Another view of Dijkstra...







Internet routing is hierarchical



AS (Autonomous System) numbers

nickm> traceroute -q1 www.cam.ac.uk

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traceroute to www.cam.ac.uk (131.111.150.25),
        30 hops max, 40 byte packets
1 csmx-west-rtr.SUNet (171.64.74.2) 8.567 ms
2 dc-svl-rtr-vl8.SUNet (171.64.255.204) 0.334 ms
3 dc-svl-agg4--stanford-100ge.cenic.net
        (137.164.23.144) 1.041 ms
...
7 et-4-0-0.4079.sdn-sw.lasv.net.internet2.edu
        (162.252.70.28) 14.320 ms
...
14 internet2.mx1.lon.uk.geant.net
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(62.40.124.44) 144.085 ms
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15 janet-gw.mx1.lon.uk.geant.net
    (62.40.124.198) 144.552 ms
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24 primary.admin.cam.ac.uk (131.111.150.25) 150.353 ms
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nickm> whois -h whois.cymru.com 62.40.124.198

[Querying whois.cymru.com]		
[whois.cymru.com]		
AS	IP	AS Name
20965	62.40.124.198	GEANT The GEANT IP Service, GB
21320	62.40.124.198	GEANT_IAS_VRF, EU

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Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)

- BGP neighbors ("peers") establish a TCP connection.
- BGP is not a link-state or a distance-vector routing protocol.
- Instead, BGP uses what is called a "Path vector".
- For each prefix, a BGP router advertises a path of AS's to reach it.
 - This is the "path vector"
 - Example of path vector advertisement:

"The network 171.64/16 can be reached via the path {AS1, AS5, AS13}"

• When a link/router fails, the path vector is "withdrawn"

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Paths with loops are detected locally and ignored.

<u>Local policies</u> pick the preferred path among all advertised paths.

Customers and Providers



Customer pays provider to carry its packets.

Customer-Provider Hierarchy



The Peering Relationship



So how does traffic from the left side reach the right side?

"Tier 1" Providers

A tier 1 network is a transit-free network that peers with every other tier 1 network



Tier 1 ISPs

Definition: A *Tier 1 ISP* has access to the entire *Internet Region* solely via its free and reciprocal peering agreements.

Definition: An *Internet Region* is a portion of the Internet network typically bounded by a country's geographical boundaries.

Each Internet Region has its own set of "Tier 1 ISPs."

The litmus test:

"Does an ISP pay anyone to reach any destination in the Internet Region?" If the answer is "No" then it is a "Tier 1 ISP", and If the answer is "Yes" then it is a "Tier 2 ISP."

Tier 1 ISPs by country

The U.S. Internet Region Tier 1 ISPs

- 1. AT&T
- 2. Verizon
- 3. Sprint (Softbank Broadband)
- 4. Century Link (Qwest)
- 5. Level 3 (with Global Crossing now)
- 6. NTT/Verio
- 7. Cogent

The Japan Internet Region Tier 1 ISPs

- 1. NTT
- 2. Japan Telecom (Softbank)
- 3. KDDI
- 4. IIJ
- 5. Powered.com

