Routing Protocols

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Agenda

• Internal Routing
  – RIPng
  – IS-IS
  – OSPFv3

• External Routing
  – Multiprotocol BGP
RIPng

• Same as IPv4
  - Based on RIPv2
  - Distance vector, max. 15 hop, split-horizon, ...
• It’s an IPv6 only protocol
  - In a dual-stack environment, running RIP, you’ll need RIP (IPv4) and RIPng (IPv6)
• IPv6 related functionality
  - Uses IPv6 for transport
  - IPv6 prefix, next-hop IPv6 address
  - For RIP updates, uses multicast address FF02::9
IS-IS for IPv6

• OSI Protocol

• Based on two levels
  - L2 = Backbone
  - L1 = Stub
  - L2L1 = interconnect L2 and L1

• Runs on top of CNLS (ConnectionLess Network Service)
  - Each IS device still sends out LSP (Link State Packets)
  - Send information via TLV’s (Tag/Length/values)
  - Neighborship process is unchanged
  - Requires NSAP addresses to be configured

• Major operation remains unchanged
ISIS for IPv6 #2

• Updated features:
  – Two new Tag/Length/Values (TLV) for IPv6
    – IPv6 Reachability
    – IPv6 Interface Address
  – New network Layer Identifier
    – IPv6 NLPID

• A single instance of the protocol is needed in a dual-stack environment.
OSPFv3

- OSPFv3
  - New version of OSPF to support IPv6
- Very similar to OSPFv2
  - Subnets → Links

- Topology of an area is invisible from outside the area
  - LSA flooding is bounded by area
  - SPF calculation is performed separately for each area
- All areas must have a connection to the backbone
OSPFv3

- OSPFv3 is only implemented for IPv6 at that time
  - In a dual-stack environment, running OSPF, you’ll need OSPFv2 (IPv4) and OSPFv3 (IPv6)
  - There is some work-in-progress about extensible mechanisms to enable OSPFv3 with the support for different address families

- Updated Features
  - Transported in IPv6 packets
  - Distributes IPv6 prefixes
  - New LSA types
  - Uses the Multicast address
    - ALLSPFRouters (FF02::5)
    - ALDLDRouters (FF02::6)
Multiprotocol BGP

- Border Gateway Protocol
- Connect separate routing domains that contain independent routing policies (AS)
- Carries sequences of AS numbers indicating path
- Supports the same features and functionality as IPv4 BGP
- Multiple addresses families: IPv4, IPv6, unicast, multicast
Multiprotocol BGP

- BGP4 carries only 3 types of information which is truly IPv4 specific:
  - NLRI in the UPDATE message contains an IPv4 prefix
  - NEXT_HOP attribute in the UPDATE message contains an IPv4 address
  - BGP ID in AGGREGATOR attribute

- RFC 2858 defines multi-protocols extensions for BGP4
  - this makes BGP4 available for other network layer protocols (IPv6, MPLS...)
  - New BGP4 attributes:
    - MP_REACH_NLRI
    - MP_UNREACH_NLRI
  - Protocol Independent NEXT_HOP attribute
  - Protocol Independent NLRI attribute
Conclusions

- All major routing protocols have stable IPv6 support
- And there isn’t major differences with IPv4
- In a dual-stack environment, running OSPF, you’ll need OSPFv2 (IPv4) and OSPFv3 (IPv6). It may change in a near future.
- In a dual-stack environment, running RIP, you’ll need RIPv1/RIPv2 (IPv4) and RIPvng (IPv6)