BGP and communities: Fixing bad transit

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BGP between ASNs

Autonomous Systems on the internet:

- Run BGP on routers
 - Send routes
 - Receive routes
- Use BGP to select best forwarding path
 - For packets destined outside the AS
- IGP like OSPF is used for packets destined inside the AS

BGP key points

- IPv4 different routes than IPv6
 - Duplicate Everything

Examples:

- ASN: AS18451 or AS393445
- IPv4 Route: 208.81.0.0/21
- IPv6 Route: 2605:e200::/32

BGP Perspective

- Each AS sees the internet differently
- Each AS picks its own best paths

- For outbound traffic, think of YOUR best path
- For inbound traffic, think of THEIR best path

My simplest network



My simple transit network



My simple transit network - prefix lists



My simple transit network - Down Customer



My transit & peering network



My transit & peering network - Down Customer



My transit & peering network - Down Customer Desire



Solution: Tag the routes

- BGP Communities
- Add tag as you learn the route
- Define your own meanings
 - Not that hard

BGP community examples:

- 18451:5
- 6327:3001

My transit & peering network - Up Customer



My transit & peering network - Down Customer



My transit & peering network - Up Customer



My transit & peering network - Up Customer



My multihomed transit, peering network - The Worst



My multihomed network - The Worst Fixed



Fix: bgp neighbor code

router bgp 18451

address-family ipv4 neighbor 216.66.74.57 route-map PEER-6939-v4-in in neighbor 216.66.74.57 route-map PEER-6939-v4-out out

address-family ipv6
neighbor 2001:470:1:40D::1 route-map PEER-6939-v6-in in
neighbor 2001:470:1:40D::1 route-map PEER-6939-v6-out out

Fix: route-map code

route-map PEER-6939-v4-in permit 10
set local-preference 90 ! Bonus--next talk
set community 18451:5

route-map PEER-6939-v4-out deny 10
match community TRANSIT PEER
route-map PEER-6939-v4-out permit 20
match community CUST SELF
route-map PEER-6939-v4-out deny 999

Fix: community-list code

• Make a useful name to match your (numeric) community

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ip community-list expanded SELF permit 18451:1$
ip community-list expanded SELF permit 18451:1 .*
ip community-list expanded CUST permit 18451:2$
ip community-list expanded CUST permit 18451:2 .*
ip community-list expanded PEER permit 18451:3$
ip community-list expanded PEER permit 18451:3 .*
ip community-list expanded TRANSIT permit 18451:4$
ip community-list expanded TRANSIT permit 18451:4 *
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My multi-homed transit & peering network- Overview



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