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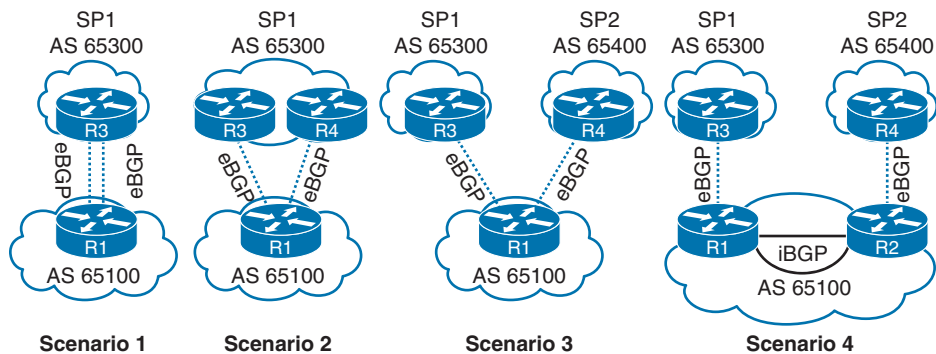


Figure 12-1 Common BGP Multihoming Scenarios

Key Topic

Internet Transit Routing

If an enterprise uses BGP to connect with more than one service provider, it runs the risk of its autonomous system (AS) becoming a transit AS. In Figure 12-2, AS 500 is connecting to two different service providers (SP3 and SP4) for resiliency.

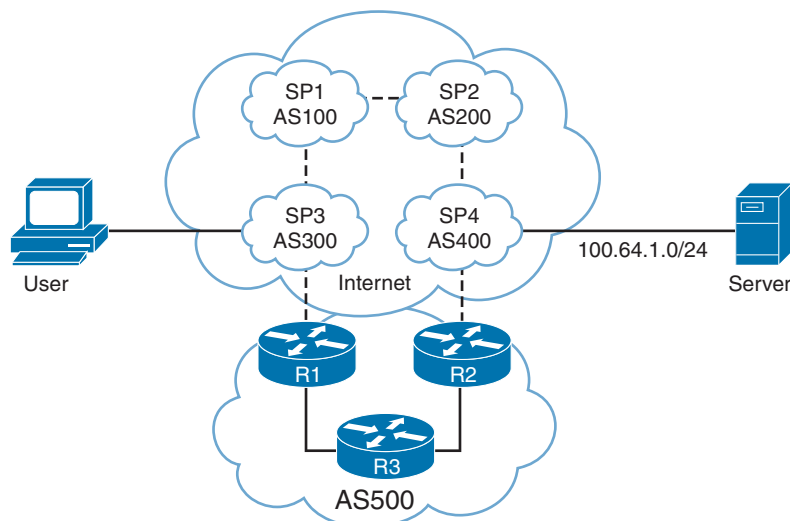


Figure 12-2 Enterprise Transit Routing

If R1 and R2 use the default BGP routing policy, SP3 receives the 100.64.1.0/24 prefix from AS 100 and AS 500. SP3 selects the path through AS 500 because the AS_Path is much shorter than going through SP1 and SP2's networks. A user who connects to SP3 (AS 300) routes through the enterprise network (AS 500) to reach a server that attaches to SP4 (AS 400).

The AS 500 network is providing **transit routing** to everyone on the Internet, which can saturate AS 500's peering links. In addition to causing problems for the users in AS 500, this situation has an impact on traffic from the users who are trying to traverse AS 500.

Answers to the "Do I Know This Already?" quiz:

1 A, B, D 2 A 3 B, C 4 D 5 C 6 A 7 A 8 D 9 B 10 B

Transit routing can be avoided by applying outbound BGP route policies that only allow for local BGP routes to be advertised to other autonomous systems. This topic is discussed later in this chapter, in the section “BGP Route Filtering and Manipulation.”

Branch Transit Routing

Proper network design should take traffic patterns into account to prevent suboptimal routing or routing loops. Figure 12-3 shows a multihomed design using multiple transports for all the sites. All the routers are configured so that they prefer the MPLS SP2 transport over the MPLS SP1 transport (active/passive). All the branch routers peer and advertise all the routes via eBGP to the SP routers. The branch routers do not filter any of the prefixes, and all the branch routers set the local preference for MPLS SP2 to a higher value to route traffic through it.

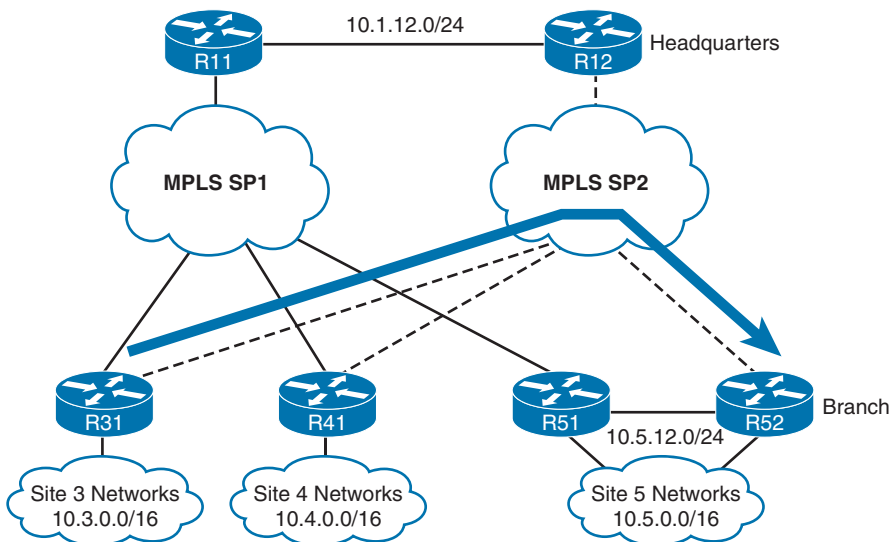


Figure 12-3 *Deterministic Routing*

When the network is working as intended, traffic between the sites uses the preferred SP network (MPLS SP2) in both directions. This simplifies troubleshooting when the traffic flow is symmetric (the same path in both directions) as opposed to asymmetric forwarding (a different path for each direction) because the full path has to be discovered in both directions. The path is considered *deterministic* when the flow between sites is predetermined and predictable.

During a link failure within the SP network, there is a possibility of a branch router connecting to the destination branch router through an intermediary branch router. Figure 12-4 shows the failure scenario with R41 providing transit connectivity between Site 3 and Site 5.

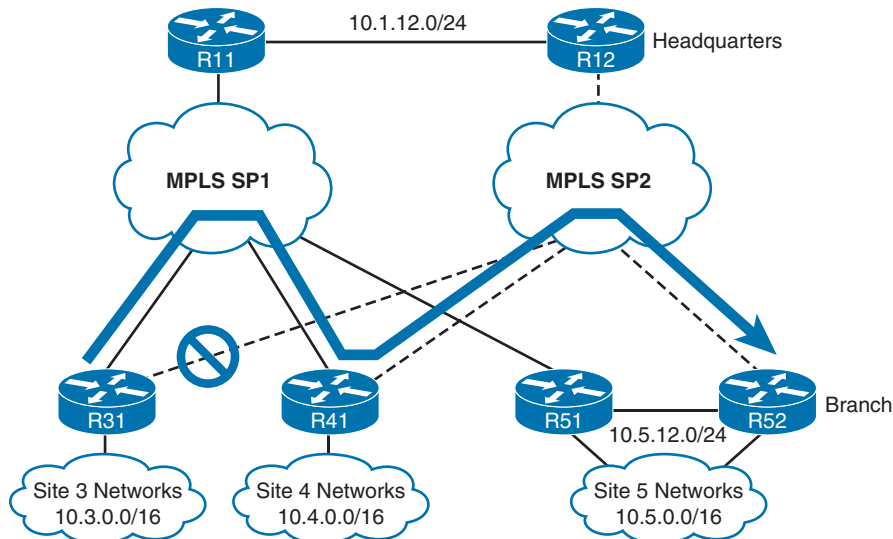


Figure 12-4 *Nondeterministic Routing During Failover*

Unplanned transit connectivity presents the following issues:

- The transit router's circuits can become oversaturated because they were sized only for that site's traffic and not the traffic crossing through them.
- The routing patterns can become unpredictable and nondeterministic. In this scenario, traffic from R31 flows through R41, but the return traffic may take a different return path. The path might be very different if the traffic were sourced from a different router. This prevents deterministic routing, complicates troubleshooting, and can make your NOC staff feel as if they are playing whack-a-mole when troubleshooting network issues.

Multihomed environments should be configured so that branch routers cannot act as transit routers. In most designs, transit routing of traffic from another branch is undesirable, because WAN bandwidth may not be sized accordingly. Transit routing can be avoided by configuring outbound route filtering at each branch site. In essence, the branch sites do not advertise what they learn from the WAN but advertise only networks that face the LAN. If transit behavior is required, it is restricted to the data centers or specific locations as follows:

- Proper routing design can accommodate outages.
- Bandwidth can be sized accordingly.
- The routing pattern is bidirectional and predictable.

NOTE Transit routing at the data center or other planned locations is normal in enterprise designs because they have accounted for the bandwidth. Typically, this is done when some branches are available only with one SP, and the other branches connect with a different SP.

Conditional Matching

This section reviews some of the common techniques used to conditionally match a route—using access control lists (ACLs), prefix lists, regular expressions (regex), and AS path ACLs.

Access Control Lists

Originally, access control lists (ACLs) were intended to provide filtering of packets flowing into or out of a network interface, similar to the functionality of a basic firewall. Today, in addition to their original function, ACLs provide packet classification for a variety of features, such as quality of service (QoS), or for identifying networks within routing protocols.

ACLs are composed of *access control entries (ACEs)*, which are entries in the ACL that identify the action to be taken (permit or deny) and the relevant packet classification. Packet classification starts at the top (lowest sequence) and proceeds down (higher sequence) until a matching pattern is identified. When a match is found, the appropriate action (permit or deny) is taken, and processing stops. At the end of every ACL is an implicit deny ACE, which denies all packets that did not match earlier in the ACL.

NOTE ACE placement within an ACL is important, and unintended consequences may result from ACEs being out of order.

ACLs are classified into two categories:

- **Standard ACLs:** Define packets based solely on the source network.
- **Extended ACLs:** Define packets based on source, destination, protocol, port, or a combination of other packet attributes. This book is concerned with routing and limits the scope of ACLs to source, destination, and protocol.

Standard ACLs use a numbered entry 1–99, 1300–1999, or a named ACL. Extended ACLs use a numbered entry 100–199, 2000–2699, or a named ACL. Named ACLs provide relevance to the functionality of the ACL, can be used with standard or extended ACLs, and are generally preferred.

Standard ACLs

The following is the process for defining a standard ACL:

- Step 1.** Define the ACL by using the command `ip access-list standard {acl-number | acl-name}` and placing the CLI in ACL configuration mode.
- Step 2.** Configure the specific ACE entry with the command `[sequence] {permit | deny} source source-wildcard`. In lieu of using `source source-wildcard`, the keyword `any` replaces `0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255`, and use of the `host` keyword refers to a /32 IP address so that the `source-wildcard` can be omitted.

Table 12-2 provides sample ACL entries from within the ACL configuration mode and specifies the networks that would match with a standard ACL.

Table 12-2 Standard ACL-to-Network Entries

ACE Entry	Networks
<code>permit any</code>	Permits all networks
<code>permit 172.16.0.0 0.0.255.255</code>	Permits all networks in the 172.16.0.0/16 network range
<code>permit host 192.168.1.1</code>	Permits only the 192.168.1.1/32 network

Extended ACLs

The following is the process for defining an extended ACL:

- Step 1.** Define the ACL by using the command `ip access-list extended {acl-number | acl-name}` and placing the CLI in ACL configuration mode.
- Step 2.** Configure the specific ACE entry with the command `[sequence] {permit | deny} protocol source source-wildcard destination destination-wildcard`. The behavior for selecting a network prefix with an extended ACL varies depending on whether the protocol is an IGP (EIGRP, OSPF, or IS-IS) or BGP.



BGP Network Selection

Extended ACLs react differently when matching BGP routes than when matching IGP routes. The source fields match against the network portion of the route, and the destination fields match against the network mask, as shown in Figure 12-5. Until the introduction of prefix lists, extended ACLs were the only match criteria used with BGP.

`permit protocol source source-wildcard destination destination-wildcard`

Matches Networks
Matches Network Mask

Figure 12-5 BGP Extended ACL Matches

Table 12-3 demonstrates the concept of the wildcard for the network and subnet mask.

Table 12-3 Extended ACL for BGP Route Selection

Extended ACL	Matches These Networks
<code>permit ip 10.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 255.255.0.0 0.0.0.0</code>	Permits only the 10.0.0.0/16 network
<code>permit ip 10.0.0.0 0.0.255.0 255.255.255.0 0.0.0.0</code>	Permits any 10.0.x.0 network with a /24 prefix length
<code>permit ip 172.16.0.0 0.0.255.255 255.255.255.0 0.0.0.255</code>	Permits any 172.16.x.x network with a /24 to /32 prefix length
<code>permit ip 172.16.0.0 0.0.255.255 255.255.255.128 0.0.0.127</code>	Permits any 172.16.x.x network with a /25 to /32 prefix length

Prefix Matching

Prefix lists provide another method of identifying networks in a routing protocol. A prefix list identifies a specific IP address, network prefix, or network range and allows for the selection of multiple networks with a variety of prefix lengths by using a prefix match specification. Many network engineers prefer this over the ACL network selection method.

Key Topic

A prefix match specification contains two parts: a high-order bit pattern and a high-order bit count, which determines the high-order bits in the bit pattern that are to be matched. Some documentation refers to the high-order bit pattern as the address or network and the high-order bit count as the prefix length or mask length.

In Figure 12-6, the prefix match specification has the high-order bit pattern 192.168.0.0 and the high-order bit count 16. The high-order bit pattern has been converted to binary to demonstrate where the high-order bit count lies. Because there are not additional matching length parameters included, the high-order bit count is an exact match.

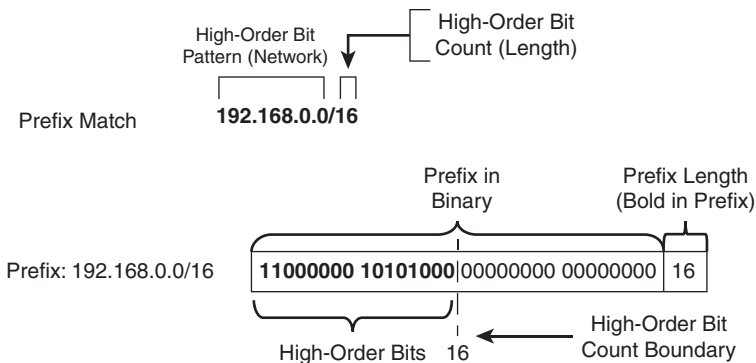


Figure 12-6 Basic Prefix Match Pattern

Key Topic

At this point, the prefix match specification logic looks identical to the functionality of an access list. The true power and flexibility comes in using matching length parameters to identify multiple networks with specific prefix lengths with one statement. The matching length parameter options are

- **le**: Less than or equal to, <=
- **ge**: Greater than or equal to, >=

Figure 12-7 demonstrates the prefix match specification with the high-order bit pattern 10.168.0.0 and high-order bit count 13; the matching length of the prefix must be greater than or equal to 24.

The 10.168.0.0/13 prefix does not meet the matching length parameter because the prefix length is less than the minimum of 24 bits, whereas the 10.168.0.0/24 prefix does meet the matching length parameter. The 10.173.1.0/28 prefix qualifies because the first 13 bits match the high-order bit pattern, and the prefix length is within the matching length parameter. The 10.104.0.0/24 prefix does not qualify because the high-order bit pattern does not match within the high-order bit count.