

# Routing: BGP Overview continued

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#### Distance vector algorithm with extra information

- Two important attributes:
  - AS-PATH: Contains all ASs along the way: AS 67 AS 17
  - **NEXT-HOP:** Indicates the specific internal-AS router to next-hop AS.
- Path can be used to make routing decisions, e.g., to avoid loops
- Pure distance vector does not enable policies
- Link state does not scale and exposes policies



## BGP path advertisement



- AS2 router 2c receives path advertisement AS3,X (via eBGP) from AS3 router 3a
- Based on AS2 policy, AS2 router 2c accepts path AS3,X, propagates (via iBGP) to all AS2 routers
- Based on AS2 policy, AS2 router 2a advertises (via eBGP) path AS2, AS3, X to AS1 router 1c



### BGP path advertisement



Gateway router may learn about multiple paths to destination:

- AS1 gateway router 1c learns path AS2, AS3, X from 2a
- AS1 gateway router 1c learns path AS3,X from 3a





#### Next Hop attribute





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- Recall: 1a, 1b, 1c learn about dest X via iBGP from 1c: "Path to X goes through 1c"
- 1d: OSPF intra-domain routing: To get to 1c, forward over outgoing local interface 1
- 1a: OSPF intra-domain routing: To get to 1c, forward over outgoing local interface 2

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# **Routing policy**

- Reflects goals of network provider
  - Which routes to accept from other ASes
  - How to manipulate the accepted routes
  - How to propagate routes through network
  - How to manipulate routes before they leave the AS
  - Which routes to send to another AS



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- BGP provides capabilities for enforcing various
- policies
- Policies are not part of BGP!

Policies with BGP

- Policies are used to configure BGP
- BGP enforces policies by choosing paths from multiple alternatives and controlling advertisements to other AS's

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- Aggregator (Optional, transitive)
- Originator ID (Optional, nontransitive, Cisco)

Atomic Aggregate (well-known, discretionary)

• Other vendor-specific optional attributes ...

# **BGP** attributes

- AS path (well-known, mandatory)
- Next Hop (well-known, mandatory)
- Origin (well-known, mandatory)
- Multiple Exit Discriminator (MED) (Optional, nontrans, eBGP)
- Local Preference (LocPref) (well-known, discretionary, iBGP)
- Community (Optional, transitive)





# BGP: Local preference

- Path with *highest* local preference wins
- Allows providers to *prefer* routes

160.10.0.0/16 500 > 160.10.0.0/16 800





### **BGP** route processing





### **BGP** route selection

- Router learn more than 1 route to some prefix
- Router **must** select best route
- Elimination rules:
  - Local preference value attribute: Policy decision
  - Shortest AS-PATH
  - Best MED (multi-exit-discriminator)
  - Closest NEXT-HOP router: Hot potato routing
  - Additional criteria
  - IP address of peer





Distance vector algorithm with extra information

- When advertising a prefix, advert includes BGP attributes
  - Prefix + other attributes = "route"
- When gateway router receives route advertisement, uses ingress filters to accept/decline
  - Can make decision based on ASes on path, e.g., to avoid loops

