

Routing on the Internet

- Router architecture [ed.5 ch.8.4.2]
- Routing concepts and algorithms [ed.5 ch.20.1-2]
- Unicast routing protocols (part 1) [ed.5 ch.20.3]

Circuit switched routing



Packet-switched Routing

- Choosing an optimal path
 - According to a cost metric
 - Decentralised: each router has full information



Router

- Internetworking device
 - Passes data packets between networks
 - Checks *Network Layer* addresses
 - Uses Routing/forwarding tables



Router Architecture Overview





Input Port Queuing

- Fabric slower that sum of input ports \rightarrow queuing
- Head-of-the-Line (HOL) blocking: Datagram at front of queue prevents others in queue from proceeding
- Delay and loss due to input buffer overflow



Output Port



- Priority Scheduling:
- Scheduling discipline may choose among queued datagrams for transmission

Output Port Queuing

- Datagrams' arrival rate through the switch exceeds the transmission rate of the output line → buffering
- Delay and loss due to output port buffer overflow





Switching via Bus

- Datagram from input port buffer to output port buffer via shared bus
- Bus contention: Switching speed limited by bus bandwidth



Switching via Memory

- First generation:
 - Packet copied by system CPU
 - Speed limited by memory bandwidth
- Next generation:
 - Input port processor
 performs lookup and
 copying into memory
- Today:
 - Specialised mechanisms



Switching via crossbar

- overcome bus bandwidth limitations
- interconnection nets initially developed to connect processors in multiprocessor
- Advanced design: fragmenting datagram into fixed length cells, switch cells through the fabric.



Common Cost Metrics

- Alternatives at the link level
 - Hop count
 - Inverse of the link bandwidth
 - Delay
 - Dynamically calculated
 - Administratively assigned
 - Combination
- Traffic monitored \rightarrow metrics adjusted

Graphical representation of a net



What is an end node?





Problem: The LANs are our destinations/end nodes, not the routers

A more realistic representation

- Solution: Nets and routers are all nodes in the tree.
- Routers hold tables how to reach nets and what is the *next hop* for to get there



Routing Algorithms and Protocols



RIP (Routing Information Protocol)

- Included in BSD-UNIX Distribution in 1982
- Distance metric:

- # of hops (max 15) to destination network

- Distance vectors:
 - exchanged among neighbours every 30" via Response Message (advertisement)
- Implementation:
 - Application layer protocol, uses UDP/IP

Distance Vector Routing

- Best path info shared locally
 - Periodically
 - Upon any change
- Routing tables updated for
 - New entries
 - Cost changes
- Metric
 - Not necessarily hop count!

Tree and Distance Vector



a. Tree for node A



b. Distance vector for node A

Bellman-Ford



Initial Distance Vectors



Updating Distance Vectors



a. First event: B receives a copy of A's vector.





b. Second event: B receives a copy of E's vector.

A RIP Forwarding/Routing Table

Destination=net	Cost	Next hop=router
123	3	А
32	5	D
16	3	А
7	2	-

RIP update message

- Contains the whole forwarding table
- Add 1 to cost in received message
- Change next hop to sending router
- Apply RIP updating algorithm

RIP Updating Algorithm (Bellman-Ford)

```
if (advertised destination not in table)
   ł
   add new entry // rule #1
else if (adv. next hop = next hop in table)
   ł
   update cost // rule #2
else if (adv. cost < cost in table)
   ł
   replace old entry // rule #3
```

RIP Example

• From textbook Figure 20.18



Two node instability/Count to inifinity



Split Horizon breaks Count to inifinity



I have a route to X, but I got it from A so I won't tell A about it!

RIP: Link Failure and Recovery

- If no advertisement heard after 180"
 - Neighbour/link declared dead
 - Routes via neighbour invalidated (infinite distance = 16 hops)
 - New advertisements sent to neighbours (triggering a chain reaction if tables changed)
 - "Poison reverse" used to prevent count to infinity loops
 - "Good news travel fast, bad news travel slow"

Routing Algorithms and Protocols



OSPF (Open Shortest Path First)

- Divides domain into areas
 - Limits flooding for efficiency
 - One "backbone" area connects all
- Distance metric:
 - Cost to destination network

Link State Routing

- Local topology info flooded globally
 - Periodically (very seldom ...)
 - Upon any change
- Routing tables **updated** for
 - Link state changes
 - Cost changes

Link State information (LSP)





b. Link state database

Tree Generation Algorithm (Dijkstra)

```
put yourself to tentative list
while tentative list not empty
   pick node which can be reached
              with least cumulative cost
   add it to your tree*
   put its neighbours to tentative list**
              with cumulative costs to reach them
   }
                          *(a.k.a. permanent list)
                           <sup>**</sup>(if not already there)
```

Building Least Cost Trees













Legend







Areas, Router and Link Types



Point-to-Point Link

- Connects two routers
- No need for addresses







Stub Link





Link State Advertisements

- What to advertise?
 - Different entities as nodes
 - Different link types as connections
 - Different types of cost



Router Link Advertisement



Network Link Advertisement

- Network is a passive entity
 - It cannot advertise itself



Summary Link to Network

- Done by area border routers
 - Goes through the backbone



Summary Link to AS Boundary Router

• Links to other domains

"autonomous systems"



External Link Advertisement

• Link to a single network outside the domain



Hello message

- Find neighbours
- Keep contact with neighbours: I am still alive!
- Sent out periodically (typically every 10th second)
- If no hellos received during holdtime (typically 30 seconds), neighbour declared dead.
- Compare RIP update messages