

BGP Policy Control



ISP Training Workshops

Applying Policy with BGP

- ❑ Policy-based on AS path, community or the prefix
- ❑ Rejecting/accepting selected routes
- ❑ Set attributes to influence path selection
- ❑ Tools:
 - Prefix-list (filters prefixes)
 - Filter-list (filters ASes)
 - Route-maps and communities

Policy Control – Prefix List

- Per neighbour prefix filter
 - incremental configuration
- Inbound or Outbound
- Based upon network numbers (using familiar IPv4 address/mask format)
- Using access-lists in Cisco IOS for filtering prefixes was deprecated long ago
 - **Strongly discouraged!**

Prefix-list Command Syntax

□ Syntax:

```
[no] ip prefix-list list-name [seq seq-value]
    permit|deny network/len [ge ge-value] [le le-
    value]
```

network/len: The prefix and its length

ge ge-value: “greater than or equal to”

le le-value: “less than or equal to”

□ Both “ge” and “le” are optional

- Used to specify the range of the prefix length to be matched for prefixes that are more specific than network/len

□ Sequence number is also optional

- **no ip prefix-list sequence-number** to disable display of sequence numbers

Prefix Lists – Examples

- ❑ Deny default route
 - `ip prefix-list EG deny 0.0.0.0/0`
- ❑ Permit the prefix 35.0.0.0/8
 - `ip prefix-list EG permit 35.0.0.0/8`
- ❑ Deny the prefix 172.16.0.0/12
 - `ip prefix-list EG deny 172.16.0.0/12`
- ❑ In 192/8 allow up to /24
 - `ip prefix-list EG permit 192.0.0.0/8 le 24`
 - This allows all prefix sizes in the 192.0.0.0/8 address block, apart from /25, /26, /27, /28, /29, /30, /31 and /32.

Prefix Lists – Examples

- In 192/8 deny /25 and above
 - `ip prefix-list EG deny 192.0.0.0/8 ge 25`
 - This denies all prefix sizes /25, /26, /27, /28, /29, /30, /31 and /32 in the address block 192.0.0.0/8.
 - It has the same effect as the previous example
- In 193/8 permit prefixes between /12 and /20
 - `ip prefix-list EG permit 193.0.0.0/8 ge 12 le 20`
 - This denies all prefix sizes /8, /9, /10, /11, /21, /22, ... and higher in the address block 193.0.0.0/8.
- Permit all prefixes
 - `ip prefix-list EG permit 0.0.0.0/0 le 32`
 - 0.0.0.0 matches all possible addresses, “0 le 32” matches all possible prefix lengths

Policy Control – Prefix List

□ Example Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  network 105.7.0.0 mask 255.255.0.0
  neighbor 102.10.1.1 remote-as 110
  neighbor 102.10.1.1 prefix-list AS110-IN in
  neighbor 102.10.1.1 prefix-list AS110-OUT out
!
ip prefix-list AS110-IN deny 218.10.0.0/16
ip prefix-list AS110-IN permit 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
ip prefix-list AS110-OUT permit 105.7.0.0/16
ip prefix-list AS110-OUT deny 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
```

Policy Control – Filter List

- ❑ Filter routes based on AS path
 - Inbound or Outbound
- ❑ Example Configuration:

```
router bgp 100
  network 105.7.0.0 mask 255.255.0.0
  neighbor 102.10.1.1 filter-list 5 out
  neighbor 102.10.1.1 filter-list 6 in
!
ip as-path access-list 5 permit ^200$
ip as-path access-list 6 permit ^150$
```


Policy Control – Regular Expressions

- Like Unix regular expressions
 - . Match one character
 - * Match any number of preceding expression
 - + Match at least one of preceding expression
 - ^ Beginning of line
 - \$ End of line
 - \ Escape a regular expression character
 - _ Beginning, end, white-space, brace
 - | Or
 - () brackets to contain expression
 - [] brackets to contain number ranges

Policy Control – Regular Expressions

□ Simple Examples

.*	match anything
.+	match at least one character
^\$	match routes local to this AS
_1800\$	originated by AS1800
^1800_	received from AS1800
1800	via AS1800
_790_1800_	via AS1800 and AS790
(1800)+	multiple AS1800 in sequence (used to match AS-PATH prepends)
\\(65530\\)	via AS65530 (confederations)

Policy Control – Regular Expressions

□ Not so simple Examples

`^[0-9]+$`

Match AS_PATH length of one

`^[0-9]+_[0-9]+$`

Match AS_PATH length of two

`^[0-9]*_[0-9]+$`

Match AS_PATH length of one or two

`^[0-9]*_[0-9]*$`

Match AS_PATH length of one or two
(will also match zero)

`^[0-9]+_[0-9]+_[0-9]+$`

Match AS_PATH length of three

`_(701|1800)_`

Match anything which has gone
through AS701 or AS1800

`_1849(_.+_)12163$`

Match anything of origin AS12163
and passed through AS1849

Policy Control – Route Maps

- ❑ A route-map is like a “programme” for IOS
- ❑ Has “line” numbers, like programmes
- ❑ Each line is a separate condition/action
- ❑ Concept is basically:
 - if *match* then do *expression* and exit
 - else
 - if *match* then do *expression* and exit
 - else etc
- ❑ Route-map “continue” lets ISPs apply multiple conditions and actions in one route-map

Route Maps – Caveats

- ❑ Lines can have multiple set statements
- ❑ Lines can have multiple match statements
- ❑ Line with only a match statement
 - Only prefixes matching go through, the rest are dropped
- ❑ Line with only a set statement
 - All prefixes are matched and set
 - Any following lines are ignored
- ❑ Line with a match/set statement and no following lines
 - Only prefixes matching are set, the rest are dropped

Route Maps – Caveats

□ Example

- Omitting the third line below means that prefixes not matching list-one or list-two are dropped

```
route-map sample permit 10
```

```
  match ip address prefix-list list-one
```

```
  set local-preference 120
```

```
!
```

```
route-map sample permit 20
```

```
  match ip address prefix-list list-two
```

```
  set local-preference 80
```

```
!
```

```
route-map sample permit 30 ! Don't forget this
```

Route Maps – Matching prefixes

□ Example Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 1.1.1.1 route-map infilter in
  !
route-map infilter permit 10
  match ip address prefix-list HIGH-PREF
  set local-preference 120
  !
route-map infilter permit 20
  match ip address prefix-list LOW-PREF
  set local-preference 80
  !
ip prefix-list HIGH-PREF permit 10.0.0.0/8
ip prefix-list LOW-PREF permit 20.0.0.0/8
```

Route Maps – AS-PATH filtering

□ Example Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 102.10.1.2 remote-as 200
  neighbor 102.10.1.2 route-map filter-on-as-path in
!
route-map filter-on-as-path permit 10
  match as-path 1
  set local-preference 80
!
route-map filter-on-as-path permit 20
  match as-path 2
  set local-preference 200
!
ip as-path access-list 1 permit _150$
ip as-path access-list 2 permit _210_
```


Route Maps – AS-PATH prepends

- Example configuration of AS-PATH prepend

```
router bgp 300
  network 105.7.0.0 mask 255.255.0.0
  neighbor 2.2.2.2 remote-as 100
  neighbor 2.2.2.2 route-map SETPATH out
!
route-map SETPATH permit 10
  set as-path prepend 300 300
```
- Use your own AS number when prepending
 - Otherwise BGP loop detection may cause disconnects

Route Maps – Matching Communities

□ Example Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 102.10.1.2 remote-as 200
  neighbor 102.10.1.2 route-map filter-on-community in
!
route-map filter-on-community permit 10
  match community 1
  set local-preference 50
!
route-map filter-on-community permit 20
  match community 2 exact-match
  set local-preference 200
!
ip community-list 1 permit 150:3 200:5
ip community-list 2 permit 88:6
```

Community-List Processing

□ Note:

- When multiple values are configured in the same community list statement, a logical AND condition is created. All community values must match to satisfy an AND condition

```
ip community-list 1 permit 150:3 200:5
```

- When multiple values are configured in separate community list statements, a logical OR condition is created. The first list that matches a condition is processed

```
ip community-list 1 permit 150:3
```

```
ip community-list 1 permit 200:5
```

Route Maps – Setting Communities

□ Example Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  network 105.7.0.0 mask 255.255.0.0
  neighbor 102.10.1.1 remote-as 200
  neighbor 102.10.1.1 send-community
  neighbor 102.10.1.1 route-map set-community out
!
route-map set-community permit 10
  match ip address prefix-list NO-ANNOUNCE
  set community no-export
!
route-map set-community permit 20
  match ip address prefix-list AGGREGATE
!
ip prefix-list NO-ANNOUNCE permit 105.7.0.0/16 ge 17
ip prefix-list AGGREGATE permit 105.7.0.0/16
```

Route Map Continue

- Handling multiple conditions and actions in one route-map (for BGP neighbour relationships only)

```
route-map peer-filter permit 10
  match ip address prefix-list group-one
  continue 30
  set metric 2000
```

!

```
route-map peer-filter permit 20
  match ip address prefix-list group-two
  set community no-export
```

!

```
route-map peer-filter permit 30
  match ip address prefix-list group-three
  set as-path prepend 100 100
```

!

Order of processing BGP policy

- ❑ For policies applied to a specific BGP neighbour, the following sequence is applied:
 - For inbound updates, the order is:
 - ❑ Route-map
 - ❑ Filter-list
 - ❑ Prefix-list
 - For outbound updates, the order is:
 - ❑ Prefix-list
 - ❑ Filter-list
 - ❑ Route-map

Managing Policy Changes

- ❑ New policies only apply to the updates going through the router **AFTER** the policy has been introduced or changed
- ❑ To facilitate policy changes on the entire BGP table the router handles the BGP peerings need to be “refreshed”
 - This is done by clearing the BGP session either in or out, for example:
`clear ip bgp <neighbour-addr> in|out`
- ❑ Do NOT forget **in** or **out** — doing so results in a hard reset of the BGP session

Managing Policy Changes

- Ability to clear the BGP sessions of groups of neighbours configured according to several criteria

- **clear ip bgp <addr> [in|out]**

<addr> may be any of the following

x.x.x.x

IP address of a peer

all peers

ASN

all peers in an AS

external

all external peers

peer-group <name>

all peers in a peer-group

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