from B to C)
- § Database of **10.1.1.2**
	- type 1 router-LSA
- No more information



**10.1.1.1: OSPFv2-dd 32: area 0.0.0.1 E S C**

- § **10.1.1.1** has no more information
- End of database synchronization
	- each routers knows the database of the other



### Regular LSA exchanges



Router-LSA, 10.1.1.6, 0x80000006

# Link State Request



- Request of a database entry (described previously)
	- LSA header for DB description
- **Entry identified uniquely by** 
	- § LSA type, Link State id, Advertising router
- Current instance defined by
	- LS sequence no, LS checksum, and LS age

# Link State Update (LSU)



- Implements flooding
	- § multicast/broadcast on physical networks
	- acked with LS-Ack packets: list of LSA headers
- LSA header (same as for DB description)
	- Link State Id, Advertising router that depend on one of 5 LSA types
- LSA data
	- 63 • different formats for 5 LSA types (3 and 4 have the same format)

# LSA Flooding

- LSA-Updates are distributed to all other routers via **Reliable Flooding**
- **Example:** Flooding of LSA from 10.10.10.1

![](_page_63_Figure_3.jpeg)

# When to Initiate Flooding?

- Topology change
	- Link or node failure *(looks the same to the router)*
	- Link or node recovery
- **Configuration change** 
	- Link cost change
- **•** Periodically
	- Refresh the link-state information
	- § Typically (say) 30 minutes

#### § **Reliable flooding**

- Ensure all nodes receive link-state information
- Ensure all nodes use the latest version

# LSA data type 1 - Router-LSA

 $31$  0

![](_page_65_Picture_148.jpeg)

- VEB Bits
	- V endpoint of virtual link
	- § E AS boundary router
	- § B area border router
- L-type determines Link Id and Link data

#### $\blacksquare$  # links

- total collection of router's interfaces to the area
- $\blacksquare$  # TOS
	- no. of different TOS (0 no additional)
- TOS (Type of Service)
	- § TOS-0 default metric

## Router-LSA: Link Id and Link data

![](_page_66_Picture_50.jpeg)

# TOS and metric

- Routing goals
	- Path with lowest latency
	- Path with the least load
	- Path with most reliable links
- TOS mapping of 4 IP TOS bits to an integer
	- $\bullet$  0 normal, 2 minimize monetary cost, 4 maximize reliability, 8 - maximize throughput, 16 minimize delay
- Main metric
	- time to send 100 Mb over the interface
	- $C = 10^8/b$ andwidth
	- 1 if greater than 100 Mb/s
	- can be configured by administrator

## LSA Data type 2 - Network-LSA

![](_page_68_Figure_1.jpeg)

- **Attached routers** 
	- router id of each of the routers attached to the network
	- § Designated Router includes itself

# LSA Data type 3/4 - Summary-LSA

![](_page_69_Picture_73.jpeg)

- Originated by area border routers
- § Describe inter-area destinations
	- Type 3, if the destination is an IP network (Link State Id is an IP network number)
	- § Type 4, if the destination is an AS boundary router (Link State Id is the AS boundary router Id)
- One LSA per destination

# LSA Data type 3/4 - Summary-LSA

![](_page_70_Picture_88.jpeg)

- For stub areas, Type 3 can be used to describe a default route
	- Link State Id is the default destination (0.0.0.0)
	- $\blacksquare$  Netmask set to 0.0.0.0
- § Netmask
	- destination network IP address mask
	- not meaningful for Type 4 (must be 0)
- TOS like for router-LSA (type 1)

### LSA Data type 5 - AS-external-LSA

![](_page_71_Picture_64.jpeg)

- Originated by AS boundary routers and describe destinations external to the AS (e.g. acquired from BGB)
	- Link State Id is an IP network number (can describe a default destination 0.0.0.0)
## LSA Data type 5 - AS-external-LSA



- $\blacksquare$  Bit E type of external metric
	- $\cdot$  E = 0, comparable with internal metrics
	- $\blacksquare$  E = 1, not comparable with internal metrics ( $>$ any internal metric)
- Forwarding address
	- data traffic will be forwarded to this address
- **External route tag** 
	- 73 • defined by external routers (outside the scope of OSPF)

### Example network

§ Router address: router number (R3 - **192.1.4.3** and **192.1.1.3**)



#### Router-LSA

```
Router R3 for the area 1
LS age = 0, LS Type = 1
LS Id = 192.1.1.3
Adv. router = 192.1.1.3
bit E = 0, bit B = 1 ; area border router
#links = 2
  Link ID = 192.1.1.4 ;IP address of Desig. Rtr.
  Link Data = 192.1.1.3 ;R3's IP interface to net
  Type = 2 ;connects to transit network
  # TOS metrics = 0
  metric = 1
  Link ID = 192.1.4.0 ;IP Network number 
  Link Data = 0xffffff00 ;Network mask
  Type = 3 ;connects to stub network
  # TOS metrics = 0 
  metric = 2
```
#### Router-LSA

```
Router R3 for the backbone
LS age = 0, LS Type = 1
LS Id = 192.1.1.3
Adv. router = 192.1.1.3
bit E = 0, bit B = 1 ;area border router
#links = 1
  Link ID = 18.10.0.6 ;Neighbor's Router ID
  Link Data = 0.0.0.3 ;interface index (3rd)
  Type = 1 ;connects to router
  # TOS metrics = 0
  metric = 8
```
### Network-LSA



#### Summary-LSA

**Summary-LSA for Network n1 by Router R4 into the backbone**

**LS age = 0, LS type = 3 Link State ID = 192.1.2.0 ;n1's IP network number Adv. Router = 192.1.1.4 ;R4's ID Network Mask = 0xffffff00 metric = 4**

**Summary-LSA for AS boundary router R7 by Router R4 into Area 1**

LS  $a^2 = 0$ , LS type = 4 **Link State ID = 128.88.38.7 ;R7's ID Adv. Router = 192.1.1.4 ;R4's ID metric = 14**

AS-external-LSA

```
AS-external-LSA for Network n12 by Router R7
  LS age = 0, LS type = 5
  Link State ID = 12.1.0.0 ;n12's IP network number
  Advertising Router = 128.88.38.7 ;Router R7's ID
  bit E = 1 inetric>than internal
  Network Mask = 0xffff0000
  metric = 2
  Forwarding address = 0.0.0.0 ;packets for external 
                            ;destination n12 should 
                           ;be forwarded to Adv. 
                           ;router - R7
```


```
10.1.1.2: OSPFv2-ls_req 72: area 0.0.0.1
{rtr 10.1.1.1} 
{sum 10.1.2.0 abr 10.1.1.1} 
{sum 10.1.100.0 abr 10.1.1.1}
{abr 10.1.1.1 rtr 10.1.1.1}
10.1.1.1: OSPFv2-ls_req 36: area 0.0.0.1
{rtr 10.1.1.2}
■ Routers ask for missing information
```


- **10.1.1.2: OSPFv2-ls\_upd 76: area 0.0.0.1**
- **{S 80000002 age 6 rtr 10.1.1.2 {net 10.1.1.0 mask 255.255.255.0 tos 0 metric 1} {net 10.2.1.0 mask 255.255.255.0 tos 0 metric 1}}**
- The contents of router-LSA (Type 1), L-Type 3 of Link Data - connection to stub network (network address and netmask)
- Age has changed (from 5 to 6)



**10.1.1.1: OSPFv2-ls\_upd 148: area 0.0.0.1**

**{E S 80000002 age 3:10 rtr 10.1.1.1 B**

**{net 10.1.1.0 mask 255.255.255.0 tos 0 metric 1}}**

- **{E S 80000001 age 2:50 sum 10.1.2.0 abr 10.1.1.1 mask 255.255.255.0 tos 0 metric 20}**
- **{E S 80000003 age 2:45 sum 10.1.100.0 abr 10.1.1.1 mask 255.255.255.0 tos 0 metric 10}**
- **{E S 80000001 age 3:01 abr 10.1.1.1 rtr 10.1.1.1 tos 0 metric 16777215}**
- One link in area 1, two networks in another area
	- § **10.1.2/24, 10.1.100/24**



- **10.1.1.1: OSPFv2-ls\_upd 56: area 0.0.0.1 {E S 80000002 age 1:00:00 abr 10.1.1.1 rtr 10.1.1.1 tos 0 metric 16777215}**
	- § **10.1.1.1** makes this information obsolete
		- MaxAge  $= 1:00:00$  (1 hour)



- **10.1.1.2: OSPFv2-ls\_upd 76: area 0.0.0.1**
- **{S 80000003 age 1 rtr 10.1.1.2**

**{dr 10.1.1.1 if 10.1.1.2 tos 0 metric 1}**

**{net 10.2.1.0 mask 255.255.255.0 tos 0 metric 1}}**

- § **10.1.1.2** sends an update
	- § router-LSA (Type 1), L-Type 2 of Link Data connection to transit network (Designated Router and IP address of the interface)



**OSPFv2-ls\_upd 64: area 0.0.0.1**

**{E S 80000003 age 1 rtr 10.1.1.1 B**

**{dr 10.1.1.1 if 10.1.1.1 tos 0 metric 1}} OSPFv2-ls\_upd 60: area 0.0.0.1 TYPE 2 {E S 80000001 age 1 net dr 10.1.1.1 if 10.1.1.1 mask 255.255.255.0 rtrs 10.1.1.1 10.1.1.2}**

- 10.1.1.1 updates the information (incremented Seq. no)
- Sends a new network-LSA (Type 2)



**10.1.1.2: OSPFv2-hello 48: area 0.0.0.1 E mask 255.255.255.0 int 10 pri 4 dead 40 dr 10.1.1.1 bdr 10.1.1.2 nbrs 10.1.1.1**

§ **10.1.1.2** sends a Hello message

## Information gathered from OSPF



## **Convergence**

- Route timeout after 1 hour
	- § LS Update every 30 min.
- Detect a failure
	- § 40 sec (dead interval)
- Smallest interval to recompute SPF
	- 30 sec (Dijkstra interval)
- Reconfiguration time
	- $\blacksquare$  70 sec.
- § Proposals
	- § Hello each 100 ms
	- SPF immediately

# **Conclusion**

- OSPF vs. RIP
	- much more complex, but presents many advantages
		- no count to infinity
		- no limit on the number of hops (OSPF topologies limited by Network and Router LSA size (max 64KB) to O(5000) links)
		- less signaling traffic (LS Update every 30 min)
		- advanced metric
		- § large networks hierarchical routing
	- most of the traffic when change in topology
		- but periodic Hello messages
		- in RIP: periodic routing information traffic
	- § drawback
		- § difficult to configure